



Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association

NEWSLETTER

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Official Fall Appreciation Week: October 2nd—8th, 2022

PIAA is proud to announce it will once again celebrate PIAA Officials during three different weeks throughout the fall, winter, and spring sport seasons. Next week will kick-off the first appreciation week for Fall Officials: October 2nd—8th. Winter Officials' Appreciation week will be January 8th—14th and Spring Officials' Appreciation Week will be April 2nd—8th. We request our member schools to participate and show appreciation to our officials during these highlighted weeks.

In an effort to assist PIAA member schools, PIAA has provided a list of items that schools may want to consider during these Appreciation Weeks.

Items for Consideration to Promote PIAA Officials' Appreciation Weeks:

- Make Officials' Appreciation Week announcements at the beginning of the school day.
- Publish Officials' Appreciation Week in school related newsletters/websites.
- Post on school marquee in front of the school welcoming officials to campus.
- Use the hashtag #ThankYouOfficials when posting to school social media accounts.
- Introduce and thank officials prior to contest starting.
- Have student-athletes individually thank each official.
- Have a student-athlete read the pre-contest sportsmanship information and welcome officials.
- Recognize graduates from your school on social media who have become officials.
- Designate a student or parent to be the official(s) escort while on campus.
- Designate a student or parent to greet the official(s) upon arrival at your school.
- Provide parking spaces, water, Gatorade, towel, snacks, etc.
- Invite officials' spouses to the game and provide complimentary seating.
- Contact local media to do a story on Officials' Appreciation Week.
- Officials' appreciation week banners and signage on the fence, wall, etc., surrounding the contest playing area.
- Gift cards/cookies/donuts/other items presented to the crew by both the home and visiting team.
- Photos of the officiating crew with both teams and coaches prior to the start of the game (or at the end, depending on timing).
- Read a PSA at the start of the game, thanking the crew for working the contest.
- "Thank you" cards, signed by the team and coaching staff.
- Special appreciation signage in the officials' locker room.
- Recorded "thank you" messages from student-athletes and coaches to officials, posted on social media.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Important Dates:

October 2nd—8th

- Fall Sports Officials' Appreciation Week

October 17th—18th

- Golf Individual Championships: *Blue & White Golf Courses, PSU*

October 19th

- Golf Team Championships: *Blue & White Golf Courses, PSU*

October 28th—29th

- Girls' Tennis Team Championships: *Hershey Racquet Club, Hershey*

November 4th—5th

- Girls' Singles and Doubles Tennis Championships: *Hershey Racquet Club, Hershey*

November 5th

- Cross Country Championships: *Parkview CC Course, Hershey*

November 18th—19th

- Soccer Championships: *Cumberland Valley HS, Mechanicsburg*

November 19th

- Field Hockey and Girls' Volleyball Championships: *Cumberland Valley HS, Mechanicsburg*

December 8th—10th

- Football Championships: *Cumberland Valley HS, Mechanicsburg*

**Pennsylvania Interscholastic
Athletic Association
(PIAA)**

goal is to provide educational,
character building opportunities for
students through athletics.

316,400

Student-Athletes

1,442

Member Schools

772 High Schools
670 Junior High Schools



Title IX at 50 Years

In celebration of the 50th year anniversary of Title IX, PIAA would like to recognize those individuals who served as pioneers for girls athletics in Pennsylvania. If you know of someone who you believe provided leadership in the area of Title IX, please submit their information to Assistant Executive Director, Jen Grassel @ jgrassel@piaa.org. PIAA will attempt to recognize these women throughout the school year.

PIAA would like to thank Audrey Hall, District 5 female officials' representative. Audrey has been an integral part in the recruiting of officials. Over the last six months Audrey has hosted two officials recruiting clinics, one in May and one in September. Through these clinics individuals interested in officiating were able to be trained and tested in their respected sports.



October is National HS Activities Month

NFHS is sponsoring **National High School Activities Month** during the month of October to highlight high school activity programs. The annual month long celebration looks to promote the values that athletics and activities provide to the millions of student-athletes across the country.



For more information on the NFHS National Activities Month and how your school can get involved click [here](#).

**PIAA to Host Fall Festival for
Field Hockey, Girls' Volleyball and Soccer Championships**



BOYS & GIRLS SOCCER

EAGLE VIEW TURF FIELD // 8 GAMES // NOVEMBER 18TH-19TH

FRIDAY: GIRLS' 1A - 10AM // BOYS' 1A - 1PM // GIRLS' 3A - 4PM // BOYS' 3A - 7PM
SATURDAY: GIRLS' 2A - 10AM // BOYS' 2A - 1PM // GIRLS' 4A - 4PM // BOYS' 4A - 7PM



FIELD HOCKEY

CHAPMAN STADIUM // 3 GAMES // NOVEMBER 19TH

SATURDAY: GIRLS' 1A - 12PM // GIRLS' 2A - 2:30 PM // GIRLS' 3A - 5PM



GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

THE DOME // 4 GAMES // NOVEMBER 19TH

SATURDAY: GIRLS' 1A - 10:30 AM // GIRLS' 2A - 1PM // GIRLS' 3A - 3:30 PM // GIRLS' 4A - 6PM