



Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association NEWSLETTER

550 Gettysburg Road, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055
717-697-0374 | www.piaa.org

Vol. 8 | Issue 5
November 2023



2024-2025 and 2025-2026 Classification Reports Posted

The classification reports by sport for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 school years have been posted to the PIAA website. Every odd-number year enrollment numbers are submitted by member schools. Enrollment numbers are submitted by gender and include grades 9, 10, and 11 for all students, including all Cyber Charter School and Home-Schooled Students; all students attending an Alternative School, a Magnet School, or a Vocational-Technical school; and all students attending a Charter School who are eligible at a school in the school district of their residences. The Classification Reports do not include those that choose to voluntarily upgrade or those who may move up in classification due to the competition formula.

To view the classification reports by sport, click [here](#).

For updated information on the competition formula please click [here](#).

NFHS High School Today Magazine—November Issue

The NFHS High School Today Magazine, November Issue, has been released and includes some informational articles on today's High School landscape.



There is a updated story on Name, Image, and Likeness and what it looks like for interscholastic athletes. It gives a history of NIL, the Rules (including the number of states allowing NIL), as well as what the new landscape looks like for administrators and athletes. To read the complete article click [here](#).

There is also an interesting article on concerns with sportsmanship and the shortage of officials, using data comparisons from 2017 and 2023. The article provides a chart on the age distribution of officials by sport. It also includes a chart on who causes the most problems with sportsmanship. To read this complete article click [here](#) and go to page 33.

An additional article celebrates the accomplishments of the NFHS Learning Center as it delivered its 20 millionth course this past September. The learning center has grown over it's 16 years from just 2 courses to over 90 online courses of which 60 of those courses are free. To read more on the NFHS learning center click [here](#).

IMPORTANT DATES:

December 7th—9th

- Football Championships
*Cumberland Valley HS
Chapman Field*

January 26th —27th

- Competitive Spirit Championships
Giant Center—Hershey

January 7th —13th

- Winter Sports Officials' Appreciation Weeks

February 8th —10th

- Team Wrestling Championships
Giant Center—Hershey

March 7th—9th

- Individual Wrestling Championships
Giant Center—Hershey

March 13th—16th

- Swimming & Diving Championships
*Bucknell University—
Lewisburg*

March 21st—23rd

- Basketball Championships
Giant Center—Hershey



Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA)

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

325,000

Student-Athletes

1,450

Member Schools

775 High Schools
675 Junior High Schools

1 GOAL



National HS Sports-Related Injury Surveillance Study (HS RIO)

The High School RIO collects data on high school athletes to identify rates and patterns of injuries across sports. This year RIO will capture data on 21 sports. Schools are not expected to submit data for all sports; they will be asked to report on 10 randomly selected sports. Athletic Trainer's that participate will receive a virtual gift card. To participate in the RIO or learn more, please click [here](#).

PLEASE SHARE WITH YOUR ATHLETIC TRAINERS.

Important Links:

- [Become an Official](#)
- [Board of Directors Minutes](#)
- [Classifications](#)
- [Competition Formula](#)
- [Handbook](#)
- [In-Season Transfer Infographic](#)
- [Name, Image, and Likeness \(NIL\)](#)
- [Official Ball List](#)
- [Rule Interpretation Meetings](#)
- [School Log-in](#)

NCAA Eligibility Center Updates—New NFHS Course

The National Federation of High School State Associations (NFHS) partnered with the NCAA Eligibility Center to develop and produce an online initial-eligibility course designed to assist coaches and the high school community on helping their student-athletes and families with the NCAA registration and certification process, as well as the academic standards needed to study and participate at an NCAA Division I or II college/university. The goal is to increase awareness with those that assist students and families in their dream of studying and competing in college sports.

To view the free online NCAA Initial Eligibility Course, click [here](#).

Additional resources from the NCAA Eligibility Center:

Updated High School Counselor Guide:

Recently released 2023-24 version of the [Guide for High School Counselors](#).

Sports Wagering Module:

[New education module](#) to help students understand the impact and possible repercussions of sports wagering.

Midyear Graduates: Request Final Amateurism:

For student-athletes graduating from high school in December and enrolling at an NCAA school during the spring/winter term 2024, this is a reminder to request final amateurism certification. Students need to log in to their account and submit this request. Click [here](#) for a quick step-by-step guide to encourage students to complete this critical step.

Officials' Appreciation Week

Reminder to all member schools of the upcoming Officials' Appreciation Weeks. We had great feedback on the Fall and are excited to highlight the efforts of our officials for the Winter/Spring Seasons as well. Please mark your calendars with the following dates:

Winter Sports:

Jan. 7th—
13th, 2024

Spring Sports:

April 14th—
20th, 2024



NFHS #BecomeAnOfficial Toolkit

The NFHS has created a toolkit for states to use as a part of their #BecomeAnOfficial campaign. In this toolkit they provide ads and flyers that schools can use in publications or social media posts in the recruitment and retainment of officials. To access this tool kit, please click [here](#).

