



PIAA WINTER SPORTS OFFICIALS' APPRECIATION WEEK

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Mechanicsburg, PA – We're near the the midway point of the winter sports season and for the fourth consecutive year, the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA) continues to dedicate a week in every sports season to recognize and show appreciation to the nearly 14,000 PIAA registered officials. Member Schools showed their overwhelming support for Fall Sports Officials' on October 6th through the 12th but that's just the first of three Officials' Appreciation Weeks. The Winter Sports Officials' Appreciation Week is scheduled to kick off this Sunday, January 12-18, 2025. Spring Sports Officials' will be recognized April 6-12, 2025.

"Officials play a vital role, everyday," said PIAA Board of Directors President and PIAA District II Chairman Frank Majikes. **"Games can't be played without officials. Their unwavering efforts do not get the well deserved appreciation for all they do for Pennsylvania student-athletes. This is a time to celebrate and thank officials for their tireless efforts."** President Majikes has been a registered PIAA official for over 50 years, so these weeks are especially meaningful to him.

PIAA was the first state to dedicate a week in every sports season to sports officials. It has since turned into a national recognition with the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) recognizing the same weeks. PIAA has taken pride in leading the way to celebrate all the hard work and dedication officials do for PIAA member schools and their student-athletes.

Those considering becoming a PIAA official please go to <http://www.piaa.org/officials> for more information.

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FALL SPORTS: October 6-12, 2024

WINTER SPORTS: January 12-18, 2025

SPRING SPORTS: April 6-12, 2025

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Beginning in Pittsburgh, on December 29, 1913, PIAA was given the privilege of serving its member schools and registered officials by establishing policies and adopting contest rules that emphasize the educational values of interscholastic athletics, promote safe and sportsmanlike competition, and provide uniform standards for all interscholastic levels of competition.