

**SUMMARY OF PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' ACTIONS FROM THE
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 2026**

1. The Board held an executive session to discuss personnel matters and active litigation;
2. The Board certified newly elected representatives to the PIAA Board of Directors and received their executed Conflict of Interest Policy and Statement and Fiduciary Responsibilities and Confidentiality Policy;
3. The Board approved the appointment of the Executive, Compliance, Human Resources, Budget, Nominating, Policy Review and Strategic Planning Committees;
4. The Board sustained the Executive Directors' decision regarding the application of the competition formula, denying a request from a member school to go down in classification.
5. The Board approved to suspend the application of Article 3, Section 10., C., for a member school for three identified students to continue participation in a terminated co-op in the sport of football, through their senior season. This suspension of the rule is conditioned upon the school not entering into a co-op with another school or sponsoring the sport on its own.
6. The Board approved the minutes of the May 13, 2026, meeting of the Board of Directors;
7. The Board addressed the following recommendations, reports and updates from the Executive Director:
 - The Board approved the unaudited financial reports for months ending January 2026, February 2026, March 2026, and April 2026.
 - The Board received a review of the 107th NFHS Summer Meeting held June 26-June 29, 2026, noting the NFHS recognition and presentation of the Section 2 Citation Award to Mr. Patrick Gebhart, PIAA Chief Operating Officer.
 - The Board approved the minutes and recommendations from the Athletic Directors' Advisory Committee meeting on June 18, 2026.
 - The Board received a review of the Professional Development Workshop held on July 14, 2026.
 - The Board accepted the Request for Proposal (RFP's) for the Data Management Services related to PIAA, Member Schools, & Registered Officials for the next four years. The Board approved the recommendation of the Executive Staff of the selected vendor, Arbiter, beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2030.
 - The Board accepted the Request for Proposals (RFP's) for host sites of the 2027 through 2030 of Spring Sport Championships of Baseball, Lacrosse, Softball, Boys' Tennis, Track and Field, and Boys' Volleyball. The Board approved the recommendation of the Executive Staff of the selected host sites of Spring Sport Championships for the school years 2026-2027 through 2029-2030:
 - PIAA Track & Field Championships – Seth Grove Stadium, Shippensburg University
 - PIAA Boys' Tennis Championships – Hershey Racquet Club, Hershey
 - PIAA Baseball Championships – Medlar Field at Lubrano Park, Penn State University
 - PIAA Softball Championships – Beard Field at Nittany Lion Softball Park, Penn State University
 - PIAA Boys' Volleyball Championships – Rec Hall, Penn State University
 - PIAA Boys' & Girls' Lacrosse Championships – Panzer Stadium, Penn State University
 - The Board accepted the Request for Proposals (RFP's) to Cablecast, Telecast and/or Video Stream PIAA Championships for the next four years. The Board approved the recommendation of the Executive Staff of Cablecast, Telecast and/or Video Streaming Services of PIAA Championships beginning July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2030:

- Pennsylvania Cable Network (PCN) – Official Cable Television Partner of the PIAA Championships: Cross Country, Golf, Soccer, Field Hockey, Volleyball, Football, Competitive Spirit, Swimming & Diving, Basketball, Track & Field, Baseball, Softball and Lacrosse
 - FloSports – Official Broadcast Partner of the PIAA Team and Individual Wrestling Championships
- The Board accepted the Request for Proposals (RFP's) of ticketing services of the PIAA Championships for the next four years. The Board approved the recommendation of the Executive Staff for Electronic Ticketing Services for the PIAA Postseason and Championship events beginning July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2030.
- HomeTown Ticketing – Official Ticketing Provider of the PIAA Championships
- The Board approved on a **first reading basis**, the change of the Indoor Events: Spectator Decorum and the Outdoor Events: Spectator Decorum language in the PIAA Policies and Procedures Handbook.
 - The Board approved to host first round of inter-district girls' volleyball and soccer on Tuesday, November 10, 2026, and Wednesday, November 11, 2026.

8. The Board accepted the following reports from the Senior Director of School Services and Sport:

- The Board received a review of the Boys' Team Tennis championships held on May 15 & 16, 2026, and the Boys' Singles and Doubles Tennis Championships held May 22 & 23, 2026.
- The Board received a review of the Boys' Volleyball Championships held on June 13, 2026.
- The Board approved the minutes from the Private Schools' Steering Committee meeting held on June 18, 2026.
- The Board approved the minutes from the Coaches' Advisory Committee meeting held on June 16, 2026.
- The Board received an update on the NFHS Student Leadership Summit to be held on July 16-19, 2026, in Indianapolis, IN.
- The Board approved, effective immediately, to amend the Rules and Regulations section of the PIAA Handbook to clarify Out-of-Season tryouts in the sport of Competitive Cheer.
- The Board approved the Feeder School list submitted by PIAA Districts.

9. The Board accepted the following reports from the Director of Communications and Sport:

- The Board received a review of the Track and Field Championships held on May 22 & 23, 2026.
- The Board received a review of the Boys' and Girls' Lacrosse Championships held on June 13, 2026.
- The Board approved the minutes from the Lacrosse Steering Committee meeting held on June 16, 2026.
- The Board approved the minutes and recommendations of the Track and Field Steering Committee meeting held on June 17, 2026, and took the following actions:

- The Board approved rescinding the PIAA modification banning head coverings, and to allow form fitting covering or caps that would be allowed under NFHS Rule 3-2-4N. The head covering or cap must also align with NFHS Rule 4-3-1b5 of a single manufacture's logo/trademark/reference, no more than 2 ¼ square inches with no dimension more than 2 ¼ inches.
- The Board approved to reduce the number of 4 x 800 M Relay heats in the state meet by:
 - a. Capping the final section of the 4x800M Relay to 12 qualifiers.
 - b. The rest of the qualifiers in first heat (slower heat).
 - c. No more than two (2) heats of 4x800M per gender, per class.
- The Board approved the 2027 Track and Field qualifying standards.
- The Board approved the use of a 3 kg shot put for both boys' and girls' Para and Wheelchair athletes.
- The Board approved the minutes from the Media Advisory Committee meeting held on June 17, 2026.
- The Board received the number of Media Requests for the 2025-2026 school year.

10. The Board accepted the following reports from the Director of Operations and Sport:

- The Board received a review of the Softball Championships held on June 11 & 12, 2026.
- The Board approved the minutes and recommendations from the Softball Steering Committee Meeting held on June 17, 2026 and took the following actions:
 - The Board approved to modify Rule 3-1-3 to establish flexible lineups for any sub-varsity softball contest. The Board also approved to establish flexible lineups for all sub-varsity baseball contests.
- The Board approved the minutes of the Parents Advisory Steering Committee meeting held on June 18, 2026.
- The Board approved the minutes and recommendations of the Wrestling Steering Committee meeting held on July 8, 2026, and took the following actions:
 - The Board approved the regional alignment/composition with respective District qualifiers for the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 Wrestling Regionals.
- The Board approved on a **third and final reading basis**, the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 Fall Sports Maximum Number of Qualifiers and Brackets.
- The Board approved on a **first reading basis**, the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 Winter Sports Maximum Number of Qualifiers and Brackets and requested the Executive Staff review the brackets for the separation of teams in the same district to be on opposing sides of the bracket for boys' and girls' sports.

11. The Board accepted the following reports from the Director of Officiating and Sport:

- The Board received a review of the Baseball Championships held on June 12 & 13, 2026.
- The Board approved the minutes and recommendations from the Baseball Steering Committee Meeting held on June 16, 2026.
 - The Board approved the amendment to the Rules and Regulations Section of the PIAA Handbook to clarify the requirement for a double first base.

- The Board received the Spring Sport Disqualification Report.
- The Board received an update of the 31st Annual Officials' Convention to be held on August 7 & 8, 2026 at the Harrisburg Hilton.
- The Board received information on the posting of the vacant position in the Official's Department.

12. The Board accepted the following reports from the Chief Operating Officer:

- The Board approved the minutes and recommendations from the Officials' Council meeting held on June 18, 2026.
 - The Board approved to adopt the 2025-2026 NFHS Fall, Winter and Spring sport rule books and relevant state adoptions and modifications.
 - The Board approved to retire the 1-inch striped jersey for football and only permit the use of the 2-inch jersey beginning with the 2028 season.
 - The Board denied permitting basketball officials to wear the Smitty NCAA Body Flex Basketball Shirt or a similar version shirt to be worn.
- The Board approved the minutes and recommendations from the Flag Football Steering Committee meeting held on June 17, 2026.
 - The Board approved rescinding Rule 9-3 to allow screen blocking.
 - The Board approved requiring schools to hire four officials for varsity regular season and inter-district contests.
 - The Board approved to require only two officials to be assigned to sub-varsity contests.
 - The Board approved changing the mercy rule standard to 33 points in the second half.
 - The Board approved starting overtime series at the 10-yard line (first and goal) instead of the 20-yard line to reach a winner more quickly.
 - The Board approved a 16-team qualifying arrangement for the next two-year cycle.
 - The Board approved the Request for Proposal (RFP) for the flag football championship for the next four years, including two semi-finals and one championship final on the final day of the tournament.
 - The Board approved the Request for Proposal (RFP) for the "Official Ball" for the flag football championship.

13. The Board approved the following requests for Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport, effective beginning of **2026-2027** school year (**Will not** affect classification size of Team(s)):

District III – Gettysburg Area and Shalom Christian Academy High Schools (girls' wrestling).

District VII – Quaker Valley and Avonworth High Schools (girls' wrestling).

District VII – Mohawk Area and Union Area High Schools (boys' soccer).

District VII – Chartiers Valley and Bishop Canevin High Schools (girls' flag football).

District VII – Ligonier Valley and Derry Area High Schools (girls' soccer).

District VII – Brownsville Area and California Area High Schools (boys' golf).

District VII – Brownsville Area High School and Calvary Chapel Christian School (boys' cross country).

District VII & District X - Laurel and Wilmington Area High Schools (girls' wrestling). Pending district approval.

District VII – Norwin High School and Yough Senior High School (girls' wrestling).

District IX – Clearfield Area and Curwensville Area High Schools (boys' soccer).

District IX – Coudersport and Austin Area High Schools (girls' basketball).

District X - Erie and Girard High Schools (girls' tennis). Pending district approval.

District X – Jamestown Area and Reynolds High Schools (boys' golf and softball). Pending district approval.

District X – Reynolds and Jamestown Area High Schools (baseball, girls' basketball). Pending district approval.

District X – Reynolds, Greenville, and Jamestown Area High Schools (girls' golf) (Modification).

District XI – Marian Catholic and Nativity BVM Junior High Schools (boys' basketball, boys' and girls' cross country).

District XII – Constitution, Benjamin Franklin, William W. Bodine, G.W. Carver, Philadelphia HS for Creative and Performing Arts, Franklin Learning Center, Girard Academic Music Program, Parkway Center City Middle College, Academy at Palumbo, and Science Leadership Academy High Schools. (girls' golf) (Modification).

14. The Board approved the following requests for Termination of Sponsorship of a Sport effective end of the **2025-2026** school year:

District III – Shippensburg Area and Shalom Christian Academy High Schools (boys' and girls' wrestling).

District III – Lititz Christian School and Catalyst Christian School (girls' volleyball).

District V – Northern Bedford County Middle School and Tussey Mountain Junior High School (boys' and girls' cross country).

District V – Conemaugh Township Area and Windber Area High Schools (boys' golf).

District VII – Moon Area and Cornell High Schools (girls' basketball).

District VII – Moon Area High School and Sewickley Academy (football).

District IX – West Forest and North Clarion Junior High Schools (boys' golf).

District XII – Constitution High School and Academy at Palumbo High School (Competitive Spirit).

15. The Board approved the withdrawal of the following member schools, effective beginning of **2026-2027** school year:

District X – Crawford Christian Academy.

District X – William Penn Academy.

**NEXT PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING:
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2026
IN THE BOARD ROOM OF THE PIAA OFFICE**