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6th ANNUAL PIAA SPORTS OFFICIALS' APPRECIATION WEEKS

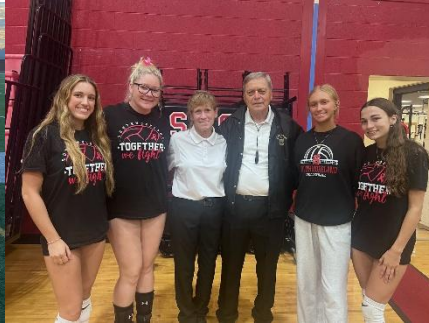
Mechanicsburg, PA – As we kickoff another school year and continue to trek towards the fall sports playoffs, it's time to recognize the PIAA sports officials that do so much for student-athletes across the state. The Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association Inc. (PIAA) continues to dedicate a week during every sports season to recognize and show appreciation to the over 15,000 PIAA registered officials. This is the sixth consecutive year of this initiative.

Member schools, members of the media and community members are asked to help show their support for Fall Sports Officials on October 4th through the 10th, 2026, Winter Sports Officials' Appreciation on January 10th through the 16th, 2027 and Spring Sports Officials' Appreciation Week is scheduled for April 4th through the 10th, 2027.

"Officials are an essential part of every athletic contest, and their commitment extends far beyond the time they spend on the field or court," said Frank Majikes, PIAA Board of Directors President and PIAA District II Chairman. "Their dedication, professionalism and service help create positive experiences for student-athletes across Pennsylvania. We are grateful for the countless hours they give to our schools and communities, and this recognition is a meaningful way to thank them for all they do." President Majikes has been a registered PIAA official for over 50 years, so these weeks are especially meaningful to him.

Below are a few photos from the 2025 Fall Sports Officials' Appreciation Week of member schools honoring officials.





PIAA was the first state to dedicate a week in every sports season to sports officials. It has since turned into a nationally recognition week 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. There's a lot to celebrate from the field to the courts and the courses because without officials, games can't happen.

The support for officials comes from all over as Senator Scott Martin is looking to introduce another [Resolution](#) designating the 2026-27 Officials' Appreciation Weeks in PA and Representative Antia Kulik has re-introduced legislation, that passed the House in October 2025 and is currently in the Senate and referred to the Judiciary Committee, on the [Harassment of Sports Officials](#).

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

FALL SPORTS: October 4-10, 2026

WINTER SPORTS: January 10-16, 2027

SPRING SPORTS: April 4-10, 2027

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Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association

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.