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# **PIAA Announces Girls' Flag Football Championship Site and "Official Ball"**

*The new adoptions take effect immediately.*

**MECHANICSBURG, PA** – The Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association, Inc. (PIAA) is pleased to announce the championship site for Girls' Flag Football, as well as the adoption of the sport's official championship ball. The PIAA Board of Directors unanimously approved both adoptions and will take effect immediately.

Following the PIAA's Request for Proposal (RFP) process, the inaugural PIAA Girls' Flag Football Championships will be held at **Penn State Harrisburg** on its newly completed synthetic turf complex.

Penn State Harrisburg began transforming an existing natural grass field into a synthetic, multi-use NCAA Division III facility in 2018. The first phase of the project was completed in 2020, while Phase II, a \$2 million investment, was completed in Spring 2025. The improvements further enhance the facility's functionality and spectator experience.

The inaugural Girls' Flag Football Championships will take place this spring. Penn State Harrisburg will be the host the next four-year championship cycle, 2026-27, 2027-28, 2028-29 and 2029-30 school years seasons.

"We're thrilled to begin this partnership with Penn State Harrisburg to bring the first PIAA Girls' Flag Football Championships to this outstanding facility and bringing the championships to institution that has sponsored women's flag the last two seasons at the collegiate level," said Mark E. Byers, PIAA Executive Director.

PIAA received proposals for "Official Ball" adoption from various manufacturers. The PIAA Board of Directors unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Administrative Staff. They completed a comparative analysis, to award the "Official Ball" status below:

| <b>Sport</b>         | <b>Manufacturer</b> | <b>Model Number</b>              |
|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| Girls' Flag Football | Baden               | Perfection F7L-NFHS APEX Leather |

The girls' flag ball adoption will continue through June 30, 2029. Member schools may elect to participate with the National Federation of State High School Associations, (NFHS) approved ball of their choice during Regular Season Contests. For postseason play in PIAA District and Inter-District Championship contests, qualifying schools are required to compete with the PIAA Championships' "Official Ball" provided for use.