PIAA MODIFICATIONS OF SELECT NFHS TRACK AND FIELD AND CROSS COUNTRY RULES

I. Modified Rule 1-2-1 (pg. 8) to:
   A. Eliminate the 4x200 meter relay; and
   B. Authorize conferences or leagues to modify the order of running events, provided the involved schools are duly notified, prior to the start of the regular season.

II. Modified Rule 2-1-1 (pg. 11) to provide for a Dual Meet Team Scoring Tie-Breaker Procedure (either with or without wheelchair participants) to be applied as follows:
   A. The team with the fewest number of coaches, contestants, and other team/school personnel disqualified from an event and from further competition or involvement in the meet for unsporting conduct, shall be declared the winner;
   B. If the tie still remains, the team with the fewest number of competitors disqualified from an event for unacceptable conduct, shall be declared the winner;
   C. If the tie still remains, the team with the greater number of first place finishes, shall be declared the winner;
   D. If the tie still remains, the team with the greater number of second place finishes, shall be declared the winner;
   E. If the tie still remains, the team with the greater number of third place finishes, shall be declared the winner;
   F. If the tie is broken after applying A, B, C, D, or E, the team declared the winner shall have one point and an asterisk (*) added to their score; or
   G. If the tie remains after applying A, B, C, D, and E, the meet shall be scored as a tie.

III. Modified the following Rules defining “Foundation Garments” and regarding “Reasonable Accommodations”:
   A. 3-2-4n (pg. 14) to authorize the games committee (referee in dual meets) to define visible undergarments as “Foundation Garments”, if competitors are permitted to wear inclement weather gear under their school issued uniforms;
   B. 4-3-1 (pgs. 24 to 26) to define bras, underwear, supporters, and similar undergarments; as well as pitcher’s sleeves and socks (without attachments), as “Foundation Garments”; and
   C. 4-4 NOTE (pg. 27) to require evidence of written authorization from the PIAA Executive Director, or the Executive Director’s designee, before permitting a competitor to participate in an event
      i. while wearing, for medical reasons,
         a. a head covering, and/or
         b. an insulin pump; or
      ii. while wearing, for religious reasons,
         a. a head covering, and/or
         b. prescribed attire underneath the school issued uniform.

IV. Modified Rule 3-2-6 (pg. 15) to provide for competition interrupted because of events beyond the control of the responsible administrative authority to be either continued from the point of interruption or terminated, by mutual agreement of the participating schools, with the existing team scores. All trials and marks, made up to either the point of interruption or the point of termination, shall stand.
V. Modified Rule 4-2-4c (pg. 24) to authorize District Committees to permit more than three contestants from the same school to be entered, but not participate, in individual events in their respective qualifying meets.

VI. Modified Rule 4-4-2 (pgs. 27) to clarify that an “appropriate health-care professional” is a licensed physician of medicine or osteopathic medicine (MD or DO).

VII. Modified Rule 5-5-7 (pg. 37) to authorize the faster competitors to be placed in the first section, in meets involving 4 or less schools.

VIII. Rule Adoption, Rule Non-Adoption, and PIAA Junior High/Middle School Track and Field Competition:

A. In accordance with Rule 6-5-3 NOTE 2 (pg. 50), adopted the PIAA Pole Vault Verification Form.

B. Although provided for under Rule 8-2-3 (pg. 65), elected NOT to adopt a modified cross country team scoring system.

C. Excerpts from ARTICLE XIX, JUNIOR HIGH/MIDDLE SCHOOLS, Section 6, Contests Rules Standards for Junior High/Middle Schools Interscholastic Athletic Competition, Track and Field, of the PIAA By-Laws (pg. 42):

i. Participants may compete in a maximum of four events, including relays;

ii. Distance, number of and height of hurdles in all hurdle events are maximums and may be modified by conferences or leagues or by mutual agreement of participating schools;

iii. The discus and javelin specifications for girls’ competition shall be used by both boys and girls; and

iv. Conferences, leagues, and/or participating schools, by mutual agreement prior to the start of a meet, may delete track and/or field events but may not add and/or modify track events (except for hurdle events) and/or field events.