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PIAA BOYS' & GIRLS' SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIPS SET FOR F.N.B. STADIUM IN PITTSBURGH

This is the inaugural year of the PIAA Soccer Championships being played at a professional soccer stadium.

MECHANICSBURG, Pa. - The 2026 PIAA Boys' and Girls' Soccer Championships will take center stage at F.N.B. Stadium, home of Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC, on Friday, November 20, and Saturday, November 21, 2026. Pennsylvania's top high school soccer programs will compete for state championship titles at one of the premier soccer venues in the Commonwealth.

Located along the Monongahela River in Pittsburgh, F.N.B. Stadium provides a first-class setting for the PIAA Championships. The facility features an artificial turf playing surface, a maximum field dimension of 70 yards by 120 yards, and seating for approximately 5,000 spectators. With sweeping views of Pittsburgh's downtown skyline, the stadium offers a memorable backdrop for the student-athletes, coaches, families, and fans participating in championship weekend.

F.N.B. Stadium has been home to Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC since 2013 and continues to serve as a premier destination for professional soccer in Western Pennsylvania. In 2025, the Riverhounds captured the first USL Championship title in club history after defeating FC Tulsa in a penalty shootout. The club has also expanded its presence in women's soccer with the formation of Pittsburgh Riveters SC, a pre-professional team competing in the USL W League.

The 2026 championships mark the 53rd year of PIAA Boys' Soccer and the 34th year of PIAA Girls' Soccer. Throughout their histories, both sports have experienced significant growth as the PIAA expanded classification opportunities to accommodate the increasing number of participating schools.

Boys' soccer began with a single classification for its first 11 seasons before expanding to two classifications in 1985. The sport continued to grow, adding a third classification in 2000 and a fourth classification in 2016. Girls' soccer began with a single classification for its first three seasons before expanding to two classifications in 1996, three in 2010, and ultimately four in 2016. Girls' soccer began with two sports seasons. It was the only sport to be offered in different seasons. For the first 19 years, schools could decide whether to play in the fall or in the spring.

Over the years, the PIAA Soccer Championships have been contested at numerous venues across Pennsylvania. Finding neutral sites that provide an equitable championship experience for all participating schools has remained an important consideration in selecting championship locations. Since their inception, the championships have been hosted at 12 different venues:

PIAA Soccer Championship host sites:

25: HersheyPark Stadium
14: Shippensburg University
8: Reading
3: Cumberland Valley High School
2: Cedar Crest High School
2: Messiah College
1: F.N.B. Stadium
1: Northeastern High School
1: Northern Lebanon County High School
1: Marple Newtown High School
1: Owen J. Roberts High School
1: Mansion Park

The final spring soccer championship was held in 2012 before the Board of Directors approved of moving all competition to one season, the fall. From 2007 to 2010, there were two classifications, 2A and 3A. While girls' soccer was played in the spring, there were 15 different champions: (Central Bucks West (1993-1996, 2003, 2006-07), Emmaus (1997), Council Rock (1998, 2002), Pennsbury (1999), Hempfield (2000), Penn Manor (2002, 2005), Council Rock South (2004), Dallas (2007), Central Dauphin (2007-08), Lancaster Mennonite (2008), Lower Dauphin (2009), Donegal (2009-10), Hershey (2010), Cumberland Valley (2011-12). There were two co-champions in 2002 and 2007.

4A Boys Team Champions:

6 - 4A Boys' teams have won titles

4: Conestoga (2016-17, 2021, 2023)
2: Seneca Valley (2020, 2022)
1: North Penn (2019), Pennridge (2020), Cumberland Valley (2024), Abington (2025)

4A Girls Team Champions:

7 - 4A Girls' teams have won titles; Downingtown West became the first 4A team with consecutive titles

2: Downingtown West (2024-25)
1: Canon McMillan (2016), Norwin (2017), Souderton (2018), Boyertown (2019), Moon (2021), Pennridge (2023)

3A Boys Team Champions: Four teams have won back-to-back titles.

37 – 3A Boys' teams have won titles

5: Strath Haven (1986, 1991, 1995-96, 2001)
4: Upper St. Clair (2003-04, 2012-13)
3: Downingtown (1989, 1998-99), Lower Dauphin (2016-17, 2018)
2: ELCO (1977, 1979), Fleetwood (1978, 1980), Neshaminy (1984, 1994), Conestoga (1988, 2011), Peters Township (2007, 2014)
1: West Synder (1973), Middleburg (1974), Liberty (1975), State College (1976), Mount Lebanon (1981), Neshaminy (1982), Freedom (1983), Council Rock (1985), Lower Merion (1987), Fox Chapel (1990), Wilson (1992), Great Valley (1993), Coughlin (1997), North Allegheny (2000), WC Henderson (2002), Warwick (2005), Council Rock North (2006), Downingtown West (2008), Father Judge (2009), Hempfield (2010), CB East (2015), West Allegheny (2018), Mars (2020), Hampton (2021), Hershey (2022), Cathedral Prep (2023), Radnor (2024), Abington Heights (2025)

3A Girls Team Champions: West Chester Henderson and Peters Township have won the most consecutive titles with three.

18 - 3A Girls' teams have won titles

4: WC Henderson (1995, 1997-99)

3: Downingtown West (2004, 2006, 2009), Peters Township (2010-12), Moon (2016-17, 2023), Mars (2019-21)

2: Villa Joseph Marie (1993, 2018), Downingtown (2000-01), Conestoga (2007-08), Strath Haven (2002, 2024)

1: Mount Lebanon (1992), Great Valley (1994), Norwin (1996), Owen J. Roberts (2003), Pine-Richland (2005), Neshaminy (2013), CB West (2014), Upper St. Clair (2015), South Fayette (2025)

2A Boys Team Champions:

22 - 2A Boys' teams have won titles; Quaker Valley had a stretch of winning four titles in six years.

8: Quaker Valley (1985, 1991, 1993, 1995-96, 2017, 2019, 2021)

4: Lewisburg (2015-16, 2020, 2025)

3: ELCO (1987, 1998, 2003), Holy Ghost Prep (1992, 2013-14)

2: Great Valley (1989-90), Octorara (1999, 2009), Fleetwood (2000, 2018), South Park (2005-06)

1: Tulpehocken (1987), Peters Township (1988), Wyomissing (1994), Sewickley Academy (1997),
Middletown (2001), Thomas Jefferson (2002), Radnor (2004), Palmyra (2007), Susquehannock (2008), Hampton (2010), Lancaster Mennonite (2011), Pequea Valley (2012), Camp Hill (2023), Northwestern Lehigh (2024

2A Girls Team Champions: *Villa Joseph Marie won eight titles in 12 years*

20 - 2A Girls' teams have won titles; two schools have won consecutive titles.

9: Villa Joseph Marie (1996, 1998, 2000-02, 2004-05, 2007, 2014)

2: Mercyhurst Prep (2010, 2017), Central Columbia (2022-23)

1: Strath Haven (1997), Radnor (1999), Sewickley Academy (2003), South Williamsport (2006), Montoursville (2008), Loyalsock (2009), Mars (2011), Moon (2012), Central Valley (2013), Villa Maria (2015), Trinity (2016), Bedford (2018), Lansdale Catholic (2019), Bloomsburg (2020), Allentown Central Catholic (2021), Northwestern Lehigh (2024), Archbishop Wood (2025)

1A Boys Team Champions:

16 - 1A Boys' teams have won titles; Christopher Dock won three titles in four years.

4: Christopher Dock (2002-03, 2005, 2009)

3: Sewickley Academy (2007, 2013, 2015)

2: Seton LaSalle (2006, 2008), New Hope-Solebury (2010-11), Moravian Academy (2014, 2019), Camp Hill (2016-17)

1: Lewisburg (2000), Tulpehocken (2001), Antietam (2004), Mountain View (2012), Millville (2018), Faith Christian (2020), Winchester Thurston (2021), Delco Christian (2023), Lancaster Mennonite (2024), Bentworth (2025)

1A Girls Team Champions:

9 - 1A Girls' teams have won titles; five schools have won consecutive titles.

4: Southern Columbia (2018, 2020-22)

2: Warrior Run (2010-11), Greensburg Central Catholic (2012-13), Trinity (2014-15), Dock

Mennonite (2023-2024)
1: Fairfield (2016), Shady Side (2017), Camp Hill (2019), Faith Christian (2025)

All media are asked to familiarize yourself with the PIAA Handbook, Section II Policy and Procedures, pages 97-104. The championship schedule can be found here and a full list of any previous championship results.

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