

# ADJUSTMENT TO THE DISTRICT III FOOTBALL RANKINGS

Member schools, athletes, media and public:

Due to the extraordinary circumstance that resulted in both Steelton-Highspire and Susquenita receiving forfeit losses from its abbreviated football game on Oct. 4, 2013, District III conducted a review of the result as it related to the Football Power Rankings and decided to make an adjustment to the rankings.

Here is that adjustment:

**Steelton-Highspire and Susquenita will both receive losses that will be applied directly to their weighted winning percentages (known as the TWWP; the District 3 Power Ranking System is linked [here](#)).**

However, the application of those two losses from the same game would have resulted in significant and unwarranted damage to the opponents of both schools in their opponents' weighted winning percentage (OWWP) had the district let the result stand uncorrected throughout the system.

In short, all of the opponents of Steelton-Highspire and Susquenita would have suffered an OWWP loss without the possibility of gaining a victory, as is the normal procedure in the Power Ranking System.

The schools' Mid-Penn Conference Capital Division opponents would have suffered even greater injury than the non-league opponents. The Capital Division opponents would have suffered two losses in their OWWPs rather than the normal win and loss.

It is not the position of District III to accept undue harm to any of its member schools' chances to qualify for and be properly seeded in District III Championship events because of a unique circumstance that was beyond the schools' control. This was clearly the case in the Steelton-Highspire and Susquenita double forfeit.

Given those circumstances, District III has decided to count the game as no contest in the OWWP calculations of all of Steelton-Highspire's and Susquenita's opponents.

**For that game – and that game only – the affected schools will receive no weighted wins and no weighted losses. The game was not completed by NFHS book rule, thus the game should not be factored into the power rankings except for the losses applied only to Steelton-Highspire and Susquenita by the Mid-Penn Conference.**

The District III Executive Committee, which rendered the decision, believes this adjustment will result in the smallest possible impact on the Power Rankings. The Football Power Rankings currently posted on the District 3 website reflect that decision.

It should be noted that this decision does not apply to games that have been forfeited as the result of the use of an ineligible player. The results of those games stand and are applied as such to the Power Rankings. The district stresses the unique nature of this game, its result and the eventual decision.

Thank you for your patience while the district examined the situation and came to its conclusion.