

PIAA DISTRICT III COMMITTEE MEETING UPDATE (AUG. 9, 2016)

CLASS AA WRESTLING

After several months of looking at possible changes to the 2016-2017 PIAA District III M&T Bank Class AA Wrestling Championships, the PIAA District III Committee has settled on a format.

By a unanimous vote of committee members present, this year's Class AA wrestling championship will open with four section tournaments, each conducted on Saturday, Feb. 18.

Following the section tournaments, the District III M&T Bank Class AA Wrestling Championships will be conducted Feb. 24-25 at a venue to be determined. Each weight class will have 12 entrants.

The new format eliminates the two-section format in use since the 2012-2013 season for District III Class AA wrestling schools. In that format, each section advanced six wrestlers per weight class to the District III AA Championships. That meant a sixth-place finisher advanced with three section tournament losses and the fourth and fifth-place finishers advanced with two section losses.

The new format will place eight AA schools in three of the four sections and seven schools in a fourth section. Each of those sections will advance its top three place winners, which means that wrestlers with only one loss or none will advance to the district championships in AA.

A breakdown of the new section alignments is posted on the PIAA District III website. The tentative host sites are Susquenita High School for Section I, Central Dauphin East HS for Section II, Hamburg Area High School for Section III and Bermudian Springs HS for Section IV.

DISTRICT III POWER RANKING SYSTEM

With the advent of six classifications in four sports and increased classifications in four others, the District III Committee took a look at several potential changes to its power ranking system.

After looking at several possibilities, District III decided to leave its current power ranking system intact for sports with four, three and two classifications. However, the district will lower the difference between weighted wins and weighted losses for Class 6A sports from .2 to .1 (the .2 differential remains for the other classifications).



In addition, District III will establish the following values for weighted wins and losses in Class 6A sports:

6 CLASSES	Win	Loss
6A opponent	1.25	.75
5A opponent	1.15	.85
4A opponent	1.05	.95
3A opponent	.95	1.05
2A opponent	.85	1.15
1A opponent	.75	1.25

In sports that still have regular-season ties (soccer and field hockey), a school receives one-half of its the weighted win total and one-half of its opponent's weighted loss total.

Some examples:

A 6A team defeats a 4A opponent. The 6A team receives 1.05 points for the victory in its weighted wins. The 4A team receives .75 of a point in for the loss in its weighted losses.

A 1A team defeats a 5A opponent. The 1A team receives 1.15 points for the victory in its weighted wins. The 5A team receives 1.25 points in its weighted losses.

Two 3A opponents tie after overtime of a soccer match. Both teams receive .475 of point in its weighted wins and .525 point in its weighted losses.

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