

PIAA DISTRICT III  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
PIAA Office, Mechanicsburg, PA  
Monday August 9, 2021

A. Agenda

1. Call to Order- **Doug Bohannon called the meeting to order at 8:38am**
2. Welcome Guests—**Doug welcomed new committee member Cynthia Eby**
3. Hearing schedule  
  
No hearings scheduled
4. Attendance  
Present are: **Cathy Wreski and Cynthia Eby attended via zoom**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Pat Tulley   x   Hal Griffiths   x   Dave Bitting   x   Michael Craig   x    
 Bill McHale   x   Stephanie Deibler   x   Arnie Fritzius   x   Greg Goldthorp   x    
 Dina Henry   x   Branden Lippy   x   Stephen Lyons    Cynthia Eby     
 Adam Sheaffer   x   Marty Trimmer    Cathy Wreski    Bob Baker   x    
 Rod Frisco     
 Also Present: John Ziegler   x   Jim Ellingsworth    Fred Isopi   x    
 Pete Fackler    Don Seidenstricker    Chuck Abbott   x  

5. Approval of Agenda  
     Moved: **Bitting**                      Seconded: **Craig**  
     Yes:        No:                     Abstention:        Absent:
6. Approval of Minutes/Secretary’s Reports for July 12, 2021 (sent via email)  
     Moved: **Trimmer**                      Seconded: **Henry**  
     Yes:        No:                     Abstention:        Absent:
7. Eligibility (Attached)
  - a. Approve Principal to Principal Sign-Off, Post-Season, Foreign Exchange, Attendance, Period of Participation  
**Amended the following**

Ara Nicole Loretz	10	CV	Trinity
Karson Michael Youch	10	CV	Trinity
Dominic Giuffre-Cuculletto	10	Wilson	Schuylkill Valley

**Removed Karson Youch from approval list**

Moved: **Fritzius**                      Seconded: **Craig**  
Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_ Abstention: \_\_\_\_\_ Absent: \_\_\_\_\_

*B. Finances*

1. Presentation and Approval of Treasurer's Report

Moved: **Goldthorp**      Seconded: **Sheaffer**  
Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_ Abstention: \_\_\_\_\_ Absent: \_\_\_\_\_

*C. Sports Chair Reports*

Fall:

- Football-Ziegler
- Soccer-Isopi
- Field Hockey-Bitting
- Tennis-Bohannon
- Golf-Fritzius
- G. Volleyball-Trimmer--
- Cross-Country—Griffiths--

Winter:

- Wrestling-Goldthorp/Craig---
- Basketball-Bitting---
- Bowling-(vacant)---
- Competitive Spirit-Lippy—
- Swimming and Diving-Seidenstricker---

Spring:

- Baseball- Tulley----Review of spring tournament
- Softball-Deibler---- Review of spring tournament
- Lacrosse-Abbott---- Review of spring tournament
- Track and Field- Review of spring tournament
- B. Volleyball-- Review of spring tournament
- B. Tennis-Bohannon--Review of spring tournament

PIAA Update

1. **effective immediately**, and applicable for the 2021-22 school year, a proposed change in the 2022 Basketball Championship Schedule as follows;

**First Rd:** Tuesday, March 8 and Wednesday, March 9  
**Second Rd:** Friday, March 11 and Saturday, March 12  
**Quarterfinals:** Tuesday, March 15 and Wednesday, March 16  
**Semi-Finals:** Friday, March 18 and Saturday, March 19

**Championships: (tentative times- single games)**

1A Girls & Boys: Thursday, March 24 - 12:00 PM & 2:30 PM  
4A Girls & Boys: Thursday, March 24 - 5:00 PM & 7:30 PM  
2A Girls & Boys: Friday, March 25 - 12:00 PM & 2:30 PM  
5A Girls & Boys: Friday, March 25 - 5:00 PM & 7:30 PM  
3A Girls & Boys: Saturday, March 26 - 12:00 PM & 2:30 PM  
6A Girls & Boys: Saturday, March 26 - 5:00 PM & 7:30 PM

**Volleyball**

Approved use of electronic whistle

allow for teams to remain on the same benches throughout the match and not to change sides or playing areas during the Contest;

**Track and Field**

1. permit Track & Field officials to wear watches during the performance of their duties;
2. allow registered sports' officials to wear shoes with white markings and white outer soles;
3. Officials' Council to allow chapters of Winter and Spring Sports to host Chapter and the annual mandatory Rules Interpretation Meetings via virtual (Zoom) format;
4. to adopt the 2022 qualifying standards for the 2022 PIAA Track & Field Championships;
5. unanimously approved the recommendation from the PIAA Track and Field Steering Committee to return to the traditional two-day Track and Field Championship in 2022;
6. unanimously approved the recommendation from the PIAA Track and Field Steering Committee to not allow for a Thursday practice at Seth Grove Stadium and throwing areas and to keep the facility closed for safety purposes;

1. the Board unanimously approved the following **changes to the Glossary, effective immediately:**

**DATE OF TRANSFER:** The earliest of (1) the first day the student practices with a Team at a new school; (2) the student attends a class at a new school; (3) the student, through the student's school, has requested a determination of eligibility at a new school and (4) the student enrolls or registers at a new school and is no

longer in attendance at their previous school.

**OPEN GYM:** An event/activity whereby a PIM-member school makes available the use of its gymnasium(s) and/or other athletic facilities to all students enrolled in their school district, and are no longer in attendance at their previous school.

**PRACTICE:** An Athletic Event within the defined-season established for each sport, involving one PIAA member school at which no other school is present.

2. unanimously approved, on a suspended protocol basis and effective immediately, an amendment to **ARTICLE VI, TRANSFERS, RESIDENCE and RECRUITING, SECTION 2. ELIGIBILITY of TRANSFERS, Subsection A. In-Season Transfers**, to rename Sub-subsection 2 and to move the existing language into a subparagraph, identified as "a." as follows:

## 2. POST-SEASON ELIGIBILITY

- If a student in 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, or 12<sup>th</sup> grade transfers before the student was eligible to participate in at least 50% of the PIAA maximum number of Regular Season Contests in that sport, the student is ineligible for participation in the postseason (District championships tournament and thereafter) in that same sport, for the current school year.

**(Editors' Note:** The above section was not changed in the By-Laws. It was only re-structured as #2., to become Post-Season Eligibility, item a. The new sections are reflected below as 2b & 2c).

3. unanimously approved, on a **suspended protocol basis and effective immediately**, the following change to **ARTICLE VI, TRANSFERS, RESIDENCE and RECRUITING, SECTION 2. ELIGIBILITY of TRANSFERS, Subsection A, In-Season Transfers, Sub-Subsection 3**, to move it within Sub-Section 2 as subparagraph b and to read as follows:

g. If a student in 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade transfers after the student was eligible to participate in either (1) at least 50% of the PIAA maximum number of Regular Season Contests. or (2) at least 50% of the total number of games on the student's previous team's schedule in that sport. the student will be deemed to have participated in an entire season and, following the transfer, is ineligible for further participation in that sport for the current school year, including post-season for this year only.

4. unanimously approved on a **suspended protocol basis, and effective immediately**, the following change to **ARTICLE VI, TRANSFERS, RESIDENCE and RECRUITING, SECTION 2. ELIGIBILITY of TRANSFERS, Subsection A, In-Season Transfers**, to add a subparagraph c to Sub-Subsection 2, to read as follows:

£. If a student in 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade transfers after the student was eligible to participate in either (1) at least 75% of the PIAA maximum number of Regular Season Contests. or (2) at least 75% of the total number of games on the student's previous team's schedule in that sport. the student will be deemed to

have participated in an entire season and, following the transfer, is ineligible for further participation in that sport for the current school year, and is further ineligible for participation in the post-season (District championships tournament and thereafter in that same sport). of the subsequent school year.

5. unanimously approved, on a **suspended protocol basis and effective immediately**, the following changes to **ARTICLE VI, TRANSFERS, RESIDENCE, and RECRUITING, SECTION 2. ELIGIBILITY of TRANSFERS, Subsection C. POST-SEASON WAIVER PROVISIONS**, to delete the previously existing language and to add language to read as follows:

C. Post Season Ineligibility Waiver Provision. - Eligibility can be achieved for the Post Season if certain requirements are met.

**NOTE: 21 day rule is not subject to a waiver.**

**1. Waiver upon submission of necessary documentation.** A District Committee may waive this period of ineligibility upon demonstration by the student that the transfer was necessitated by exceptional and unusual circumstances beyond the reasonable control of the student's family. The District Committee may grant such waiver without a hearing upon receipt of appropriate supporting documentation, as set forth below, demonstrating that a waiver is justified. Requests lacking the required documentation, or, in the opinion of the Committee, providing inadequate documentation, will not be considered for waiver on the paperwork but may still be considered under Subsection 2 below

- a. A transfer following a local child welfare agency-approved change in residence;  
Documentation required: proof of child welfare organization approval of change of residence.
- b. A school-initiated administrative transfer within a school district;  
Documentation required: the official school district transfer document.
- c. A transfer following a court order directing such transfer or change in residence;  
Documentation required: copy of the court order.
- d. A transfer caused by a military reassignment of a parent;  
Documentation required: copy of the military transfer document.
- e. A transfer caused by release from a juvenile facility; Documentation required: copy of the official release document.
- f. A transfer following a school's decision to terminate its interscholastic athletic program;  
Documentation required: copy of the minutes or directives confirming the school's official action.
- g. A transfer following a bona fide change of residence resulting from a change in employer of a parent;  
Documentation required: proof of (1) new residential arrangements (lease or purchase documents); and (2) the change of employer (a job reclassification or shift hours change with a current employer will not support a request under this provision).
- h. A transfer following an involuntary substantial change in financial condition and resources that compels withdrawal from a school.  
Documentation required: documents showing (1) a substantial reduction in family income and, (2) that tuition assistance was sought and denied or was insufficient to overcome the substantial reduction in family income.
- i. A transfer occurring after a school closes;  
Documentation required: Proof of school closure.
- j. A transfer resulting from bullying, harassment or other misconduct.  
Documentation required: (1) written corroboration from persons unrelated to the student and/or the student's family that the alleged misconduct occurred, and (2) a letter from school administration that confirms the student timely sought assistance of appropriate school personnel to address such misconduct and that the school agrees that a transfer was appropriate.

- k. A transfer because of violence, or a threat violence, directed against the student.  
Documentation required: Copy of the police and/or school report(s) of the incident(s).

NOTE: A general assertion of dangerous conditions in a school or community will not support a request under this provision.

A District Committee may waive the post season period of ineligibility on a case-by-case basis for other factors not listed above upon proof by clear and convincing evidence by the student's family that the transfer was necessitated by exceptional and unusual circumstances beyond the reasonable control of the student and the student's family. A request for waiver will not be processed unless the Request for Waiver form is submitted setting forth specific reasons supporting the request and the reason is consistent with the Preamble of Section 2 of this ARTICLE.

For purposes of this provision, whether a student's transfer was materially motivated by an athletic purpose is not a factor to be considered. Also, the following reasons will NOT support the grant of a waiver:

- A transfer for academic, developmental, spiritual and/or social reasons; and
- A change of residence resulting from a family separation, unless following court approval.

Board unanimously approved,

2. All requests for waivers must be submitted no later than **thirty days** prior to the beginning of a PIM District's postseason tournament for the sport in question. PIAA Districts may expand this time requirement to an earlier time. Requests for waivers for students transferring within thirty days prior to the tournament may be considered if a hearing can be timely arranged.

13, On a motion by Mr. Seltzer, seconded by Mr. Straub, the Board unanimously approved, on a **first reading basis**, an amendment to **ARTICLE XVI, SEASON and OUT of SEASON RULES AND REGULATIONS**, to reduce the minimum length of pre-season practice from 15 days to 10 days, except in the sports of football, golf, and tennis.

14. On a motion by Mr. Hartman, seconded by Mr. Bozzuto, the Board unanimously approved, on a **suspended protocol basis and effective immediately**, an amendment to the PIAA Rules and Regulations to change heat acclimatization requirements to be a team, and not individual, standard consistent with the requirement of five team practice days before being allowed to compete in first scrimmage.

15. Co-ops approved:

**District III** - Penn Manor and Stone Independent High Schools (boys' and girls' basketball, boys' and girls' golf, boys' and girls' lacrosse and field hockey)

**District III** – Halifax Area and Northern Dauphin Christian Middle School (boys' and girls' basketball, wrestling and competitive spirit)

16. Memberships approved

**District III – Northern Dauphin Christian Middle School**

**District III – Stone Independent Middle School**

D. Special Committee Reports

1. Programs-
2. Finance committee report-
3. Policy Manual-
4. HR Committee Report—Executive Director Evaluation tool

E. Old Business

1. Update on website

F. New Business

Bowling chair

Arbiter use for District 3

Approval of co-ops as listed below

**Host School: Millersburg Area High School Sport(s): Boys Golf**

**Start Season: 18/19 End Season: Until terminated**

**Coop Guest Schools: Halifax Area High School Upper Dauphin Area High School**

**Host School: Muhlenberg High School Sport(s): Boys Tennis, Girls' Tennis**

**Start Season: 21/22 End Season :Until terminated**

**Coop Guest Schools: Oley Valley High School**

**Host School: Camp Hill High School Sport(s): Football**

**Start Season: 21/22 End Season :Until terminated**

**Coop Guest Schools: Harrisburg Academy**

Approval of fall championships

Moved:      Seconded:

Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_ Abstention: \_\_\_\_\_ Absent: \_\_\_\_\_

G. Upcoming Date(s) to Remember

August 10—York Technical School hearing

Thursday, August 26 – Hearing Date (Zoom) (This is confirmed)

Wednesday, Sept. 8 – (Zoom) @ 9am

Monday, November 1 – (Zoom) @ 9am

Monday, December 20 – PIAA Office @ 9 am

Tuesday, January 18 – Hearing Date (Zoom) (If Needed)

Thursday, February 17 – Zoom (12:00)  
 Wednesday, March 16 – (Zoom) @ 9 am  
 Wednesday, April 27 @ TBA @ 8:30 am (Annual Meeting)  
 Monday, June 6 – (Zoom) @ 9 am

H. Adjournment

1. Motion to Adjourn

Moved:

Seconded:

Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_ Abstention: \_\_\_\_\_ Absent: \_\_\_\_\_

Date on Portal	Name	Grade	Sending School	Receiving School	Enrollment Date	Sport	Status	Date Letter sent
7/8/2021	Ryan Scheivert	12	Twin Valley	Berks Catholic	No date	FB/Lacrosse	Eligible, must apply ps	7-10-21
7/12/2021	William Yarnell	10	Trinity	Red Land	5/17/2021	FB/BB/TF	Eligible 10th grade	7-10-21
7/12/2021	Julia Fisher	10	Lancaster Mennonite	Lanc. Co Day	1/20/2021	Volleyball	Eligible , must apply PS Volleyball	7-10-21
7/12/2021	Katelyn Rose Strawser	10	Lower Dauphin	Hershey	6/15/2021	FH/SB	Eligible 10th grade	7-20-21
7/20/2021	Ara Nicole Loretz	10	CV	Trinity	Blank	BB/Soc/TF	Eligible 10th grade	7-20-21
7/20/2021	Karson Michael Youch	10	CV	Trinity	Blank	FB/WRE/TF	Eligible 10th grade	7-20-21
7/20/2021	Aiden Gallen	12	Berks Catholic	Gov. Mifflin	2/5/2021	FB	Eligible, must apply ps	7-28-21
7/20/2021	Eleano Barone	10	Northern Lebanon	Palmyra	Blank	Swimming	Eligible 10th grade	7-28-21
7/23/2021	Tymer Jennings	11	Bishop Mcdevitt	Harrisburg	2/5/2021	FB	Eligible must apply ps	7-28-21
7/26/2021	Caleb Jameson Wray	10	Bishop Mcdevitt	Trinity	6/2/2021	FB	Eligible 10th grade	7-28-21
7/26/2021	Preston Wismer	11	Conestoga Christian	Exeter	March	soccer	Eligible must apply ps	7-28-21
7/26/2021	Zakii Lewis	11	Steel High	Harrisburg	3/1/2021	FB/Track	Eligible must apply ps	7-28-21
7/28/2021	Cara Cavorsi	10	Wyomissing	Berks Catholic	Blank	Tennis/TF	Eligible 10th grade	7/29/21
7/28/2021	Dominic Giuffre-Cuculetto	11	Wilson	Schuylkill Valley	7/12/2021	BB/Soc/TF	Eligible must apply ps	7/29/21
7/28/2021	Brennan Almond	11	Palmyra	Bishop MCdevitt	7/19/2021	fb/bb/tf	Eligible for all-court order	7/29/21

7/28/2021	Ethan Schuler	11	York Country Day	York Catholic	7/6/2021	xc/xf	eligible must apply ps	7/29/21
8/2/2021	Eli Rodriguez	10	McCaskey	Man. Twp	6/15/2021	FB/WRE/TF	Eligible 10th grader	
8/2/2021	Emma Raville	11	Delone Catholic	Gettysburg	7/19/2021	FH/BB/TF	Eligible, must apply ps	
8/3/2021	Ryan Kothe	12	Susq. Twp	Bishop MCdevitt	6/29/2021	Swimming	eligible must apply ps	
8/3/2021	Nia Bratcher		Susq. Twp	Bishop MCdevitt				
8/5/2021	Andrew Schuler	10	York Country Day	York Catholic	5/25/21	So/BB/	Eligible, 10th grader	

#### Age Waiver

7-13-21	Dameon Rudolph Carter Jr	12	Susquehannock	fb	Denied—Approved for FB at Hearing on 8/2/21
7/28/2021	Elili Ayana	12	McCaskey	XC only	Denied

#### Foreign Exchange

Date on Portal	Name	Grade	Sending School	Program	Sport	Date Letter sent
8-2-21	Benno J. Zacherl	11	Cedar Crest	EF High School Exchange Year	fb	8-9-21