

TO: District V Class A and Class AA Boys' Soccer Participating Schools
FROM: Jim Foster, Boys' Soccer Director
DATE: June 2023
RE: 2023-24 Boys' Soccer Season

The 2023-24 fall sports season is about to begin, and enclosed is ranking information and rating form for the upcoming Soccer Season.

Please complete your rating sheet and return (via email) to me as soon as possible, **no later than Friday, August 18, 2023.**

As we progress through the season, please email me a copy of your rating **each Monday by 9:00 AM** throughout the season. (See dates below). Please utilize and email the original form that is located on the District 5 website, which can be located at:
<http://district5.piaa.org/DISTRICT%205%20FORMS/Blank%20District%20V%20Rating%20Sheet.xlsx>
the completed and updated form should be emailed to james.foster@ctasd.org.

It is important to closely adhere to this time timetable so accurate team records and district rankings can be supplied to area media and District 5 Chairperson. Please notify me immediately if a discrepancy arises.

RATINGS DUE: EACH Monday by 9:00 AM

September 11	October 9	October 24th - Final Standings Released
September 18	October 16	
September 25	Every Day you play from October 16th to October 23rd by 9:00 AM	
October 2		

REMINDER: DISTRICT 5 CUTOFF DATE IS MONDAY, OCTOBER 23rd, 2023!

Each school has received a copy of the District 5 Handbook. Please consult this Handbook for any additional information in this packet. If I can be of any assistance, do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your cooperation.

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2022-2023 and 2023-2024 Classifications

AAA NO PARTICIPANTS	AA	A
	Somerset – 198	North Star – 119
	Chestnut Ridge – 195 (co-op)	Windber - 112
	Forbes Road – 182 (co-op)	Everett - 109
	Bedford - 175	Northern Bedford County - 109
We will crown a DV champion on Nov. 2 and the winner will move on to a D5/9 regional contest. The winner of the regional contest will move on to PIAA Interdistrict play. The D5/9 regional contest will be played within the boundaries of District IX for the 2023-2024 season.		Rockwood – 102 (co-op)
		McConnellsburg – 86
		Conemaugh Township - 85
		Berlin – 73 (co-op)
		Southern Fulton - 71
		Fannett Metal - 65
		Salisbury - 30
		HOPE for Hyndman - 27
		Johnstown Christian – 26 (co-op)

DISTRICT TOURNAMENT-RANKING AND PLAYOFF 2023 INFORMATION

1. Ranking is determined by total points accumulated divided by the total games played. (Excluding tournaments, scrimmages, and exhibitions).
2. A minimum of eight schools will advance into the Class A playoff. All 4 member schools in class AA are eligible for playoffs.
3. First round competition will be as follows:

1 vs 8 2 vs 7 3 vs 6 4 vs 5 **All games played at highest ranked team!**

Class A teams with .500 record or better will qualify for the District Playoffs. Play-in games will be 9 @ 8, 10 @ 7, 11 @ 6
4. The District V cut-off date is Monday, October 23, 2023. **IF** a play-in contest is necessary, the date for that contest is set for Tuesday, October 24th, 2023.
5. All competitions prior to the District V Championship will be played at the higher seeded team’s home field. The District V Championship will be played at a neutral site. Pending extenuating circumstances, this is subject to change through the District Chairman and sports chairman.
6. Semi-final winners will advance to the championship game to be played at a neutral site, unless Teams 1 or 2 do not play in the first round.
7. Travel, field availability, and facilities will be criteria for neutral site selection. For championship play, it is strongly preferred that championship contests be played on an artificial turf field.
8. The tournament director will contact the Principal and/or the Athletic Director of both schools prior to establishing the playoff site. Any feedback from participating schools regarding the semi-final and final site must be faxed directly to the tournament director within 2 hours of initial contact. The tournament director will relay any feedback to the District Chairperson (Paul Leonard), who will make the final decision on neutral site selections.

IMPORTANT DATES – 2021-22

Date	Event
August 14, 2023	First Practice Date
August 18, 2023	Regular Season Schedules Due to Tournament Director (use Excel form on District V Website) http://district5.piaa.org/DISTRICT%205%20FORMS/Blank%20District%20V%20Rating%20Sheet.xlsx
August 19, 2023	First Inter-School Practice or Scrimmage Date

August 25, 2023	First Regular Season Contest Date
September 11, 2023	9:00 AM - Rating Sheets Due to Tournament Director
September 18, 2023	9:00 AM - Rating Sheets Due to Tournament Director
September 25, 2023	9:00 AM - Rating Sheets Due to Tournament Director
October 2, 2023	9:00 AM - Rating Sheets Due to Tournament Director
October 9, 2023	9:00 AM - Rating Sheets Due to Tournament Director
October 16 – October 24, 2023	9:00 AM DAILY - Rating Sheets Due to Tournament Director
October 14, 2023	Last day to inform the Tournament Director that your school will not participate in District Playoffs
October 23, 2023	District V Soccer Cut-off Date
October 24, 2023	Final Standings Released for Playoffs
October 24, 2023	Play-in Game IF NEEDED (at Higher Seeded Team's Facility)
October 26, 2023	First Round of District V A Playoffs (at Higher Seeded Team's Facility)
October 26, 2023	Semifinals of District V AA Playoffs (at Higher Seeded Team's Facility)
October 27/28, 2023	Soccer Playoffs Rain/Weather Date – IF NECESSARY
October 31, 2023	Boys District V A Semifinals – Home Site of the Highest Seeded Participant
October 31, 2023	Boys District V AA Championship – Neutral Site
November 2, 2023	Boys District V A Championship – Neutral Site
November 2, 2023	Boys AA District V/IX Regional Playoff – District IX hosts in 2023-24
November 3/4, 2023	Soccer Championships Rain Dates
November 4, 2023	PIAA Last Regular Season Contest Date and District Deadline
November 7, 2023	First Round of PIAA Interdistrict Play
November 11, 2023	PIAA Quarterfinals
November 14, 2023	PIAA Semifinals
November 17, 2023	PIAA Boys Class AA & AAAA Championship
November 18, 2023	PIAA Boys Class A & AAA Championship

P.I.A.A. DISTRICT 5 POINTS SYSTEM

1. Please refer to the District V Handbook for the updated point system.
2. No points are awarded for a loss regardless of opponent's classification.
3. Victories over non-PIAA or out of state opponents are addressed in the PIAA V Handbook.
4. Tournament games, scrimmages, and exhibition games do not count in rankings.
5. Forfeiture of a contest will be governed by PIAA regulations.
6. Rankings will be based on all schedules declared on August 18th, 2023.

TIE BREAKING SYSTEM FOR RANKING ONLY APPLIED IN ORDER

(Tournament games will not be used in any of the criteria listed below)

1. Head to head victor, if the teams played each other.

2. Winning percentage versus all common opponents in all games played (regardless of the number of times two schools play each other).
3. Bonus points as calculated by wins by defeated opponents divided by games played.
4. Winning percentage calculated by wins divided by games played. Ties count as half.
5. Greatest number of wins, excluding tournaments, scrimmages, and exhibitions.
6. Coin toss at site convenient to both schools.
7. If schools with records less than .500 are tied for the last slot on the playoff bracket and having the same rating, playoff games or matches will held at a neutral site. Applies to all sports except Football.

Rules applicable to Mixed Gender Teams:

- Because PIAA does not have a Mixed Gender classification, the following provisions govern participation by Mixed Gender Teams:
 - For Post Season purposes, Mixed Gender Teams (other than in the sport of Spirit) shall compete only in the sport classifications designated for boys.
 - For enrollment classification purposes, a Mixed Gender Team shall be classified by using the school's enrollment number for whichever gender constitutes a majority of the Team members.

Please refer to the District V Handbook for current gate fees for playoff contests and means for entry payments.

Playoff Times – All contests are set to begin at either 4:30 or 7:00 PM unless a time change is approved by the District Chairperson.

Thank you and Best Wishes to all for a safe and successful season!