

TO: ALL GAME MANAGERS
FROM: VIRGIL R. PALUMBO, DISTRICT 5 CHAIRMAN
SUBJECT: **GAME MANAGERS INFORMATION 2011-12 SCHOOL YEAR**
DATE: October 25, 2011 (New Item #19)

Thank you for agreeing to assist the District 5 Committee by serving as the Site-Game Manager. We have provided the following information to assist you in your task:

DISTRICT 5 TOURNAMENTS

1. Conditions of entry into a District Tournament

Entry and participation in the PIAA District 5 Tournaments are voluntary. District 5 member schools are not required to enter into the tournaments sponsored by the District. Entry of a team into a tournament signifies that the member school accepts the conditions and provisions that are described here.

Further, a member school accepts the fact that the District 5 Committee reserves the right to make changes in the management, operation and schedule of the District 5 Tournaments if, in the committee's judgment, it becomes necessary.

2. No Protest Rule

Under PIAA there can be no protest of contests as follows:

The Board of Directors and District Committees will not consider any protests in athletic contests, which are based on play situations or officials' decisions involving interpretation or judgment of plays.

In no case will the results of a contest be reversed nor will a contest be ordered or permitted to be replayed.

Questions regarding interpretation of rules or judgment of officials should be submitted, in writing, to the PIAA Executive Director.

3. Officials

All officials for the District 5 tournaments are assigned by the District 5 Officials' Assignment Committee. The officials are chosen from a pool of officials recommended by the participating schools and by the officials' chapter in District 5.

4. Photographing, Filming and Videotaping

PIAA rules and regulations do not prohibit schools, spectators, and/or media from photographing, filming or videotaping at District 5 tournaments. However, photographing, filming or videotaping at District 5 tournaments shall be subject to the following restrictions:

- a. Photographing, filming and videotaping for the purpose of review before the completion of the filmed game will be prohibited.
- b. Two (2) persons from each school will be admitted free to photograph, film or videotape these games. All others are required to purchase an admission ticket.
- c. Persons desiring to film or videotape must report to the game manager a minimum of 15 minutes prior to the start of the game/contests.
- d. Persons filming or videotaping must remain in the areas designated by the game manager for that purpose.
- e. Persons filming or videotaping shall not stand on any unsafe or potentially hazardous physical objects or facilities.

- f. Persons filming or videotaping shall not interfere with the visibility and comfort of other spectators, nor shall they present a safety hazard to other spectators.

5. Restriction of use of Tobacco Products

PIAA Board of Directors policy prohibits the use of tobacco products by participating and non-participating team personnel, including coaches, during any interscholastic athletic contest at any level of interscholastic athletic competition.

The use of tobacco products by team members/personnel and coaches is prohibited during pre-game, game, and post-game activities in the locker rooms and in the vicinity of the gymnasium/field.

6. Policy of Post-Game Interview of Coaches and Team

Following completion of the game, coaches, other school personnel, and persons affiliated with the team shall not allow or participate in any interviews with the electronic and/or print media or other persons both on the playing floor/field and in the team locker room until a minimum of fifteen (15) minutes have elapsed following the end of the game.

7. Restrictions on Cheerleading Activities

The PIAA Board of Directors is most concerned with dangerous activities performed by cheerleaders in interscholastic events. In an effort to eliminate or minimize injury to cheerleaders, the following shall be in effect for all PIAA District 5 Championships:

- a. No cheerleader shall stand on another person unless that other person has at least one foot on the ground.
- b. No flips are permitted from another person unless that other person has both feet on the ground.
- c. Trampolines and/or mini-tramps shall not be used.

PRINCIPALS ARE REQUESTED TO REVIEW THESE POLICIES WITH THE COACH OR ADVISOR OF THE CHEERLEADING SQUAD AND THE MEMBERS OF THE CHEERLEADING SQUAD PRIOR TO THE START OF THE PLAYOFFS/CHAMPIONSHIPS.

- 8. The higher ranked team will be the home team and the lower ranked team will be the visitors.
- 9. At the completion of the contest contact the media with the game results.
 - A.WJAC-TV 800-662-6116
 - B.WTAJ-TV 800-762-6053
 - C.WWCP-TV 800-424-6397
 - D. PLUS (News Media - See List - attached)
- 10. Contact the following with game with results as soon as possible at the completion of the contest.
 - A. Virgil Palumbo, District 5 Chairman, cell phone number - (814) 244-4395
 - B. Sport Chairman
- 11. Please complete the District 5 playoff financial statement, ticket information and receipt form. All forms, checks, and money, are to be given to:
 - Larry Palmer, Treasurer,
 - 203 White Hollow Road
 - Warfordsburg, PA 17267
- 12. The following announcement must be made at all Playoffs:
 - BADEN IS THE OFFICIAL GAME BALL FOR PIAA BASKETBALL (Basketball & Volleyball Only)
 - _____ IS THE OFFICIAL GAME BALL FOR PIAA _____ (Varies with different sports)
- 13. Pre-game Practice - A minimum of fifteen (15) minutes and a maximum of thirty (30) minutes of pre-game practice shall be provided prior to the start of each game. "Shooting practice" at halftime

intermission by teams scheduled to play at a later starting time, shall be PROHIBITED! Please try to arrive at the game site no earlier than 45 minutes prior to tip-off.

14. Designation of Bench and Basket - The Site Game Manger shall designate the location of each team's bench. Each team's basket for practice before the game and to shoot at for the first half shall be the one farther from its bench. The teams shall change baskets for the second half.
15. Number of Basketball Teams to advance in state playoffs
"AA" Boys and Girls - 2
"A" Boys and Girls - 2
16. Game Balls - Presented to officials, if accepted, the following will be the procedure used:
1st Half - Home Team
2nd Half - Visitors
17. Play-Off Times - All game times will adhere to the following schedule, unless a time change is approved by the district chairmen.

Single game:	7:00 p.m. starting time
Double Header:	1st game - 6:30 p.m. starting time 2nd game - 8:00 p.m. starting time
Triple Header:	1st game - 5:30 p.m. starting time 2nd game - 7:00 p.m. starting time 3rd game - 9:00 p.m. starting time
18. **Ticket prices for championship games will be as follows:**

Play-In Contests	Students-\$3.00	Adults-\$5.00
1st & 2 nd Round Contests:	Students-\$3.00	Adults-\$5.00
Consolation Contests:	Students-\$3.00	Adults-\$6.00
Championship Contests:	Students-\$3.00	Adults-\$6.00
All Sessions - Wrestling Tournament	Students-\$8.00	Adults - \$15.00

Complimentary Tickets - Each school will receive six (6) complimentary tickets
Football Only--Pre-Sale of tickets at the prices listed above, all tickets at the gate will be the Adult price.
19. All ticket stubs should be returned by the Host Game Manager to the respective Sport Chairman.

We hope the above information will assist you in your duties as game manager. **Please follow the new and changed financial accounting procedures.** We appreciate your time and efforts.

Addresses and Fax numbers are listed below for your convenience.

NEWS MEDIA

**TELEPHONE & FAX NUMBERS
DISTRICT V PLAYOFF RANKINGS**

DAILY NEWS - HUNTINGDON: Terry Snare	FAX 1-814-643-0376
ALTOONA MIRROR - P.O. Box 2008 Altoona, PA 16603	FAX 1-814-946-7540 1-800-222-1962
BEDFORD GAZETTE - 424 W. Penn Street P.O. Box 671 Bedford, PA 15522	FAX 1-814-623-5055 1-800-242-4250
CHAMBERSBURG PUBLIC OPINION P.O. Box 499 Chambersburg, PA 17201	FAX 1-717-264-0377 1-800-782-0661
SOMERSET DAILY AMERICAN 334 W. Main Street Somerset, PA 15501	FAX 1-814-445-2935 1-800-452-0823
TRIBUNE DEMOCRAT 425 Locust Street Johnstown, PA 15901	FAX 539-1409 1-800-473-0998
WJAC - CHANNEL 6	FAX 255-7658 255-7600
WWCP - CHANNEL 8	FAX 266-8329 266-8088
WTAJ - CHANNEL 10	FAX 1-814-946-4763 1-800-762-6053
CLEARFIELD PROGRESS	FAX 1-814-765-5165

[WEB-SITE-----DISTRICT5.PIAA.ORG](http://DISTRICT5.PIAA.ORG)

FEES FOR DISTRICT 5 EVENTS

SEE DISTRICT V HANDBOOK

<http://district5.piaa.org/DISTRICT 5 FORMS>