THE DISTRICT 5 COMMITTEE

2026-27

PIAA MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association, Inc. (PIAA) is to serve its member schools and registered officials by establishing policies and adopting Contest rules that will emphasize the educational values of interscholastic athletics, promote safe and sportsmanlike competition, and provide uniform standards for all interscholastic levels of competition.

THE DISTRICT 5 COMMITTEE

According to Article V, Section 1 of the PIAA constitution, District 5 will encompass the member schools in the following counties: Bedford, Fulton & Somerset and part of Franklin (Fannett-Metal School District).

COMPOSITION

VOTING MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT 5 COMMITTEE

Five (5) Representatives of Somerset County Schools
Three (3) Representatives of Bedford County Schools
Two (2) Representative of Fulton/Franklin County Schools
One (1) School Board Representative appointed by the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania School Boards Association
Two (1) for Bedford/Fulton County (1) for Somerset County Athletic Director Representatives (Members of PA State Athletic Directors Executive Council)
Two (2) Officials' Representative
One (1) Girls' Athletics Representative
One (1) Superintendent – alternate every three years (3 year term begins 7/1/2024) from Bedford County. Current term expires in 6/30/2027. Next Term from Somerset County followed by Fulton/Franklin Counties.
Two (2) Parent Representatives - alternate every three years (3 year terms begin in 2006)

1. Somerset County (Male) current term begins 7/1/2024 and expires 6/30/2027. Next Term (Male) from Fulton/Franklin Counties followed by Bedford County
2. Fulton/Franklin Counties (Female) current term begins 7/1/2024 and expires 6/30/2027. Next Term (Female) from Bedford County followed by Somerset County

One (1) Representative from Member Private School

ADVISORY MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT 5 COMMITTEE

Non-voting members serve at the will and discretion of the District 5 Committee. All non-voting members must be endorsed by their home school to serve as a non-voting member. The District 5 Committee may also appoint previously elected committee members as advisors of the District Committee who also serve at the will and discretion of the Committee members.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR THE 2026-27 SCHOOL YEAR

Jeff Batzel, Chairman, Scott Shirley, Vice Chairman, Brown Cutchall, Secretary, Scott Close, Treasurer, _____ Director(s) of Various Sports

ADVISORS

Joe Renzi, Virgil Palumbo, Terry Diehl, Ralph Scott, Larry Palmer

DISTRICT COMMITTEES

SECTION 1. COMPOSITION

A. Committee Makeup. The makeup of each district committee shall be decided by the members of that particular district; provided that at least one member of the district committee shall be a representative of the junior high/middle schools of the district, one a representative of the school boards of the district, and one a representative of the registered P.I.A.A. officials in the district.

Additionally, each district committee shall contain an advisory representative of the athletic directors of the district, and an advisory representative of the girls' athletic programs in the district.

B. Method of Selection.

1. The members of schools of a District shall approve each year from their district, at their annual meeting, members, at their discretion, to serve for one year except the Junior High/Middle Schools representative, who shall serve for a period of two years, starting the following July 1st, all of whom shall be professional employees certificated by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

2. The school board member, whose high school is a member of the P.I.A.A. , shall be appointed for a term of two years by the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania School Boards Association from each of the P.I.A.A. geographic district areas.

3. The officials' representative shall be elected for a term of two years by the P.I.A.A. registered officials of the District. When there is only one nominee for an officials position in a District, an election will not be conducted, and the nominee will be elected to the position. Representatives of odd numbered Districts will be elected in the odd numbered years and representatives of even numbered Districts will be elected in the even numbered years.

C. Time of Selection

All elections and appointments shall be made prior to May 8th

D. Vacancies

When a vacancy occurs in the membership of the District Committee, the unexpired term shall be filled by the remaining members of the committee, except that in the case of the School Boards representative, the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania School Boards Association shall appoint an interim representative to fill the unexpired term; and in the case of the officials' representative(s) the Executive Director shall conduct a special election among the affected PIAA-registered officials of the District to fill the unexpired term(s). District 5 committee members elected to serve on the district committee whose employment status changes will remain on the district committee for the remainder of their term.

E. Organizational Meeting Requirement. The members of each District Committee elected for the following year shall meet for organization purposes only, prior to May 8th.

F. Failure to Elect. If a district fails to elect a District Committee prior to July 1st, the President of the P.I.A.A. shall appoint a chairman from the district who shall serve during the ensuing year. He shall conduct an election for the remaining members of the District Committee within one month following his appointment.

SECTION 2. OFFICERS

The officers of each District Committee shall be a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, a Treasurer and a Secretary, or a Secretary-Treasurer combined.

SECTION 3. POWERS AND DUTIES OF A DISTRICT COMMITTEE

The District Committee shall have the following powers and duties subject to exercise by the Board of Directors of its powers as provided in Article VII, Section 1 of the PIAA Constitution and By-Laws.

A. To have general control within the District over all interscholastic athletic relations and athletic contests in which a member school participates, subject to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Board of Directors.
B. To elect its own officers and establish rules of procedure
C. To administer the finances of the District Committee
D. To render, within the District, an opinion on the provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws, Policies and Procedures and Rules and Regulations of this Association.
E. To decide matters in dispute between member schools located within the District. No member of the District Committee shall be eligible to vote in case of a dispute involving such member's school.
F. To receive, request, or require data on alleged violations of the Constitution and By-Laws, Policies and Procedures and Rules and Regulations by or from schools located within the District. In assuming this responsibility, the District Committee shall not be required to assume the position of investigator. Charges of violation against the Constitution and By-Laws, Policies and Procedures and Rules and Regulations of this Association by a member school shall be made to the Chair of the District Committee, such evidence shall be presented in the form of affidavits.
G. To make determinations as to the eligibility of contestants, and to address alleged violations of this Constitution, By-Laws, Policies and Procedures and Rules and Regulations of this Association.
H. To fix and enforce penalties, within the District, for violation of the Constitution and By-Laws, Policies and Procedures and Rules and Regulations of this Association within the limits prescribed by the By-Laws.
I. In acting pursuant to the provisions of subsections D, E. F. G, and H of this Section, the District Committee shall act at a scheduled meeting, unless the Chairman of the District Committee shall determine that immediate disposition of the matter would be in the best interests of the District or the Association. In such event, the chairman of the District committee shall promptly convene a Hearing Panel to hear and determine such matter as expeditiously as possible. The membership of such Hearing Panel shall consist of five members of the District Committee designated by the Chairman for each such matter requiring expeditious disposition. No officer or member of the District Committee shall be eligible to serve upon such Hearing Pane in any matter involving such officer's or member's school or school district.
J. To have general control of District Championship Contests and District Interscholastic Meets.
K. To act with the Board of Directors in the transfer of schools from one district to another.
L. A District Committee shall have such other powers within the District as are in keeping with the growth and needs of the Association and which are consistent with the Constitution and By-Laws, Policies and Procedures and Rules and Regulations of the P.I.A.A.
M. A majority of its members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business of the District Committee except in cases where a three-fourths, or unanimous vote of the entire committee is required.

2026-27 DISTRICT V COMMITTEE
MAILING LIST AND PHONE NUMBERS

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DISTRICT V COMMITTEE MEETINGS – 2026-27

https://district5.piaa.org/meetings.html

For District V Past Champions, District Forms, Game Information, Sport Information Packets, Financial Forms and other important District V Information go to the P.I.A.A. District V Webpage.

https://district5.piaa.org/index.html

POLICY REGARDING PIAA-APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS AS INTER-DISTRICT PLAYOFF CONTESTS SITE MANAGERS AND THEIR RELATIVES SERVING AS EVENT PERSONNEL

PIAA shall provide for members of the PIAA Board of Directors to be appointed as site managers of inter-district playoff contests whenever the involved member is the Chairperson of that sport in the PIAA District in which the contest is being played, or has been designated by that chairperson.

PIAA shall restrict immediate family members of the members of the PIAA Board of Directors from serving as event personal at inter-district playoff contests, except in urgent situations.

PIAA CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT

The Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association, Inc. (PIAA) requires that each person serving as a member of the Board of Directors, a District Committee, or an agent or employee of the PIAA, perform his or her duties without influence or the appearance of influence by any other business or financial interest of such person.

Potential conflicts of interest include, but are not limited to, a person's direct financial interest in a company or product which could be affected by a decision of the Board of Directors or a District Committee on which the person serves.

The PIAA is not critical of such interests. It merely requests that persons disqualify themselves from PIAA decisions on matters relating to such interests.

If a member of the Board of Directors, a District Committee, or an agent or employee of the PIAA, should have or develop a conflict of interest, such person shall:

1) Immediately identify the conflict in writing to the president and/or executive director, or the District Chairman, as applicable; and
2) Remove himself or herself from any discussion or decisions involving the matter in conflict.

In case of doubt about the existence of a conflict, a member should submit the question and the relevant facts to the president and/or executive director, or the District Chairman, as applicable, for a decision.

For the Following Items refer to the PIAA website at:
http://piaa.org/resources/handbook

And then refer to the Section and Page listed (note pages may change slightly as PIAA makes updates)

OPEN MEETINGS – Section II Policies and Procedures, Pg. 6

PROCEDURAL STANDARDS FOR DISTRICT COMMITTEES – Section II Pg. 21

PROCEDURAL STANDARDS FOR APPEAL HEARINGS – Section II Pg. 30

ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY – Section I Constitution & By-Laws Articles 1 thru 11, Pages 11-28

FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS, INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS, AND FOREIGN STUDENTS – Section I Pg. 24

RESTRICTION ON ADVERTISEMENTS OR SPONSORS NAMES ON UNIFORMS AND/OR WARM-UP APPAREL – Section II Pg. 145

POLICY REGARDING THE WEARING OF AN AMERICAN FLAG AND EITHER A COMMEMORATIVE PATCH OR A MEMORIAL INSIGNIA ON CONTEST JERSEY/SHIRT – Section II Pg. 145

PIAA POSITION REGARDING COMPETITION STANDARDS RELATIVE TO GIRLS PLAYING ON BOYS' TEAMS OR BOYS PLAYING ON GIRLS' TEAMS – Section II Pg. 118

FORFEITURE OF CONTESTS – Section III Rules and Regulations Pg. 2

SEASONS AND OUT-OF-SEASONS RULES AND REGULATIONS

*** * * Section 4. Mixed Gender Participation. PIAA strongly supports and encourages participation by both boys and girls in interscholastic athletics. Based upon real and demonstrable physical and competitive differences between similarly aged and trained high school boys and girls in athletic performances, PIAA recognizes that combining genders for competition purposes would have a chilling effect on female participation in interscholastic athletics. PIAA further recognizes that, historically, girls' participation has been much more limited than boys' participation. To promote participation by the historically underrepresented gender in a fair competitive environment, PIAA, therefore, classifies sports by gender and limits mixed gender participation as follows.**

A. If a school has a Boys' Team in a sport, boys at the school are not eligible to play on the school's Girls' Team in that sport. If a school has a Girls' Team in a sport, girls at the school are not eligible to play on the school's Boys' Team in that sport. The Principal may waive this limitation for a girl seeking to play on a Boys' Team if the Principal believes that the girl's skill level is such that participation on the Girls' Team would not provide meaningful competition for the girl.

B. Girls may play on a Boys' Team if the student's school does not sponsor a comparable Girls' Team in that sport. NOTE: softball and baseball are not viewed

as being comparable sports. Despite some differences in rules, boys' volleyball and girls volleyball, as well as boys' lacrosse and girls' the Team to be noticeably more competitive than it would be without the boy's participation on the Team).

In considering whether to permit participation, with regard to factors 3 and 4, above, the Principal shall be guided by the following:

a. Where there is a question as to the risk posed to opponents or to a possible significant competitive advantage to the Principal's Team, such questions should be resolved in favor of the health and safety of opponents and in favor of preventing significant competitive advantage.

b. Due to the increased risk of injury to opponents in direct contact sports (field hockey, lacrosse, soccer and volleyball), particular scrutiny should be applied by the Principal to requests in these sports.

Notwithstanding any other provision in this Section, boys are permitted to participate on a Spirit Team without Principal approval.

D. Rules applicable to Mixed Gender Teams: Because PIAA does not have a Mixed Gender classification, the following provisions govern participation by Mixed Gender Teams:

1. for Post Season purposes, Mixed Gender Teams (other than in the sport of Spirit) shall compete only in the sport classifications designated for boys.

2. 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.

3. In the sport of volleyball, a Mixed Gender Team shall play during the boys' Regular Season and Post Season.

E. Where a student's gender is questioned or uncertain, the decision of the Principal as to the student's gender will be accepted by PIAA.

F. Nothing in this Section shall be interpreted to require a school to have a Mixed Gender Team where such participation would be inconsistent with the school's religious beliefs.

G. The refusal of a Team to participate in a Contest against a Mixed Gender Team shall result in forfeiture of the Contest by the Team which refuses to participate. In sports in which individual events or matches are conducted, refusal of a contestant to participate in any event or match will result in forfeiture of that event or match by that student and not by the Team.

* * * GLOSSARY * * *

BOYS' TEAM: A Team consisting of all boys.

GIRLS' TEAM: A Team consisting of all girls.

MIXED GENDER TEAM: A Team consisting of both boys and girls. Participation of both boys and girls on a Team in any Contest during a season causes the Team to be considered as a Mixed Gender Team for that season.

District 5 Policy on Forfeits

District 5 member schools establish regular season schedules through independent scheduling agreements, participation in leagues or conferences, or schedules developed by the District 5 Committee. By accepting a schedule, a member school commits to participating in all scheduled contests.
District 5 recognizes that schools may schedule contests with non-PIAA opponents or opponents outside District 5. In such cases, circumstances beyond the control of either school may prevent a contest from being played or rescheduled. Unless otherwise determined by the District Committee or its authorized designee, contests that are not played shall generally be considered a "No Contest" rather than a forfeit.
The following provisions govern situations in which a school may be required to forfeit a contest.

1. **Participation Requirement**

A school that fails to participate in a scheduled contest shall be subject to forfeiture unless the District Committee or its authorized designee determines that the failure to participate resulted from unavoidable circumstances beyond the reasonable control of the school.
Examples of unavoidable circumstances may include, but are not limited to:
• Severe weather or hazardous travel conditions;
• School closure or emergency dismissal;
• Public safety or security concerns;
• Transportation breakdowns beyond the school's control;
• Facility damage or unavailability;
• Medical emergencies; or
• Other circumstances deemed appropriate by the District Committee.
When unavoidable circumstances exist, the District Committee or its authorized designee may declare the contest a No Contest, approve a rescheduled contest, or grant such other relief as deemed appropriate.

2. **Avoidable Forfeits**

A forfeit shall be assessed when a school fails to participate in a scheduled contest due to circumstances reasonably within the control of the school, including but not limited to:
• Failure to field a team;
• Voluntary withdrawal from a scheduled contest;
• Failure to secure transportation when reasonable alternatives existed;
• Administrative oversight; or
• Other avoidable circumstances as determined by the District Committee.

3. **Unavoidable Forfeits and Extraordinary Circumstances**

A school that is unable to participate in a scheduled contest due to circumstances beyond its reasonable control may request that the contest be declared an unavoidable forfeit or No Contest, as appropriate. The District 5 Committee or its authorized designee shall determine whether the circumstances warrant relief from the standard forfeit provisions.
Unavoidable circumstances may include, but are not limited to:

1. **Weather and Travel Conditions:** Severe weather, hazardous road conditions, travel restrictions, or other conditions that make travel unsafe.
2. **School Closures and Emergencies:** An unexpected school closure, emergency dismissal, public safety threat, or other emergency affecting the school or its community.
3. **Transportation Issues:** An unexpected transportation failure or disruption that could not reasonably have been prevented or resolved through available alternatives.
4. **Medical Emergencies:** An unforeseen medical emergency or other extraordinary health-related circumstance that prevents a school from safely fielding a team.
5. **Facility Issues:** Unexpected facility damage, loss of facility access, or other conditions that make the scheduled competition site unavailable or unsafe.

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6. **Unforeseen Circumstances:** Other extraordinary events beyond the reasonable control of the school that, in the judgment of the District 5 Committee or its authorized designee, justify relief from a forfeit.

   A school requesting relief shall notify the opposing school and the District 5 Committee or its authorized designee as soon as reasonably possible. The school may be required to provide documentation of the circumstances and demonstrate that reasonable efforts were made to participate in or reschedule the contest.
   The determination of whether circumstances are unavoidable shall consider the nature of the event, the timing of the notification, the safety of students and staff, the availability of reasonable alternatives, and the school's efforts to minimize the disruption.
   When a failure to participate is determined to result from unavoidable circumstances, the District 5 Committee or its authorized designee may declare the contest a No Contest, approve rescheduling, or provide other appropriate relief. A contest determined to be an unavoidable forfeit shall not be subject to any additional ranking penalty imposed for an avoidable forfeit.
   The inability to field a team, by itself, shall not automatically constitute an unavoidable circumstance. Each request shall be evaluated based on the specific facts and circumstances presented.

4. Effect of a Forfeit

A forfeited contest shall:
a. Count as a loss for the forfeiting school and a win for the opposing school for purposes of records, standings, seeding, and playoff qualification.
b. Not be subject to refusal by the opposing school.
c. Result in an additional ranking penalty for avoidable forfeits. For District 5 ranking and playoff qualification purposes, an avoidable forfeit shall count as .25 point deduction in the District 5 ranking calculation. The District Committee may waive this additional penalty when it determines that extraordinary circumstances existed.
Any team assessed a forfeit due to avoidable circumstances shall receive the loss and incur a .25 deduction from its District 5 ranking percentage or power rating calculation. The District Committee may waive the deduction when the forfeit results from circumstances beyond the reasonable control of the school.

5. Notification Requirement

A school unable to participate in a scheduled contest shall notify the opposing school, assigned officials, league representatives (if applicable), and the District Committee or its authorized designee as soon as reasonably possible after becoming aware of the issue. Failure to provide timely notification may be considered when determining whether a contest shall be declared a forfeit.

6. Voluntary Cancellation of Contests

Schools may mutually agree to terminate a contract for a contest. In such cases, the contest shall be treated as if it had not been scheduled.
For contests scheduled by or under the authority of the District Committee, approval of the District Committee or its authorized designee shall be required before the contest may be removed from the schedule without penalty.

7. Rescheduling of Contests

Schools may mutually agree to reschedule a contest that cannot be played at its originally scheduled date and time. When a contest is properly rescheduled, the original contest date shall be treated as if no contest had been scheduled.
For contests scheduled by or under the authority of the District Committee, approval of the District Committee or its authorized designee shall be required for rescheduling.

8. Coach Ejection Resulting in Contest Termination

When a coach who has been disqualified from a contest fails to leave the vicinity of the competition area and such actions result in the termination of the contest, the contest shall be forfeited to the opposing team.

9. Official Playing Rules

Except as otherwise provided herein, the provisions of the official playing rules governing PIAA-sponsored sports relating to forfeits shall apply according to their terms.

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10. Replacement Contest

If a school receives a forfeit from an opponent, the school receiving the forfeit may schedule and play another regular season contest in place of the forfeited contest.

11. Appeals

If a replacement contest is played, the result of the played contest shall be used for the receiving school's record, standings, and playoff qualification purposes. The forfeiting school shall continue to record the contest as a loss by forfeit.
A school may appeal a forfeit determination to the District Committee within forty-eight (48) hours of notification. The decision of the District Committee shall be final.

Adopted October 5, 1984
Amended January 29, 2005
Revised October 28, 2026

2026-27 P.I.A.A. DISTRICT V RANKING SYSTEM

A. POINT SYSTEM – SPORTS WITH 6 CLASSIFICATIONS

1. A team receives 6 points for a win.
2. Bonus points are awarded on the following basis:
   1 point awarded for a win over a class A school, total of 7 points
   2 points awarded for a win over a class AA school, total of 8 points
   3 points awarded for a win over a class AAA school, total of 9 points
   4 points awarded for a win over a class AAAA school, total of 10 points
   5 points awarded for a win over a class AAAAA school, total of 11 points
   6 points awarded for a win over a class AAAAAA school, total of 12 points

B. POINT SYSTEM – SPORTS WITH 4 OR FEWER CLASSIFICATIONS

1. A team receives 4 points for a win
2. Bonus points are awarded on the following basis:
   1 point awarded for a win over a class A school, total 5 points
   2 points awarded for a win over a class AA school, total of 6 points
   3 points awarded for a win over a class AAA school, total of 7 points
   4 points awarded for a win over a class AAAA school, total of 8 points

C. ADDITIONAL POINT SYSTEM INFORMATION – ALL SPORTS

3. No points are awarded for a loss regardless of opponent's classification.
   Victories over out of state opponents will receive the same bonus points from that sport's PIAA classification system. The Principal and/or Athletic Director will secure in writing from the out of state opponents the current enrollment of males and females eligible to participate from grades 10-12 in the year in which the contest will be held. District 5 schools shall list the enrollment beside the opponent's name on the District 5 Rating Sheet. Victories over non-P.I.A.A. opponents will receive the lowest point total awarded in that classification for a victory.
4. Tournament games, scrimmages, and exhibition games (example: alumni games) do not count in ranking.
5. Forfeiture of a contest will be governed by P.I.A.A. rules.
6. Failure to play entire schedule could result in additional penalties (point deductions) per district committee rulings/decisions.
7. Rankings are based on all school schedules that are turned into the District V Statistician by the first legal starting date for that sports season. If games are lost by a school because a scheduled opponent disbands their team before the first legal play date, they may schedule other games for ranking. If games are lost by a school because a scheduled opponent disbands their team after the first legal play date, they may receive forfeits for

the games lost.

8. In order to be considered for ranking purposes, in District 5 Playoffs, a minimum number of contests must be played against PIAA member schools or non-PIAA schools that are in good standing with their respective National Federation of State High School Association and member state high school association. It is the responsibility of District 5 member schools to insure that all contests submitted meet PIAA and District 5 rules:
    - Schools must complete a minimum of 50% of the PIAA maximum number of contests allowed as set forth in the PIAA Constitution & By-Laws.
    - Basketball & Volleyball - 11 contests
    - Baseball & Softball - 10 contests
    - Soccer & Tennis - 9 contests

B. TIE BREAKER SYSTEM FOR RANKING ONLY, APPLIED IN ORDER (Tournament games will not be used in any of the criteria listed below.
NEW SYSTEM

A. Head to Head victor, if the teams played each other
B. Winning percentage versus all common opponents in all games played (regardless of the number of times two schools play each other).
C. Bonus Points as calculated by wins by defeated opponents divided by games played.
D. Winning percentage calculated by wins divided by games played. Ties count as half.
E. Greatest number of wins, excluding tournaments & exhibition games (example: Alumni Games)
F. Coin toss at site convenient to both schools

C. 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 be held at a neutral site. Applies to all sports except Football.

D. RANKING AND PLAYOFF INFORMATION – INDIVIDUAL SPORTS

1. FOOTBALL
    a. Points from first 10 games count for ranking.
    b. Ranking is determined by total points accumulated. Total points will be divided by total games played.
    c. P.I.A.A. has all six classes for ranking purposes.
2. GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
    a. A minimum of 11 games played are necessary to qualify for playoffs.
    b. Ranking is determined by total points accumulated divided by the total games played, excluding tournaments, scrimmages, and exhibitions.
    c. P.I.A.A. has six classes for ranking purposes, Class A through Class AAAAAA
3. BOYS AND GIRLS SOCCER
    a. A minimum of 9 games played are necessary to qualify for playoffs.
    b. Ranking is determined by total points accumulated divided by the total games played, excluding tournaments, scrimmages, and exhibitions.
    d. P.I.A.A., has four classes for ranking purposes, Class A, Class AA, Class AAA, Class AAAA. Girls Class AA compete in District 6. There are four Boys Classes. AA will boys will

compete with District 8 in a regional.

4. BOYS AND GIRLS BASKETBALL
    a. Ranking is determined by total points accumulated divided by the total games played, excluding tournaments, scrimmages, and exhibitions.
    b. P.I.A.A. has all six classes for ranking purposes.
5. BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL
    a. A minimum of 10 games played are necessary to qualify for playoffs.
    b. Ranking is determined by total points accumulated divided by the total games played, excluding tournaments, scrimmages, and exhibitions.
    c. P.I.A.A. has six Boys and Girls classes for ranking purposes.
6. BOYS AND GIRLS TEAM TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS
    a. Ranking is determined by total points accumulated divided by the total games played, excluding tournaments, scrimmages, and exhibitions.
    b. The top four teams will play at the #1 team's court for boys and top four teams will meet at the #1 team's court for girls.
    c. P.I.A.A., for ranking purposes, has two classifications for Boys and Girls Tennis – Class AA and Class AAA.
7. TEAM WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIP
    a. Ranking is determined by total points accumulated divided by the total matches played, excluding tournaments, scrimmages, and exhibitions.
    b. P.I.A.A., for ranking purposes, has two classifications for wrestling – Class AA and Class AAA.

9. NUMBER OF QUALIFIERS FOR DISTRICT 5 TEAM SPORT TOURNAMENTS

    (As adopted at the January 28, 2026 committee meeting)

    a. 12+ teams at start of season = 8 team bracket
    b. 8-11 teams at start of season = 6 team bracket
    c. 7 or less teams at start of season = 4 team bracket
    d. Teams with .500 or better records will qualify and be added to the bracket
    e. Subregional tournaments will be setup in conjunctions with the other district(s) involved in the subregional

INDIVIDUAL STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN PIAA DISTRICT 5 TOURNAMENTS

(Cross Country, Golf, Boys Tennis Singles, Girls Tennis Singles, Track & Field)

1. The board of school directors of the participating high school must sanction the student's participation in the Tournament by Board resolution.

2. The board of school directors must approve individuals to serve as coaches of the activity.

3. The administration is to ensure that student athletes have physical examinations on file, names are added to an eligibility list, and where applicable, that their coaches have attended a rules interpretation meeting. In the event that an activity is to be started after the regular season has begun and the rules interpretation meeting was already held, it is the responsibility of the high school principal to notify the PIAA Executive Director and the District 5 Chairman.

4. The above regulations only apply to individuals entering into the District Tournament and representing District 5 in the state championships. Please note this does not negate Article VIII – Sections 5 & 6 of the PIAA Constitution that govern team championships.

CLASSIFICATION ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS

https://www.piaa.org/schools/classifications/requirements.aspx

SCHOOL CLASSIFICATIONS

https://www.piaa.org/schools/classifications/default.aspx

FEES FOR DISTRICT 5 EVENTS

MINIMUM LIVE RADIO BROADCASTING, WEBCASTING (AUDIO STREAMING), AND/OR REAL-TIME WEB PUBLISHING RIGHTS FEES

1st Round Contests	$50.00
2nd Round Contests	$60.00
Consolation/Championship	$75.00

MINIMUM LIVE CABLECASTING/TELECASTING AND/OR WEBCASTING (VIDEO STREAMING) RIGHTS FEES

1st Round Contests	75% of PIAA Rate School owned $0.00
2nd Round Contests	75% of PIAA Rate School owned $0.00
Consolation/Championship	75% of PIAA Rate School owned $0.00

GAME ADMINISTRATION FEES FOR NEUTRAL SITES

SECURITY – Maximum (District 5 Chairman Approval Required)	$200.00
TIMER **	$45.00/$75.00/$105.00
TICKET Scanner ** (2)	$35.00/$65.00/$95.00
TRAINER **	$60.00/$100.00/$140.00
OFFICIALS EVALUATOR (PIAA Rates)	$50/$85/$120
Other Expenses, Workers (District 5 Chairman Approval Required)	Local Fees

GOLF

Participation Fee	$15.00

GIRLS AND BOYS SOCCER

Officials – 2 Linesmen	$85.00
Center Referee	$100.00
Officials (championship) – 2 Linesman	$90.00
Center Referee	$110.00
Game Manager **	$90.00/$150.00
OFFICIALS EVALUATOR (District 5 Chairman Approval Required)	PIAA Rates
Other Expenses, Workers (District 5 Chairman Approval Required)	Local Fees

VOLLEYBALL

Game Manager **		Single	$90.00/$150.00/$210.00
Officials:	R1 AND R2	Single	$90.00
Officials:	LINES (2)	Single	$60.00
Officials:	LINES (2)	Double Header	$110.00
Officials:	LINES (2)	Triple Header	$160.00
Officials:	MIXED POSITIONS (4)	Double Header	$150.00
Officials:	MIXED POSITIONS (4)	Triple Header	$200.00
OFFICIALS EVALUATOR (District 5 Chairman Approval Required)			PIAA Rates
Other Expenses, Workers (District 5 Chairman Approval Required)			Local Fees

CROSS COUNTRY

Game Manager	$90.00
Officials Starters (1)	$95.00

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On Course Officials (2)		$85.00
Timer (1)	Determined by number of runners	
Scorer (1)		$45.00
Participant Entry Fee		$15.00
Other Expenses, Workers (District 5 Chairman Approval Required)		Local Fees

FOOTBALL

Game Manager		$175.00
Assistant Game Manager		$100.00
Officials (7)	Semi-Finals	$90.00
Officials (7)	Finals	$95.00
Other Expenses, Workers (District 5 Chairman Approval Required)		Local Fees

TENNIS BOYS AND GIRLS

Game Manager	$90.00
Participant Entry Fee	$15.00
Team Entry Fee	$50.00
Other Expenses, Workers (District 5 Chairman Approval Required)	Local Fees

1BOYS & GIRLS BASKETBALL

Game Manager **	$90.00/$150.00/$210.00
Officials (3)	$90.00 each
Officials (Championship)	$95.00 each
SCORER (Neutral Site Only) **	$35.00/$65.00/$95.00
Other Expenses, Workers (District 5 Chairman Approval Required)	Local Fees

WRESTLING (INDIVIDUAL TOURNAMENT)

Coordinator	$200.00
Assistant Director	$100.00
Physical Setup	$60.00
Mat help (2)	$50.00 each
Official Scorer	$60.00
Announcer	$75.00
Weigh In Master (2)	$30.00
Officials (6)(8 total with Female Wrestlers)	$400.00 each
Table Workers	
Timers, Scorers (7)	$60.00 each *Finals - $75.00-(3)
Runners/Wall charts (4)	$15.00 each
Bout Sheets Table (2)	$60.00 each
Tickets Scanner (2)	$60.00 each
Ticket Scanners (2)	$40.00 each *Finals
Door Watchers/Security (3)	$50.00 each
Trainer	$175.00
Physicians (2)	$50.00
Computer Programmer/software	$125.00

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Program Director	$75.00	
Sellers (Programs)	$50.00	
Participant Fee	$15.00	
Other Expenses, Workers (District 5 Chairman Approval Required)		Local Fees

TEAM WRESTLING

Game Manager	Single Match	$90.00
Game Manager	2 Semi-Finals and Finals	$150.00
Game Manager	2 Quarter Finals, 2 Semi-Finals and Finals	$200.00
Officials (2) Per Match		$95.00
Weigh In Master	2 Semi-Finals and Finals	$50.00
Weigh In Master	2 Quarter Finals, 2 Semi-Finals and Finals	$75.00
Other Expenses, Workers (District 5 Chairman Approval Required)		Local Fees

TRACK

Game Manager	$150.00
Scorer (2)	$75.00
Announcer (2)	$75.00
Awards	$50.00
Officials – Starters (2)	$150.00
Officials – Clerk & Meet Referee (1)	$130.00 each
Officials – Events (7)	$125.00 each
Team Entry	$25.00
Participant Fee	$10.00
Other Expenses, Workers (District 5 Chairman Approval)	Local Fees

BASEBALL & SOFTBALL

Game Manager		$90.00
Officials (4)		$90.00 each
Officials (4)	Championship	$95.00 each
Official Pitch Counter (Baseball Only)		$45.00
Other Expenses, Workers (District 5 Chairman Approval)		Local Fees

CHEERLEADING

Game Manager	$90.00
Officials (3) (Judges)	$150.00
Team Fee	$175.00

** the amounts separated by “/” indicate whether single event, doubleheader or tripleheader

NO MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT IN ANY SPORT

Additional personnel increases must be approved by the District Chairman

TICKET PRICES FOR DISTRICT 5 EVENTS

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Ticket prices for championship games will be as follows:

Presale Fees

Play-In Contests	Students-$4.00 Adults-$7.00
1st & 2nd Round Contests:	Students-$4.00 Adults-$7.00
Consolation Contests:	Students-$5.00 Adults-$9.00
Championship Contests:	Students-$5.00 Adults-$9.00

After Presale Fees:

All Events	General Admission-$10.00

Complimentary Tickets - Each school will receive six (6) complimentary tickets

DISTRICT V COMMITTEE FEES

GOLF	
Director	$600.00
GIRLS AND BOYS SOCCER	
Directors	$600.00
Statisticians	$300.00
VOLLEYBALL	
Director	$600.00
Statistician	$300.00
CROSS COUNTRY	
Director	$600.00
FOOTBALL	
Director	$600.00
Statistician	$300.00
TENNIS BOYS AND GIRLS	
Director	$600.00
Statisticians (2)	$300.00
1BOYS & GIRLS BASKETBALL	
Directors	$600.00
Statisticians	$300.00
WRESTLING	
Director	$600.00
TEAM WRESTLING	

Director	$600.00
Statistician	$300.00
TRACK	
Directors	$600.00
Statistician	$300.00
BASEBALL & SOFTBALL	
Directors	$600.00
Statisticians	$300.00
CHEERLEADING COORDINATOR	$400.00
DISTRICT V	
Chairman	$3200.00
Vice-Chairman	$900.00
Treasurer	$2800.00
Secretary	$1000.00
Chairman's Secretary	$800.00
Treasurer's Secretary	$800.00
Technology Director (Includes Online ticketing And Zoom)	$600.00
Website Maintenance	$600.00
Sportsmanship Director	$600.00
Awards Chairman	$600.00

DISTRICT 5 CHAMPIONSHIP CONTEST AWARDS

Baseball: Champion Team receives trophy. Members of champion and runner-up teams receive individual awards (maximum of 25).

Basketball Girls and Boys: Champion Team receives trophy. Members of champion and runner-up Teams receive individual awards (25 maximum).

Cross Country Girls and Boys: Champion teams receives trophy. Members of champion team receive individual awards (Maxiumum 10). Individual Girls and Boys Champion receive Champion plaques. State Qualifiers individual awards silver medals 5 for Girls and 5 for Boys

Football: Champion Team receives trophy. Members of champion and runner-up teams receive individual awards (50 Maxiumum).

Golf: Champion Team receives trophy. Members of champion team and runner up team receive individual awards (10 maximum). Individual awards - 1 Boys and Girls Champion Plaque, 1 Boys State Qualifier Plaque.

Soccer Girls and Boys: Champion Team receives trophy. Members of champion and runner-up teams receive individual awards (25 maxiumum).

Softball: Champion Team receives trophy. Members of champion and runner-up teams receive individual awards (25 maximum).

Tennis: Singles and Doubles - Individual awards Champion and runner up Plaques.

Tennis, Team: Champion Team receive trophy. Members of champion and runner-up teams receive individual awards (maximum 10)

Track & Field Girls and Boys: Champion Team receive trophy. First six finishers in each event receive individual awards.

Volleyball: Champion Team receives trophy. Members of champion and runner-up teams receive individual awards (25 maximum).

Wrestling: Champion Team receives trophy. First three finishers in each weight class receive individual awards.

Wrestling, Team: Champion Team receives trophy. Members of champion and runner up teams receive individual awards (25 maximum).

Cheerleading: Overall Champion team (regardless of size) receives a trophy. Members of champion and runner-up teams receive individual awards (25 maximum).

District Champions will be awarded only when District 5 has four or more teams. When District 5 is hosting the Tournament with another District(s) to form a Sub-Regional, the winner will be declared Sub Regional Champions.

While the District Committee will pay for a maximum number of individual awards per sport as noted above, schools will have the opportunity to purchase additional individual awards should they have a need. In addition, every effort will be made to have some extra blank awards on site when a school has a larger than normal squad, so that all athletes can be honored appropriately at championship events.or

For subregional championship games in which no awards have been pre-planned with cooperating Districts and when no District 5 champion has been determined, the committee shall provide Championship Individual awards to a District 5

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team that would win a subregional championship. A Team Trophy will also be purchased by the committee for schools that win subregional titles under the circumstances outlined above.

PIAA - DISTRICT 5 INCIDENT REPORT

Sport: _____

I. Schools involved

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Home School PIAA District

_____ _____

Visiting School PIAA District

_____ _____ _____

Date of Incident Time, inning or heat Score during incident

II. Official's Report

Who was involved in the incident? _____

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Where did the incident occur?_____

What were the circumstances?_____

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What action did the officials take?_____

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Please attach any additional information.

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Ill. Principal's Report

Who was involved in the incident? _____

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Where did the incident occur?_____

What were the circumstances?_____

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What action did your school take?_____

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Please attach any additional information.

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Official's Signature Date

_____ _____

Principal's Signature Date