

**TO: ALL PRINCIPALS & ATHLETIC DIRECTORS**

**FROM: Brown Cutchall, GIRL'S BASKETBALL CHAIRMAN  
Paul Leonard, BOY'S BASKETBALL CHAIRMAN**

**SUBJECT: 2015-16 DISTRICT V BASKETBALL PLAYOFF INFORMATION**

**DATE: November 20, 2015**  
**I. Girls and Boys Basketball**

- A. Ranking is determined by total points accumulated divided by the total games played, excluding tournaments, scrimmages, and exhibitions.**
- B. CLASS A - Eight schools advance in boys and girls class A districts, others need a .500 record or better by February 13, 2016.**
- D CLASS AA – Four schools advance in boys and four girls class AA districts, others need a .500 record or better by February 13, 2016.**
- E. PIAA has four classes (A, AA, AAA, AAAA) for ranking purposes.**

**II. Important Dates (Subject to Change)**

13-Feb-16	Saturday	Class A	District Cut Off
13-Feb-16	Saturday	Class AA	District Cut Off
14-Feb-16	Sunday	Class A & AA	Seeding Meeting
16-Feb-16	Tuesday	Class A Boys	Play IN (if needed)
16-Feb-16	Tuesday	Class AA Boys	Play IN (if needed)
17-Feb-16	Wednesday	Class A Girls	Play IN (if needed)
17-Feb-16	Wednesday	Class AA Girls	Play IN (if needed)
18-Feb-16	Thursday	Class A Boys	1st Round
18-Feb-16	Thursday	Class AA Boys	Semi-Finals
19-Feb-16	Friday	Class A Girls	1st Round
19-Feb-16	Friday	Class AA Girls	Semi-Finals
23-Feb-16	Tuesday	Class A Boys	Semi-Finals
24-Feb-16	Wednesday	Class A Girls	Semi-Finals
		Class A Boys	Consolation (2015 only)
26-Feb-16	Friday	Class A Boys	Finals
26-Feb-16	Friday	Class AA Girls	Finals
27-Feb-16	Saturday	Class A Girls	Consolation
27-Feb-16	Saturday	Class A Girls	Finals
27-Feb-16	Saturday	Class AA Boys	Finals
27-Feb-16	Saturday	All	District Deadline
2-Mar-16	Wednesday	Class AA Girls	5-1 vs 8-1
2-Mar-16	Wednesday	Class AA Boys	5-1 vs 8-1
4-Mar-16	Friday	Class A Boys	PIAA First Round
4-Mar-16	Friday	Class AA Girls	PIAA First Round
5-Mar-16	Saturday	Class A Girls	PIAA First Round
5-Mar-16	Saturday	Class AA Boys	PIAA First Round

III. **(Wednesday, January 20, 2016)** is the deadline for a member school to notify its PIAA District Committee if that member school does not wish to be considered for 2015-16 Postseason Basketball Tournament.

IV. All play-off dates are subject to change due to inclement weather or any unforeseen circumstances.

V. PIAA State Championship Information

District Deadline	February 27	
5-1 vs. 8-1 AA Boy's	March 2	
First Round A Boys, AA Girls	March 4	
First Round A Girls, AA Boys	March 5	
Second Round A Boys, AA Girls	March 8	
Second Round A Girls, AA Boys	March 9	
Quarterfinals A Boys, AA Girls	March 11	
Quarterfinals A Girls, AA Boys	March 12	
Semi-Finals A Boys, AA girls	March 15	
Semi-Finals A Girls, AA Boys	March 15	
PIAA A Boys, AA Girls Championships	March 18	Giant Center, Hershey
PIAA A Girls, AA Boys Championships	March 19	Giant Center, Hershey

VI. Point System

- A team receives 4 points for a win
- 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
- No points are awarded for a loss regardless of opponent's classification
- Victories over out of state opponents or non-P.I.A.A. opponents will receive the lowest point total of 5 points
- Tournament games, scrimmages, and exhibition games do not count in ranking.
- Forfeiture of a contest will be governed by P.I.A.A. rules.
- 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. No games added after the season begins may be counted.
- Ranking is in order of a total number of points accumulated divided by the number of games played, excluding tournament, scrimmage, and exhibition games.

Tie Breaker System for Ranking Only

**REFER TO PAGE 9 IN DISTRICT 5 HANDBOOK**

Tie Breaker System for Rank of 8<sup>th</sup> Place Class A, Rank of 4<sup>th</sup> Place AA  
**PLAYOFF GAME AT NEUTRAL SITE**

VII. TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS - **Paul Leonard - BOYS -- Brown Cutchall - GIRLS**  
STATISTICIANS - **Paul Leonard - BOYS -- Brown Cutchall - GIRLS**

To be eligible for Basketball District Playoffs, all teams must have their League Schedule completed by the District cutoff date. Any scheduling difficulties should be referred to the Tournament Director. It is imperative to make every effort to play your scheduled games. In order to be considered for ranking purposes, in District 5 Playoffs, a minimum number of 14 basketball games 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.

- VIII. The four highest ranked teams in Class A and two highest ranked teams in Class AA will get the home site advantage and will be the home team, thereafter; the highest ranked teams will be the designated home team. Tie breaker information can be found on Page 9 of the District V Handbook.

#### **Class A**

##### **Eight Team Bracket**

**Play-in if needed** #8 vs. #9, #7 vs. #10, #6 vs. #11 etc. Higher Seed host site.

Teams ranked 9th or lower must finish .500 or better in order to be considered as a play-in team

**1st Round** - #1 Team vs. #8 Team

#2 Team vs. #7 Team

#3 Team vs. #6 Team

#4 Team vs. #5 Team

**2<sup>nd</sup> Round** - 1/8 winner plays 4/5 winner

2/7 winner plays 3/6 winner

#### **Class AA**

##### **Four Team Bracket**

**Play-in if needed** #4 vs. #5 Higher Seed host site

Teams ranked 5th must finish .500 or better in order to be considered as a play-in team

**1st Round** - #1 Team vs. #4 Team

#2 Team vs. #3 Team

#### **Championship Rounds/Consolation Games**

The games will be played on a neutral site. The highest ranked team is the home team. Championship games are tentatively set for the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown. Consolation Game sites are tentatively set for the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown.

- IX. **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.
- X. **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.
- XI. **Ticket prices for championship games will be as follows:**  
1st Round Games: Students-\$3.00 Adults-\$5.00  
Championship Games: Students-\$3.00 Adults-\$6.00  
**Complimentary Tickets** - Each school will receive 6 complimentary tickets.
- XII. **Cheerleading** - The PIAA Basketball restrictive cheerleading rule is to be adhered to.
- XIII. **Coaches** - The PIAA Basketball restrictive coaches rule will be adhered to.

XIV. **Number of Teams to advance in state playoffs**

"AA" Boys and Girls – One (1) Regional Play vs. District 8 Champion prior to PIAA First Round

"A" Boys – Three (3) in 2015 and two (2) in 2016

"A" Girls – Three (3)

XV. **Game Balls** - Presented to officials, if accepted, the following will be the procedure used:

1st Half - Home Team

2nd Half - Visitors

If the balls are not found to be acceptable, a ball will be supplied by the game manager.

NOTE: Game balls will be furnished for inter-district & district playoffs.

XVI. **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 PM starting time

**Double Header:** 1<sup>st</sup> game - 6:30 PM starting time  
2<sup>nd</sup> game - 8:00 PM starting time

**Triple Header:** 1<sup>st</sup> game - 5:00 PM starting time  
2<sup>nd</sup> game – 6:30 PM starting time  
3<sup>rd</sup> game - 8:00 PM starting time

**Championships:** 1<sup>st</sup> game - 6:00 PM starting time  
2<sup>nd</sup> game - 8:00 PM starting time

XVII. **Tournament DIRECTORS and STATISTICIANS**

**Boys - Paul Leonard**

**Shade High School**

**203 McGregor Avenue**

**Cairnbrook, PA 15924**

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**Cell Phone: 814-244-6995**

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**Girls - Brown Cutchall**

**Forbes Road School District**

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**Waterfall, PA 16689**

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**School Phone: 814-685-3866 Ext. 1122**

**<bcutchall@frsd.info>**

XVIII. Turn in dates by coaches and athletic directors to appropriate statisticians are due on the following dates:

a. Monday, January 4

b. Monday, January 11

c. Monday, January 18

d. Monday, January 25

e. Monday, February 1

f. Monday, February 8

g. Daily until cut-off date

h. District Cut Off Date - Class A-February 13 & Class AA-February 13

When turning in results on the above mentioned dates, indicate if your team won or lost and the points awarded for that victory. Email the results to the STATISTICIANS. Email is preferred and daily updates are appreciated.

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**XIX. BASKETBALL SCHEDULE (Rating) FORM**

Complete basketball schedule forms with information concerning your school  
Make a copy of this form for your file and return the original (or email) to the appropriate chairperson and statistician by December 4, 2015 (First Legal Play Date).

**XX. District V rankings will be sent to the following newspapers and television stations:**

**E-Mail addresses and phone numbers are listed below for your convenience.**

**XXI. Announcers may do player introductions but play by play during the game may only be done at the District V Championships.**

Contact Information is listed below for your convenience.

**NEWS MEDIA  
TELEPHONE & E-MAIL ADDRESSES**

\*ALTOONA MIRROR  
P.O. Box 2008  
Altoona, PA 16603

E-MAIL <sports@altoonamirror.com>  
1-800-222-1962

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\*BEDFORD GAZETTE  
424 W. Penn Street  
P.O. Box 671  
Bedford, PA 15522

E-MAIL <gazettesports@embarqmail.com>  
1-800-242-4250

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\*CHAMBERSBURG PUBLIC OPINION  
P.O. Box 499  
Chambersburg, PA 17201

E-MAIL <egotwals@publicopinionnews.com>  
717-262-4755

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FULTON COUNTY NEWS

E-MAIL <fultoncountynews@comcast.net>

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GREENSBURG TRIBUNE REVIEW

E-MAIL <ksmith@tribweb.com>

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\*HUNTINGDON DAILY NEWS

E-MAIL <sports@huntingdondailynews.com>  
814-643-4048 Ext 153

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\*SOMERSET DAILY AMERICAN  
334 W. Main Street  
Somerset, PA 15501

E-MAIL <sports@dailyamerican.com>  
1-800-452-0823

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\*JOHNSTOWN TRIBUNE DEMOCRAT  
425 Locust Street  
Johnstown, PA 15901

E-MAIL <sports@tribdem.com>  
1-800-473-0980

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\*WJAC - CHANNEL 6

E-MAIL <jconigliaro@chestv.com>  
<news@wjactv.com >  
1-814-255-7671

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\*WTAJ - CHANNEL 10

E-MAIL <sports@wtajtv.com> and  
<kkantz@wtaj.com>  
1-800-762-6053

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The New Republic  
P.O. Box 239  
Meyersdale, Pa 15552

<sports@tnrnewspaper.com>

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Indiana Gazette

<sports@indianagazette.net>  
1-800-262-3077

\* Denotes at minimum contact these. Some are weekly editions and Greensburg & Indiana are out of the area.



## **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.

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS MUST NOTIFY THE DISTRICT CHAIRMAN IN WRITING NO LATER THAN THREE WEEKS INTO THE REGULAR SEASON IF THEY DO NOT WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DISTRICT TOURNAMENT.**

### **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:

- 1.. Photographing, filming and videotaping for the purpose of review before the completion of the filmed game will be prohibited.
2. Two (2) persons from each school will be admitted free to photograph film or video tape these games. All others are required to purchase an admission ticket.
3. 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.
4. Persons filming or videotaping must remain in the areas designated by the game manager for that purpose.



## **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 ten (10) 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. Any coach or player that is disqualified for unsportsmanlike conduct or flagrant misconduct is not permitted to participate in the awards program immediately following the game. This includes district championships and state championships.

## **DISQUALIFICATION FROM NEXT CONTEST**

- A. Any coach ejected from an interscholastic athletic contest by a state high school association recognized registered official in that sport for unsportsmanlike conduct or flagrant misconduct shall be disqualified from coaching for the remainder of the day and in the next contest on the next play day at the same level.
- B. Any contestant ejected from an interscholastic athletic contest by a state high school association registered official in that sport for unsportsmanlike conduct or flagrant misconduct shall be disqualified from participating for the remainder of the day and in the next contest on the next play day at the same level.
- C. Refer to Article XII (by laws), Section 3A - a school shall be required to forfeit a contest for using an ineligible coach

**PREGAME BASKETBALL MEETINGS** - will be held in front of the scorer/timer table, will include team captains and head coach from each school. The referee will be required to read a sportsmanship script with each coach verifying that his/her teams uniforms and equipment are legal and will be worn properly.

9. 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' lacrosse, are viewed as comparable sports.
- C. Boys may play on a Girls' Team if the student's school does not sponsor a Boys' Team in that sport and the Principal determines that;
  - 1. the overall boys' athletic program at the student's school provides fewer opportunities for boys to participate than for girls;
  - 2. the boy would not displace any girl from the Team's roster;
  - 3. the boy would likely not, due to his physical size, athletic ability, and/or other characteristics, pose an increased risk of harm to opponents beyond that which would be posed by an average-sized and skilled participating girl; and
  - 4. the boy would not provide his Team with a significant competitive advantage (as applicable herein, this means that the boy's participation would likely cause 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.