

ATTACHMENT I

MEMBERS OF 2020-2021 PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS			ROLL CALL VOTE			
ATTENDANCE	MEMBER'S NAME	MEMBER'S POSITION				
	Dr. Michael A. Barber	PIAA District I Chairman				
	Stephen Brandt	PIAA District I Vice Chairman				
	Francis M. Majikes	PIAA President and District II Chairman				
	Douglas M. Bohannon	PIAA District III Chairman				
	Patrick J. Tulley	PIAA District III Vice Chairman				
	David Bitting	PIAA District III Representative				
	Chris Venna	PIAA District IV Chairman				
	Paul Leonard	PIAA Treasurer and District V Chairman				
	William W. Marshall	PIAA District VI Chairman				
	Scott M. Seltzer	PIAA District VII Chairman				
	Michael Allison	PIAA District VII Treasurer				
	Dr. Patrick Mannarino	PIAA District VII Vice Chairman				
	Karen Arnold	PIAA District VIII Chairman				
	Aaron Straub	PIAA District IX Chairman				
	Dr. Peter P. Iacino	PIAA District X Chairman				
	Robert F. Hartman, Jr.	PIAA Vice President and District XI Chairman				
	Michael W. Hawkins	PIAA District XII Chairman				
	Joseph D. Sette	PIAA District XII Vice Chairman				
	Jeff Batzel	Junior High/Middle Schools' Representative				
	Brian W. Campbell	PA Dept. of Education Representative				
	Nathan G. Mains	PSBA Representative				
	Dr. Richard L. Frerichs	PSBA Representative				
	Lee Ann Wentzel	PASA Representative				
	Jonathan Bauer	PA Principals Association Representative				
	Michael Craig	PSADA Representative				
	Ronald J. Kanaskie	PCA Representative				
	Maureen Gregory	PIAA-Registered Female Officials' Representative				
	Michael Hudak	PIAA-Registered Male Officials' Representative				
	Audrey Hall	Girls' Athletics Representative				
	Michael Cacciotti	Private Schools' Representative				
	Dina Henry	Female Parents' Representative				
	Robert Taylor	Male Parents' Representative				

GUESTS OF 2020-2021 PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Alan R. Boynton, Jr., Esq.	PIAA Legal Counsel
Michael L. Solomon, Esq.	PIAA Director of Legal Affairs
Dana W. Chilson, Esq.	PIAA Legal Counsel
Andrew Goodman	PIAA Legislative Representative
Catharine Conner	PIAA Legislative Representative
Sean Kelly	PIAA District I Assistant Executive Secretary
Sean P. McAleer	Pennsylvania Catholic Conference Director of Education
George B. Shue	PSFCA Associate Executive Director
Amy Scheuneman	PIAA District VII Executive Director



**AGENDA
STRATEGIC PLANNING STEERING COMMITTEE**

February 10, 2021
Staff Liaison

via Zoom Meeting - 2:00 pm
Dr. Lombardi

At 2:02 p.m., Wednesday, February 10, 2021, Mr. Frank M. Majikes, PIAA President, called the Zoom videoconference meeting of the PIAA Strategic Planning Committee to order.

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Michael A. Barber	District 1
Stephen Brandt	District 1
Francis M. Majikes	District 2
Douglas M. Bohannon	District 3
Patrick J. Tulley	District 3
David Bitting	District 3
Chris Venna	District 4
Paul Leonard	District 5
William W. Marshall	District 6
Scott Seltzer	District 7
Karen Arnold	District 8
Aaron Straub	District 9
Dr. Peter P. Iacino	District 10
Robert F. Hartman, Jr.	District 11
Michael W. Hawkins	District 12
Joseph D. Sette	District 12

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT

Dr. Robert A. Lombardi, Executive Director	PIAA
Mark E. Byers, Chief Operating Officer	PIAA
Melissa N. Mertz, Associate Executive Director	PIAA
Patrick B. Gebhart, Assistant Executive Director	PIAA
Jennifer S. Grassel, Assistant Executive Director	PIAA
Michael L. Solomon, Esq., Director of Legal Affairs	PIAA

PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANTS PRESENT

Alan R. Boynton, Jr., Esq.	Legal Counsel
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GUESTS PRESENT

Sean Kelly, Assistant Executive Secretary	District 1
W. Rodney Stone, Executive Secretary	District 1
Amy Scheuneman, Executive Director	District 7
Vince Sortino, Assistant to Executive Director	District 7
Jonathan Bauer	PAESSP
Michael Craig	PSADA
Ronald Kanaskie	PCA
Jeffrey Batzel	Junior High/Middle Schools Representative
Dina Henry	Female Parents Representative
Michael Hudak	Male Officials' Representative
Audrey Hall	Girls' Athletics

Discussion Items

1. At the request of PIAA District IX Chairman, Aaron Straub, Executive Staff and Legal Staff have worked together with him and other interested parties to develop a form that may be utilized for post-season competition. This form is to assist host schools and opponents in conveying health and safety information for participants without conflicting with county, state or federal standards. This form is Attachment #1 and is available for all to use at their convenience.
2. Discussion was held regarding the start of all sports seasons and initially the fall. The discussion, on a 2 to 1 basis of the twelve Districts, was that starting earlier is not something they would embrace at this time. Many factors were discussed including, but not limited to, the impact of summer vacation period, length of the regular season, number of qualifiers at district and inter-district levels, 10-day rule prohibiting team competition, the impact upon post-season competition (districts and inter-districts), weather conditions, having a defined first practice day, first scrimmage date, first contest date and specific number of practice dates.
3. There was general consensus to consider a reduction in practice days for pre-season for sports seasons from those sports that have 15 days (3 weeks) to 10 days (2 weeks). Football would remain at 15 days (3 weeks) with the first week being specifically heat acclimatization. NFHS states were surveyed regarding their pre-season sports limitations (without football) and with 45 states responding, 51.2% had pre-season practice limitation to be 2 weeks and 48.8 % had less than 2 weeks. The same 45 states responded to the minimum pre-season sport limitations for football and 55.6% had 3 weeks and 44.4 % had less than 3 weeks.
4. Discussion was held regarding the reduction of qualifiers for post-season at the district and inter-district level and this was not something philosophically on initial discussion was embraced.

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5. Discussion was held regarding completing fall sports season prior to Thanksgiving or Thanksgiving week and since most fall sports are completed by then, it becomes a football concern. At this time, it's too early to make such a decision. It was discussed to develop possible scenarios and reduce them to writing so all may view what the schedules would look like if this is to be considered.
6. The discussion regarding completing football before or on Thanksgiving weekend also led to other discussion items. Some of these were, potential better weather conditions; playing at the home site of the team at the top of the bracket; elimination of cross-state bracketing; allow for more separation between the fall and winter sports seasons; if not Thanksgiving week, we could return to a 3 day tournament with 2 games per day, which assist schools in travel as well as accommodating bands and fans.
7. Discussion was held regarding the allowance of teams that do not make post-season to continue to play contests after the regular season or district deadline to complete the maximum number of contests in a season. Presently, schools have a maximum number of contests and in football are allowed an additional contest with District Committee approval. This may add to flexibility in scheduling and allowing all to maximize participation. The possibility of ending on a common weekend for some sports to create a championships sports festival at a common site was mentioned.
8. Discussion was held regarding the use of electronic ticketing, especially with the limitations placed upon spectators, was very well received and accepted by those who used it. Crowd size and sales of tickets could be monitored and adjusted to assist in selling all tickets available at sites. The cost savings in the distribution of printing and selling tickets to local schools, having to provide staff and eliminating other ticketing issues were very positive outcomes of using electronic ticketing.
9. Discussion was held regarding the expansion of the period of participation by-law to change the period of participation from the end of the student's fourth consecutive year (8th consecutive semester or the equivalent) beyond the eighth grade year, to 12 consecutive semesters from the end of 6th grade and the beginning of 7th grade with 6 seasons of participation allowed beyond the sixth grade. This will have to be placed upon the Board of Directors' agenda at a future date for the Board to discuss. Dr. Barber would recommend a language change to the current language to indicate the end of 8th grade and the beginning of 9th grade for the period of participation By-law.
10. Discussion was held to allow for flexibility in schools' scheduling for 2021 spring sports to be able to start on or after March 8th but reduce from 15 practices to 10 practices before the first play date of Friday, March 26th. The standard policies of 5 practices before a scrimmage/inter-school practice and only 2 scrimmages per team per sport in the 2021 spring season are still in effect.

PIAA POSTSEASON COVID-19 SCREENING FORM

**(TO BE COMPLETED BY THE SCHOOL'S PRINCIPAL,
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR, OR ATHLETIC TRAINER ON THE DAY
OF THE EVENT AND PRESENTED TO THE GAME MANAGER)**

In the last 7 days, have you experienced any of these symptoms that are not attributable to another known medical condition: cough, shortness of breath, or difficulty breathing?

In the last 7 days, have you experienced at least two of the following symptoms?

- Fever (>100.4 or 38.0°C) including subjective fever
- Shakes with chills
- Fatigue
- Congestion or runny nose
- New muscle or body aches
- New headache
- New sore throat
- Nausea or vomiting
- Loss of taste or smell
- New diarrhea (Diarrhea: >3 loose or liquid stools/day)

In the last 10 days (or 7 days with a negative test in days 5,6, or 7 and symptom free), have you been in personal contact with someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19?

If an answer is YES to any of the preceding question, those individuals may not attend, or participate in, today's Contest.

COVID-19 CERTIFICATION - I certify that all coaches, athletes and other persons from my team attending today's Contest have been asked each of the preceding screening questions today and have answered "no" to each question. No person who has answered "yes" to any of the preceding questions has traveled to, and is not participating in, today's Contest.

If local health department regulations or the school's health and safety plan require different protocols, the Principal, Athletic Director or Athletic Trainer are also certifying their team's compliance with those protocols by their signature below.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Position (check): ☐ Principal ☐ Athletic Director ☐ Athletic Trainer

PIAA POSTSEASON COVID-19 UNIVERSAL FACE COVERING CERTIFICATION

(to be completed prior to the tournament and submitted with the entry form, as applicable. A copy should also be kept on site by the head coach)

GENERAL RULE: The following FAQ is set forth in the Updated Order of the Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Health Requiring Universal Face Coverings.

Does the Order apply to athletes and sports activities? Yes. Everyone who participates in sports activities including coaches, athletes (including cheerleaders) and spectators must wear a face covering, such as a mask, unless they fall under an exception in Section 3 of the Order.

Indoors: Coaches, athletes (including cheerleaders), and spectators must wear face coverings, when indoors and where another person or persons who are not members of the individual's household are present in the same space, irrespective of physical distance. This includes while actively engaged in workouts, competition, and on the sidelines, etc.

This masking requirement is mandatory. For that reason, for the PIAA Inter-District Championship Tournament in all sports, PIAA requires all persons affiliated with a team, including those actively participating in a contest (other than swimming) to wear a mask at all times while at a Contest venue. The only exception permitted is for those persons during competition and falling "under an exception in Section 3 of the Order." PIAA will accept a certification from either the Principal or Athletic Director of a school that the school has made a determination that a student qualifies for an exception for participation DURING a Contest. No exception will be accepted for any person while not actually participating in a Contest. Masks must be worn on the sidelines at all times. If a school has determined that an exception is merited for a participant, the following certification must be completed:

CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that each of the following players qualify for an individual medical exemption, specific to their individual health condition, from wearing a mask during a Contest as per Section 3 in the Updated Order of the Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Health Requiring Universal Face Coverings. In particular, I certify that wearing a face covering would either cause a medical condition, or exacerbate an existing one, including respiratory issues that impede breathing, a health condition or a disability for the following student(s):

_____	_____	_____
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NOTE: Any student and team entering the PIAA Inter-District Championship Tournament consents to participate against students who have been granted an exception certified to through completion of this form by the student's school. A student or team choosing not to participate against any opponent will be required to forfeit that contest. In the sport of wrestling, such forfeiture eliminates the student from further competition in that tournament (see Rule 10-2-5 of the NFHS Wrestling Rules Book).

Name: _____

Date: _____

Position (check): ☐ Principal ☐ Athletic Director