

**PIAA
DISTRICT IV**

FROM: Jim Zack

TO: PRINCIPALS, ATHLETIC DIRECTORS, AND COACHES

DATE: September 6, 2017

RE: Football Playoffs

Enclosed, you will find a copy of the 2017 PIAA District IV football playoff regulations. Please share this with your principal and football coach. **You must notify Mr. Jim Zack by Friday, October 6, 2017, if your school does not wish to be considered for post-season football competition.** Those schools not notifying the District IV Committee will be expected to participate in the District IV tournament. Failure to do so could bring disciplinary action from the committee.

The inter-district playoff format will be used to determine which teams will advance to the state finals. The District IV playoffs will begin the weekend of November 3 and 4 with the district championship game for AA scheduled the weekend of November 17 and 18. For A, AAA and AAAA, the championship game will be held the weekend of November 10 and 11. The first inter-district game will be played the weekend of November 17 and 18.

To enter the district playoffs, your team must have won at least 50% of the games on your schedule and agree to follow District IV and PIAA playoff rules. Any team with less than a 50% record may participate with the approval of the District IV Football Committee.

All teams participating in the District IV playoffs will be invited to a luncheon meeting at the Villa in Williamsport on Monday, October 30, 2017 at 11AM. The purpose of the meeting is to go over final details for the playoffs and provide items for hosting or participating in the tournament. **This meeting is for the AD and Principal only.**

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DISTRICT IV FOOTBALL PLAY-OFF FORMAT

Football play-offs will be conducted in District IV senior high schools in four classifications for the 2017-2018 school year. Williamsport is a 6A school and will participate in the District II tournament if it qualifies. Placement of schools has been decided by enrollment figures from the PIAA.

DATES:

2017 Quarter finals – 10th playing weekend November 3 and 4
AA #1 team plays #8 team, #2 team plays #7 team
#3 team plays #6 team, #4 team plays #5 team

2017 Semi-finals – 11th playing weekend November 10 and 11
Winner #1 and #8 plays winner of #4 and #5
Winner #2 and #7 plays winner of #3 and #6

2017 Finals – 12th playing date November 17 and 18

2017 Semi-finals
A, AAA and AAAA #1 team plays #4 team, #2 team plays #3 team November 3 and 4

2017 Finals November 10 and 11

SCORE REPORTING:

All teams are required to submit scores to MaxPreps after each game in order to confirm regular season records and manage postseason qualification. All Teams must also maintain a completed roster in MaxPreps to participate in the playoffs.

LOGIN INFORMATION

Visit www.MaxPreps.com/AD and enter your email address to sign in, if needed. If you are not a member on MaxPreps, click on “Create an Account” under AD/Coach Account on the right and register to access your team information.

- Select “Set up Admin Accounts” and enter your team’s access code to link your account.
- You are done! You will not need the access code to login in the future. You will enter your email and password to access your team information moving forward.
- If you need your access code, please reach out to the MaxPreps Coach Support team at coachsupport@maxpreps.com or 800-329-7324 x1.

ONCE YOU LOGIN, WHAT DO WE NEED FROM YOU?

1. UPDATE the coaches at your school
2. CHECK to make sure all of your team's schedule/scores are up-to-date throughout the season

If you have any questions at all about MaxPreps or how to get started, please reach out MaxPreps Coach Support at 800-329-7324 x1 or email coachsupport@maxpreps.com. You can also reach out to Eric Frantz, PIAA District IV representative, at eric.frantz@cbsinteractive.com or 916.397.8600.

GAME TIMES:

Starting time for a single game played at night is 7:00 p.m. A single game played in the afternoon will begin at 1:00 p.m. All teams will be expected to play on the date and time established by District IV. Changes will only be granted for unplayable fields, mechanical failure or fields without lights. In such case, the Football Chairman reserves the right to move the contest to a neutral site, to the lower seeded team's field for an alternative date.

GAME SITES:

The game site for each game will be at the home of the highest ranked team provided facilities are adequate (weather permitting) as determined by District IV. The District Committee will determine all game managers. The selected site will provide the following personnel and equipment:

- Facilities manager
- Security police
- Ticket takers and sellers
- P.A. system and announcer
- Ambulance service and physician
- Lockers and dressing rooms
- Scoreboard operator
- Clock operator
- Field markers and chains
- Other required facilities

CANCELLATION AND/OR POSTPONEMENT:

The cancellation, postponement and/or rescheduling of a playoff game will be at the discretion of the district chairman and the football committee.

CONCESSIONS:

The host school or organization shall be responsible for the operation of the concession stand and shall retain all profits.

District IV shall assume the responsibility of preparing a program. The host school shall arrange for the sale of and retain any profits from the programs.

DISTRIBUTION OF RECEIPTS:

The existing formula established by the District IV Committee will apply to the football play-offs. After expenses, the participating schools will share 60% of the net receipts and the district will retain 40%. All team or school expenses will be absorbed from their respective shares.

GAME BALLS:

The District IV Committee will provide National Federation approved **Wilson GST 1003** footballs that must be used for all games.

UNIFORMS:

The home team will wear a dark colored jersey. The visiting team will wear a light colored jersey.

RANKING

The total points will be divided by the total number of contests played to determine seeding. The following ranking system shall apply to member school teams included in District IV:

- a) Two hundred (200) points for defeating as opponent three (5) enrollment classifications above the classification of the winning school.
- b) One hundred eighty (180) points for defeating as opponent three (4) enrollment classifications above the classification of the winning school.
- c) One hundred sixty (160) points for defeating as opponent three (3) enrollment classifications above the classification of the winning school.
- d) One hundred forty (140) points for defeating an opponent two (2) enrollment classifications above the enrollment classification of the winning school.
- e) One hundred twenty (120) points for defeating an opponent one (1) enrollment classification above the enrollment classification of the winning school.
- f) One hundred (100) points for defeating an opponent of the same enrollment classification as the winning school.
- g) Eighty (80) points for defeating an opponent one (1) classification below the enrollment classification of the winning school.
- h) Sixty (60) points for defeating an opponent two (2) classifications below the enrollment classification of the winning school.
- i) Forty (40) points for defeating an opponent three (3) enrollment classifications below the enrollment classification of the winning school.
- j) Twenty (20) points for defeating an opponent three (4) enrollment classifications below the enrollment classification of the winning school.
- k) ZERO (0) points for defeating an opponent three (5) enrollment classifications below the enrollment classification of the winning school.

In addition, the won-loss record of an eligible member school team's regular season opponents used in determining the ranking shall be applied to the eligible member school team's ranking as follows: Ten (10) points for each win and no points for each loss.

Ties in the rankings (ratings) shall be resolve as follows:

- a) If the member schools teams played each other during the regular season, the winner of the majority of those contests shall be ranked (rated) higher.
- b) If (a) does not resolve the tie in the rankings (ratings), the won-loss-tie records of the tied member school teams for the regular season contests used in determining the rankings (rating) shall be used in breaking the tie in the rankings (rating) with ten (10) points awarded for each win and no points awarded for each loss. This total will be divided by the total number of games played for each school.

- c) If (b) does not resolve the tie in the rankings (ratings), the won-loss-tie records of the tied member school teams against common regular season opponents shall be used in breaking the tie in the rankings (ratings) with ten (10) points awarded for each win and no points awarded for each loss. This total will be divided by the total number of games played for each school.
- d) If (c) does not resolve the tie in the rankings (ratings), the winning percentage (divide the number of contests won by the number of contests won and lost) of the tied member school teams' common regular season opponents shall be used in breaking the tie in the rankings (ratings).
- e) If (d) does not resolve the tie in the rankings (ratings), the winning percentage (divide the number of contests won by the number of contests won and lost) of the tied member school teams' regular season opponents used in determining the rankings (ratings) shall be used in breaking the tie in the rankings (ratings).
- f) If (e) does not resolve the tie in the rankings (ratings), the team that yielded the fewest points when the member school teams played each other during the regular season shall be used in breaking the tie in the rankings (ratings).
- g) If (f) does not resolve the tie in the rankings (ratings), the fewest points yielded against the tied member school teams' common regular season opponents shall be used in breaking the tie in the rankings (ratings).
- h) If (g) does not resolve the tie in the rankings (ratings), the fewest points yielded against tied member school teams' regular season opponents used in determining the rankings (ratings) shall be used in breaking the tie in the rankings (ratings). This total will be divided by the total number of games played for each school.
- i) If (h) does not resolve the tie in the tie in the rankings (ratings), a coin toss shall be used in breaking the tie in the rankings (ratings).

The rankings (ratings) shall be used to determine the first round host district in any region or sub-region contest involving member school teams under the jurisdiction of different district committees.

Subsequent round contests involving member school teams under the jurisdiction of different district committees shall be played at a site approved by the Executive Director or his designee.

Contest officials assigned to any region or sub-region contest involving member school teams under the jurisdiction of different district committees shall be approved by the Executive Director or his designee.

CHANGES OF SCHEDULE:

Games scheduled by PIAA member schools after the first official playing date shall not be considered for championship honors for that season. Except in the event of a jointure or other reorganization of schools, consummated before opening of the regular school year. A school or schools so involved will be given time up to and including the second playing week of the season to readjust its schedule. Any schedule adjustments must meet the approval of the PIAA District IV Committee before the games shall be considered for play-off ratings.

Cancellation of a bonafide game contract shall not jeopardize or affect the championship eligibility of the offended team or any other team.

When a regular season game is postponed, the home school shall notify the District IV Football Chairman within the week of postponement when the postponed game is to be played. If the chairman of football is not notified or if the game is not played, the Football Chairman shall notify the District IV Chairman who will notify the said schools to schedule a meeting of the District IV Committee with the schools and after such hearing the decision of the District IV Committee shall be final

When a PIAA District IV member school or member schools cancel a scheduled game, except with the approval of the District IV Committee, such member school or schools shall be subject to suspension from all PIAA play-offs in all sports for a period of one year.

BANDS:

All band members in uniform of both participants will be admitted free and will be designated an area by the facilities manager. Only that number of members in each band who participate throughout the season will be allowed. No joint junior high/middle school and senior high bands will be permitted. With the exception of the band directors, all non-uniformed band personnel must have tickets. Prior arrangements as to the number of members in the band must be mad with the game manager to reserve sufficient space.

The designated home team band will occupy the field prior to game time for a maximum of 20 minutes and must be off the field no later than 10 minutes prior to the start of the game: 6:50 for a 7:00 game, or 12:50 for a 1:00 game. The visitors team band will occupy the field during half-time of the game and will arrange its program not to exceed 10 minutes, which will include being completely off the field.

The home team band will be responsible for the playing of the National Anthem. School bands are encouraged to perform unless weather conditions are such that they will damage the field.

INTRODUCTION OF PLAYERS:

Eleven (11) players from each school will be introduced. Schools have the option of either introducing the starting offensive or defensive team. Team spotters should have this information and give it to the announcer 10 minutes prior to game time. Each school will designate a spotter to work in conjunction with the game manager.

BANNERS, SIGNS, LISTENING DEVICES, AND TEAM BOX DECORUM:

Both the presence and use of balloons, towels, siren, whistles, and portable listening devices (without earphones) are prohibited. The Principal and athletic Director of each school will be requested to confiscate these items from the spectators from their school and community. Small portable listening devices with earphones and stationery banners and signs, which are sportsmanship in their messages are permitted. Principals and Athletic Directors of competing schools shall announce and publicize these regulations.

The Principal, Athletic Director, coaches, team physician, team trainers, players in uniform, managers, ball holders, and statisticians will be the only persons permitted in the team box.

MEDIA:

All media with proper identification will be admitted free. It will be the media's responsibility to contact the facilities manager for any arrangements.

RADIO/TV:

Radio – A & AA games - \$100	AAA & AAAA games - \$150
TV (Delayed broadcast) - A & AA games \$200	AAA & AAAA games - \$300
TV Live – A & AA games - \$1,500.00	AAA & AAAA games - \$2,000

TICKETS:

Players, coaches, trainers, equipment managers, etc. will be admitted without tickets. All must be identified by the coach.

Varsity football cheerleaders in uniform will be admitted free of charge. Chaperone/coach will be admitted with the cheerleaders.

Each participating school will be given 10 complimentary tickets.

Participating schools will be given tickets for pre-game sale at their respective schools on as needed basis. Money and unsold tickets are to be checked with the game manager one (1) hour prior to the start of the game. Pre-game ticket prices are as follows:

<u>All Games:</u>	Students \$4.00
	Adults \$6.00

Admission Price at the Gate:

<u>All Games:</u>	Students \$4.00
	Adults \$6.00

VIDEO:

Each school participating will be allowed to tape its play-off games, making prior arrangements with the facilities manager.

SCOUTING PASS:

Each school will be given four (4) scouting passes to scout the other semi-final game.

TEAM WARM-UP:

Practice sessions at the designated game site will not be permitted prior to the date of the game. Warm-up period prior to the game shall be limited to (1) hour. Teams may be on the field no sooner than 1 ½ hours prior to the start of the game. All teams must leave the field 30 minutes prior to the game and return 10 minutes before the game.

COIN TOSS:

Thirty minutes before game time the officials will call the team captains together at one end of the field for the coin toss. The visiting team will call the toss. Three minutes before game time the officials and captains will meet at mid-field to reenact the coin toss.

TIES – ACCORDING TO NATIONAL FEDERATION RULES:

If the score is tied at the end of the regulation play, overtime shall be used until a winner is declared. After a three-minute rest period each team will put the ball in play from the 10-yard line with four downs to score. This procedure continues until one team out scores the other after each team had an opportunity to score.

OFFICIALS:

The District IV Committee will assign game officials. There will be seven (7) officials for each game.

INSURANCE:

Each school is responsible for providing their individual student participants with accident and/or other coverage for injuries.

PROPERTY DAMAGE:

If property damage is done at a play-off site by competing schools, student body or spectator, to the physical facilities and/or equipment, the school itself (that caused the damage) shall be liable and pay the cost of repair or replacement. Other damages to facilities not attributed to competing schools could be legitimate play-off expense and deducted from play-off receipts.

AWARDS:

Fifth (50) medals will be presented to the championship team.

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Return Email by October 10

Name of school _____

Classification (Circle One) A 2A 3A 5A 6A

School Address _____

Principal _____

Address _____

Telephone Office _____ Cell _____

Head Coach _____

Address _____

Telephone Office _____ Cell _____

Athletic _____

Director _____

Address _____

Telephone Office _____ Cell _____

PIAA DISTRICT IV FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS

	<u>AAA</u>		<u>AA</u>		<u>A</u>
		1986			
Champion	Montoursville		Athens		Muncy
Runner-up	Towanda		Line Mountain		S. Williamsport
		1987			
Champion	Milton		Montoursville		Canton
Runner-up	Selinsgrove		Athens		Montgomery
		1988			
Champion	Selinsgrove		Troy		Loyalsock
Runner-up	Montoursville		Wyalusing		Muncy
		1989			
Champion	Shamokin		Montoursville		S. Williamsport
Runner-up	Selinsgrove		Central Columbia		Canton
		1990			
Champion	Montoursville		Wyalusing		Canton
Runner-up	Mifflinburg		Troy		Southern Columbia
		1991			
Champion	Shamokin		Danville		S. Columbia
Runner-up	Montoursville		Wyalusing		Canton
		1992			
Champion	Selinsgrove		Central Columbia		S. Columbia
Runner-up	Mifflinburg		Line Mountain		Canton
		1993			
Champion	Selinsgrove		Central Columbia		S. Columbia
Runner-up	Athens		Wyalusing		Bloomsburg
	<u>AAAA</u>		<u>AAA</u>		<u>AA</u>
		1994			<u>A</u>
Champion	Williamsport		Montoursville	Central Columbia	S. Columbia
Runner-up			Athens	Wyalusing	S. Wmsport
		1995			
Champion	Williamsport		Shamokin	Line Mountain	S. Columbia
Runner-up			Montoursville	Wyalusing	Loyalsock

	<u>AAAA</u>	<u>AAA</u>	<u>AA</u>	<u>A</u>
		1996		
Champion	Williamsport	Shamokin	Mt. Carmel	S. Columbia
Runner-up		Montoursville	Central Columbia	Muncy
		1997		
Champion	Williamsport	Jersey Shore	S. Williamsport	S. Columbia
Runner-up			Mt. Carmel	Canton
		1998		
Champion	Williamsport	Danville	Mt. Carmel	S. Columbia
Runner-up			Hughesville	Montgomery
		1999		
Champion		Danville	Mt. Carmel	S. Columbia
Runner-up			Wyalusing	Montgomery
		2000		
Champion		Selinsgrove	Mt. Carmel	S. Columbia
Runner-up			Wyalusing	Montgomery
		2001		
Champion		Selinsgrove	Wyalusing	S. Columbia
Runner-up				Muncy
		2002		
Champion			Mt. Carmel	S. Columbia
Runner-up			Hughesville	Muncy
		2003		
Champion		Shamokin	Line Mountain	S. Columbia
Runner-up		Selinsgrove	Mt. Carmel	Bloomsburg
		2004		
Champion		Selinsgrove	Athens	S. Columbia
Runner-up		Shikellamy	Shamokin	Lourdes
		2005		
Champion		Selinsgrove	Montoursville	S. Columbia
Runner-up		Mifflinburg	Towanda	Muncy
		2006		
Champion		Selinsgrove	Montoursville	S. Columbia
Runner-up		Milton	Athens	Muncy

	<u>AAAA</u>	<u>AAA</u>	<u>AA</u>	<u>A</u>
Champion		2007 Selinsgrove Jersey Shore	Montoursville Towanda	Bloomsburg L. Mountain
Champion Runner-up		2008 Selinsgrove Jersey Shore	Mt. Carmel Montoursville	S. Columbia L. Mountain
Champion Runner-up		2009 Selinsgrove Shikellamy	Loyalsock Lewisburg	S. Columbia L. Mountain
Champion Runner-up		2010 Shikellamy Selinsgrove	Lewisburg Danville	S. Columbia L. Mountain
Champion Runner-up		2011 Shamokin Milton	Mt. Carmel Bloomsburg	S. Columbia L. Mountain
Champion Runner-up		2012 Selinsgrove Milton	Danville Mt. Carmel	S. Columbia S Williamsport
Champion Runner-up		2013 Jersey Shore Selinsgrove	Troy Danville	S. Columbia S Williamsport
Champion Runner-up		2014 Selinsgrove Jersey Shore	Montoursville S. Columbia	S. Williamsport N. P-Mansfield
Champion Runner-up		2015 Selinsgrove Jersey Shore	S Columbia Montoursville	Wellsboro N. P- Mansfield

	<u>AAAAAA</u>	<u>AAAA</u>	<u>AAA</u>	<u>AA</u>	<u>A</u>
Champion Runner-up	Williamsport	Jersey Shore Selinsgrove	2016 Montoursville Danville	S Columbia S Williamsport	Muncy Sayre

	<u>AAAAAA</u>	<u>AAAA</u>	<u>AAA</u>	<u>AA</u>	<u>A</u>
Champion Runner-up			2017		

FOOTBALL CLASIFICATIONS

A

Wyalusing Valley High School		142
Muncy High School		139
Sayre Area High School		119
Canton Area High School		114
Montgomery Area High School	1	95
Bucktail Area High School		43

AA

Warrior Run High School		209
Towanda Area High School		203
Central Columbia High School		202
Hughesville High School		193
Troy Junior / Senior High School		172
Mount Carmel Area High School		171
North Penn-Mansfield High School		171
Wellsboro Area High School		169
Line Mountain Sr High School		164
Southern Columbia Area High School		164
Bloomsburg High School		161
South Williamsport Area High School		160

AAA

Mifflinburg Area High School		286
Lewisburg Area High School		274
Milton Area High School		242
Montoursville Area High School		242
Danville Area High School		233
Loyalsock Township High School		211
Cowanesque Valley High School		114

AAAA

Shikellamy High School		334
Jersey Shore Area High School		322
Selinsgrove Area High School		322
Shamokin Area High School		317
Athens Area High School		291
Columbia Montour Area Vo Tech		268
East Juniata High School		152

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Williamsport High School		697
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