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INTRODUCTION

About JLOSC and the Review Process

The Joint Legislative Oversight and Sunset Committee (“JLOSC” or “Committee”) is a bipartisan body comprised of 5 members of the Senate appointed by the President Pro Tempore and 5 members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House. JLOSC completes periodic reviews of agencies, commissions, and boards. The review’s purpose is to first determine the public need for the entity and if need exists, to determine whether the entity is effectively performing to meet the need. JLOSC reviews aim to provide strength and support to entities that are providing a State recognized need. JLOSC performs its duties with support provided by the Division of Research’s dedicated and nonpartisan staff in the form of 2 JLOSC analysts, a legislative attorney, a legislative fellow, and an administrative assistant.

A note about this Draft Report

The information provided in this report is taken from the Joint Legislative Oversight and Sunset Committee Performance Review Questionnaire, as it was completed by the agency under review. When appropriate, the analyst who prepared this report made minor changes to grammar and the organization of information provided in the questionnaire, but no changes were made to the substance of what the agency reported. Any points of consideration which arose in analyzing the questionnaire and compiling this report are addressed in the section titled, “Additional Comment from the Committee Analyst.” It is the intent of the analyst to make any substantive changes which may be required, as the result of findings made through the review processes, in the final version of this report.

The statutes governing and applying to the agency under review are included as appendices to this draft report. They are included only as a reference for JLOSC members and may not be included in the final report.

FACT SHEET

March 13, 2020 JLOSC Review of DIAA



Joint Legislative Oversight
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Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association (“DIAA”) Overview

- ➔ Promote the educational significance of interscholastic athletics & provide leadership by prioritizing health and safety, academics, leadership, & sportsmanship.
- ➔ Members schools participate under DIAA’s regulatory authority.
 - 62 high schools & 54 middle schools.
 - Across all 3 counties.
 - Nonpublic schools can become members.
- ➔ Staffed by Executive Director, Coordinator of Interscholastic Athletics, administrative assistant.
- ➔ Financially supported through ticket sales with all revenue being deposited to the Secondary Interscholastic Athletic Fund.

DIAA Board of Directors

- ➔ 19 voting members and 1 non-voting member:
 - Representation: superintendents, principals, nonpublic schools, school boards, athletic directors, coaches, DDOE, a physician, and the public.
 - All 3 counties represented in membership.
- ➔ 22 standing committees with 250 volunteer staffers to manage DIAA state tournaments and advise Board.
 - 17 sport-specific committees
 - Rules and Regulations, Sportsmanship. Officials, Unified Sports, & Sports Medicine.
- ➔ Complaint, disciplinary, & eligibility processes set by regulations.
 - Board is authorized to impose penalties for violations.
- ➔ Waiver process when special circumstances allow for an exception to the rules and regulations.

Opportunities for Improvement

- ➔ Develop strategic plan to guide the Association, Board, and Executive Director to utilize resources more effectively and improve function.
- ➔ Streamline Board processes to use the time during meetings more efficiently.
- ➔ Update the regulations to provide clarity to member schools and ensure compliance.
- ➔ Review and restructure the current fee schedule. Fines have never been updated and no member school has been fined over the last several years.

DIAA Participation Summary*

Sport	Athletes	Schools
Field Hockey	1525	51
Soccer	1701	54
Cross Country	881	52
Cheer	1009	39
Basketball	1147	59
Wrestling	12	8
Indoor Track	868	40
Swimming/Diving	812	41
Softball	1082	48
Crew	121	5
Golf	126	32
Lacrosse	1140	35
Outdoor Track	1279	48
Tennis	566	36
Volleyball	1623	56
TOTAL	13,817	



*2017-2018

Sport	Athletes	Schools
Football	2777	45
Soccer	2104	55
Cross Country	1012	52
Cheer	26	8
Basketball	1653	59
Wrestling	1040	46
Indoor Track	892	32
Swimming/Diving	716	40
Baseball	1525	55
Crew	86	3
Golf	407	49
Lacrosse	1767	48
Outdoor Track	1603	47
Tennis	455	33
Volleyball	154	8
TOTAL	16,217	

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

History: Prior to 1900, athletic associations were formed within Delaware schools. These associations were open to any student who wanted to join and initially run by students with faculty guidance. As participation grew, schools began to take initiative in athletics supervision by using faculty to manage programs. From 1921 to 1934, the original Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association (“DIAA”) governed interscholastic athletics. From 1944 to 1966, interscholastic athletics operated as part of the Delaware Association of Secondary School Administrators (“DASA”). The Delaware Secondary School Athletic Association (“DSSAA”) replaced DASA in 1966. In 1997, DSSAA consolidated into the Delaware Department of Education (“DDOE”), which was authorized to propose rules and regulations. In 2002, JLOSC voted to sunset DSSAA with the General Assembly reestablishing DIAA under DDOE.

Purpose and Participation: DIAA strives to provide leadership for education-based middle and secondary school interscholastic athletics by prioritizing health and safety, academics, leadership, and sportsmanship. As of September 2019, membership in DIAA consists of 62 high schools and 54 middle schools across all 3 counties. During the 2017-2018 school year, 30,034 students (16,217 males and 13,817 females) participated in interscholastic athletics at the high school level. The current rate of female participation stands at 46%, exceeding the national rate of 42.2%.

DIAA Board of Directors: The Board consists of 19 voting members and 1 non-voting member. Representation includes superintendents, principals, nonpublic schools, school boards, athletic directors, coaches, DDOE, a physician, and the public with all 3 counties represented. Complaint, disciplinary, and eligibility processes are set by regulations with the Board authorized to impose penalties for violations. A waiver process exists when special circumstances allow for an exception to the rules and regulations

Staff and Funding: DIAA is staffed by an Executive Director, a Coordinator of Interscholastic Athletics, and an administrative assistant. 22 standing committees (17 are sport-specific) have 250 volunteer staffers to manage DIAA state tournaments and advise the Board. DIAA operations are financially supported through ticket sales with the revenue deposited into the Secondary Interscholastic Athletic Fund.

Challenges:

- Non-DIAA sports organizations.
- Escalating State Tournament costs and decrease in certified officials.
- DIAA staff size.

Opportunities for Improvement:

- Increase staff size
- Development of a Strategic Plan
- Structure of the Committees and Board management
- Clarity of regulations
- Financial analysis and fee restructuring

JLOSC PERFORMANCE REVIEW QUESTIONNAIRE

AGENCY HISTORY

Prior to 1900, athletic associations were formed within Delaware schools with football and baseball teams. These associations were open to any student who wanted to join and initially run by students with faculty guidance. As more schools formed football and baseball teams, other sports such as track, basketball, cross country, soccer, and tennis grew in popularity. As participation grew, problems emerged in areas such as student athlete eligibility, officiating, and proper playing surfaces. In response, schools began to take initiative in athletics supervision by using faculty to manage programs. However, oversight and supervision standards did not exist and, as a result, student athlete groups were playing games with no minimum practice requirements, enduring long schedules, and, at times, competing against collegiate teams. School administrators found that individual schools should not be regulating interscholastic athletics.

Around 1920, a legislative movement began, to form an athletic association directed by the State. From 1921 to 1934, the original Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association (“DIAA”) governed interscholastic athletics. Due to widespread non-compliance with the organization’s rules and the resulting overemphasis on winning, the original DIAA dissolved, leaving no state athletic association until 1944, when an athletic commission formed at the urging of the Wilmington and Suburban Principals Association. From 1944 to 1966, the athletic commission operated as part of the Delaware Association of Secondary School Administrators (“DASA”).

The Delaware Secondary School Athletic Association (“DSSAA”) replaced DASA in 1966, with school administrators believing interscholastic athletics should have a separate governing body. DSSAA became affiliated with the State Board of Education in 1980 after the State Board of Education was authorized to approve regulations governing the conduct of interscholastic athletics. In 1997, DSSAA consolidated into the Delaware Department of Education (“DDOE”), which was authorized to propose rules and regulations governing the conduct of interscholastic athletics, subject to the State Board of Education’s approval. In addition, the DDOE delegated to DSSAA the authority to implement necessary regulations, with DDOE oversight and State Board of Education review.

JLOSC reviewed DSSAA in 2001 and made numerous recommendations. In 2002, JLOSC determined compliance with these recommendations were not acceptable and voted to sunset DSSAA on May 9, 2002. The General Assembly reestablished DIAA later that year.¹

¹ See Appendix A for DIAA’s governing statute. DIAA was reestablished in 2002 through HB 475.

JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT AND SUNSET COMMITTEE REVIEW

Conditions that led to DIAA's creation	How DIAA alleviated the concern
1. All DSSAA financial processes will be moved to the DDOE and administered in accordance with the state's policies and procedures.	DIAA is now a unit of DDOE and required to adhere DDOE's financial policies and procedures. DIAA's governing statute establishes the Secondary Interscholastic Athletic Fund, a special fund. Expenditures from the fund must be in accordance with the Division of Accounting budget and accounting procedures.
2. Statutory amendments needed to require that DSSAA produce a combined annual activity and financial report for the Governor, General Assembly, and public.	DIAA's governing statute requires that DIAA, in consultation and cooperation with DDOE, make an annual report to the Governor and General Assembly on or before January 31 each year.
3. Compose the DSSAA Board of 1/3 public members.	The DIAA Board of Directors includes 6 public members, 2 from each county. Public members must be Delaware residents at least 3 years, knowledgeable of athletics, and have no personal or financial interest in any member school.
4. Allow DSSAA to enter executive session only for reasons permitted under the Delaware Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") and note for the record the statutory reason.	DIAA's governing statute requires FOIA compliance.
5. Require DSSAA keep minutes of its executive sessions until the reason required is no longer applicable. Require DSSAA review all decisions to enter executive session with the DDOE's Deputy Attorney General ("DAG").	DIAA's governing statute requires FOIA compliance. DIAA is assigned a DAG through the Delaware Department of Justice.
6. The DSSAA Board to rewrite and update its rules and regulations to ensure it regulates only athletic activities and not extraneous matters.	DIAA, in consultation and cooperation with DDOE, promulgated regulations relating to middle and secondary school interscholastic athletics for member schools.
7. DSSAA Board should define the criteria for review of the executive director's decisions.	Criteria for review enacted in 14 Del. Admin. C. §1006.
8. Prohibit DSSAA Board from entering executive session to consider requests for waivers of the Board's bylaws.	DIAA's governing statute requires FOIA compliance. For waiver requests, the Board enters executive session to protect the privacy rights of students.

9. DSSAA Board should explain in its minutes the reasons for its decisions to approve or deny waiver requests.	DIAA's governing statute requires FOIA compliance. The Board provides its written decision to the student and the student's school within 20 days of the waiver request hearing.
10. DDOE and DSSAA should be charged with formulating a plan for presentation to the JLOSC on how DDOE can best absorb DSSAA, with the report due in January 2002.	DIAA is now a unit of DDOE.
11. DSSAA Board should be assigned a DAG.	A DAG is assigned to DIAA.
12. All DSSAA Board hearings should be recorded by a court reporter and conform to the Administrative Procedures Act ("APA"). All appeals should be on the record.	DIAA's governing statute requires DIAA to prepare a record of hearings from which verbatim transcripts can be prepared. All appeals to the State Board of Education are on the record.

The 2008 JLOSC Final Report recommended the following changes:

- Amend the statute to provide that 1 member of the Board is a licensed Delaware physician add an additional representative of school district boards of education, so each county has a representative.
- Amend the current voting requirements so only changes to the budget or regulations require 10 votes whereas all other decisions, including waivers, require a simple majority.
- Continue to work to tighten rules and regulations concerning student recruitment for athletics.²
- Continue to promote academic standards as criteria for athletic eligibility.³

PURPOSE & MISSION

DIAA's purpose is set in its governing statute:

Preserve and promote the educational significance of interscholastic athletics; to ensure that interscholastic athletics remains compatible with the educational mission of the member schools; to provide for fair competition between the member schools; to promote sportsmanship and ethical behavior; to establish and enforce standards of conduct for athletes, coaches, administrators, officials, and spectators; to protect the physical well-being of the athletes; and to promote healthy adolescent lifestyles.⁴

² See Appendix D for Section 10 of 14 *Del. Admin. C.* § 1008 and Appendix E for 14 *Del. Admin. C.* § 1009.

³ See Appendix D for Section 2.6 of 14 *Del. Admin. C.* § 1008 and Appendix E for 14 *Del. Admin. C.* § 1009.

⁴ 14 *Del. C.* § 301.

Student Athlete Opportunity: Interscholastic athletics provide an opportunity for any middle or secondary school student to participate on an athletic team regardless of the student's financial status or geographic location. DIAA's regulatory authority levels the playing field for all student athletes while ensuring a healthy balance between academics and athletics.

Student Athlete Safety: Students who participate in athletics outside of DIAA member schools are not subject to the same safety standards and protocols as students who participate at a DIAA member school, such as preventing overuse injuries. Additionally, club sports and travel programs may not regulate the length or frequency of practices, leading to lack of preparedness and a higher potential for injury.

Officiating: DIAA member schools are required to use officials from 1 of the 19 DIAA-approved officials' associations.⁵ These officials are required to attend a rules interpretation clinic and pass a rules examination annually for the sport they officiate.⁶ This ensures uniformity and consistency in interpretation and application of playing rules across the state.

Sportsmanship and Code of Conduct Standards: DIAA has a responsibility to ensure that all member schools, administrators, coaches, student athletes, officials, and spectators are adhering to the highest ideals of interscholastic athletics and must hold them accountable when they do not. DIAA investigates an alleged violation of its regulations, including the Code of Interscholastic Athletics.⁷ With regulations and other guidelines in place, DIAA must ensure that all interscholastic athletic programs have equal opportunities and fair chances.

GOALS & OBJECTIVES

DIAA strives to provide leadership for education-based middle and secondary school interscholastic athletics by prioritizing health and safety, academics, leadership, and sportsmanship.

Protect the Physical Well-Being of Athletes and Promote Healthy Adolescent Lifestyles: DIAA has established the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee, charged with making recommendations to the DIAA Board of Directors regarding concussion, cardiac arrest, and protection of physical well-being. DIAA takes seriously its charge to develop and implement rules and regulations that preserve the integrity of interscholastic athletics and encourage safe play for all student athletes.

Preserve and Promote the Educational Significance of Interscholastic Athletics: DIAA operates with the philosophy that academics and athletics need to exist in a balance, realizing that athletics are an extension of the classroom and an environment for learning, not just competing.

Promote Sportsmanship and Ethical Behavior and Establish and Enforce Standards of Conduct for Athletes, Coaches, Administrators, Officials, and Spectators: DIAA developed regulations with promoting sportsmanship and ethical

⁵ See Appendix F for the 2019-2020 DIAA Officials Associations.

⁶ See Appendix G for the agreement between DIAA and the approved Officials Associations.

⁷ See Appendix C for 14 *Del. Admin. C.* § 1007.

behavior in mind. The Code of Interscholastic Athletics provides the standards of conduct for sportsmanlike behavior for student athletes, coaches, administrators, officials, and spectators involved with DIAA-regulated interscholastic athletics.⁸

Ensure that Interscholastic Sports Remain Compatible with the Mission of the Member Schools: DIAA establishes the minimum criteria for a student athlete’s eligibility to participate in interscholastic athletics. DIAA member schools are required, at minimum, to match those criteria. Any member school may adopt and enforce stricter criteria for its own student athletes. For example, the High School Passing Work Rule requires a student athlete to pass a certain number of courses required to graduate from high school to be eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics.⁹ Member schools may establish a minimum grade point average for eligibility.

Provide for Fair Competition Between Member Schools: DIAA is affiliated with the National Federation of State High School Associations (“NFHS”) for DIAA recognized sports. The NFHS playing rules, codes of conduct, sanctions, and guidelines are adopted except as the DIAA Board has modified them. DIAA member schools use the playing rules to ensure safe and fair competition for interscholastic sports at the middle school and high school levels.

PUBLIC INFORMATION: MEMBER SCHOOLS, COMMITTEES, & OTHER AFFILIATIONS

DIAA Member Schools and Participation¹⁰

When the current DIAA was created in 2002, membership consisted of 48 high schools and 55 middle schools. As of September 2019, membership in DIAA consists of 62 high schools and 54 middle schools across all 3 counties.¹¹

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⁸ See Appendix C for 14 *Del. Admin. C.* § 1007.

⁹ See Appendix E for 14 *Del. Admin. C.* § 1009-2.6.

¹⁰ See Appendix H for the list of member schools.

¹¹ See Appendix I for the MOU between DIAA and member schools.

¹² See Appendix J for the 2018 DIAA Annual Report.

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DIAA Standing Committees and Rules Interpreters

DIAA has 22 standing committees with 250 volunteer staff members, which is crucial to the mission of DIAA.¹³ There are several standing committees: Rules and Regulations, Sportsmanship, Officials, Unified Sports, Sports Medicine, and 17 other sport-specific committees. All committees operate under FOIA. The major functions of the sport-specific committees include the management of DIAA state tournaments resulting in 32 state championship titles (12 male, 11 female, and 2 unified). Other committee functions include advising the DIAA Board of Directors on issues affecting each sport and related sports projects.¹⁴

DIAA appoints rules interpreters to assist member schools, coaches, and officials in the proper interpretation and application of playing rules. Rules interpreters are appointed in the following sports: baseball, softball, basketball, cheer/spirit, field hockey, football, golf, lacrosse, soccer, swimming, diving, tennis, track and field, cross country, volleyball, and wrestling.

¹³ See Appendix K for Standing Committee list.

¹⁴ See Appendix L for DIAA Standing Committee rules.

National Federation of High School Associations (NFHS)

DIAA is affiliated with NFHS. NFHS, based in Indianapolis, Indiana, is the national organization for education-based high school athletics and activities. NFHS builds awareness and support, improves the participation experience, establishes consistent standards and rules for competition, and helps those who oversee high school sports. NFHS writes playing rules for 17 co-ed sports at the high school level. Through its 50-member state associations and the District of Columbia, NFHS reaches more than 19,000 high schools and 12 million participants in high school activity programs, including more than 7.9 million in high school sports. As the recognized national authority on education-based high school athletics, NFHS conducts national meetings, sanctions interstate events, offers online publications and services for high school coaches and officials, and sponsors professional organizations for high school coaches and officials. Additionally, NFHS serves as the national source for interscholastic coach training and serves as a national information resource of interscholastic athletics. DIAA benefits from NFHS leadership and resources by being a member state association.¹⁵

National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA)

The National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (“NIAAA”) Leadership Training Institute certifies athletic administrators at member schools as Certified Athletic Administrators (“CAA”) and Certified Master Athletic Administrators (“CMAA”).

COMPOSITION & STAFFING

Board of Directors

The DIAA Board of Directors (“the Board”) consists of 19 voting members and 1 non-voting member:¹⁶

- 2 school district superintendents/assistant superintendents who are residents of different counties.
- 3 representatives of school district boards of education who are residents of different counties.
- 3 public school principals/assistant principals, 1 of which must be from each county.
- 2 public school athletic directors/coaches, who must be residents of different counties.
- 2 nonpublic school representatives, of which 1 must be a secondary school administrator and 1 must be either a secondary school athletic director or coach.
- 1 Department of Education representative, which may be the Secretary of Education or the Secretary’s designee and is a nonvoting member.
- 1 physician licensed by the Delaware Board of Medical Practices and is knowledgeable about sports medicine.

¹⁵ See Appendix M for NFHS Membership Benefits.

¹⁶ 14 *Del. C.* § 305(a).

- 6 public members, of which 2 must be from each county. The public members must be residents of Delaware for a minimum of 3 years and knowledgeable about athletics but may not be employees of any member school or have a material financial interest in providing goods or services to DIAA or any member school.

Board members can receive a \$100 stipend per board meeting.¹⁷

As of October 16, 2019, the Board has 17 voting members and 1 non-voting member. The Board currently has 2 vacancies:

- A District Superintendent/Assistant Superintendent Board position has been vacant since October 2018.
- Kent County's public member position has been vacant since September 2019.

Three Board members' terms currently expired but the members are holding over:

- Principal from Sussex County (Board chair).
- Superintendent from Kent County.
- Athletic Director from Sussex County.

The Governor's Office has been informed of the vacancies.

Board Member Training

Board members are offered training on various topics at the DIAA Annual Meeting held in January. The DAG assigned to DIAA conducts trainings on waiver hearing procedure; formulating motions; the Board's duties, powers, and authority; and board members' ethics, as needed. These trainings have not previously been required but will be going forward for all members.

DIAA Staff¹⁸

DIAA staff consists of 3 employees: the Executive Director, the Coordinator of Interscholastic Athletics, and an administrative assistant. The administrative assistant remains in the office to answer the phone, provide information, and complete routine daily tasks. The Executive Director and Coordinator cover all events, including meetings and games, while continuing to provide services to member schools. During each of the 3 state tournament seasons, fall, winter, and spring, as many as 24 separate contests could be conducted in 1 day, with only the Executive Director and Coordinator covering DIAA's responsibilities.

DIAA Service Contracts

For all tournament venues, DIAA enters into limited service contracts with site directors, ticket sellers, program sellers, ticket takers, security, scoreboard operators, announcers, and trainers certified by the National Athletic Trainers' Association or school nurses. DIAA also contracts with tournament directors to organize and seed the state tournaments for

¹⁷ 14 Del. C. § 305(c).

¹⁸ See Appendix N for DDOE and DIAA Organizational Charts.

each of the DIAA-recognized sports. During the last 2 fiscal years, DIAA contacted 150 individuals for these services during the state tournaments. Tournament directors are not DIAA employees, but they are necessary to the effective and efficient operation of state tournaments.

Below is a breakdown of the number of workers providing services for DIAA state tournaments. These numbers can vary based on anticipated attendance:

- Ticket sellers: 2 per game.
- Program sellers: 1 per game.
- Ticket takers: 1 per game.
- Security: 2 per game.
- Scoreboard operators: 1 per game.
- Announcers: 1 per game.
- NATA trainers: 1 per game, if not provided by the participating teams.
- Site directors: 1 per game.
- Tournament directors: 1 per sport.

DIAA conducts 18 state tournaments which include approximately 228 games. Many games, especially opening round games, are held at member schools, where the host school employs the workers listed above. In these instances, DIAA reimburses the member schools.

COMPLAINT, DISCIPLINARY, & WAIVER PROCESS

The complaint process for alleged violations of the Sportsmanship Rule is set within the regulations.¹⁹ The Board is authorized to impose penalties for violations of the rules and regulations, including official reprimand, placement on probation, fine, suspension, and other action as deemed appropriate.²⁰ Additionally, the Board is authorized to assess fines if a member school, administrator, coach, student athlete, official, or spectator is found in violation of the Sportsmanship Rule. All decisions are subject to appeal by the State Board of Education.

Regulations outline the complaint process for alleged violations of all rules concerning middle and high school interscholastic athletics, the Board's investigative process, and the executive director's investigative process.²¹

Typically, complaints to DIAA originate from member schools, officials' associations, and the public. Not all complaints directed to DIAA are official complaints or disciplinary in nature. Common complaints include discontent with individual officials or coaches, the location of championship sites to accommodate upstate and downstate teams and spectators, and not having an option to use a credit card to pay for tickets onsite at tournament competitions. Another common complaint comes from member schools and concerns the eligibility of athletes. Additionally, DIAA receives inquiries about a student athlete's eligibility to compete for a certain team or school. The School District Enrollment

¹⁹ See Appendix C for 14 *Del. Admin. C.* § 1007.

²⁰ 14 *Del. C.* § 304(3).

²¹ See Appendix B for 14 *Del. Admin. C.* § 1006.

Choice Program²² and the Transfer Rule²³ become a factor when a student athlete is alleged to be playing for a school or team in violation of the rules and regulations.

	Calendar Year 2017	Calendar Year 2018	Calendar Year 2019
Total Number of Complaints Received	1	1	1
Total Number of Complaints Investigated	1	1	1
Total Number of Complaints Found to be Valid	0	0	1
Total Number of Complaints Forwarded to the Attorney General	0	0	0
Total Number of Complaints Resulting in Disciplinary Action	0	0	1

DIAA recognizes that special circumstances will, at times, indicate that an exception to the established rules and regulations is appropriate. To accommodate such situations, the DIAA has adopted a waiver procedure. Parents and students can find the Waiver Request Form and guidelines for the process on the DIAA website.²⁴

ENACTED LEGISLATION IMPACTING DIAA²⁵

- HB 475 (141st General Assembly): Established DIAA.
- SB 111 (146th General Assembly): Required DIAA to develop regulations regarding the appropriate recognition and management of concussions.
- SB 205 (147th General Assembly): Outlined procedures for dealing with Sudden Cardiac Arrest in student athletes.
- HB 98 (149th General Assembly): Established a waiver for those student athletes that choice from one school to another.
- SB 241 (149th General Assembly): Provided DIAA the authority to establish fees for officiating.
- SCR 79 (149th General Assembly): Directs DDOE and DIAA to promulgate regulations permitting coaches to coach student athletes out of season.

²² 14 *Del. C. Ch. 4*.

²³ See Appendix D for subsection 2.4 of 14 *Del. Admin. C. § 1008* and Appendix E for 14 *Del. Admin. C. § 1009*.

²⁴ See Appendix O for Waiver Request Form and Guidelines and <https://www.doe.k12.de.us/Page/2163>.

²⁵ See Appendix P for copies of the enacted legislation impacting DIAA.

The following federal laws and regulations guide or otherwise directly affect DIAA's functions, responsibilities, and operations:

- Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in programs or activities that receive Federal financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Education.
- Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 prohibits exclusion from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance on the basis of sex.
- Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act protects the privacy of student education records.
- McKinney Vento Homeless Assistance Act authorizes the federal Education for Homeless Children and Youth (EHCY) Program and relates to the education of children and youth experiencing homelessness.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES ACT COMPLIANCE

Current Regulations²⁶

DIAA promulgates regulations in accordance with Delaware's Administrative Procedures Act. The regulations are:

- 14 *Del. Admin. C.* § 1006 Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association (DIAA) includes DIAA and Board processes as well as the complaint process for alleged violations of all rules concerning middle and high school interscholastic athletics, the Board's investigative process, and the executive director's investigative process.
- 14 *Del. Admin. C.* § 1007 DIAA Sportsmanship provides the standards of conduct for sportsmanlike behavior for student athletes, coaches, administrators, officials, and spectators involved with DIAA-regulated interscholastic athletics.
- 14 *Del. Admin. C.* § 1008 DIAA Junior High and Middle School Interscholastic Athletics provides the standards and processes that govern middle school interscholastic athletics including recruitment and eligibility.
- 14 *Del. Admin. C.* § 1009 DIAA High School Interscholastic Athletics provides the standards and processes that govern high school interscholastic athletics including recruitment and eligibility.

All regulations were adopted in June 1, 2004. The DAG assigned to DIAA has reviewed the current rules and regulations for compliance with DIAA's governing statute.

²⁶ See Appendices B, C, D, E.

Proposed Changes to Regulations

In September 2019, the Board unanimously voted to amend the Committees of the Board of Directors regulation,²⁷ striking the requirement that DIAA's executive director and the Board's chair serve as ex officio members of each committee and adding the requirement that a current Board member serve on each committee. The DAG assigned to represent DIAA reviewed and approved these changes.

DIAA is in the process of reviewing the following regulations, which the DAG has not yet:

- DIAA published proposed changes to the regulation surrounding coaching out of season as part of the APA process.²⁸ After reviewing public submissions regarding the proposed changes, DIAA withdrew the published changes and established a process for revising and drafting additional changes to the regulation.
- DIAA received a request to examine the scrimmage process.²⁹ Currently, a scrimmage is defined as an informal competition between member schools in which officials are not compensated. An officials' association requested that scrimmage be defined to allow officials to be compensated.
- DIAA received a request to establish a regulation that would allow member schools with small programs in wrestling to practice with each other. Allowing joint practices would provide student athletes the opportunity to apply their skills against student athletes in a similar weight class, thereby helping to diminish the risk of injuries during practices.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT COMPLIANCE

Since 2010, DIAA has received 2 complaints of FOIA violations.

- DOJ concluded that the Board did not violate FOIA's open meetings requirement by listing an incorrect posting date on a special meeting notice that was posted on the Statewide Meeting Calendar. The Department of Technology and Information confirmed that the notice was posted 24 hours in advance of the meeting as required. See Del. Op. Atty. Gen. 10-IB15.
- DOJ concluded that DIAA was in violation of FOIA's open meeting law because, although the Sportsmanship Committee's July 2019 meeting agenda accurately described the source of a complaint, it did not provide adequate notice to the public of the subject intended for discussion. See Del. Op. Atty. Gen. 19-IB55.

DIAA follows DDOE FOIA policy and procedures.³⁰ The DDOE's FOIA coordinator serves as the point of contact for FOIA requests, works in cooperation with DIAA staff to identify records sought, and coordinates the responses to requests. Monthly meeting notices and agendas are posted at least 7 days in advance on the Statewide Public Meeting Calendar and posted the Board's eBOARD site. A paper copy of the agenda is posted on the

²⁷ See Appendix B for subsection 3.2 of 14 *Del. Admin. C.* § 1006.

²⁸ Appendix D for 14 *Del. Admin. C.* § 1008 and Appendix E for 14 *Del. Admin. C.* § 1009.

²⁹ See Appendix E for subsection 1.5.1.1 of 14 *Del. Admin. C.* § 1009.

³⁰ <https://education.delaware.gov/about-doe/foia/>.

bulletin board at the Collette Education Resource Center, where DIAA's offices are located, and on the bulletin board on the second floor of the Townsend Building. Meeting minutes are regularly transcribed. Board meeting minutes are made publicly available on the Statewide Public Meeting Calendar and the DDOE's website within 5 working days of the Board's approval. Committees, which meet 4 or fewer times per year, post draft minutes on the Statewide Public Meeting Calendar with the final version posted within 5 working days of a committee's approval.

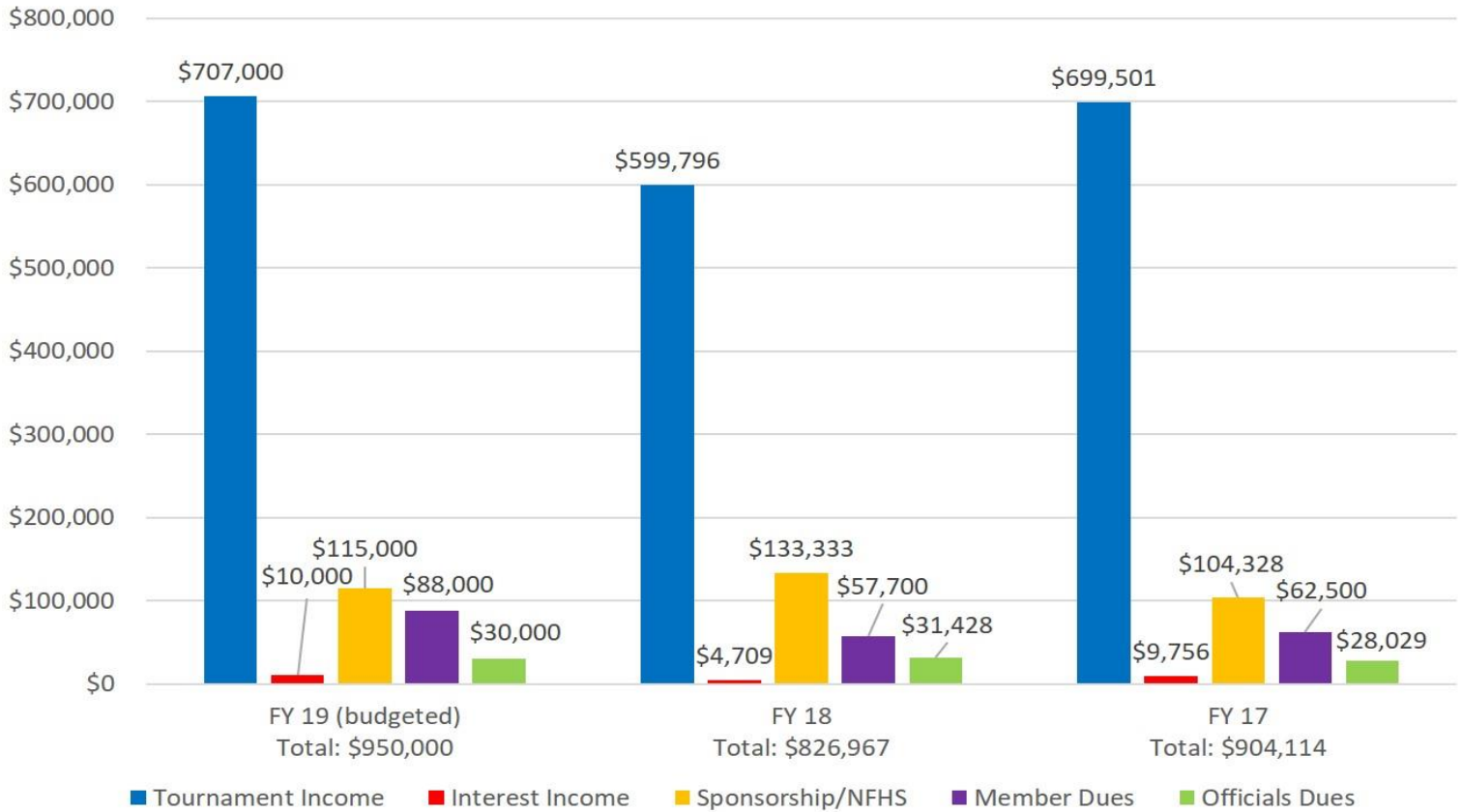
DIAA has conducted executive sessions in the last 3 calendar years. In compliance with FOIA, the Board of Directors note on its agenda if it intends to enter executive session. The Board utilizes the executive session process for waiver hearings to protect students' privacy rights³¹.

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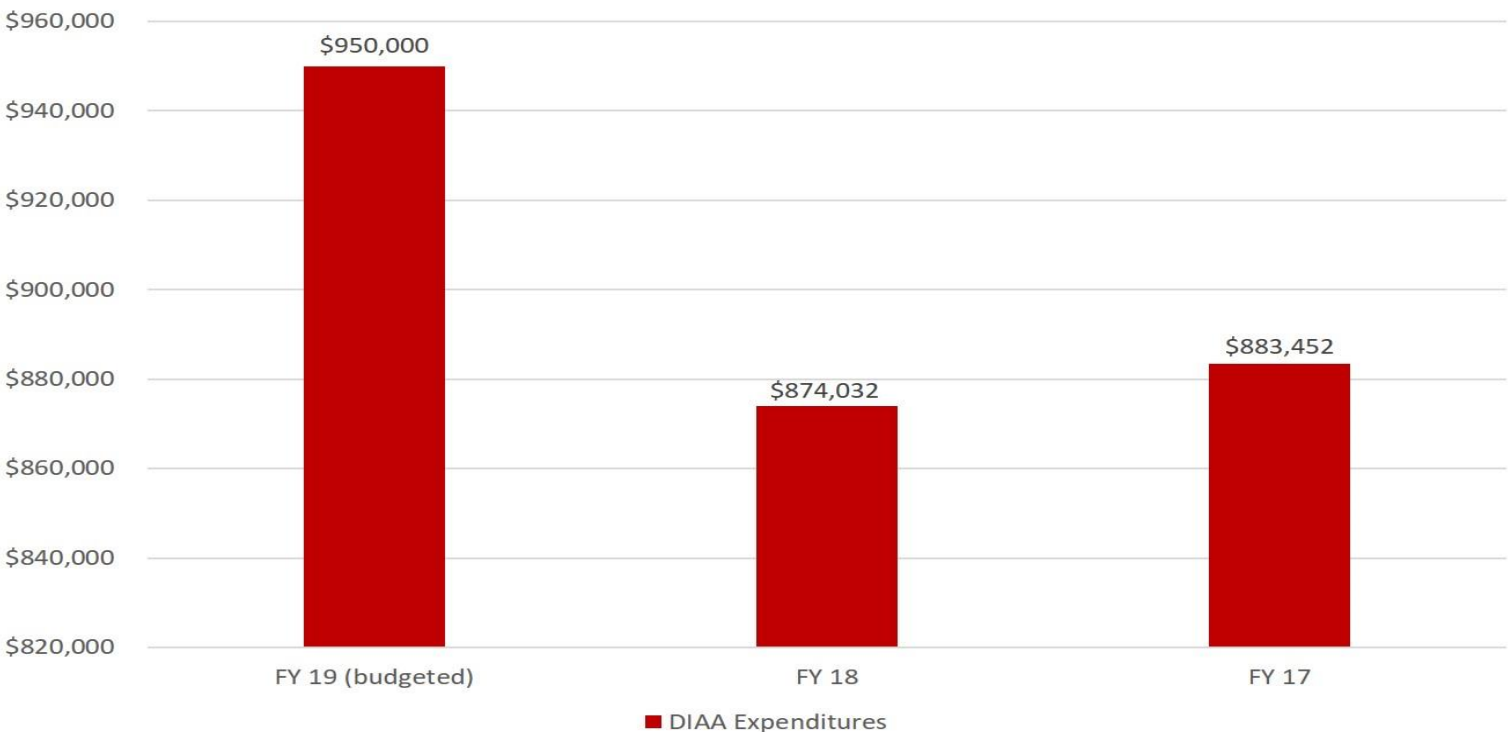
³¹ See Appendix Q for a breakdown of the Board's Executive Sessions.

FISCAL INFORMATION³²

DIAA Revenue

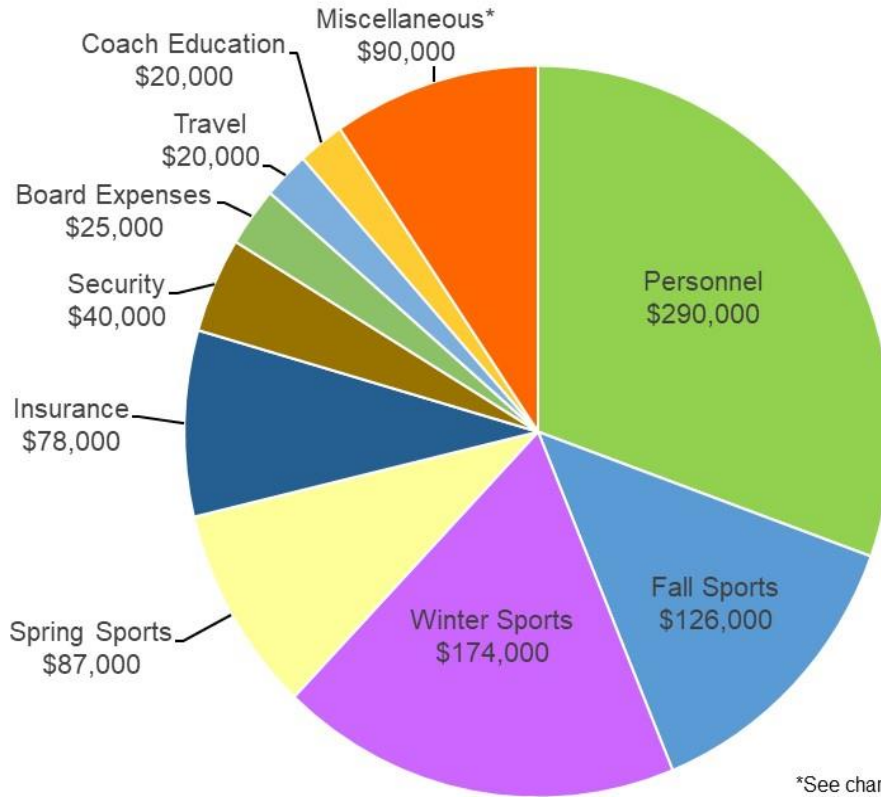


DIAA Expenditures



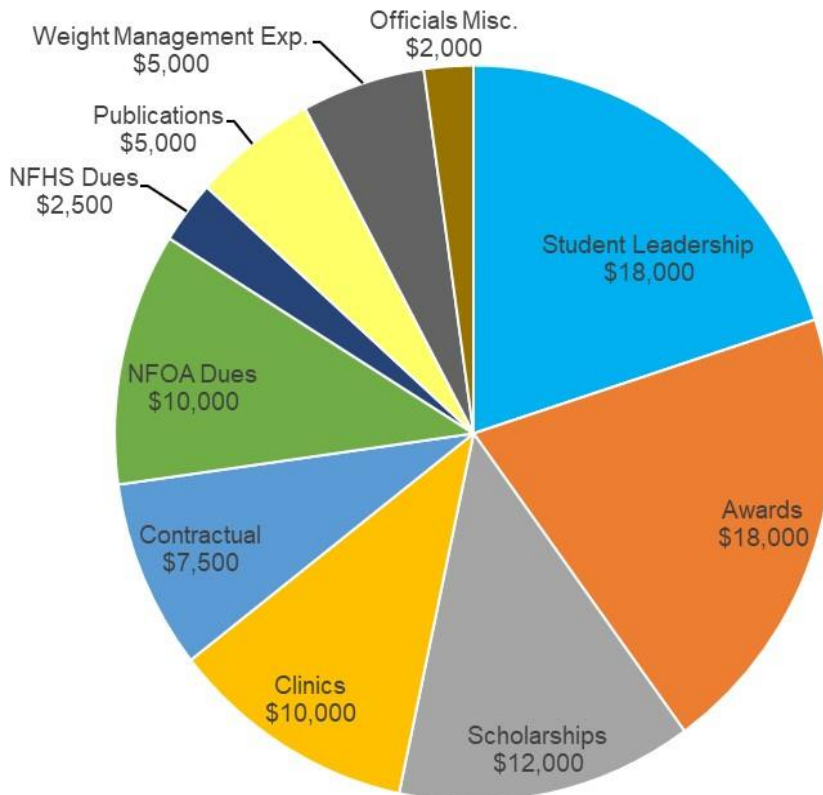
³² See Appendix R for complete DIAA Financial Reports 2017-2019.

DIAA Detailed Expenditures FY 19



*See chart below for Miscellaneous expenditures

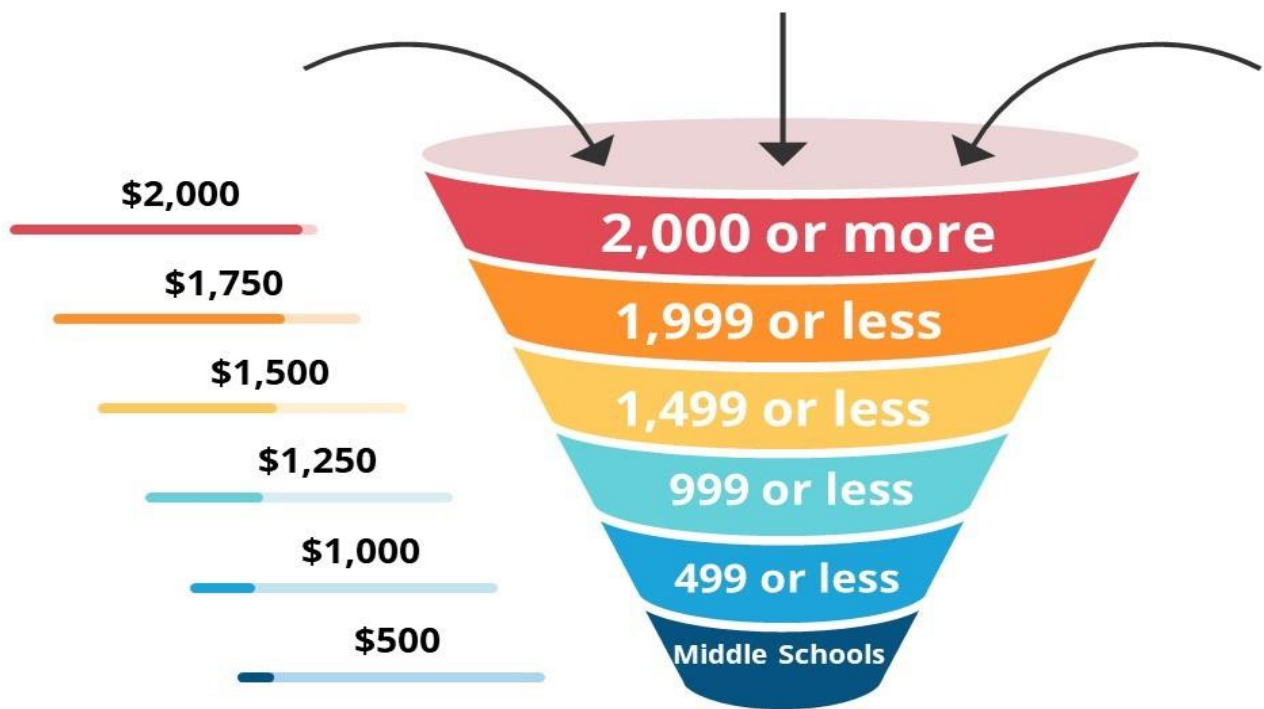
DIAA Miscellaneous Expenditures FY 19: \$90,000



DIAA is supported primarily through revenue derived from ticket sales at state championship and tournament events. DDOE created a special fund called the “Secondary Interscholastic Athletic Fund” to receive and track DIAA’s revenue streams. All membership dues, sponsorship funds, and other revenues from DIAA championships are deposited into this fund.

DIAA and member schools have MOUs that require member schools to pay an annual membership fee and a sports participation fee to DIAA. Middle and high schools located in the same administrative unit and combined enrollment of grades 6th through 12th with enrollment of 499 or less pay the high school fees and are exempt from the middle school fee. The amount a member school pays for annual membership is based on the enrollment counts as of September 30 of the previous school year. If the member school sponsors 1 or more approved sports, the school submits payment of the sports participation fee associated with the sport to DIAA. Sports participation fees cover costs associated with conducting a sport during the regular season.

Below is the fee schedule for all other schools based on enrollment numbers:



According to the Agreement between DIAA and DIAA Approved Officials Associations for State Tournaments, each association submits on behalf of its members payment to DIAA for each member’s dues. Each member’s dues are \$35 annually, which include \$17 in NFHS dues and \$18 in DIAA dues, and are due at the time the member registers for the first sport the member will officiate during the school year. If an individual member has previously officiated for a sport, the member’s dues for each additional sport are \$18.

Description of Fine or Fee	Current Fine or Fee
Late Fees on Submission of Member Dues	10% total
Participation against an illegal opponent (1008/1009-1.5.7)	\$500
Appeal of a forfeit for use of an ineligible athlete in Team sports (1008/1009-2.10.2.2)	\$200-\$1000 plus a reprimand and referral to Sportsmanship Committee
Failure of the Host School of an Interscholastic Football game to provide a Qualified Healthcare Professional (1008/1009-3.4.1)	\$250
Team participates in more than the allowable contests in a season (1008/1009-4.3.6)	\$500 if a non-qualifying state tournament team or suspended from playoffs if a qualifying team
Team exceeds the weekly limits of contests (1008/1009-4.3.6.1)	\$250 plus forfeiture of game
School that fails to comply with established practice requirements (1008/1009-4.2.4)	\$500 for each day of non-compliance
Participating in a game prior to the first allowable date (1008/1009-4.1.4)	\$500 for each contest
Participating in a practice prior to the first allowable date (1008/1009-4.1.5)	\$500 for each day
Participation in a non-sanctioned event (1008/1009-5.2.2)	\$100: 1 st offense; \$250: 2 nd offense and loss of eligibility for season; \$500: 3 rd offense and loss of eligibility for the year.
Participation in an approved DIAA All-Star event and not filing a Financial Report within 90 days. (1008/1009-5.4.5)	\$300

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Unified Sports: Unified Sports® brings together persons with intellectual disabilities, Special Olympics Athletes, and without intellectual disabilities, Unified Partners, to train and compete on athletic teams. In 2013, DIAA partnered with Special Olympics Delaware to offer Unified Track & Field as a recognized sport to student athletes with intellectual disabilities. Thereafter, Unified Flag Football and Unified Basketball became DIAA recognized sports. During the 2018-19 school year, 225 Special Olympics Athletes and 184 Unified Partners participated in Unified Sports®, which are offered at 19-member high schools statewide.

Ongoing Athletic Director, Coach, and Official Training: DIAA presents annual rules clinics for coaches and officials for field hockey, football, soccer, volleyball, basketball, swimming/diving, wrestling, baseball, softball, lacrosse, and track and field. DIAA also offers coaches' and officials' clinics for tennis and golf every 2-3 years. DIAA supports the work of the Delaware Association of Athletic Directors ("DAAD") to educate and certify member school athletic administrators through the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association ("NIAAA") Leadership Training Institute.

Advancement in Sport Safety: DIAA and the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee ("SMAC") are national leaders on several issues related to the health and well-being of student athletes in Delaware. Together they worked with the General Assembly to authorize DIAA to adopt regulations to ensure appropriate management of athletes with a suspected head injury. SMAC supported the expansion of athletic training services at all high schools and many middle schools. Heat acclimatization policies were established to reduce the risk of heat-related illness, the leading cause of death among athletes. Likewise, cold acclimatization policies were established to reduce the risk of hypothermia and frostbite. The work of DIAA and SMAC has helped ensure that all schools in Delaware now have an automated external defibrillator ("AED") and appropriate training for its use. In addition, DIAA and SMAC have formalized a statewide student athlete pre-participation physical examination form.³³ Finally, measures have been put in place to increase eye protection in sports such as field hockey.

Expansion of State Tournaments to Meet the Needs of Sports: With the addition of comprehensive vocational technical schools, charter schools, and private schools to the existing public-school base, additional tournament slots were needed to provide extended opportunities for student athletes and member schools. Initially, only a small number of schools offered soccer, but more schools offered soccer as the sport's popularity grew, creating the need to add tournament slots or, in some cases, a second division. It also became clear that in certain sports, such as football, the size of a school's student population created inequity, so separate divisions were created for small and large schools. A smaller school division created more opportunities for participation in tournaments, thus increasing the number of small schools wanting to participate.

³³ See Appendix S for the Student Athlete Pre-Participation Physical Examination Form.

Fiscal Responsibility: DIAA is revenue-neutral for the State, operating within the Secondary Interscholastic Athletic Fund. DIAA funding operates under the DDOE's finance office for consistency and oversight and has kept a balanced budget annually by streamlining office expenses, negotiating corporate sponsorships, promoting DIAA state tournament events to increase attendance, streamlining state tournament expenses, and working within a small full-time staff.

Scholarships: The annual DIAA/Harry Roberts Senior Scholar-Athlete Awards are based on students' academic, athletic, and leadership achievements. First place recipients receive \$2,000, second place receive \$1,500, and third place receive \$1,000.

CHALLENGES

Non-DIAA Sports Organizations: Interscholastic sports are only 1 opportunity for middle school and secondary student athletes to participate in sports. Club and travel teams provide youth opportunities to participate on a year-round basis against other student athletes in Delaware and surrounding states, but the lack of organizational oversight make it difficult to prevent overuse or injury.

Escalating State Tournament Costs: Security costs are increasing with schools requiring uniformed security at most state tournament events. The average cost per hour is \$65.00, at a minimum of 3 hours, for a minimum of 2 officers. In addition, facility costs are increasing due to the increase in events that have gone to multiple division participation requiring more personnel and rentals.

Decrease in Certified Officials and Sportsmanship Issues: For the last 3 years, the number of certified officials has averaged 830, but DIAA is concerned that the number will start to decrease. Some sports have increased the number of officials used per game, with basketball decreasing from 2 to 3 and football from 5 to 6, and game times have moved to the afternoon when officials working full-time jobs are not available. Field hockey, girls' lacrosse, and baseball have had to "close out" dates, playing only a set number of contests due to the lack of available officials. New officials coming into the officials' association has declined due to the negative environment created by verbal and sometimes physical abuse towards officials, few opportunities to advancement to higher levels, low pay, and the times events are held.

DIAA Staff Size and Available Technology: DIAA is a resource for all 100+ member schools, but the current structure does not allow the staff to provide sufficient service and support to member schools. Only 3 DIAA staff members cover compliance oversight, student athlete development, coach and athletic director education, board support, and marketing. In addition, productivity is hampered because software to help manage databases and workflow processes is not updated. Most work is still done manually, impacting staff time and the ability to maximize productivity. For example, tracking sportsmanship incidents is done through a spreadsheet that does not provide statistics, while committee seeding and gathering qualifying information is done manually and takes hours to obtain.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR IMPROVEMENT

Increase Staff Size: An increase in the number of staff would better address the DIAA's responsibilities and ensure member schools are provided with efficient service. Increased staff will allow DIAA to implement programs to enhance student athlete experiences and development, provide more effective professional development to coaches and administrators of member schools, and ensure association members are compliant with rules and regulations while continuing to conduct investigations in a fair and timely manner.

Development of a Strategic Plan to Guide the Organization, Board, and Executive Director: DIAA is exploring the implementation of a strategic plan that will provide a formal guide to establish its direction, priorities, and vision. Overall, the goal of the strategic plan is to enable DIAA to utilize its resources more effectively and function more efficiently. Input from the Board, member schools, and committees will guide DIAA to improve its overall performance.

Structuring the Processes and Procedures for All Committees: DIAA is creating policies and procedures to facilitate better communication between the Board and its committees, to allow the Board to make more informed decisions in a timely manner.

Board Management: Currently, the Board spends much of its monthly meetings conducting hearings. Many of these meetings last several hours and are an inefficient use of time. The Board has discussed the idea of delegating authority to a hearing officer to conduct hearings and make recommendations to the Board. This will streamline DIAA's processes and provide the Board more time to work on developing strategic plans and updating regulations.

Increase the Significance of Education within Interscholastic Athletics: DIAA can develop programming for student athletes to enhance their educational value. For example, a student's involvement with the Student Athlete Advisory Committee will give student athletes a voice in interscholastic athletics while providing support for leadership and development opportunities off the field.

Clarity of Regulations: The current regulations are difficult for member schools to interpret as they work to ensure compliance. DIAA staff is looking to restructure the regulations, FAQs, and tournament manuals into more user-friendly formats. In addition, DIAA looks to provide more training to coaches and athletic directors and implement regulations that would require completion of the training.

Financial Analysis and Fee Restructuring: The current fines schedule has never been updated and needs review. Over the past several years, no member school has been fined.

ADDITIONAL COMMENT FROM THE COMMITTEE ANALYST

Staff Turnover and Vacancy: August 2019 saw the retirement of DIAA Executive Director, Tommie Neubauer. In October 2019, his replacement stepped down after two months.³⁴ On January 28, 2020, the DIAA Board of Directors and Secretary of Education Susan Bunting announced DIAA's Coordinator of Interscholastic Athletics, Donna Polk, as the new Executive Director of DIAA, leaving her position vacant.³⁵ With only 3 full-time staff positions, the Board and DDOE are moving as quickly as possible to fill the Coordinator position.

Tournament Cancellation: On March 12, 2020, due to the state of emergency announced in wake of the coronavirus pandemic, DIAA cancelled the 2020 state basketball tournament. The 8 remaining teams (4 boys and 4 girls) will receive Final Four trophies while the two Unified teams are named co-champions.³⁶

³⁴ <https://delawarestatenews.net/sport/cimaglia-exits-as-diaa-head-two-months-into-job/>.

³⁵ <https://www.nfhs.org/articles/polk-named-diaa-executive-director/>.

³⁶ <https://www.delawareonline.com/story/sports/high-school/2020/03/12/diaa-basketball-tournaments-delayed-crowd-sizes-limited/5030754002/>.

TITLE 14

Education

Free Public Schools

CHAPTER 3. Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association

§ 301 Purpose.

There is hereby established the Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association. The Association is intended to preserve and promote the educational significance of interscholastic athletics; ensure that interscholastic sports remains compatible with the educational mission of the member schools; provide for fair competition between member schools; promote sportsmanship and ethical behavior; establish and enforce standards of conduct for athletes, coaches, administrators, officials and spectators; protect the physical well-being of athletes; and promote healthy adolescent lifestyles. To these ends, the General Assembly intends for the Association to work in consultation and cooperation with the Department of Education toward full implementation of this chapter.

73 Del. Laws, c. 374, § 3.;

§ 302 Definitions.

The following definitions apply to this chapter:

- (1) “Association” means the Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association.
- (2) “Board” means the Board of Directors of the Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association.
- (3) “Department” means the Delaware Department of Education.
- (4) “Member school” means a full or associate member school of the Association.
- (5) “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Delaware Department of Education.
- (6) “State Board” means the State Board of Education.

73 Del. Laws, c. 374, § 3.;

§ 303 Rules and regulations.

(a) The Association shall be a unit of the Department of Education. The General Assembly intends for the Association to work in consultation and cooperation with the Department of Education in the development of rules and regulations relating to member school interscholastic athletics. The Association and the Department of Education are authorized to develop all necessary policies and procedures to implement the provisions of this chapter.

(b) The Association, in consultation and cooperation with the Department, shall develop rules and regulations relating to secondary and middle school interscholastic athletics for schools in the State. Such regulations shall include the regulation of athletic programs of all public schools in the State and such nonpublic schools as may elect to become member or associate member schools as provided in regulations

adopted pursuant to this chapter, eligibility of students to participate in interscholastic athletes, nonschool competitions, coaches and sports officials of interscholastic sports in the State, sanctioning of school team competitions, and other matters affecting interscholastic athletics in the State. However, the Association shall not approve any rule or regulation that denies a student the right to simultaneously try out for, practice with, or participate in games on a team similar to the school team on which that student is a member, except that such dual membership and participation on a similar team shall be authorized only upon written consent by the parent, custodian or guardian of the student. Such written consent shall clearly state the authority to participate on a particularly specified team of a designated organization or institution.

(c) The Association shall adopt rules and regulations as to which sports over which they have jurisdiction.

(d) The Association shall adopt rules and regulations applicable to member schools regarding the appropriate recognition and management of student athletes exhibiting signs or symptoms consistent with a concussion. The rules and regulations shall include, but not be limited to, the following requirements which shall be effective no later than the 2012-2013 school year:

(1) Each student athlete and the athlete's parent or guardian shall annually sign and return a concussion information sheet designed by the Association prior to the athlete initiating practice or competition.

(2) Each coach shall complete concussion training consistent with a timetable and curriculum established by the Association.

(3) A student athlete shall be promptly removed from play if the athlete is suspected of sustaining a concussion or exhibits signs or symptoms of concussion until completion of assessment by a qualified healthcare professional or medical clearance.

(4) Written clearance for return to play after a concussion shall be from a qualified physician (Doctor of Medicine or Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine) only.

(e) The Association shall adopt rules and regulations applicable to member schools regarding student athletes and awareness, recognition, and management of sudden cardiac arrest which shall be effective no later than the 2015-2016 school year. The Association, either through rules and regulations or policy adopted pursuant thereto, at a minimum, shall:

(1) Develop and make publicly available a sudden cardiac arrest information sheet that includes information regarding the nature and warning signs of sudden cardiac arrest;

(2) Prior to participating in practice or competition, require each student athlete and the athlete's parent or guardian, sign and return a sudden cardiac arrest information sheet designed by the Association;

(3) Require each student athlete to complete a heart history questionnaire as part of the preparticipation physical examination;

(4) Hold a current cardiopulmonary resuscitation ("CPR") certification for all school-appointed head coaches, which includes training on the use of an automated external defibrillator; and

(5) Present to coaches and officials sudden cardiac arrest awareness information.

73 Del. Laws, c. 374, § 3; 70 Del. Laws, c. 186, § 1; 78 Del. Laws, c. 192, § 1; 79 Del. Laws, c. 419, § 1.;

§ 304 Other duties, powers and authority.

The Board shall have such duties, powers and authority as may be necessary for the enforcement of this chapter and for the enforcement of the Department's rules and regulations adopted under this chapter, which must include all of the following:

(1) To establish annual membership fees.

(2) To establish standing committees.

(3) To determine the existence of violations of the rights and regulations by full and associate member schools and penalize violations by official reprimand, placement on probation, fine, suspension or other action as deemed appropriate.

(4) To investigate, conduct hearings and take action on alleged violations committed by schools, athletes, coaches, administrators, officials or spectators of the Department's rules and regulations made under this chapter.

(5) To interpret the Department's rules and regulations made pursuant hereto, conduct hearings and take action on requests for a waiver of the rules and regulations.

(6) To establish fees for officiating contests and competitions.

73 Del. Laws, c. 374, § 3; 81 Del. Laws, c. 329, § 1.;

§ 305 Composition of the Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association.

(a) The Board shall consist of 19 voting members and 1 nonvoting member as follows:

(1) Two school district superintendents/assistant superintendents, who shall be residents of different counties.

(2) Three representatives of school district boards of education, who shall be residents of different counties.

(3) Three public school principals/assistant principals, 1 of which shall be from each county.

(4) Two public school athletic directors/coaches, who shall be residents of different counties.

(5) Two nonpublic school representatives, of which 1 shall be a secondary school administrator and 1 shall either be a secondary school athletic director or coach.

(6) One Department of Education representative, which may be the Secretary of Education or the Secretary's designee, who shall be the nonvoting member.

(7) One physician licensed by the Delaware Board of Medical Practices knowledgeable about sports medicine.

(8) Six public members, of which 2 shall be from each county. The public members shall be residents of Delaware for a minimum of 3 years and shall be knowledgeable about athletics, but shall not be employees of any member school or have a material financial interest in providing goods or services to the Association or any member school.

(b) Voting board members shall be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. The Governor shall take into consideration geographic representation, knowledge of athletics in general, and an interest in high school athletics in deciding whether or not to appoint a nominee.

(c) All members of the Board, with the exception of the Secretary of Education or the Secretary's designee, who shall be a permanent member, and the licensed physician, who shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor shall be appointed for a 3-year term, provided, however, that the Governor may appoint members to terms less than 3 years if necessary to ensure that the Board members' terms remain appropriately staggered. The Governor shall strive to assure that, the terms of the members of the Board are staggered so that the terms of no more than 7 members shall expire in any given year. Board members shall be paid \$100 per meeting.

(d) A member of the Board shall serve until that member's successor is appointed. A member appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve for the remainder of the term of the member whom that member replaces.

(e) A person who has never served on the Board may be appointed to the Board 2 consecutive times, but no such person shall thereafter be eligible for 2 consecutive appointments. No person who has been twice-appointed to the Board or who has served on the Board for 6 years within any 9-year period shall again be

appointed to the Board until an interim period of at least 1 term has expired since such person last served.

(f) Any act or vote by a person appointed in violation of subsection (e) of this section shall be invalid. An amendment or revision of this chapter is not sufficient cause for any appointment or attempted appointment in violation of subsection (e) of this section unless such amendment or revision amends this section to permit such an appointment.

(g) No school district or nonpublic school shall have more than 1 member on the Board.

(h) A member who fails to attend 3 consecutive meetings, unless excused for good cause by a majority of the members of the Board, or fails to attend at least half of all regular business meetings of the Board during any calendar year or who ceases to be a resident of the county in which such member resided when appointed to the Board shall automatically upon such occurrence be deemed to have resigned from office, and a replacement shall be appointed.

73 Del. Laws, c. 374, § 3; 70 Del. Laws, c. 186, § 1; 76 Del. Laws, c. 247, §§ 1-9.;

§ 306 Quorum and voting.

A majority of the voting members of the Board shall constitute a quorum. A quorum must be present to pass any motion or resolution. No motion, resolution or other act of the Association to adopt or amend the Association's budget or rules and regulations may be adopted without agreement of the majority of the voting members of the Board. All other motions, resolutions or acts of the Association shall require a simple majority of the voting members present in order to pass.

73 Del. Laws, c. 374, § 3; 76 Del. Laws, c. 247, § 10.;

§ 307 Chairperson; administration.

(a) The Board shall elect annually from its members a Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and such other officers as it may deem necessary. In the event of a vacancy in 1 of the officers, a replacement shall be elected at the next Board meeting or a meeting called for that purpose.

(b) The Association shall hire an Executive Director to work in collaboration with the Department of Education. The Executive Director shall be an employee of the Department and receive compensation commensurate with the Department salary scale at the education associate level.

(c) There shall be a secretary who is employed by the Department of Education, and who shall serve as staff for the Association and the Department of Education. The secretary shall receive compensation commensurate with the Department salary scales and shall be evaluated according to Department policies and procedures. The Secretary of Education shall employ other such employees as provided in the budget.

(d) The Executive Director shall become a bona fide resident of the State within 6 months following the Executive Director's date of hire.

73 Del. Laws, c. 374, § 3.;

§ 308 Meetings of the Association.

(a) The Association shall hold regularly scheduled meetings at least once a month and at such other times as the Chairperson deems necessary or at the request of a majority of the Board members.

(b) The Board shall meet at such place within the State as it may from time to time determine. The place for each meeting shall be determined prior to giving notice of such meeting.

(c) Notice of all meetings of the Board shall be given in the manner prescribed by law.

(d) Board meetings and hearings shall be open to the public in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 100 of Title 29.

(e) Minutes of all meetings shall be recorded and copies shall be maintained by the Association at the offices of the Department of Education. At any hearing in which evidence is presented, a record from which a verbatim transcript can be prepared shall be made and the expense of preparing any transcript shall be incurred by the person requesting the transcript.

(f) Board decisions in cases involving requests for waivers will be released in writing within 20 days from the date of hearing.

73 Del. Laws, c. 374, § 3.;

§ 309 Secretary; powers and duties.

The Association shall be a unit of the Department of Education. The Secretary of Education shall promulgate any rules and regulations necessary to the establishing of the Association as such a unit.

73 Del. Laws, c. 374, § 3.;

§ 310 Payment of expenses; deposits of receipt.

A special fund is hereby created and shall be known as the “Secondary Interscholastic Athletic Fund.” The expenses of the Association shall be paid from this special fund. Any appropriations made to the Department by the General Assembly for the Association shall be allocated to this fund. The Association shall be authorized to receive state appropriations, federal moneys, membership dues, tournament revenues, fees, fines, official dues, merchandising and licensing revenue, and interest. The Association is authorized to establish special fund accounts for the purposes of tracking revenue, and these accounts shall be interest bearing and not subject to reversion. The Association is exempt from the state bid law. The Association shall not operate any accounts outside of the state accounting system and the fund shall be interest bearing. Funds shall be utilized to support the activities and operations of Delaware interscholastic athletics. During the fiscal year, the expenditure of funds from the Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Fund will be in accordance with the Division of Accounting budget and accounting procedures.

73 Del. Laws, c. 374, § 3; 80 Del. Laws, c. 298, § 302.;

§ 311 Annual report.

The Association, in consultation and cooperation with the Department of Education, shall make an annual report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before January 31 in each year.

73 Del. Laws, c. 374, § 3.;

§ 312 Appeals of decisions by the Association.

The Association shall decide on all controversies involving the rules and regulations, including any waiver thereof, adopted pursuant to this chapter, and any waiver of the ineligibility in § 410(a) of this title. Any party to such a controversy may appeal to the state Board by setting forth such grievance in a petition which shall be served upon the Executive Director of the Association by certified or registered mail within 30 days after receiving notice of the decision. The state Board shall provide by rules and regulations for adequate procedures for the hearing of any such appeal and shall decide the controversy. All such appeals shall be on the record, and the state Board shall overturn the Association’s decision only if it decides that the Association’s decision was not supported by substantial evidence or was arbitrary or capricious. The decision of the state Board shall be final and not subject to further appeal.

73 Del. Laws, c. 374, § 3; 81 Del. Laws, c. 72, § 1.;



**TITLE 14 EDUCATION
DELAWARE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE**

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
1000 Student Activities**

1006 Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association (DIAA)

1.0 Organization Name, Purpose, and Definitions

1.1 The organization shall be known as the Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association (DIAA) and shall function as the official designee of the Secretary of Education with the authority to implement the Department of Education's Rules and Regulations governing the conduct of interscholastic athletics.

1.2 Definitions

The following words and terms, when used in this regulation, shall have the following meaning unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"**Administrative Head of School**" means the chief or head individual in charge of the school traditionally referred to or generally known as the principal or headmaster.

"**Board**" means the Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association Board of Directors established pursuant to 14 Del.C. Ch. 3.

"**Department**" means the Delaware Department of Education.

"**Guardian or Legal Guardian**" means an individual who legally has responsibility for the care and management of the student during the student's minority. The relationship is a legal one and shall be created by a court order signed by a judge, commissioner, or master of a court of competent jurisdiction.

"**Individualized Education Program**" or "**IEP**" means a written statement for a child with a disability as defined in 14 DE Admin. Code 922.

"**Legally in attendance**" means present at school as determined by a pre-established written policy adopted by the local school board or governing body of the school.

"**Member school**" means a full or associate member school of the DIAA.

"**Principal**" or "**Headmaster**" means the Administrative Head of School and includes but is not limited to Head of School, Administrator, Executive Director, or Charter Head.

"**School day(s)**" shall mean actual school attendance days during the regular academic school year including a partial day that children are in attendance at school for instructional purposes as adopted by the district or governing body of the school not to include weekends, holidays, summer school, etc.

"**State Board**" means the State Board of Education of the State of Delaware pursuant to 14 Del.C. §104.

11 DE Reg. 1632 (06/01/08)

15 DE Reg. 69 (07/01/11)

2.0 Membership in DIAA

2.1 Full Member Schools: Any middle and secondary school located within the boundaries of the state of Delaware and containing grades 6 through 8, or 8 through 12, or any grouping of such grade levels, including nonpublic, private, and public schools, authorized by Title 14 of the Delaware Code, may become a full member school of DIAA. Membership requires the payment of dues and a signed affirmation of the obligations of membership.

2.1.1 A full member school is a non voting member of DIAA and does not participate in its day to day governance. A full member school may at any time make appropriate recommendations for policy action to the DIAA Board of Directors for its consideration.

2.1.2 Membership shall include all middle and secondary and middle public schools participating in interscholastic athletics and such nonpublic schools that may elect to become full or associate members.

2.2 Associate Member School: Any school, not a full member school, located within the boundaries of the state of Delaware and containing grades 6 through 8, or 8 through 12, or any grouping of such grade levels, may apply for status as an associate member school provided the applicant sets forth good cause and sufficient justification why such school cannot become a full member school. The initial application may be submitted at any time but renewal applications shall be submitted to the DIAA office no later than May 1 of each year.

2.2.1 Associate Membership Criteria: The membership application shall contain a statement that the school will abide by the Rules and Regulations of the Department of Education and the Delaware Interscholastic

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Athletic Association and in those cases wherein the school cannot comply, the application shall set forth the specific rule and regulation, and a sufficiently acceptable explanation of why the rule or regulation cannot be kept in force or why the school is incapable of compliance. Full compliance shall be made with all rules and regulations when an associate member school competes with a full member school of DIAA or a comparable state association; participates in DIAA sanctioned tournaments and meets in cross country, indoor track, wrestling (except dual team tournaments), outdoor track, and golf involving the aforementioned full member schools; or participates in a state championship event.

- 2.2.2 Such associate member schools, after initial approval, shall be reviewed each year by the DIAA Board of Directors for the purpose of approving, rejecting, or modifying their application for renewal of associate member status.
- 2.3 Membership Dues Schedule: Yearly dues for full member and associate member schools shall be as follows:
- 2.3.1 \$500 for middle schools.
- 2.3.1.1 If a middle school and high school are located in the same administrative unit and the combined student enrollment of grades 6th through 12th is 499 or less then the school shall pay only the high school fee and be exempt from the middle school fee.
- 2.3.2 \$750 for high schools with enrollments of 499 or less.
- 2.3.3 \$1,000 for high schools with enrollments of 999 or less.
- 2.3.4 \$1,250 for high schools with enrollments of 1,499 or less.
- 2.3.5 \$1,500 for high schools with enrollments of 1,999 or less.
- 2.3.6 \$1,750 for high schools with enrollments of 2,000 or more.
- 2.3.7 Enrollment figures are based on the September 30 enrollment count from the prior school year as verified by the Department of Education.
- 2.3.8 Membership dues shall be paid each year by October 1st. Member schools which have not paid dues by January 1st shall be assessed a 10% late fee. Full member and associate member schools which fail to comply may be subject to penalties as determined by the DIAA Board of Directors.
- 2.4 Participation in State Championship Tournaments and Meets: Member schools must meet all the following criteria to be eligible to participate in the DIAA approved state championship tournament and meet:
- 2.4.1 Be in compliance with all DOE and DIAA regulations,
- 2.4.2 Be a DIAA member school in good standing including but not limited to paying all fees,
- 2.4.3 Sponsor a team in the given sport,
- 2.4.4 Be in compliance with and meet all requirements of the tournament manual for that sport,
- 2.4.5 Sponsor one varsity sport per season, co-ed schools must sponsor at least one varsity sport per gender per season,
- 2.4.6 Sponsor a minimum of two grades, one of which must be the eleventh grade, and
- 2.4.7 Has been a DIAA member school for a minimum of two full school years (eligible in the 3rd year).
- 2.5 Compliance with Regulations: Member schools shall comply with the regulations of the Delaware Interscholastic Association and acceptance of membership shall be construed as an agreement to that effect.
- 11 DE Reg. 1632 (06/01/08)**
15 DE Reg. 69 (07/01/11)

3.0 DIAA Board of Directors

- 3.1 Conflict of Interest: Any member of the Board who may be directly affected or whose school or school district may be directly affected by a potential decision related to an appeal or waiver request shall recuse himself or herself from consideration of the matter and shall not vote on that appeal or waiver request. The Chairperson of the Board is responsible for maintaining the integrity of the decision making process.
- 3.2 Committees of the DIAA Board of Directors
- 3.2.1 Standing Committees
- 3.2.1.1 The Board has established the following standing committees:
- 3.2.1.1.1 The recognized sport committees are:
- 3.2.1.1.1.1 Baseball
- 3.2.1.1.1.2 Boys' Basketball

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- 3.2.1.1.1.3 Boys' Lacrosse
- 3.2.1.1.1.4 Boys' Soccer
- 3.2.1.1.1.5 Cross Country
- 3.2.1.1.1.6 Field Hockey
- 3.2.1.1.1.7 Football
- 3.2.1.1.1.8 Girls' Basketball
- 3.2.1.1.1.9 Girls' Lacrosse
- 3.2.1.1.1.10 Girls' Soccer
- 3.2.1.1.1.11 Golf
- 3.2.1.1.1.12 Softball
- 3.2.1.1.1.13 Swimming and Diving
- 3.2.1.1.1.14 Tennis
- 3.2.1.1.1.15 Track and Field
- 3.2.1.1.1.16 Volleyball
- 3.2.1.1.1.17 Wrestling
- 3.2.1.1.2 The other committees are:
 - 3.2.1.1.2.1 Officials
 - 3.2.1.1.2.2 Rules and Regulations
 - 3.2.1.1.2.3 Sports Medicine Advisory Committee
 - 3.2.1.1.2.4 Sportsmanship
 - 3.2.1.1.2.5 Unified Sports®
- 3.2.1.2 The Board may appoint additional committees to assist in the performance of its duties.
- 3.2.2 Committee Membership
 - 3.2.2.1 Committees shall consist of no less than 10 and no more than 15 committee members in addition to one current Board member.
 - 3.2.2.1.1 Each committee shall include a current Board member as a member of the committee.
 - 3.2.2.1.2 The Coordinator of Interscholastic Athletics or his or her designee shall be a voting, ex officio committee member of the Sportsmanship Committee.
 - 3.2.2.1.3 Each recognized sport committee, as provided in subsection 3.2.1.1.1, shall consist of at least one athletic director.
 - 3.2.2.2 Committee members shall have expertise in the committee's subject matter.
 - 3.2.2.3 Committee membership shall be geographically representative of the three counties and may include administrators, athletic directors, coaches, local school board members, officials, public members, and licensed sports medicine professionals.
 - 3.2.2.4 The Executive Director shall make a call for applications to fill vacancies on committees. Prospective committee members shall submit a DIAA Committee Application to the DIAA Office. The Executive Director and the committee's chairperson shall review the applications and make recommendations to the Board for approval and appointment.
 - 3.2.2.5 The Board's Chairperson, with the advice of the Executive Director, shall appoint a committee member to serve as the committee's chairperson. The committee chairperson shall preside over all meetings of the committee. The committee may elect a vice chairperson who shall serve in the capacity of the committee chairperson in the committee chairperson's absence.
 - 3.2.2.6 Committee members shall serve staggered 3-year terms.
 - 3.2.2.7 Prior to the expiration of a committee member's term, the Executive Director shall verify the committee member's continued interest in serving on the committee. The Executive Director shall submit the names of the committee members who are interested in serving another term to the Board for reappointment.
 - 3.2.2.8 Committee members who miss 3 consecutive meetings shall be reported to the Board, which may appoint replacement committee members.

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3.2.2.9 The Board may remove a committee member whose actions are contradictory to the committee's purpose or DIAA's purpose or are in violation of applicable law. In such case, the Board shall appoint a replacement committee member.

3.2.3 Committee Reports and Recommendations

3.2.3.1 The recognized sport committees, as provided in subsection 3.2.1.1.1, shall provide a report to the Board at the conclusion of the state tournament for their sport. The other committees, as provided in subsection 3.2.1.1.2, shall provide a progress report to the Board after each meeting.

3.2.3.1.1 Committees shall submit the report in writing to the DIAA Office or designate at least one committee member to deliver the report in writing at the Board's next regularly scheduled meeting.

3.2.3.2 Recommendations to the Board from committees shall be submitted in writing to the DIAA Office at least one week prior to the Board's next regularly scheduled meeting. The committee shall designate at least one committee member to attend the Board's meeting and present the committee's recommendation to the Board.

22 DE Reg. 56 (07/01/18)

23 DE Reg. 376 (11/01/19)

4.0 Responsibilities of the Executive Director

4.1 The Executive Director shall interpret the rules and regulations and may grant waivers of rules and regulations: Any waiver granted shall be temporary and shall be subject to review and approval by the DIAA Board at a subsequent or special meeting. All decisions or actions as noted above shall be documented and shall be a part of any hearing or appeal procedure.

4.2 The Executive Director may decide issues between meetings of the Board of Directors. The Executive Director shall initiate a review of or fully investigate an alleged violation of the Rules and Regulations that he/she has seen, heard or read about, or which has been reported to him/her. The Executive Director may also refer investigations to committees referenced in subsection 3.2.1.2 or employ special investigators as necessary to conduct such investigations. Subsequent action by the Executive Director may include an official reprimand, placement on probation, a fine, the imposing of sanctions, or the suspension from participation for a designated period of time of a player, team, coach or official to ensure the necessary, orderly, and proper conduct of interscholastic competition.

4.3 The Executive Director shall carry on the business of the DIAA Board and DIAA between meetings: Waiver requests decided by the Executive Director shall be temporary and shall be subject to review and final approval by the Board of Directors. No school or individual shall be penalized in any case in which the DIAA Board reverses an earlier ruling of the Executive Director. In addition, the Executive Director shall administer the day to day operation of the organization.

4.4 In the event that the Executive Director is unavailable to perform his or her duties due to a conflict of interest or otherwise, and a matter requires immediate action, the Executive Director may delegate the matter to a subordinate, the Sportsmanship Committee, special committees referenced in subsection 3.2.1.2, or to the Chairperson or Vice Chairperson of the DIAA Board of Directors. In such a case, the action shall be treated as the action of the Executive Director under the DIAA rules and regulations.

15 DE Reg. 69 (07/01/11)

22 DE Reg. 56 (07/01/18)

5.0 Responsibilities, Powers, and Duties of the Administrative Head of School

5.1 Responsibilities of Administrative Head of School

5.1.1 The administrative head of middle level and high school member schools shall be responsible for the conduct of the interscholastic athletic program in which representative teams participate including the organization and scheduling of individuals and teams. The administrative head may delegate his or her authority, but such delegation will not negate the responsibility for a violation of the DIAA Regulations by his/her school.

5.2 Powers and Duties of Administrative Head of School

5.2.1 The administrative head of each member school shall exercise general control over all of the interscholastic athletic matters of his/her school which include but are not limited to the following:

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- 5.2.1.1 Sanctioning all interscholastic athletic contests in which his/her school participates.
- 5.2.1.2 Excluding any contestant because of improper conduct or ineligibility.
- 5.2.1.3 Excluding any contestant whose physical health would be jeopardized by such participation, because of illness or injury suffered, until such time as the contestant is declared physically fit by the school or attending physician.
- 5.2.1.4 Protecting the well being of all visitors and officials attending interscholastic athletic contests conducted by his/her school. Administrative heads of member schools shall be expected to provide adequate security and, in the absence of such provisions, penalties may be imposed.
 - 5.2.1.4.1 When a contest is conducted at a neutral site, the administrative heads of the participating schools shall be held jointly responsible for the protection and well being of all visitors and officials. In the absence of adequate security, penalties may be imposed upon either or both of the schools.
- 5.2.1.5 Protecting the well being of the school's participants by providing them with safe and suitable uniforms and equipment and conducting practices and contests in a manner which minimizes risk to the health and safety of student athletes.
- 5.2.1.6 Ensuring that all required contracts for athletic contests in which the school participates are in writing and bear the proper signatures.
- 5.2.1.7 Designating a staff member of the school as the faculty manager for the teams representing the school or to serve as the faculty manager. If no such designation is made, the coach shall serve as the faculty manager.
- 5.2.1.8 Ensuring that an authorized representative accompanies the school's teams to all contests.
- 5.2.1.9 Certifying in writing the eligibility of his/her school's contestants in accordance with the Regulations of the Department of Education.
- 5.2.1.10 Exercising such other powers regarding the interscholastic athletic program of the school as are consistent with the needs of the school and with the provisions and spirit of the Regulations of the Department of Education.
- 5.2.1.11 Urging all students competing on the school's teams to obtain medical accident insurance which covers athletic participation.
- 5.2.1.12 Notification to DIAA of any official delegation of authority.

15 DE Reg. 69 (07/01/11)

6.0 Amendments to Department of Education Regulations

- 6.1 The DIAA Board, the Secretary of Education, the Executive Director of DIAA or any member school may propose changes, additions or deletions to the Department of Education regulations.
 - 6.1.1 Proposed changes shall be submitted in writing by a member school(s) to the Executive Director and these proposed changes and any other changes submitted by the Secretary of Education or the Executive Director of DIAA or the DIAA Board of Directors shall be reviewed by the Rules and Regulations Committee.
 - 6.1.2 Any proposed changes to the Regulations along with comments received from the Rules and Regulations Committee, shall be considered at a scheduled meeting of the DIAA Board. Proposed changes adopted by the Board shall thereafter be submitted to the Secretary of Education who will place them on the State Board of Education agenda for review and final approval.
 - 6.1.2.1 All member schools shall then be advised in writing of any proposed changes. The member schools and the public shall have an opportunity to review and comment on the proposed changes during the thirty day period that the regulations are advertised in the Register of Regulations (as per the Administrative Procedures Act).

7.0 Reporting Violations of Department of Education Regulations and Protests and Complaints to DIAA

- 7.1 Reporting violations of Department of Education regulations
 - 7.1.1 If a school violates a provision of the Department of Education regulations the administrative head or his/her designee shall notify the Executive Director in writing of the violation. The Executive Director may impose immediate penalties. All violations shall be reviewed by the DIAA Board of Directors which may impose additional penalties.

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7.1.1.1 The Executive Director or DIAA Board of Directors may impose additional penalties above the automatic penalties listed within the specific regulation violated as deemed necessary to assure proper conduct of interscholastic athletics or for repeat offenses.

7.2 Reporting Protests and Complaints

7.2.1 All protests involving game competition that are allowable as defined in the NFHS (name of sport) Rule Book, and deemed by the Executive Director to be the responsibility of DIAA, and not a local conference, shall be heard by a three person protest panel. This panel will include the DIAA Executive Director, the DIAA Chairman or Vice Chairman of the Board and the State Tournament Director of the given sport. Protests must be submitted in writing within 48 hours of the conclusion of the contest or earlier if required by NFHS rules. The decisions of the DIAA protest panel may not be appealed.

7.2.2 All complaints other than protests involving game competition brought before DIAA shall follow the procedures in 1006 8.0 and 1007 2.1.

9 DE Reg. 117 (07/01/05)

15 DE Reg. 69 (07/01/11)

19 DE Reg. 1085 (06/01/16)

8.0 DIAA Board of Directors Investigative Procedure

8.1 The following investigative procedure shall be followed when the DIAA office receives information indicating that an incident has occurred which is not in the best interests of the interscholastic athletic programs of the member schools of DIAA.

8.1.1 The administrative head of the member school involved shall be notified by telephone and confirmed by letter of the pending investigation (copy to be forwarded to the chief school officer). The notification shall contain an explanation of the nature of the investigation and identify the person(s) conducting the investigation.

8.1.1.1 If such complaint is regarding the administrative head of school, the complaint may be referred directly to the superintendent, governing body or the equivalent supervising authority.

8.1.2 Permission shall be sought from the administrative head of the member school to interview students and staff members and each person interviewed shall be informed of the nature of the investigation. Parents may also provide permission to interview their child.

8.1.3 Upon completion of the investigation, a written statement of charges shall be presented to the administrative head of the charged school (copy to be forwarded to the chief school officer).

8.1.4 When immediate punitive action by the Executive Director is necessary, the action taken shall be stated in writing.

8.1.5 When charges are to be presented to the DIAA Board of Directors, the charged school shall be advised of the meeting date, time, and location and shall be provided with an opportunity to respond to the charges.

15 DE Reg. 69 (07/01/11)

9.0 Waiver of DIAA Rules and Regulations

9.1 General

9.1.1 The DIAA Board has the authority to set aside the effect of any athletic rule or regulation, subject to any limitations set forth in the specific rule or regulation, when the affected party establishes by the preponderance of the evidence, all of the following conditions:

9.1.1.1 In the case of eligibility waiver requests, there exists a hardship as defined by subsection 9.2.1;

9.1.1.2 Strict enforcement of the rule in the particular case will not serve to accomplish the purpose of the Rule;

9.1.1.3 The spirit of the rule being waived will not be offended or compromised;

9.1.1.4 The principle of educational balance over athletics will not be offended or compromised; and

9.1.1.5 The waiver will not result in a safety risk to teammates or competitors.

9.1.2 Waivers are exceptional and extraordinary relief from the athletic rules and regulations. Ignorance of any rule alone, whether by the student athlete, his/her family or school, shall not be sufficient reason for waiving a rule. The burden of proof rests on the applicant (the student, his/her parents or guardians, principal, headmaster or other affected party) to show extenuating circumstances warranting waiver.

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- 9.1.3 The waiver request shall contain all facts pertaining to the case, including sufficient data to make it possible to reach a decision without further investigation. It is not the duty of the Executive Director or the DIAA Board to produce or collect information.
- 9.1.4 Waiver requests should be filed promptly when it becomes apparent to the student, principal, headmaster or other affected party, that a waiver will be required. In any event, all requests for a waiver of the rules, with all documentation complete, must be received by the Executive Director at least 21 calendar days before the next regularly scheduled meeting of the DIAA Board in order to be placed on the agenda for that meeting.
 - 9.1.4.1 Notwithstanding this requirement, the Chairperson of the DIAA Board may at his/her discretion add a waiver request to an agenda in an emergency situation. Failure to file a waiver request in a timely manner when all information is available shall not be considered an emergency situation.
- 9.1.5 The applicant is entitled to a hearing on his/her waiver request. Waiver hearings shall be conducted in an informal manner that affords all parties the opportunity to present all information and all relevant arguments.
 - 9.1.5.1 The DIAA Board may administer oaths, take testimony, hear proofs and receive exhibits into evidence at any hearing. Testimony at any hearing shall be under oath or affirmation.
 - 9.1.5.2 Any party to a proceeding before the DIAA Board may be represented by counsel. An attorney representing a party in a proceeding before the Board shall notify the Executive Director of the representation in writing as soon as practicable.
 - 9.1.5.3 Strict rules of evidence do not apply. Evidence having probative value commonly accepted by reasonably prudent people in the conduct of their affairs may be admitted into evidence.
 - 9.1.5.4 Any document introduced into evidence at the hearing shall be marked by the Board and shall be a part of the record of the hearing. The party offering the document into evidence shall provide a copy of the document to each of the other parties, if any, and to each of the Board members present for the hearing unless otherwise directed.
 - 9.1.5.5 Any request by the DIAA Board for additional information pertaining to a waiver request shall be promptly supplied by the affected students, coaches, and member schools.
 - 9.1.5.6 DIAA shall provide a stenographic reporter at a hearing at its own expense.
- 9.1.6 The DIAA Board shall consider the entire record of the case in reaching its final decision. Unless otherwise provided, a decision made on a waiver request shall be effective immediately.
- 9.1.7 The DIAA Board's decision shall be incorporated into a final order, which shall be signed and mailed to the parties within twenty (20) days of the hearing.
- 9.2 Eligibility Rule Waiver Request
 - 9.2.1 Unless specifically defined in the eligibility rule in question, "hardship" means a hardship peculiar to the student athlete caused by unforeseen events beyond the election, control, or creation of the student athlete, his or her family, and his or her school, which deprive him or her of all or part of one of his or her opportunities to participate in a particular sports season. Ignorance of any rule alone, whether by the student athlete, his or her family, or his or her school, shall not be sufficient reason for waiving a rule. The waiver provision is intended to restore eligibility that has been lost as a result of a hardship situation. Injury, illness or accidents, which cause a student to fail to meet the basic requirements, are possible causes for a hardship consideration.
 - 9.2.2 All eligibility hardship waiver requests shall be processed on forms approved by the DIAA Board and in accordance with the following procedures:
 - 9.2.2.1 A request for a waiver of the eligibility rules must be directed by the student to the involved member school's principal, headmaster or their designee who shall then file a written request stating the full particulars of the case and the reasons felt by the student or the administrator, or both, for granting the waiver.
 - 9.2.2.1.1 All requests for eligibility rule waivers must be signed by the Principal or Headmaster of the school requesting the waiver and must include a letter from the Principal or Headmaster indicating whether the school supports the waiver request.
 - 9.2.2.1.2 The school shall submit a waiver request form when requested by individual student athletes. The DIAA Board, however, may take into consideration the school's position on the waiver request when rendering its decision.

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- 9.2.2.2 To aid the DIAA Board in making an informed decision, the waiver request shall include the student's:
- 9.2.2.2.1 Official transcripts from the sixth grade through the current school year and semester grades for the current school year;
 - 9.2.2.2.2 Attendance records for the last two (2) years;
 - 9.2.2.2.3 A letter from the Principal or Headmaster of the school requesting the waiver either supporting or not supporting the waiver request;
 - 9.2.2.2.4 Any documentation specifically required by the rule;
 - 9.2.2.2.5 Medical records (if applicable);
 - 9.2.2.2.6 Legal documentation (if applicable);
 - 9.2.2.2.7 IEP's (if applicable); and
 - 9.2.2.2.8 Any documentation or evidence to substantiate a hardship or extenuating circumstance exists.
 - 9.2.2.2.9 For waiver requests involving 1008.2.4 or 1009.2.4, documentation of official withdrawal from the sending school and official registration or acceptance to the receiving school.
- 9.2.3 An appearance by the student and his or her parent, guardian or Relative Caregiver before the DIAA Board is mandatory on requests for an eligibility waiver. An appearance by a school representative is strongly encouraged.
- 9.3 Waiver Requests of Non eligibility Rules
- 9.3.1 The Principal or Headmaster of a member school, or any other individual may request a waiver of a rule, regulation, guideline, policy or procedure of DIAA not directly related to student eligibility when special circumstances arise that, in the Principal or Headmaster's opinion, or in the opinion of the individual, call for relief from, or modification of the effects of the rule.
 - 9.3.2 All requests for non eligibility waivers must be in writing, signed by the Principal or Headmaster.
 - 9.3.3 An appearance by the Principal or Headmaster or his/her designee or other individual requesting the non eligibility waiver is optional. If the Principal or Headmaster or his/her designee or other individual requesting the non eligibility waiver choose to appear before the DIAA Board he/she must notify the Executive Director of his/her intent to do so at the time the request for waiver is filed. Otherwise, the principal or his/her designee, or other individual, may attend the meeting but may not be permitted to address the DIAA Board.
 - 9.3.4 If the waiver requested would affect more than one member school, the waiver applicant shall provide the position of the other affected member schools on the waiver request in their written application. The failure to provide this information may result in a delay in the Board's consideration of the waiver request.
- 11 DE Reg. 1632 (06/01/08)**
15 DE Reg. 69 (07/01/11)
19 DE Reg. 1085 (06/01/16)
22 DE Reg. 469 (12/01/18)

10.0 Appeal Procedure to the DIAA Board of Directors

- 10.1 Decisions of the Executive Director or Sportsmanship Committee, with the exception of those to uphold or rescind the suspension resulting from a game ejection, may be appealed de novo to the DIAA Board of Directors. The Board of Directors has been designated by the Secretary of Education to conduct fact finding hearings or conferences in matters regarding interscholastic athletics.
- 10.1.1 Initiation of an Appeal to the DIAA Board
- 10.1.1.1 Whenever a right of appeal of a decision to the DIAA Board of Directors is provided, an aggrieved person who is under the regulatory authority of DIAA and who has, in fact, suffered a direct injury due to the decision, may initiate an appeal by filing a Notice of Appeal with the Executive Director. The notice shall be in writing, shall be signed by the person making the request (or by the party's authorized representative), and shall be delivered to the Executive Director by certified mail.
 - 10.1.1.2 The notice of appeal shall briefly state the decision from which the appeal is taken, the law, rule or regulation involved in the decision, the names of the parties, and the grounds for the appeal.
 - 10.1.1.3 The notice of appeal shall be filed within a reasonable time after the controversy arises, but in no event shall a notice be filed more than thirty (30) calendar days after the appellant's receipt of

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written notice that official action has been taken by the Executive Director or other authorized person or body.

- 10.1.1.3.1 Notwithstanding the above, the notice of appeal shall be served ten (10) calendar days after appellant's receipt of written notice that official action has been taken by the Executive Director or the Sportsmanship Committee pursuant to 14 **DE Admin. Code** 1007.
- 10.1.1.4 A copy of the notice of appeal shall be delivered to all other parties to the proceeding at the same time it is sent to the Executive Director. A copy of any other paper or document filed with DIAA shall also be provided to all other parties to the proceeding. If a party is represented by legal counsel, delivery to legal counsel is sufficient.
- 10.1.1.5 Upon receipt of an adequately detailed notice of appeal, the Executive Director shall place the appeal on the next meeting agenda of DIAA.
- 10.1.1.6 An appeal shall not stay the decision of the Executive Director, the Sportsmanship Committee, or any other subordinate.
- 10.1.2 Record of Prior Proceedings
 - 10.1.2.1 If proceedings were previously held on the matters complained of in the notice, the committee which conducted those proceedings shall file a certified copy of the record of the proceedings with the Executive Director.
 - 10.1.2.2 The record shall contain any written decision, a copy of the rule or regulation involved, any minutes of the meeting(s) at which a disputed action was taken, a verbatim transcript of the hearing conducted by the party below, and all exhibits presented at the agency.
 - 10.1.2.3 The record shall be filed with the Executive Director within ten (10) calendar days of the date the Executive Director notifies the committee that the notice was filed, unless directed otherwise. A copy of the record shall be sent to the appellant when it is submitted to the Executive Director.
- 10.1.3 DIAA Board Hearing Procedures for Appeals
 - 10.1.3.1 Record Review
 - 10.1.3.1.1 If a hearing was previously held on the matters complained of in the notice, the parties to the proceeding before the DIAA Board may agree to submit the matter to the Board on the existing record without the presentation of additional evidence. The parties shall inform the Executive Director in writing of their agreement to submit the matter to the Board on the existing record no later than ten (10) calendar days after the notice was filed.
 - 10.1.3.1.2 If the parties agree to submit the matter for decision on the existing record, they shall support their positions in written statements limited to matters in the existing record. The written statements shall be filed no later than ten (10) calendar days before the consideration date, unless otherwise directed.
 - 10.1.3.1.3 If the parties agree to submit the matter for decision on the existing record, they may nonetheless request oral argument be heard on the consideration date. A request for oral argument shall be submitted with the written statement of appeal. There will be no oral argument unless it is requested when the written statement of appeal is submitted. Oral argument shall be limited to the matters raised in the written statements and shall be limited to fifteen (15) minutes per side with an additional five (5) minutes for rebuttal.
 - 10.1.3.1.4 If the parties agree to submit the matter for decision on the existing record, the DIAA Board's decision shall be based on the existing record, the written statements and oral argument, if any.
 - 10.1.3.2 Evidentiary Hearings
 - 10.1.3.2.1 Evidentiary hearings will be held when there has not been a prior hearing, when the parties do not agree to rest on the existing record, or when the DIAA Board otherwise decides to receive additional evidence.
 - 10.1.3.2.2 The Chairperson or his/her designated representative shall be the hearing officer. The hearing officer shall conduct the hearing and make rulings on the admissibility of evidence.
 - 10.1.3.2.3 The DIAA Board of Directors may continue, adjourn, or postpone a hearing for good cause on motion of a party or upon its own motion.
 - 10.1.3.2.4 Objections to the admission of evidence shall be brief and shall state the grounds for such objections. Objections with regard to the form of question will not be considered.

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- 10.1.3.2.5 The hearing will proceed with the appellant first presenting its evidence and case. The responding party may then present its case. The appellant will have an opportunity to present rebuttal evidence.
- 10.1.3.2.6 Opening and closing arguments and post hearing submissions of briefs or legal memoranda will be permitted in the discretion of the DIAA Board.
- 10.1.3.2.7 Any person who testifies as a witness shall also be subject to cross examination by the other parties to the proceeding. Any witness is also subject to examination by the DIAA Board.
- 10.1.3.2.8 The Board may administer oaths, take testimony, hear proofs and receive exhibits into evidence at any hearing. Testimony at any hearing shall be under oath or affirmation.
- 10.1.3.2.9 Any party to a proceeding before the DIAA Board may be represented by counsel. An attorney representing a party in a proceeding before the Board shall notify the Executive Director of the representation in writing as soon as practicable.
- 10.1.3.2.10 Strict rules of evidence do not apply. Evidence having probative value commonly accepted by reasonably prudent people in the conduct of their affairs may be admitted into evidence.
- 10.1.3.2.11 Any document introduced into evidence at the hearing shall be marked by the DIAA Board and shall be a part of the record of the hearing. The party offering the document into evidence shall provide a copy of the document to each of the other parties, if any, and to each of the DIAA Board members present for the hearing unless otherwise directed.
- 10.1.3.2.12 DIAA shall provide a stenographic reporter at a hearing at its own expense.
- 10.1.3.2.13 The Board's decision shall be incorporated into a final order, which shall be signed and mailed to the parties within twenty (20) calendar days of the hearing.

11 DE Reg. 1632 (06/01/08)

15 DE Reg. 69 (07/01/11)

11.0 Appeal to the State Board of Education

Any party to a controversy involving the athletic rules and regulations, including a waiver thereof, may appeal to the State Board of Education by setting forth such grievance in a petition. The petition or notice of appeal shall be served on the Secretary of Education no later than thirty (30) calendar days after receipt of the decision. In addition, a copy of the petition or notice of appeal shall be served on the Executive Director of DIAA by certified or registered mail. Any decision shall otherwise be final. All appeals to the State Board of Education shall be on the basis of the record. (See 14 Del.C. §312 and the State Board of Education Procedures Manual). An appeal shall not stay the decision of the DIAA Board of Directors.

1 DE Reg. 725 (12/01/97)

6 DE Reg. 280 (09/01/02)

7 DE Reg. 1692 (06/01/04)

9 DE Reg. 117 (07/01/05)

11 DE Reg. 1632 (06/01/08)

15 DE Reg. 69 (07/01/11)

19 DE Reg. 1085 (06/01/16)

22 DE Reg. 56 (07/01/18)

22 DE Reg. 469 (12/01/18)

23 DE Reg. 376 (11/01/19)



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1.0 Definitions and Sportsmanship

1.1 Definitions

The following words and terms, when used in this regulation, shall have the following meaning unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"Board" means the Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association Board of Directors established pursuant to 14 Del.C. Chapter 3.

"DIAA" means the Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association.

"Executive Director" means the Executive Director of the Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association.

"Member School" means a full or associate member school of the Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association.

"Principal" or **"Headmaster"** means the chief or head individual in charge of a school who is traditionally referred to or generally known as the principal or headmaster, including Head of School, Administrator, Executive Director, or Charter Head.

"School Days" shall mean actual school attendance days during the regular academic school year including a partial day that children are in attendance at school for instructional purposes as adopted by the district or governing body of the school not to include weekends, holidays, summer school, etc.

1.2 Sportsmanship

1.2.1 Member Schools are required to conduct all of their athletic affairs with other schools in a spirit of good sportsmanship. Acts which are prima facie evidence of a failure to abide by this rule are those which are noted below and others of a similar nature which transgress the usually accepted code for good sportsmanship.

1.2.1.1 Failure to provide for proper control of spectators at a contest. When the number of spectators is expected to be large in relation to the seating capacity of the facility, uniformed State, county, or local police or constables appointed in accordance with 10 Del.C. Ch. 27 shall be provided for crowd control. The host school is expected to take reasonable and proper steps to assure crowd control under any foreseeable conditions.

1.2.1.2 Failure of a team or competitor to stay in a contest until its normal end when failure to do so is related to dissatisfaction with the officiating of the contest, unless the physical safety of the team or competitor would have been endangered by continuing the contest.

1.2.1.3 Harassment of game officials by a coach. Going onto the playing surface to interrupt a contest in protest of a decision by an official; conduct by a coach, team member, or any individual in the official party which invokes a penalty against the team; continued and visible actions by a coach which indicate to the team and to the spectators that the coach believes the game is being improperly officiated; public demonstrations with game officials which indicate to others extreme dissatisfaction with the officiating; and such related actions when exhibited in aggravated form are evidence of poor sportsmanship.

1.2.1.4 Failure of a school to use every means at its disposal to impress upon its faculty, student body, team members, coaching staff, and spectators the importance of good sportsmanship before, during, and after athletic contests. The host school is encouraged to read a brief statement concerning sportsmanship prior to the start of each athletic contest.

1.2.1.5 Failure of an administrator, athletic director, coach, athlete, official, or spectator to comply with the directions stipulated in the following Code of Interscholastic Athletics:

1.2.1.5.1 The School Administrator and Athletic Director shall:

1.2.1.5.1.1 Encourage and promote friendly relations and good sportsmanship throughout the school by requiring courtesy and proper decorum at all times, by familiarizing students and others in the community with the ideals of good sportsmanship, and by publicizing these concepts and

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attitudes so that all members of the school community understand and appreciate their meaning.

- 1.2.1.5.1.2 Review the Sportsmanship Rule with all athletic staff.
- 1.2.1.5.1.3 Insist upon strict compliance with all DIAA rules and regulations.
- 1.2.1.5.1.4 Insist upon adequate safety provisions for both participants and spectators in all activities.
- 1.2.1.5.1.5 Encourage all to judge the success of the interscholastic athletic program based on the attitude of the participants and spectators rather than on the number of games won or lost.
- 1.2.1.5.1.6 Insist that all participants adhere to the highest standards of good sportsmanship as a means of ensuring desirable spectator attitudes.
- 1.2.1.5.1.7 Provide sanitary and attractive facilities for the dressing and housing of visiting teams and officials.
- 1.2.1.5.1.8 Develop and implement policies for their interscholastic athletic programs to discourage acts of bullying, hazing, and taunting.
- 1.2.1.5.2 Coaches: The function of coaches is to educate students through participation in interscholastic athletics. An interscholastic program shall be designed to enhance academic achievement and shall never interfere with opportunities for academic success. Each student shall be treated with the utmost respect and his welfare should be considered in decisions by the coach at all times. Therefore, coaches shall:
 - 1.2.1.5.2.1 Demonstrate high ideals, good habits, and desirable attitudes in their personal and professional behavior and demand the same of their players. Coaches must uphold the dignity and honor of the profession of educator-coach. Their interaction with all students, officials, school staffs, athletic directors, administrators, the state association, the media and the general public (fans) shall be of the highest ethical and moral standard.
 - 1.2.1.5.2.2 Recognize that the purpose of competition is to promote the physical, mental, social, and emotional well being of the individual players and that the most important values of competition are derived from playing the game fairly. Coaches must recognize the tremendous influence they have on their student-athletes and must never place the value of winning above the value of instilling the highest ideals of character. Coaches must never exert pressure on faculty members to give students special consideration.
 - 1.2.1.5.2.3 Be a modest winner and a gracious loser. Sportsmanship shall be a key component of their coaching.
 - 1.2.1.5.2.4 Maintain self control at all times and accept adverse decisions without public display of emotion or dissatisfaction with the officials. Register disagreement through proper channels. Coaches shall exert their influence to enhance sportsmanship by spectators.
 - 1.2.1.5.2.5 Employ accepted educational methods in coaching and give players an opportunity to develop and use initiative, leadership, and judgment.
 - 1.2.1.5.2.6 Pay close attention to the physical well-being of players, refusing to jeopardize the health of an individual for the sake of improving their team's chances to win. Coaches must be properly informed of all required national, state and local safety policies and procedures.
 - 1.2.1.5.2.7 Teach athletes that it is better to lose fairly than to win unfairly.
 - 1.2.1.5.2.8 Establish policies which discourage the unlawful use of drugs, medications, and non-prescribed drugs. Coaches shall set an example to athletes by not using these products in their presence. Do not allow gambling, profanity, abusive language, and similar violations of the true sportsman's or sportswoman's code.
 - 1.2.1.5.2.9 Refuse to disparage an opponent, an official, or others associated with interscholastic athletics and discourage gossip and rumors about them. Actively set an example of respect and support for contest officials and opponents. Coaches must be highly ethical in all forums, chat rooms and all forms of social media and communication regarding the sport and participants.
 - 1.2.1.5.2.10 Properly supervise the athletes under their immediate care.
 - 1.2.1.5.2.11 Enforce school policies regarding bullying, hazing, and taunting and never tolerate any of these actions by team members or others.

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- 1.2.1.5.2.12 Know the playing rules and procedures of their sport and teach them to team members. Coaches shall insist upon strict compliance with all DIAA rules and regulations and never seek an advantage by circumvention of the spirit or letter of the rules.
- 1.2.1.5.2.13 Never illegally recruit athletes.
- 1.2.1.5.3 Participants (athletes and cheerleaders) shall:
 - 1.2.1.5.3.1 Be responsible for the perpetuation of interscholastic athletics. Strive to enhance the image of athletics not only as a member of a team but also as a member of their school and community.
 - 1.2.1.5.3.2 Be courteous to the visiting team. The opponent wants to excel as much as the home team. Respect their efforts.
 - 1.2.1.5.3.3 Play hard to the limit of personal ability regardless of discouragement. The true athlete does not give up, quarrel, cheat, bet, or grandstand.
 - 1.2.1.5.3.4 Be modest when successful and be gracious in defeat. A true sportsman or sportswoman does not offer excuses for failure.
 - 1.2.1.5.3.5 Understand and observe the playing rules of the game and the standards of eligibility.
 - 1.2.1.5.3.6 Respect the integrity and judgment of the officials and accept their decisions without complaint.
 - 1.2.1.5.3.7 Respect the facilities of the host school and do not violate the trust entailed in being a guest.
 - 1.2.1.5.3.8 Refrain from participating in or encouraging the acts of bullying, hazing, and taunting.
 - 1.2.1.5.3.9 Respect others including fellow students, athletes, opponents, coaches, officials in all areas including public forums and social media. Display highly ethical conduct in all forums, chat rooms and all forms of social media and communication.
- 1.2.1.5.4 Officials: Officials at an interscholastic athletic event are participants in the educational development of high school students. As such, they must exercise a high level of self-discipline, independence and responsibility. Therefore, officials shall:
 - 1.2.1.5.4.1 Know the rules and interpretations and mechanics of their sport and be thoroughly trained to administer them. Be prepared and qualified both mentally and physically for the contest they are officiating, dress neatly and appropriately, and comport themselves in a manner consistent with the high standards of the profession.
 - 1.2.1.5.4.2 Maintain self control in all situations and with all persons.
 - 1.2.1.5.4.3 When enforcing the rules, do not make gestures or comments that will embarrass the players or coaches. Be mindful that their conduct influences the respect and conduct of students, coaches and the public. Remember the field, court, pool or mat is a classroom.
 - 1.2.1.5.4.4 Be impartial and fair, yet firm, in all decisions. A good official will not attempt to compensate later for an unpopular decision.
 - 1.2.1.5.4.5 Refrain from commenting upon or discussing a team, player, or game situation with those not immediately concerned. This shall include all forms of public communication and social media. The official must be highly ethical in all forums, chat rooms and all forms of social media and communication regarding the sport and participants.
 - 1.2.1.5.4.6 Conduct the game so as to enlist the cooperation of the players, coaches, and spectators in promoting good sportsmanship. Set a professional example by being punctual and under control at all times. Uphold the honor and dignity of the profession in all interaction with student-athletes, coaches, athletic directors, school administrators, colleagues and the public.
 - 1.2.1.5.4.7 Refrain from participating in or encouraging the acts of bullying, hazing, and taunting. Do not tolerate nor let go unpenalized any of these actions.
 - 1.2.1.5.4.8 Be educated in all national, state and local safety procedures that are required of them. Work with event management and the state association to eliminate unsafe conditions or situations.
- 1.2.1.5.5 Spectators shall:
 - 1.2.1.5.5.1 Realize that they represent the school just as definitely as does a member of the team, and that they have an obligation to be a true sportsman or sportswoman and to encourage through their behavior the practice of good sportsmanship by others.

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1.2.1.5.5.2 Recognize that good sportsmanship is more important than victory by approving and applauding good team play, individual skill, and outstanding examples of sportsmanship and fair play exhibited by either team. The following are some examples of poor sportsmanship which shall not be tolerated:

1.2.1.5.5.2.1 Profanity, vulgarity, obscene gestures, abusive language, or derogatory remarks.

1.2.1.5.5.2.2 Throwing objects.

1.2.1.5.5.2.3 Going onto the playing surface and interrupting a contest.

1.2.1.5.5.2.4 Use of alcohol or other controlled substances.

1.2.1.5.5.3 Respect the judgment and integrity of the officials, recognizing that their decisions are based upon game conditions as they observe them.

1.2.1.5.5.4 Treat visiting teams and officials as guests extending to them every courtesy.

1.2.1.5.5.5 Be modest in victory and gracious in defeat.

1.2.1.5.5.6 Refrain from participating in or encouraging the acts of bullying, hazing, and taunting.

11 DE Reg. 1635 (06/01/08)

15 DE Reg. 72 (07/01/11)

19 DE Reg. 493 (12/01/15)

22 DE Reg. 162 (08/01/18)

23 DE Reg. 114 (08/01/19)

2.0 Processing Violations

2.1 Procedures

2.1.1 The Executive Director is specifically authorized to pursue any matter which, on the surface, has indications of being a sportsmanship violation.

2.1.2 Within twenty calendar days of the incident, an alleged sportsmanship violation must be reported in writing to the Executive Director by the administrative head of a Member School or by the Executive Board of an officials' association.

2.1.2.1 However, investigations involving contest ejections or altercations involving students or coaches may require an expedited procedure and must be reported to the Executive Director within 24 hours. The Executive Director is authorized to expedite the procedure in order to assure a ruling prior to the next contest played at that level of competition including post season play.

2.1.3 The Executive Director shall transmit a copy of the report to the Principal or Headmaster or official designee of the school(s) involved.

2.1.4 Each Principal or Headmaster concerned shall investigate and provide such information or answers to the report as are appropriate.

2.1.5 The Executive Director shall provide Member Schools and officials' associations with a specially designed form to facilitate the proper reporting of sportsmanship related incidents.

2.1.6 Upon receipt of all reports, the Executive Director shall review the documents and inform the school(s) involved of his disposition of the matter. The Executive Director may, in turn, refer the matter to the Sportsmanship Committee to investigate and adjudicate what appears to be a violation of the Sportsmanship Rule.

2.1.7 The Sportsmanship Committee shall review such available evidence as it deems necessary to reach a conclusion. Actions such as requesting reports and conducting interviews should not be interpreted as casting aspersions on a school adhering to DIAA regulations, but as an effort to keep all parties properly informed. Penalties up to and including suspensions of Member Schools may be imposed by the Sportsmanship Committee.

2.1.8 A copy of the Sportsmanship Committee's action shall be filed with the Executive Director and the administrative head of the school(s) involved.

2.2 Policies

2.2.1 The basis for the following policy statement is that a Member School shall not be represented by individuals whose conduct reflects discredit upon the school. Insofar as unsportsmanlike actions by participants and spectators are concerned, the Sportsmanship Committee shall refer to the items previously identified in the Code of Interscholastic Athletics as well as the following guidelines:

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- 2.2.1.1 The school whose administrator or athletic director behaves in a manner likely to have an adverse influence on the attitudes of the players or spectators may be provided with a choice of:
 - 2.2.1.1.1 Reprimanding its administrator or athletic director and providing written documentation to the Executive Director, or
 - 2.2.1.1.2 Suspending its administrator or athletic director from representing the school in athletic events for a specified period of time not to exceed 180 School Days, or
 - 2.2.1.1.3 Having the entire school disciplined by DIAA.
 - 2.2.1.2 An athlete shall not strike an official, opponent, coach, or spectator or display gross misconduct before, during, or after an athletic event. The athlete, depending on the seriousness of the act, may be declared ineligible by the Principal, Headmaster, Executive Director, or Sportsmanship Committee for a specified period of time not to exceed 180 School Days.
 - 2.2.1.3 In the case of spectators physically assaulting an official, coach, or player, the school may be given the option of either taking punitive action against the offender or accepting discipline from DIAA.
 - 2.2.1.4 Member Schools that do not fully cooperate in promoting the spirit of the Sportsmanship Rule may be disciplined by DIAA.
 - 2.2.1.5 The school whose coach behaves in a manner likely to have an adverse influence on the attitudes of the players or spectators may be provided with a choice of:
 - 2.2.1.5.1 Reprimanding its coach and providing written documentation to the Executive Director, or
 - 2.2.1.5.2 Suspending its coach from representing the school in athletic events for a specified period of time not to exceed 180 School Days, or
 - 2.2.1.5.3 Having the entire school disciplined by DIAA.
 - 2.2.1.6 An administrator, athletic director, or coach may be considered as having committed an unsportsmanlike act if:
 - 2.2.1.6.1 He or she makes disparaging remarks about the officials during or after a game either on the field of play, from the bench, or through any public news media, or
 - 2.2.1.6.2 He or she argues with the official or indicates with gestures or other physical actions his or her dislike for a decision, or
 - 2.2.1.6.3 He or she detains the official on the field of play following a game to request a ruling or explanation of some phase of the game, or
 - 2.2.1.6.4 He or she makes disparaging or unprofessional remarks about another school's personnel.
 - 2.2.1.7 All actions by a Member School resulting from an investigation relative to the above policies shall be subject to approval by the Executive Director or the Sportsmanship Committee.
- 2.3 Penalties
- 2.3.1 Unless otherwise limited, the Executive Director and Sportsmanship Committee may impose penalties on a Member School, a particular team of a Member School, a particular athlete, coach, or administrator of a Member School, an official, or a spectator, as deemed necessary based on the particular circumstances. The following are examples of possible penalties and represent degrees of discipline in enforcing the Sportsmanship Rule:
 - 2.3.1.1 Reprimand: a reprimand is official written notice that an unethical or unsportsmanlike action has occurred and that such an occurrence must not be repeated. A reprimand is a matter of record.
 - 2.3.1.2 Probation: probation is a more severe penalty and may be expressed in one of the following ways:
 - 2.3.1.2.1 Conditional probation wherein the offending individual or Member School may participate in regular season contests, sanctioned events, and conference and state championships provided he, she, or the school files with the DIAA office a plan indicating the measures that shall be taken to alleviate the problem which caused him or her or the school to be placed on probation; or
 - 2.3.1.2.2 Restrictive probation wherein a Member School or a particular team of a Member School may engage in its regular season schedule but may not enter any sanctioned events, participate in any playoff toward a conference or state championship, or be awarded a conference or state championship.
 - 2.3.1.3 Suspension: a suspension means that the offending individual or Member School shall not attend or participate in any DIAA sanctioned interscholastic competition and may also include tryouts.

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2.3.2 Game Ejection

2.3.2.1 A player or coach disqualified before, during, or after a contest for an unsportsmanlike act shall be suspended from the next complete (a winner is determined or a tie is declared) contest at that level of competition and all other complete or suspended contests in the interim at any level of competition in addition to any other penalties which DIAA may impose.

2.3.2.1.1 A player who leaves the team bench area and enters the playing field, court, or mat during a fight or other physical confrontation shall be ejected from the contest. Additional penalties may be imposed if a player leaving the bench area becomes involved in the altercation.

2.3.2.2 A disqualified player or coach shall not be physically present at any contest in that sport during the suspension.

2.3.2.2.1 The coach or player shall not be present at any game-related activities immediately before the contest, during the intermission, or immediately after the contest. The coach or player must be "out of sight and sound" of the game and game-related activities regardless of whether the coach or player is physically on school premises.

2.3.2.2.2 If the offending coach or player is present at a game or game-related activity during the suspension in any capacity, including but not limited to: manager, statistician, site worker, spectator, etc., the coach or player shall be suspended for one additional game at that level of competition.

2.3.2.3 If a coach or athlete is disqualified from the final contest of the season, the suspension shall carry over to the next year in that sport.

2.3.2.3.1 Coaches who do not fulfill their penalty in the same sport shall be disqualified for the appropriate length of time in their subsequent coaching assignment.

2.3.2.3.2 Athletes who do not fulfill their penalty in the same sport or who do not retain eligibility shall be disqualified for the appropriate length of time in their next sport.

2.3.2.3.2.1 Seniors shall fulfill their penalty in another sport during the same season or another sport during a subsequent season.

2.3.2.3.2.2 When a senior is disqualified from the last game of his or her high school career, the Member School shall take appropriate administrative action to discipline the offending student, which may include withdrawing the student from a post-season all-star game. The Member School shall report the action taken to the Sportsmanship Committee.

2.3.2.4 A player or coach ejected for a second time during the same season shall be subjected to a two game suspension and shall meet, in a timely fashion, with the Sportsmanship Committee accompanied by the Principal or his or her designee and, in the case of an athlete, by the coach.

2.3.2.5 Appeal of a contest suspension resulting from a game ejection

2.3.2.5.1 A coach or player may appeal a contest suspension resulting from a game ejection to the DIAA Executive Director. Contest suspensions that may be appealed include suspensions from game ejections under the individual sport playing rules, other DIAA policies, or a suspension under subsections 2.3.1.1 or 2.3.1.1.1. The Executive Director may decide the appeal or, in his or her discretion, refer it to the Sportsmanship Committee or a subcommittee that may include the Board's Chairperson, the Sportsmanship Committee's Chairperson, the committee chairperson of the applicable recognized sports committee, the State rules interpreter for the applicable sport, a representative of the applicable officials' association, and any other individuals the Executive Director deems necessary.

2.3.2.5.2 If the Executive Director is unable to make a decision before the next contest, the suspension remains in effect. The Executive Director's, Sportsmanship Committee's, or subcommittee's decision to uphold or rescind the suspension resulting from a game ejection may not be appealed to the Board.

2.4 Appeals

2.4.1 Decisions of the Executive Director or Sportsmanship Committee with the exception of those to uphold or rescind the suspension resulting from a game ejection may be appealed to the DIAA Board of Directors in accordance with the procedure found in 14 **DE Admin. Code** 1006.10. In accordance with subsection 1006.10.1.1.3.1, the notice of appeal shall be served by certified mail within ten calendar days after the appellant's receipt of the written notice that official action has been taken by the Executive Director or

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Sportsmanship Committee. An appeal shall not stay the decision of the Executive Director, the Sportsmanship Committee, or any other subordinate.

3 DE Reg. 436 (09/01/99)

6 DE Reg. 285 (09/01/02)

7 DE Reg. 1692 (06/01/04)

11 DE Reg. 1635 (06/01/08)

15 DE Reg. 69 (07/01/11)

19 DE Reg. 493 (12/01/15)

22 DE Reg. 162 (08/01/18)

23 DE Reg. 114 (08/01/19)



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1.0 National Federation of State High Schools, Conferences, Contracts, Equivalency Rules and Definitions

1.1 Definitions

The following words and terms, when used in this regulation, shall have the following meaning unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"Administrative Head of School" means the chief or head individual in charge of the school traditionally referred to or generally known as the principal or headmaster.

"Attendance Zone" means the geographical area set by law or the governing body of a public school that entitles a student to attend a certain public school.

"Board" means the Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association Board of Directors established pursuant to 14 Del.C. Chapter 3.

"Department" means the Delaware Department of Education.

"Guardian or Legal Guardian" means an individual who legally has responsibility for the care and management of the student during the student's minority. The relationship is a legal one and must be created by a court order signed by a judge, commissioner, or master of a court of competent jurisdiction.

"Individualized Education Program" or "IEP" means a written statement for a child with a disability as defined in 14 DE Admin. Code 922.

"Legally in attendance" means present at school as determined by a pre-established written policy adopted by the local school board or governing body of the school.

"Member school" means a full or associate member school of the DIAA.

"Principal" or "Headmaster" means the Administrative Head of School and includes but is not limited to Head of School, Administrator, Executive Director, or Charter Head.

"Qualified Healthcare Professional" means a Doctor of Medicine (MD); a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO); or a school nurse, nurse practitioner, physician assistant, or athletic trainer. Qualified Healthcare Professionals shall be licensed by their state and in good standing with the State of Delaware.

"Qualified Physician" means a Doctor of Medicine (MD) or a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO) who is licensed by their state and in good standing with the State of Delaware.

"Receiving School" means the school a student transfers to after leaving his or her previous school.

"Relative Caregiver" means an adult who by blood, marriage or adoption is the child's great grandparent, grandparent, step grandparent, great aunt, aunt, step aunt, great uncle, uncle, step uncle, stepparent, brother, sister, stepbrother, stepsister, half brother, half sister, niece, nephew, first cousin or first cousin once removed but who does not have legal custody or legal guardianship of the student.

"School day(s)" means actual school attendance days during the regular academic school year including a partial day that students are in attendance at school for instructional purposes as adopted by the district or governing body of the school not to include weekends, holidays, summer school, etc.

"Sending School" means the school a student transfers from to go to a different school.

"State Board" means the State Board of Education pursuant to 14 Del.C. §104.

"Student With a Disability" means a "child with a disability" as that term is defined in 14 DE Admin. Code 922 or a qualified person with a disability under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

"Superintendent" means the chief school officer of a school district.

"Transfer" means the student has officially withdrawn from the sending school and has officially enrolled in the receiving school in accordance with the receiving school's established registration process.

1.2 National Federation of High School Associations

- 1.2.1 DIAA is affiliated with the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS). The playing rules, codes of conduct, sanctions, and guidelines in the NFHS rules books are adopted except as modified by the DIAA Board of Directors.

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- 1.2.1.1 The playing rules of the United States Tennis Association, the United States Golf Association and the United States Lacrosse Association are adopted for the sports of tennis, golf and girls' lacrosse respectively except as modified by the DIAA Board of Directors.
- 1.3 Conferences
- 1.3.1 Member schools may establish voluntary conference organizations that may be composed of public and nonpublic schools. When established they must submit its proposed membership and its constitution and bylaws to the DIAA Board of Directors and must be approved by the DIAA Board of Directors before the schools may enter into any contractual agreements.
- 1.3.1.1 All subsequent amendments to the constitution and bylaws of the conference must be compatible with all provisions of the DIAA Regulations; interpretations and rulings of the Executive Director, Sportsmanship Committee, and Board of Directors; state tournament regulations; and DIAA approved playing codes.
- 1.4 Contracts
- 1.4.1 Contracts between DIAA member schools or between DIAA Member schools and full member schools of comparable state associations are encouraged but not required.
- 1.4.1.1 Conference master contracts are approved substitutes for individual contracts.
- 1.4.1.2 In the case of a dispute and provided either a signed individual contract or conference master contract was received in the DIAA office or postmarked prior to the contest in question, appeal may be made to the Executive Director or the DIAA Board of Directors which, after review of the circumstances, may assign an appropriate penalty.
- 1.4.1.2.1 Without a signed individual contract or conference master contract, a member school has no right of appeal to the Executive Director or the DIAA Board of Directors.
- 1.4.2 Contracts between DIAA member schools and nonmember or associate member schools of comparable state associations are required.
- 1.4.2.1 A copy of the signed contract must be either received by the Executive Director or postmarked prior to the contest for which the agreement was drawn up. Failure to file a signed contract as prescribed shall result in the DIAA member school being assessed a \$50.00 fine.
- 1.4.2.2 In the case of a dispute, a member school has no right of appeal to the Executive Director or the DIAA Board of Directors unless a signed individual contract is in place.
- 1.4.3 Contracts shall be interchanged according to the following provisions:
- 1.4.3.1 Contracts on the accepted form shall be arranged by the competing schools for each season's interscholastic athletic contests.
- 1.4.3.2 Contracts shall be drawn up by the faculty manager or other designated staff member of the home school of the earlier contest.
- 1.4.3.3 A signed contract or any part thereof may not be nullified or modified except by mutual agreement of both schools involved.
- 1.4.4 If a game is not played, it shall be considered a "no contest." Notwithstanding the above, if a signed individual contract or conference master contract was received in the DIAA office or postmarked prior to the contest in question and one of the participating schools breached the agreement, the non-breaching school may appeal for a forfeit to the Executive Director or the DIAA Board of Directors. If the Executive Director or Board finds a forfeit is appropriate, the no contest shall be replaced with the forfeit.
- 1.5 Equivalency Rules
- 1.5.1 A full member school shall not participate in a scrimmage or contest with an instate middle school that is not a member in good standing of DIAA.
- 1.5.1.1 Scrimmage is defined as: an informal competition between schools in which officials are not compensated, a final score is not kept, the time periods are permitted to be modified, the results of the competition are not reported to the media, the coaches are permitted to interrupt the play to provide instruction and the competition is strictly for practice purposes. All participating schools must consider the event to be a scrimmage and therefore cannot count the results as part of their regular season results.
- 1.5.2 A full member school shall not participate in a scrimmage or contest with an associate or nonmember school of another state association unless the opposing school, as part of a written contract, certifies that its contestants are eligible under the rules of its home state association.

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- 1.5.3 An associate member school shall not participate in a scrimmage or contest with an in state school that is not a member in good standing of DIAA unless the opposing school complies with the conditions specified in 1.5.2. However, the opposing school shall be exempt from those rules which DIAA has waived for its associate member school.
- 1.5.4 Member schools shall not participate in a practice, scrimmage, or contest with a non school sponsored team.
- 1.5.5 Member schools shall not participate in a practice, scrimmage, or contest with a non-middle school team.
- 1.5.6 Member schools shall not participate in a practice, scrimmage, or contest with elementary, high school or college-aged students. This provision shall not apply to games played against the alumni or faculty of the school when the game is sponsored by school authorities.
- 1.5.7 A school which participates in a game against an illegal opponent shall be required to forfeit the contest and be assessed a \$500.00 fine.

11 DE Reg. 1639 (06/01/08)

15 DE Reg. 74 (07/01/11)

19 DE Reg. 743 (02/01/16)

22 DE Reg. 395 (11/01/18)

2.0 Eligibility: No Student Shall Represent a School in an Interscholastic Scrimmage or Contest if the Student Does Not Meet the Following Requirements

2.1 Eligibility, Grades and Age

2.1.1 The junior high and middle school interscholastic program shall include grades 6 to 8, inclusive. No junior high or middle school student who has completed a season at the junior high or middle school level shall compete in the same sport at the senior high school level during the same school year. A junior high or middle school student who participates in a varsity or sub varsity game at the high school level shall be ineligible to participate at the junior high or middle school level in the same sport. This does not prohibit an eighth grade school student attending a school approved to play eighth grade students at the high school level from trying out for a varsity or sub varsity sport at the high school level.

2.1.1.1 Eighth grade students who become 15 years of age on or after June 15 immediately preceding the school year in a school terminating in the eighth grade shall be eligible for all sports during the current school year provided all other eligibility requirements are met.

2.1.1.2 Permission shall be granted for 15 year old eighth grade students in a school terminating in the eighth grade who are ineligible for junior high or middle school competition to participate in the district high school athletic program provided they meet all other eligibility requirements. In determining the age of a contestant, the birth date as entered on the birth record of the Bureau of Vital Statistics shall be required and shall be so certified on all eligibility lists.

2.1.2 Requests for waiver of the age requirement shall be considered only for participation on an unofficial, non scoring basis in non contact sports.

2.2 Eligibility, Residence

2.2.1 With the exception of boarding school students, a student must be living with their custodial parent(s) legal guardian(s) or Relative Caregiver in the Attendance Zone of the school which he/she attends in order to be eligible for interscholastic athletics in that school. In cases of joint custody, the custodial parent shall be the parent with actual physical placement as determined by court action. In the case of shared placement or where residential placement has not been determined by a court, the parent(s) must commit to sending the student to a particular school for the year. Maintaining multiple residences in order to circumvent this requirement shall render the student ineligible.

2.2.1.1 A student who, pursuant to established school board policy or administrative procedure, remains in a school they have been attending after their legal residence changes to the Attendance Zone of a different school in the same school district, may exercise, prior to the first official student day of the subsequent academic year, a one time election to remain at their current school and thereby not lose athletic eligible. If a student chooses to remain at their current school and then transfers to the school in a new Attendance Zone on or after the first official student day of the subsequent academic year, the student shall be ineligible under subsection 2.4.

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- 2.2.1.2 A student who changes residence to a different Attendance Zone after the start of the last marking period and, pursuant to established school board policy or administrative procedure, is granted permission to continue attending his/her present school, the student shall retain their athletic eligibility in that school for the remainder of the school year provided all other eligibility requirements are met.
 - 2.2.1.3 A student may be residing outside of the Attendance Zone of the school which they attend if the student is participating in the Delaware School Choice Program as authorized by 14 Del.C. Ch.4.
 - 2.2.1.4 A student who is a non resident of Delaware shall be eligible to attend a public school if, in accordance with 14 Del.C. §607, their custodial parent, legal guardian or Relative Caregiver is a full time employee of that district.
 - 2.2.1.5 Notwithstanding 2.2.1, a student shall be eligible at a public school if he/she is enrolled in accordance with 14 Del.C. §202(f), the Relative Caregivers School Authorization.
 - 2.2.1.5.1 An exception would be a student whose Relative Caregiver does not provide the documentation required by the Relative Caregiver School Authorization (proof of relation and proof of full time care) but is permitted to register on the basis of a petition for the transfer of guardianship. A student who registers on the basis of a petition for the transfer of guardianship is not eligible to scrimmage or compete until the Relative Caregiver has provided the aforementioned required documentation or has received a signed court order designating them as the student's legal guardian.
 - 2.2.1.6 Notwithstanding 2.2.1, a student who is homeless as defined in the McKinney-Vento Act, 42 U.S.C. 11434a(2) shall be eligible to participate at the public school in which he/she is enrolled.
 - 2.2.1.7 For purposes of eligibility, a child placed within the Department of Services for Children, Youth and Their Families (DSCYF) custody is eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics immediately at the school they attend.
- 2.3 Eligibility, Enrollment and Attendance
- 2.3.1 A student must be legally enrolled in the junior high or middle school which they represent in order to participate in a practice, scrimmage, or contest.
 - 2.3.2 Students with disabilities who are placed in special schools or programs.
 - 2.3.2.1 Definitions:
 - “**Campus**” means a contiguous land area containing one or more school buildings.
 - “**Special School or Program**” means a school or program approved by the Department of Education with the approval of the State Board of Education to serve students with disabilities, but does not include alternative schools.
 - 2.3.2.2 A student with a disability who is placed in a special school or program administered by a school district or charter school which sponsors junior high or middle school interscholastic athletics shall be eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics as follows:
 - 2.3.2.2.1 If the special school or program sponsors the interscholastic sport in question, the student shall be eligible to participate only at the school or program.
 - 2.3.2.2.2 If the special school or program does not sponsor the interscholastic sport in question and the student is served in a regular junior high or middle school for all or part of the school day, the student shall be eligible only at that regular junior high or middle school.
 - 2.3.2.2.3 If the special school or program does not sponsor the interscholastic sport in question, and the student is served exclusively in the special school or program, and the special school or program is located on the campus of a regular junior high or middle school, the student shall be eligible only at the regular junior high or middle school on the same campus.
 - 2.3.2.2.4 If the special school or program does not sponsor the interscholastic sport in question, and the student is served exclusively in the special school or program, and the special school or program is not located on the campus of a regular junior high or middle school the student shall be eligible only at the regular junior high or middle school designated to serve the special school's or program's students.
 - 2.3.2.2.4.1 School districts or charter schools which administer special schools or programs and have multiple middle schools or junior high schools shall decide which of its regular middle schools or junior high schools shall be designated to serve special school or program students in these circumstances.

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- 2.3.3 Enrollment Requirements for the School District Enrollment Choice Program:
- 2.3.3.1 Pursuant to 14 Del.C. §407(a)(2), a student who is enrolled in a traditional public, vocational, or charter school outside of the student's feeder pattern through the School District Enrollment Choice Program shall remain enrolled in the school for a minimum of two years. A waiver request is not required and the student is not ineligible under this subsection if one of the exceptions as provided in 14 Del.C. §407(a)(2) applies or the student's enrollment in the school is terminated as provided in 14 Del.C. §407. Even if a waiver request is not required and the student is not ineligible under this subsection, a waiver request may be required and the student may be ineligible under subsection 2.4 of this regulation.
 - 2.3.3.2 Pursuant to 14 Del.C. §506(d), a student who is in his or her first year of attendance at a charter school shall remain enrolled in the charter school for a minimum of one year. A waiver request is not required and the student is not ineligible under this subsection if good cause exists as provided in 14 Del.C. §506(d).
- 2.3.4 A student may not participate in a practice, scrimmage, or contest during the time a suspension, either in school or out of school, is in effect or during the time they are assigned to an alternative school for disciplinary reasons.
- 2.3.5 A student must be legally in attendance at school in order to participate in a practice, scrimmage, or contest except when excused by proper school authorities in accordance with pre-established written school policy.
- 2.3.5.1 A student who is not legally in attendance at school due to illness or injury shall not be permitted to participate in a practice, scrimmage, or contest on that day.
- 2.3.6 A Student who fails to complete a semester or absence for one or more semesters for reasons other than personal illness or injury shall be ineligible for 90 school days from his/her reentry to school.
- 2.3.7 An ineligible student who practices in violation of 2.3.1 through 2.3.6 shall, when the student regains their eligibility, be prohibited from practicing, scrimmaging or competing for an equivalent number of days.
- 2.4 Eligibility, Transfers
- 2.4.1 Purpose
 - 2.4.1.1 The intent of the Junior High and Middle School Transfer Rule is to deter students from transferring schools for athletic purposes, to help discourage recruitment, and to reduce the opportunity for undue influence to be exerted by persons who seek to benefit from a student's athletic talent. DIAA recognizes that, because of the number of transfers that occur each year, it is difficult to carry out that intent if an individualized determination is required for all students who transfer schools. The exceptions in subsection 2.4.3 of this regulation involve circumstances in which establishing a hardship for eligibility purposes is not required; strict enforcement of the rule will not serve to accomplish the purpose of the rule; the spirit of the rule will not be offended or compromised; the principle of educational balance over athletics will not be offended or compromised; and there is no safety risk to teammates or competitors.
 - 2.4.2 Junior High and Middle School Transfer Rule
 - 2.4.2.1 Unless one of the exceptions found in subsection 2.4.3 of this regulation applies, a student who has previously participated in interscholastic athletics that transfers to a DIAA member school shall be ineligible in all sports for a period of 90 school days commencing with the first day of official attendance in the Receiving School.
 - 2.4.3 Exceptions to the Junior High and Middle School Transfer Rule
 - 2.4.3.1 A student, the student's family, and the student's Receiving School are not required to submit a waiver request and establish the conditions for granting a waiver set forth in subsection 9.1.1 of 14 **DE Admin. Code** 1006, including hardship, and the period of ineligibility shall not apply if the student meets one of the following exceptions and the student's Transfer was not for athletic advantage as provided in subsection 2.4.5 of this regulation:
 - 2.4.3.1.1 McKinney-Vento Act (Homeless Students) - The period of ineligibility shall not apply if the Transfer is the result of the student becoming homeless as defined in the McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youths Act, 42 U.S.C. §11434a(2).
 - 2.4.3.1.2 Transfer Because of Administrative Assignment - The period of ineligibility shall not apply if the Transfer is within a school district and is approved by the district's Superintendent pursuant to established school board policy or administrative procedure. This subsection shall not apply if

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the student is enrolled in a traditional public, vocational, or charter school through the School District Enrollment Choice Program and transfers to the student's feeder pattern school within the district unless the student satisfies the conditions stipulated in subsections 2.4.3.1.9.1 through 2.4.3.1.9.4. For the purpose of this subsection, a student's feeder pattern consists of the public schools in which the student would normally be enrolled based on the student's place of residence. This subsection shall also not apply if the student is enrolled in a traditional public, vocational, or charter school through the School District Enrollment Choice Program and transfers to a different traditional public, vocational, or charter school within the district through the program.

- 2.4.3.1.3 No previous interscholastic athletic participation - A student who has not previously participated in interscholastic athletics, is released by a proper school authority from a Sending School, has completed the registration process at the Receiving School, and is pursuing an approved course of study shall be eligible immediately upon registration provided the student meets all other DIAA eligibility requirements.
- 2.4.3.1.4 Transfer Due to Court Action - A student may transfer without loss of athletic eligibility if the Transfer is caused by court action, court action being an order from a court of law affecting legally committed students. In the case of a transfer of guardianship or custody, the Transfer shall be the result of a court order signed by a judge, commissioner, or master of a court of competent jurisdiction. A petition for the transfer of guardianship or custody, an affidavit (except as permitted by subsection 2.4.3.1.5 of this regulation), or a notarized statement signed by the affected parties shall not be sufficient to render the student eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics.
- 2.4.3.1.4.1 Sole, Joint, or Shared Custody - In cases of sole, joint, or shared custody once a primary residence is established, a change in the student's primary residence without court action renders the student ineligible unless one of the other exceptions in subsection 2.4.3 of this regulation applies.
- 2.4.3.1.4.2 DSCYF Custody - For the purposes of eligibility, a student placed within DSCYF custody is eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics immediately at the school he or she attends.
- 2.4.3.1.5 Transfer Based Upon Relative Caregivers School Authorization - A student may Transfer without loss of athletic eligibility if the transfer is based upon the submission of a Caregivers School Authorization in accordance with 14 Del.C. §202(f).
- 2.4.3.1.5.1 An exception would be a student whose caregiver does not provide the documentation required by the Relative Caregivers School Authorization (including proof of relationship and proof of full time care) but is permitted to register on the basis of a petition for the transfer of guardianship. A student who registers on the basis of a petition for the transfer of guardianship is not eligible to scrimmage or compete until the caregiver has provided a custody or guardianship petition to the receiving school in accordance with 14 Del.C. §202(f)(1).
- 2.4.3.1.6 Transfer Due to Change of Residence - The Transfer is the result of a change in residence by the custodial parent(s), Legal Guardian(s), or Relative Caregiver to the Attendance Zone of a public school that student was not attending. If, as a result of the change of residence, the student could now enroll in a different public school, the student may make a one-time election and select any school including a private school. A change in residence has occurred when all occupancy of the previous residence has ended and a new legal residence has been established. Maintaining dual residency for purposes of athletic eligibility shall render the student ineligible.
- 2.4.3.1.7 Transfer under Unsafe School Choice Policy - A student may transfer without loss of athletic eligibility if the student attends a persistently dangerous school or is the victim of a violent felony while in or on the grounds of a school in which he or she is enrolled and the student opts to transfer to a safe school in the same school district in accordance with 14 DE Admin. Code 608 Unsafe School Choice Option Policy.
- 2.4.3.1.8 Transfers with Fewer Than 90 Days Left in Academic Year - If a student transfers with fewer than ninety (90) school days left in the academic year, the student shall be ineligible for the remainder of the school year but shall be eligible beginning with the subsequent fall sports season provided the student is in compliance with all other eligibility requirements.

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- 2.4.3.1.9 Transfers after the Close of an Academic Year and Prior to the Start of a New Academic Year - The period of ineligibility shall not apply if the Transfer is after the close of the Sending School's academic year and prior to the first official student day of the Receiving School's academic year provided:
 - 2.4.3.1.9.1 The student has completed the registration process at the Receiving School prior to the first official student day of the academic year. The first official student day shall be defined as the first day on which students in any grade in that school are required to be in attendance.
 - 2.4.3.1.9.2 The student has not attended class, excluding summer school, or participated in a scrimmage or contest at the Sending School since the close of the previous academic year.
 - 2.4.3.1.9.3 The student's legal residence is located in the Attendance Zone of the Receiving School.
 - 2.4.3.1.9.4 All other DIAA eligibility requirements have been met.
- 2.4.4 Transfer Because of a Financial Hardship. If a waiver of the Junior High and Middle School Transfer Rule is requested due to a financial hardship, the parent(s), Legal Guardian(s) or Relative Caregiver is responsible for providing documentation to the Board to support the request.
 - 2.4.4.1 Documentation for Financial Hardship: Documentation for financial hardship shall include:
 - 2.4.4.1.1 Proof of extreme financial hardship caused by significant and unexpected reduction in income or increase in expenses; and
 - 2.4.4.1.2 A statement from the Principals or Headmasters of both the Sending and Receiving Schools that the student is not transferring for athletic advantage as that term is used in subsection 2.4.5 of this regulation.
- 2.4.5 Transfers for Athletic Advantage - The exceptions listed in subsection 2.4.3 of this regulation shall not apply if the Transfer was for athletic advantage. If the student transfers for athletic advantage, the student may still request a waiver of the transfer rule. A transfer for athletic advantage includes but is not limited to any transfer where the primary reason for the student's transfer was for any of the following:
 - 2.4.5.1 To seek a superior team;
 - 2.4.5.2 To seek a team more compatible with the student's abilities;
 - 2.4.5.3 Dissatisfaction with the student's position or playing time;
 - 2.4.5.4 The student follows the coach to another school to which the coach has transferred;
 - 2.4.5.5 Dissatisfaction with the philosophy, policies, methods, or actions of a coach or administrator pertaining to interscholastic athletics;
 - 2.4.5.6 To avoid disciplinary action imposed by another state athletic association; or
 - 2.4.5.7 To avoid disciplinary action imposed by the Sending School related to or affecting interscholastic athletic participation.
- 2.4.6 Transfers under the School District Enrollment Choice Program (14 Del.C. Ch. 4)
 - 2.4.6.1 If a student is enrolled in a public or private school and transfers to a traditional public, vocational, or charter school outside of the student's feeder pattern through the School District Enrollment Choice Program, the student shall be eligible immediately provided the Transfer occurs after the close of the Sending School's academic year and prior to the first official student day of the Receiving School's academic year and the student meets all other eligibility requirements.
 - 2.4.6.2 If a student is enrolled in a traditional public, vocational, or charter school outside of the student's feeder pattern through the School District Enrollment Choice Program and transfers to a different traditional public, vocational, or charter school outside of the student's feeder pattern through the program, the student shall be ineligible to participate in interscholastic athletics during the student's first year of attendance at the Receiving School.
 - 2.4.6.2.1 A waiver request is not required and the period of ineligibility under subsection 2.4.2 shall not apply if the student meets all other eligibility requirements and:
 - 2.4.6.2.1.1 One of the exceptions to the Junior High and Middle School Transfer Rule as provided in subsection 2.4.3 applies; or
 - 2.4.6.2.1.2 The student wishes to participate in an interscholastic sport that was not offered at the Sending School.
 - 2.4.6.3 If a student is enrolled in a traditional public, vocational, or charter school outside of the student's feeder pattern through the School District Enrollment Choice Program and transfers to a private or

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public school, he or she shall be immediately eligible provided the Transfer occurs after the close of the Sending School's academic year and the student meets all other eligibility requirements.

- 2.4.6.4 For the purpose of this subsection, a student's feeder pattern consists of the public schools in which the student would normally be enrolled based on the student's place of residence.

2.5 Eligibility, Amateur Status

- 2.5.1 A student may not participate in an interscholastic sport unless they are considered an amateur in that sport. A student forfeits their amateur status if they do any of the following:
- 2.5.1.1 Knowingly plays on or against a professional team which is defined as a team having one or more members who have received or are receiving directly or indirectly monetary consideration for their athletic services.
 - 2.5.1.2 Signs a professional contract, accepts reimbursement for expenses to attend a professional tryout, or receives financial assistance in any form from a professional sports organization.
 - 2.5.1.3 Enters competition under an assumed name. The surname and given name used by any player in the first game of interscholastic competition shall be used during the remainder of the student's interscholastic career. Any change in spelling or use of another name shall be regarded as an attempt to evade this rule unless the change has been properly certified by the player to the Principal or Headmaster of the school.
 - 2.5.1.4 Receives remuneration of any kind or accepts reimbursement for expenses in excess of the actual and necessary costs of transportation, meals, and lodging for participating in a team or individual competition or an instructional camp or clinic. Reimbursement for the aforementioned expenses is permitted only if all of the participants receive the same benefit.
 - 2.5.1.5 Receives cash or a cash equivalent (savings bond, certificate of deposit, etc.), merchandise (except as permitted by 9.1.4) or a merchandise discount (except for discount arranged by school for part of team uniform) a reduction or waiver of fees, a gift certificate, or other valuable consideration as a result of their participation in an organized competition or instructional camp or clinic. Accepting an event program or a complimentary item(s) (T shirt, hat, equipment bag, etc.) that is inscribed with a reference to the event, has an aggregate retail value of no more than \$150.00, and is provided to all of the participants, shall not jeopardize his/ her amateur status.
 - 2.5.1.6 Sells or pawns awards received.
 - 2.5.1.7 Uses their athletic status to promote or endorse a commercial product or service on the internet; in a newsprint, radio, or television advertisement or any other form of media; or personal appearance.
- 2.5.2 Accepting compensation for teaching lessons, coaching, or officiating shall not jeopardize their amateur status.
- 2.5.3 A student who forfeits their amateur status under the provisions of this rule is ineligible to participate at the interscholastic level in the sport in which the violation occurred. They may be reinstated after a period of up to 180 school days provided that during the suspension, they comply with all of the provisions of this rule. The suspension shall date from the time of the last offense.

2.6 Eligibility, Passing Work

- 2.6.1 The intent of the Passing Work Rule is to promote educational standards, underscore the educational values of participating in interscholastic athletics, encourage appropriate academic performance, and allow the use of interscholastic participation as a motivator for improved classroom performance.
- 2.6.2 In order to be eligible for participation in interscholastic athletic contests and scrimmages, a student must pursue a regular course of study or its equivalent as approved by the local governing body, and must be passing at least four full-year courses. Two of those courses must be in the areas of English, Mathematics, Science, World Language or Social Studies.
- 2.6.2.1 A student who is receiving special education services and is precluded from meeting the aforementioned academic requirements due to modifications in the grading procedure or course of study, shall be adjudged eligible by the Principal or Headmaster if the student is making satisfactory progress in accordance with the requirements of his or her Individualized Education Program (IEP).
- 2.6.3 A student whose work in any regular marking period does not meet the above standards shall be ineligible to participate in an interscholastic athletic contest or scrimmage for the next marking period.

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- 2.6.3.1 In the case of a conflict between the marking period grade and the final grade, the final grade shall determine eligibility.
- 2.6.3.2 The final accumulation of passed coursework shall determine eligibility for the first marking period of the following school year. When a student makes up a failure or earns the required passing grade(s) during the summer, the student shall become eligible provided he or she successfully completed the course work prior to the first official student day of the school year.
- 2.6.3.3 Written verification of the successful completion of a correspondence course must be received before a student shall regain eligibility.
- 2.6.4 A student forfeits or regains eligibility, in accordance with the provisions of this rule, on the day when marking period grades are issued or published. The calendar used to establish when marking period grades are issued or published must be established by the governing body of the school prior to the start of the school year.
- 2.6.5 Local school boards and nonpublic schools may establish more stringent requirements for academic eligibility than the minimum standards herein prescribed.
- 2.7 Eligibility, Years of Participation
 - 2.7.1 The intent of the Years of Participation Rule is to promote timely progress toward graduation by discouraging students from delaying or interrupting their junior high or middle school education; to disallow students to enroll for one semester each school year to increase athletic ability and skill; to promote equality of competition; to diminish risks stemming from unequal competition; and to place emphasis on the academic mission of the school. In addition, the intent of the rule is to help prevent redshirting; to avoid exploitation by coaches who might otherwise seek to obtain transfers or to delay a student's normal progress through school; and to prevent displacement of younger student-athletes by older student-athletes who wish to unfairly prolong their junior high or middle school careers.
 - 2.7.2 Years of Participation Rule
 - 2.7.2.1 Students enrolled in a grade below the sixth grade shall not be permitted to practice, scrimmage, or compete on junior high or middle school interscholastic teams.
 - 2.7.2.2 Schools Which Allow Students in Grades 6, 7, and 8 to Participate
 - 2.7.2.2.1 Participation in interscholastic athletics on the part of a sixth grade student shall be at the discretion of the student's school.
 - 2.7.2.2.1.1 Sixth grade students shall not be permitted to participate in football unless the conference develops a classification system that is approved by the Board.
 - 2.7.2.2.1.2 If a student attends a school that competes in football but has not developed a Board-approved classification system, the student shall have four (4) consecutive semesters of eligibility (two (2) consecutive opportunities) to play football from the first time the student enters the seventh grade.
 - 2.7.2.2.2 No student shall represent a school in an interscholastic athletic contest or scrimmage after six (6) consecutive semesters from the date of the student's first entrance into the sixth grade in schools which permit students in grades 6, 7 and 8 to participate in interscholastic athletics unless a waiver is granted.
 - 2.7.2.2.3 No student shall have more than three (3) opportunities to participate in a fall sport or combination of fall sports, in a winter sport or combination of winter sports, or in a spring sport or combination of spring sports.
 - 2.7.2.3 Schools Which Allow Students in Grades 7 and 8 to Participate
 - 2.7.2.3.1 No student shall represent a school in an interscholastic athletic contest or scrimmage after two (2) consecutive school years from the date of the student's first entrance into the seventh grade in schools which restrict participation in interscholastic athletics to students in grades 7 and 8 unless a waiver is granted.
 - 2.7.2.3.2 No student shall have more than two (2) opportunities to participate in a fall sport or combination of fall sports, in a winter sport or combination of winter sports, or in a spring sport or combination of spring sports.
 - 2.7.2.4 Participation shall be defined as taking part in a school sponsored practice, scrimmage, or contest on or after the first allowable date for practice in that sport.
 - 2.7.2.5 In the event that a student transfers between the types of schools described in subsections 2.7.2.2 and 2.7.2.3, the student shall not represent a school in interscholastic contests or scrimmages

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after six (6) consecutive semesters from the date of student's first entrance into sixth grade unless a waiver is granted.

2.7.3 Waiver of the Years of Participation Rule

2.7.3.1 "**Hardship**" shall be defined as extenuating circumstances peculiar to the student athlete caused by unforeseen events beyond the election, control, or creation of the student athlete, the student's family, and the student's school which (1) deprive the student of all or part of one of the student's opportunities to participate in a particular sports season; (2) preclude the student from completing the academic requirements for graduation within the normal period of eligibility; and (3) deprive the student of all or part of one of the student's opportunities to participate in a particular sport. The waiver provision is intended to restore eligibility that has been lost as a result of a hardship situation. Injury, illness, or accidents, which cause a student to fail to meet the basic requirements, are possible causes for a hardship consideration.

2.7.3.1.1 A waiver shall not be granted under this subsection where DIAA finds that the student was academically eligible pursuant to DIAA's minimum passing work standards but was ineligible to participate under more stringent locally adopted academic standards and where the local school board has adopted its own waiver or exemption policy.

2.7.3.1.2 A clear and direct causal relationship must exist between the alleged hardship condition and the failure of the student to complete the academic requirements for promotion within the normal period of eligibility and the loss of all or part of one of the student's opportunities to participate in a particular sports season.

2.7.3.1.3 The burden of proof rests with the student in conjunction with the waiver process as described in Section 9.0 of 14 **DE Admin. Code** 1006. Claims of extended illness, debilitating injury, emotional stress, etc. must be accompanied by appropriate documentation. Evidence must be submitted to verify that the student or his or her parent(s), Legal Guardian(s), or Relative Caregiver sought assistance to ameliorate the effects of the hardship condition.

2.8 Student Eligibility Report Forms

2.8.1 Member schools shall use eligibility forms approved by the Executive Director. A copy of the original eligibility report and subsequent addenda must be either received by the Executive Director or postmarked prior to the first contest for which the students listed are eligible. Failure to file an eligibility report as prescribed shall result in a \$50.00 fine against the school.

2.8.1.1 In the case of a student who met all DIAA eligibility requirements but was omitted from the eligibility report due to administrative or clerical error, he/she shall be adjudged eligible and the school assessed a \$25.00 fine.

2.9 Use of an Ineligible Athlete:

2.9.1 If a school uses an ineligible athlete, the administrative head or their designee shall notify the opposing school(s) or event sponsor, in the case of a tournament or meet, and the Executive Director in writing of the violation and the forfeiture of the appropriate game(s), match(es) or point(s) won.

2.9.2 The deliberate or inadvertent use of an ineligible athlete in the sports of soccer, football, volleyball, field hockey, basketball, baseball, softball, and lacrosse shall require the offending school to forfeit the contest(s) in which the ineligible athlete participated.

2.9.2.1 If the infraction occurs during a tournament, the offending school shall be replaced by its most recently defeated opponent. Teams eliminated prior to the most recently defeated opponent shall not be allowed to reenter the tournament. Team and individual awards shall be returned to the event sponsor and team and individual records and performances shall be nullified.

2.9.2.2 The offending school may appeal to the DIAA Board of Directors for a waiver of the forfeiture penalty. If the forfeiture penalty is waived, the offending school shall be reprimanded and fined a minimum of \$200.00 but no more than \$1,000.00 and referred to the DIAA Sportsmanship Committee for consideration of further action unless the athlete or their parent(s) or legal guardian(s) knowingly withheld information or provided false information that caused them to be eligible for interscholastic competition. The burden of proof, in both cases, rests entirely with the offending school. A forfeit shall constitute a loss for the offending school and a win for its opponent for purposes of standings. A forfeit shall be automatic and not subject to refusal by the offending school's opponent.

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- 2.9.3 The deliberate or inadvertent use of an ineligible athlete in the sports of cross country, wrestling, swimming, track, golf, and tennis shall require the offending school to forfeit the matches won and points earned by the ineligible athlete or by a relay team of which they were a member. The points contributed by an ineligible athlete to their team score shall be deleted and the contest score as well as any affected placements will be adjusted according to the rules of that sport.
 - 2.9.3.1 If the infraction occurs during a tournament, the ineligible athlete shall be replaced by his/her most recently defeated opponent or next highest finisher. Contestants eliminated prior to the most recently defeated opponent shall not be allowed to reenter the tournament.
 - 2.9.3.2 Individual awards earned by the ineligible athlete and team awards, if necessary because of adjustments in the standings, shall be returned to the event sponsor. Individual records and performances by the ineligible athlete shall be nullified.
- 2.9.4 If an ineligible athlete participates in interscholastic competition contrary to DIAA rules but in accordance with a temporary restraining order or injunction against their school or DIAA, and the injunction is subsequently vacated, stayed, or reversed, or the courts determine that injunctive relief is not or was not justified, or the injunction expires without further judicial determination, the penalties as stipulated in 2.9.1 and 2.9.2 shall be imposed.
- 2.9.5 The intentional use of an ineligible athlete by a Member school or repeated indifference to its responsibility to determine the eligibility of its athletes will subject the school to additional penalties which may include suspension for the number of days up to the length of the school year from the date the charge is substantiated.
- 2.9.6 If a coach knowingly withholds information or provides false information that causes an athlete to be eligible for interscholastic competition, the coach shall be suspended from coaching in any sport at any DIAA member school for up to the number of days up to the length of the school year from the date the charge is substantiated.
- 2.9.7 If an athlete or their parent(s), legal guardian(s), or Relative Caregiver knowingly withholds information or provides false information that causes the athlete to be eligible for interscholastic competition, the athlete shall be suspended from participation in any sport at any DIAA member school for up to the number of days up to the length of the school year from the date the charge is substantiated.
- 2.10 Determination of Student Eligibility and the Appeal Procedures
 - 2.10.1 Determining student athletic eligibility is the responsibility of each member school's administration. Member schools shall maintain records verifying athletic eligibility. Upon the Executive Director's request, the member school shall provide all information verifying eligibility.
 - 2.10.2 In cases of uncertainty or disagreement, the eligibility of a student shall be determined by the Executive Director. Any request from a member school regarding an eligibility determination shall be in writing and contain the school's eligibility determination and all information used to reach the determination. When necessary within the Executive Director's discretion, the Executive Director may also make eligibility determinations without an official request from the member school. If the Executive Director determines that the student is ineligible, the school and the student shall be notified and the student suspended immediately from participation in interscholastic athletics.
 - 2.10.3 The school and the student shall be informed that the decision of the Executive Director may be appealed to the DIAA Board of Directors.
 - 2.10.4 Decisions of the DIAA Board of Directors to affirm, modify, or reverse the eligibility rulings of the Executive Director may be appealed to the State Board of Education in accordance with the procedure described in 14 DE Admin. Code 1006.10.1.3.

9 DE Reg. 1954 (06/01/06)

11 DE Reg. 1639 (06/01/08)

15 DE Reg. 74 (07/01/11)

19 DE Reg. 743 (02/01/16)

22 DE Reg. 60 (07/01/18)

22 DE Reg. 395 (11/01/18)

22 DE Reg. 765 (03/01/19)

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3.0 Physical Examinations, Concussion Protocol, Weight Control Programs for Wrestling and Required Medical Personnel in Attendance at All Football Games

3.1 Physical Examinations

- 3.1.1 A student shall not be eligible to try out, practice, scrimmage, or compete in an interscholastic contest unless a licensed physician (MD or DO), a licensed nurse practitioner, or a licensed physician assistant verifies in writing on or after April 1 and before beginning such athletic activity for the current school year that the student has been adequately examined within the last 12 months and is cleared medically to participate. However, should any conditions found in subsection 3.1.3 of this regulation occur since the last examination, a reexamination is required before the student can be medically cleared. A student who participates in a contest without a preparticipation physical evaluation shall be considered an ineligible athlete and the athlete and the school shall be subject to the penalties stipulated in subsection 2.9.
- 3.1.2 A DIAA approved form certifying the examination to that effect, as well as the parent's, legal guardian's or Relative Caregiver's consent, shall be on file with the administrative head of the school prior to the student participating in a practice, scrimmage, or game.
- 3.1.3 For any subsequent sports season in the school year, a limited reexamination shall be performed if any of the following circumstances exist: the athlete has been treated for an injury during the preceding sports season, the athlete has been out of school during the preceding sports season with an illness other than the usual minor upper respiratory or gastrointestinal upset, an operation has been performed on the athlete during the preceding term, or the athlete has a remedial defect.
- 3.1.4 The medical history of the student shall be available at the time of each examination.
- 3.1.5 A player is temporarily ineligible to participate if the player who is otherwise properly certified to participate in interscholastic athletics but is physically unable to participate due to illness or injury for five (5) consecutive days on which a practice, scrimmage, or contest is held. Prior to resuming participation, the player must present to the Administrative Head of School or his or her designee, a statement from a licensed physician (MD or DO), a nurse practitioner, or a physician assistant that the player is again physically able to participate. If a player is physically unable to participate due to a head injury, the concussion protocol in subsection 3.2 shall be followed.

3.2 Concussion Protocol

- 3.2.1 If an athlete is suspected of sustaining a concussion or exhibits signs or symptoms of a concussion, he or she shall be removed from the practice or game immediately.
- 3.2.2 A Qualified Healthcare Professional shall determine whether an apparent concussion has occurred. The Qualified Healthcare Professional shall be approved by the host to provide on-site evaluations of athletes who are suspected of sustaining a concussion or exhibit signs or symptoms of a concussion. If a Qualified Healthcare Professional is not present or is not appointed or approved by the host, the injury shall be treated as a concussion and the athlete shall not return to play until he or she is evaluated by a Qualified Healthcare Professional in an appropriate medical setting.
- 3.2.3 If a Qualified Healthcare Professional determines that an athlete did not sustain a concussion, the athlete may return to play.
- 3.2.4 If a Qualified Healthcare Professional determines that the athlete sustained a concussion or is unable to rule out a concussion, the athlete shall be referred for further evaluation by a Qualified Physician. The athlete shall be ineligible to participate in practices, scrimmages, or contests until he or she receives written clearance from a Qualified Physician on the DIAA Acute Concussion Evaluation (ACE) and Return to Play Form.
- 3.2.5 Failure to comply with the requirements of this regulation shall result in the athlete being considered ineligible. The athlete and member school shall be penalized according to subsection 2.10 of this regulation.
- 3.2.6 If an official observes an apparent injury, the official shall report the injury to the athlete's coach.
- 3.2.7 The Sports Medicine Advisory Committee may recommend amendments to the Concussion Protocol to the Rules and Regulations Committee and the Board.

3.3 Middle School Wrestling

- 3.3.1 **Weight Control Program** - Each year, four weeks from the first day the student appears at practice, a wrestler must establish his/ her minimum weight class at a weigh in witnessed by and attested to in writing by the athletic director or a designated staff member (excluding coaches) of the school the wrestler attends. A wrestler may recertify at a lower weight during the 4 weeks from the first day they appear at

practice. However, once certified at a weight, a wrestler may not weigh in more than one class above the weight of the certification without automatically recertifying at a higher weight. Once recertified to a higher weight class the wrestler can no longer recertify lower. After 4 weeks from the first practice day a wrestler may not compete in a weight class below his duly established weight class.

- 3.3.1.1 By the end of four weeks of practice, a certified team roster listing the established minimum weight class of each wrestler shall be sent to the Executive Director of DIAA. Further, duly attested notices of additions to the certified roster shall be sent to the Executive Director without delay.
- 3.3.2 Weight classifications and length of match shall be designated by the DIAA Board of Directors.
- 3.3.3 A team which begins its season in October shall receive a one pound growth allowance in November and an additional pound in December. A team which begins its season in November shall receive a one pound growth allowance in December, an additional pound in January, and a third pound in February.
- 3.3.4 Schools which desire to conduct their wrestling program at a time other than the specified season must request permission from the Executive Director.
- 3.3.5 Except as modified by this section, the current edition of the NFHS Wrestling Rules Book shall apply.
- 3.4 Required Medical Personnel In Attendance at All Football Games
 - 3.4.1 Provision shall be made for a Qualified Healthcare Professional to be present at all interscholastic football games in which a Member School participates. The Qualified Healthcare Professional must be approved or appointed by the Administrative Head of School or his or her designee. The host school shall provide this service. Failure by the host school to provide this service shall result in a \$250.00 fine.

11 DE Reg. 1639 (06/01/08)

15 DE Reg. 74 (07/01/11)

19 DE Reg. 743 (02/01/16)

22 DE Reg. 395 (11/01/18)

4.0 Sports Seasons, Practice Sessions and Maximum Game Schedules and designated Sports Seasons

4.1 Sports Seasons

- 4.1.1 The fall sports season shall begin on the Monday 1 week before Labor Day and end not later than December 1. Practice for any fall sport shall not begin earlier than the Monday 1 week before Labor Day. The first allowable competition date in the fall sports season shall be on the first Monday 2 weeks after Labor Day.
 - 4.1.1.1 The first three (3) days of football practice shall be primarily for the purpose of physical conditioning and shall be restricted to noncontact activities. Coaches may introduce offensive formations and defensive alignments, run plays on "air", practice noncontact phases of the kicking game, and teach noncontact positional skills. Protective equipment shall be restricted to helmets, mouth guards and shoes on the first day of practice. Shoulder pads may be added on the second and third day of practice. The use of dummies, hand shields, and sleds in contact drills is prohibited until the fourth day of practice. Blocking, tackling, and block protection drills which involve any contact between players are also prohibited until the fourth day of practice.
 - 4.1.1.2 No member school shall participate in spring football games nor shall a member school conduct football practice of any type outside of the regular fall sports season except when participating in the state tournament. "Organized football" or "organized football practice" shall be defined as any type of sport which is organized to promote efficiency in any of the various aspects of football. Touch football, featuring blocking, tackling, ball handling, signaling, etc. shall be considered "organized football" and shall be illegal under the intent of this rule.
- 4.1.2 The winter sports season shall begin on the Monday of the 19th week of the NFHS standardized calendar and end not later than March 1. Practice for any winter sport shall not begin earlier than on the Monday of the 19th week of the NFHS standardized calendar. The first allowable competition date in the winter sports season shall be on the Wednesday on the 22nd week of the NFHS standardized calendar.
- 4.1.3 The spring sports season shall begin on the Monday of the 35th week on the NFHS standardized calendar and end not later than the last school day. Practice for any spring sport shall not begin earlier than the Monday of the 35th week on the NFHS standardized calendar. The first allowable competition date in the spring sports season shall be on the Monday on the 38th week of the NFHS standardized calendar.

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- 4.1.4 A school which participates in a game prior to the first allowable date shall be required to forfeit the contest and be assessed a \$500.00 fine per each illegal contest. The school shall be referred to the DIAA Sportsmanship Committee for consideration of further action.
- 4.1.5 A school which conducts practice prior to the first allowable date shall pay a \$500.00 fine per each illegal practice day. The school shall be referred to the DIAA Sportsmanship Committee for consideration of further action.
- 4.1.6 No Member school shall participate in a post season contest without the written approval of the Executive Director.

4.2 Practice Sessions

- 4.2.1 Member schools shall comply with the following for all practice sessions:
 - 4.2.1.1 All practice sessions shall be conducted under the supervision of the school's certified, emergency or approved volunteer coaching staff.
 - 4.2.1.2 Member schools may conduct practice sessions during the approved sports seasons as defined in subsection 4.1.
 - 4.2.1.3 Member schools shall conduct practice sessions regularly during the 21 calendar days prior to the first scheduled contest.
 - 4.2.1.4 There must be one day of no activity (practice, scrimmage, or contest) during any seven-day period.
 - 4.2.1.5 A student that has not previously participated in that sports season shall be required to participate with the team for a period of at least seven calendar days prior to participating in a contest. Eligibility for participation in a contest shall begin on the eighth calendar day of participation with the team. However, if a student has been participating in a state tournament during the preceding sports season and is unable to begin practicing at least seven calendar days before the team's first contest, student shall be exempt from this requirement.
 - 4.2.1.6 Students shall have unrestricted access to drinking water and be permitted a minimum of one five-minute rest period during each hour of practice.
 - 4.2.1.7 Member schools shall comply with the heat related practice modifications designated by the DIAA Board of Directors.
 - 4.2.1.8 Holding practice on holidays and weekends shall be left to the discretion of the member schools. However, the restrictions on non-school day practice sessions apply and there must be one day of no activity (practice, scrimmage, or contest) during any seven day period.
- 4.2.2 Practice on Non School Days - Member schools shall comply with the following for all practice sessions held on non-school days. A non-school day is defined as a day when, in accordance with the approved school calendar, students are not scheduled for academic instructional activities.
 - 4.2.2.1 Each practice session shall be no more than three hours in length.
 - 4.2.2.2 Practice session on a non-school day is defined as the time a participant engages in physical or instructional activity.
 - 4.2.2.3 The hourly practice limitation does not include time for non-instructional activities such as dressing, showering, transportation, or training room care.
 - 4.2.2.4 Students shall not participate in more than two practice sessions totaling no more than five hours of practice on non-school practice days including a one-hour walk-through session. A walk-through shall be defined as a teaching opportunity with no protective equipment (e.g., shin guards, helmets, etc.) or equipment related to a given sport (e.g., soccer balls, field hockey sticks, etc.).
 - 4.2.2.5 On days when two practice sessions are conducted, no practice session shall exceed three hours in length and must be separated with at least one hour of recovery time between the end of the first practice and the beginning of the next practice.
 - 4.2.2.6 Split sessions, defined as a practice session held for different groups of students playing the same sport, may be conducted but practice time shall not exceed three hours per session and five hours total daily for any individual athlete.
- 4.2.3 Practice on Official Student School Day - Member schools shall comply with the following for all practice sessions held on official student school days.
 - 4.2.3.1 Practice sessions shall be limited to two hours.

- 4.2.3.2 The two hour limit on practice sessions on official school days includes all instructional activity on the field, court, mat, or track or in the pool, weight room, or classroom such as team meetings, film reviews, blackboard sessions, warm-up and cool-down exercises, drills or mandatory strength training.
- 4.2.3.3 The two hour practice session limitation does not include time for non-instructional activities such as dressing, showering, transportation, or training room care.
- 4.2.3.4 Split sessions may be conducted but practice time shall not exceed two hours for any individual athlete.
- 4.2.4 A school which fails to comply with these practice requirements shall pay a \$500.00 fine for each day of non-compliance.
- 4.3 **Maximum Game Schedules and Designated Sports Seasons:**
 - 4.3.1 The maximum number of regularly scheduled interscholastic contests or competition dates for each team and individual in the recognized sports and their sports season shall be designated by the DIAA Board of Directors.
 - 4.3.2 Game limitations, with the exception of the individual daily limitation, shall not prohibit the rescheduling of postponed games at the discretion and convenience of the member schools involved provided the game was postponed due to inclement weather, unplayable field conditions, failure of the assigned officials to appear for the game, breakdown of the bus or van carrying the visiting team, or any other circumstances beyond the control of site management which preclude playing the game. However, a team may not participate in more than three contests and competition dates in a week.
 - 4.3.3 A student shall participate in a particular sport for only one season during each academic year.
 - 4.3.4 A school which participates in more than the allowable number of contests in a season shall be fined \$500.00 for each contest.
 - 4.3.5 A school which exceeds the weekly contest limitation shall forfeit the contest and pay a \$250.00 fine. A week shall be designated as starting on Monday and ending on Sunday for all sports except football. A football week shall begin the day of the middle school varsity game and end the day preceding the next middle school varsity game or the following Friday.
 - 4.3.6 A student who exceeds the weekly or daily contest limitation shall be considered an ineligible athlete and the school subject to the penalties stipulated in 2.9.

9 DE Reg. 124 (07/01/05)

11 DE Reg. 1639 (06/01/08)

15 DE Reg. 74 (07/01/11)

19 DE Reg. 743 (02/01/16)

23 DE Reg. 122 (08/01/19)

5.0 School and Team Competition, Sanctioning of Competitions and All Star Contests

5.1 School and Team Competition

- 5.1.1 **Sponsoring Interscholastic Teams:** Interscholastic competition is defined as any athletic contest between students representing two or more schools. Member of school clubs who participate in noncompetitive, recreational activities or compete unattached are not considered to be engaged in interscholastic competition. Students are considered to be representing a school if the school does any of the following:
 - 5.1.1.1 Partially or wholly subsidizes the activity (providing equipment, uniforms, transportation, entry fees, etc.).
 - 5.1.1.2 Controls and administers the funds, regardless of their source, needed to conduct the activity.
 - 5.1.1.3 Permits the students to compete under the name of the school.
 - 5.1.1.4 Publicizes or promotes the activity through announcements, bulletins, or school sponsored publications in excess of what is customarily done for "outside" organizations.
 - 5.1.1.5 Presents or displays individual or team awards.
- 5.1.2 Schools may sponsor teams for interscholastic competition in a sport provided the following criteria are met:

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- 5.1.2.1 The governing body of the participating district or nonpublic school approves participation in the sport. The administrative head of the school shall notify the Executive Director in writing of the school's intent to sponsor a team in a new sport.
- 5.1.2.2 The governing body of the participating district or nonpublic school controls the funds needed to support the proposed team, regardless of their source, in the same manner as existing teams (coaches' salaries, purchase and repair of equipment, medical supervision, transportation, preparation and maintenance of practice and game facilities, awards, etc.). Requests from outside sources to make financial contributions or to donate equipment or services must be submitted in writing and must include an acknowledgment that the equipment becomes the property of the school. The contribution or donation must be approved in writing by the administrative head of the school.
- 5.1.2.3 The participating schools agree to comply with all applicable DIAA rules and regulations as stated in the current DIAA Official Handbook.
- 5.1.3 Levels of Participation
 - 5.1.3.1 Level 1 or developmental sport, less than seven participating schools. DIAA rules and regulations shall not be in effect.
 - 5.1.3.2 Level 2 or recognized sport, seven or more participating schools. Participating schools must petition the DIAA Board of Directors for official recognition of the sport.
 - 5.1.3.2.1 At the time of official recognition, DIAA shall provide rules publications to the participating schools, designate an approved official's association, conduct an annual or biannual rules clinic for coaches and officials, and establish a maximum game schedule. DIAA rules and regulations shall then be in effect.
 - 5.1.3.2.2 Withdrawal of level 2 status: If, for two consecutive years, less than the required number of schools participate in a sport, DIAA may withdraw official recognition for a period of time as determined by the Board of Directors.
- 5.1.4 Membership on Coed Teams
 - 5.1.4.1 If a school sponsors a boys' team and a girls' team in a particular sport, boys shall participate on the boys' team and girls shall participate on the girls' team even if the teams compete during different seasons. Sports are considered to be the same when one set of NFHS Rules govern both genders. If a school sponsors only a boys' team in a particular sport, girls shall be permitted to participate on the boys' team but if a school sponsors only a girls' team in a particular sport, boys shall not be permitted to participate on the girls' team. Notwithstanding the restrictions herein, a transgendered student, defined as a student whose gender identity differs from the student's assigned sex at birth, may be eligible to participate on a team other than their assigned sex at birth in accordance with a member school policy that meets the minimum standards designated by the DIAA Board of Directors.
- 5.2 Sanctioning of Competitions
 - 5.2.1 Member schools may participate in tournaments and meets involving four or more schools only if the event has been sanctioned by DIAA and, if applicable, by the NFHS. Tournaments and meets shall be sanctioned in accordance with the following criteria:
 - 5.2.1.1 The event shall not be for determining a state, regional or national champion.
 - 5.2.1.2 The event shall be organized, promoted, and conducted by and all profits go to a nonprofit organization. Involvement by a commercial organization shall be limited to providing financial support.
 - 5.2.1.3 Non symbolic competition awards shall have a value of not more than \$50.00 per recipient and shall require the prior approval of the Executive Director.
 - 5.2.1.4 Non school event organizers shall submit a full financial report to the DIAA office within ninety (90) calendar days of the completion of the event.
 - 5.2.1.5 The event organizer shall submit a list of out of state schools which have been invited to participate and such schools shall be subject to approval by the Executive Director.
 - 5.2.1.6 Out of state schools which are not members of their state athletic association shall verify in writing that their participating athletes are in compliance with their state athletic association's eligibility rules and regulations.

- 5.2.1.7 The event organizer shall not accept financial support or sell advertising to companies involved in the production or distribution of alcohol and tobacco products.
- 5.2.1.8 The event organizer shall comply with all applicable NFHS sanctioning requirements.
- 5.2.2 Participation in a non sanctioned event shall result in payment of a \$100.00 fine. A second offense shall result in a \$250.00 fine and loss of eligibility to participate in sanctioned events for the remainder of the sport season. A third offense shall result in a \$500.00 fine and loss of eligibility to participate in sanctioned events for the remainder of the school year.
- 5.3 All Star Contests: Junior high and middle school students shall not participate in an all-star event until they have completed their high school eligibility in that sport.

11 DE Reg. 1639 (06/01/08)

15 DE Reg. 74 (07/01/11)

19 DE Reg. 743 (02/01/16)

6.0 Athletic Camps and Clinic Sponsorship, Commercial Camps and Clinics and Open Gyms, Conditioning Programs and Non School Competition

- 6.1 Out of Season Athletic Camps and Clinic Sponsorship
 - 6.1.1 DIAA does not restrict a student's decision to attend an out of season athletic camp or clinic. However, schools, school organizations, coaches, or school related groups, such as booster clubs, may not sponsor an athletic camp, tournament, league or clinic which limits membership to their own district, locale, or teams. Coaches employed by an out of season athletic camp or clinic may only instruct their own athletes in accordance with 7.5.
- 6.2 Team Attendance at Out of Season Commercial Camps and Clinics
 - 6.2.1 School related groups, such as booster clubs, which desire to sponsor the attendance of their school's enrolled students at an out of season athletic camp or clinic, may do so with the approval of the local school board or governing body. School funds shall not be used for this purpose. The disbursement of funds to pay for camp or clinic related expenses (fees, travel costs, etc.) shall be administered by the Principal or Headmaster or their designee and the funds shall be allocated according to the following guidelines:
 - 6.2.1.1 All students and team members shall be notified of the available sponsorship by announcement, publication, etc.
 - 6.2.1.2 All applicants shall share equally in the funds provided.
 - 6.2.1.3 All applicants shall be academically eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics.
 - 6.2.1.4 All applicants shall have one year of prior participation in the sport for which the camp or clinic is intended or, absent any prior participation, he/she shall be judged by the coach to benefit substantially from participation in the camp or clinic.
- 6.3 Individual Attendance at Commercial Camps and Clinics
 - 6.3.1 Commercial camps and clinics are defined as a camp or clinic operated for profit which provides coaching or other sports training for a fee.
 - 6.3.2 A student may participate in a commercial camp or clinic, including private lessons, both during and out of the designated sport season provided the following conditions are observed:
 - 6.3.2.1 The student must participate unattached and may not wear school uniforms.
 - 6.3.2.2 The student may use only school equipment whose primary purpose is to protect the wearer from physical injury.
 - 6.3.2.3 The school may not provide transportation or pay fees.
 - 6.3.2.4 The school coach may not require athletes to participate in a camp or clinic or provide instruction to returning athletes in a camp or clinic except as in accordance with 7.5.
- 6.4 Open Gym Programs
 - 6.4.1 A Member school may open its gymnasium or other facility for informal, recreational activities in accordance with the following provisions:
 - 6.4.1.1 The open gym must be available to all interested students, must not be restricted to members of a particular team, and must be publicized as such.

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- 6.4.1.2 Student participation must be voluntary and the open gym must not be a prerequisite for trying out or being selected for a particular team.
 - 6.4.1.3 The activities must be unstructured and student generated. Organized drills in the skills or techniques of a particular sport are prohibited. Organized competition with fixed team rosters is also prohibited.
 - 6.4.1.4 A coach may not predetermine that the open gym will include only their sport and publicize the open gym as being restricted to that sport. It is the responsibility of the adult supervisor to permit as many different activities as the facility can effectively and safely accommodate.
 - 6.4.1.5 A coach may open the facility and distribute playing equipment but may not instruct, officiate, participate, organize the activities, or choose teams in their assigned sport.
 - 6.4.1.6 Playing equipment is restricted to that which is customarily used in a contest in a particular sport. Playing equipment which is only used in a practice session is prohibited.
 - 6.4.1.7 The participants must provide their own workout clothing.
 - 6.4.1.8 Open gyms may not be limited to members of a particular team, but they are restricted to students enrolled at the school and are not available to students enrolled at other schools regardless of grade.
- 6.5 Conditioning Programs
- 6.5.1 A member school may conduct a conditioning program in accordance with the following provisions:
 - 6.5.1.1 The conditioning program must be available to all interested students, must not be restricted to members of a particular team, and must be publicized as such.
 - 6.5.1.2 Student participation must be voluntary. The conditioning program must not be a prerequisite for trying out for a particular team.
 - 6.5.1.3 Permissible activities include stretching, lifting weights, jumping rope, running, calisthenics, aerobics, and similar generic conditioning activities. Organized drills in the skills or techniques of a particular sport are prohibited.
 - 6.5.1.4 A coach may not provide instruction in sport specific skills or techniques.
 - 6.5.1.5 Sport specific equipment is prohibited.
 - 6.5.1.6 The participants must provide their own workout clothing.
 - 6.5.1.7 Conditioning programs may not be limited to members of a particular team but they are restricted to students enrolled at the school and are not available to students enrolled at other schools regardless of grade.
- 6.6 Non School Competition in which Participants are Competing Unattached and are Not Representing Their Schools
- 6.6.1 A student may participate on a nonschool team or in a non-school individual event both during and out of the designated sport season. However, the student owes their primary loyalty and allegiance to the school team of which they are a member. A school shall have the authority to require attendance at practices and contests and students not in compliance shall be subject to disciplinary action as determined by the school.
 - 6.6.2 Participation on a non school team or in a non school individual event shall be subject to the following conditions:
 - 6.6.2.1 With the exception of organized intramurals, the student may not wear school uniforms.
 - 6.6.2.2 With the exception of organized intramurals, the student may use only school equipment whose primary purpose is to protect the wearer from physical injury.
 - 6.6.2.3 The school or a school affiliated support group may not provide transportation.
 - 6.6.2.4 The school or a school affiliated support group may not pay entry fees or provide any form of financial assistance.
 - 6.6.2.5 The school coach may not require athletes to participate in non school competition or provide instruction to athletes in non school competition except as in 7.5.
 - 6.6.2.6 Nothing in this regulation shall be construed as prohibiting schools from providing transportation or school-supplied assistive technology and equipment to or for non-school activities for students with disabilities.
 - 6.6.3 14 Del.C. §122(b)(14) requires written parental permission prior to participation on a similar team during the designated sport season. Written authorization must be on file in the student's school prior to engaging

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in a tryout, practice, or contest with a similar team. Consent forms shall be available in all member schools. Similar teams shall include organized intramural teams as well as non school teams in that sport.

9 DE Reg. 1954 (06/01/06)

11 DE Reg. 1639 (06/01/08)

15 DE Reg. 74 (07/01/11)

19 DE Reg. 743 (02/01/16)

7.0 Certified, Emergency, and Volunteer Coaches, Student Teaching, and Coaching Out of Season

7.1 Certified Coaches

7.1.1 Only those professional employees certified by the Department and whose salary is paid by the State or local Board of Education, or in the case of charter and nonpublic schools by a similar governing body, if acceptable as a coach by the governing body, shall coach, assist in coaching, or direct Member school teams in any district. The terms of employment must be for the regular school year and the professional assignment shall be no less than half of the school day, exclusive of coaching duties.

7.1.2 All head coaches shall be required to attend the DIAA rules clinic for their sport or, if applicable, pass an open book rules examination supplied by the DIAA office. A school shall pay a \$50.00 fine and the head coach shall be placed on probation if they fail to attend the DIAA rules clinic or pass the open book rules examination in their sport. Failure to comply for a second consecutive year shall result in the school paying a \$50.00 fine and the coach being suspended for up to five contests as determined by the Executive Director.

7.1.2.1 Certified coaches at all levels of competition shall be required to hold a current certification in adult CPR.

7.1.2.2 Certified coaches at all levels of competition shall complete the NFHS' "Concussion in Sports" course online through NFHSlern.com every two years.

7.2 Emergency Coaches

7.2.1 An emergency coach shall be defined as an individual who is either not certified by the Department, or is certified by the Department but is not employed for the school year or whose professional assignment is less than half of the school day. An individual who meets the requirements of a certified coach as specified in subsection 7.1.1, but whose professional assignment is located in a different school or district than his/her coaching assignment shall not be considered an emergency coach by DIAA.

7.2.1.1 Emergency coaches at all levels of competition shall be required to hold a current certification in adult CPR.

7.2.1.2 Emergency coaches at all levels of competition shall complete the NFHS' "Concussion in Sports" course online through NFHSlern.com every two years.

7.2.2 Member schools shall be required to annually reopen all positions that are held by emergency coaches.

7.2.3 Emergency coaches may be employed provided the local governing body adheres to the following procedures:

7.2.3.1 The employing Board of Education must attempt to locate an acceptable, certified professional staff member by advertising the coaching vacancy in the district for as many days as are required by the district's collective bargaining agreement.

7.2.3.2 If an acceptable, certified professional staff member is not available, an individual who is acceptable to the employing Board of Education may be hired as an emergency coach.

7.2.3.3 Any individual employed as a coach under the emergency provision must comply with the following regulations:

7.2.3.3.1 A coach must be officially appointed by the local Board of Education. The Superintendent or his/her designee may temporarily appoint an individual if a coaching vacancy arises and the sport season begins during the interim between meetings of the local Board of Education.

7.2.3.3.2 The coaching salary must be paid exclusively by the local Board of Education.

7.3 Volunteer Coaches

7.3.1 In addition to the members of the school's regular coaching staff, the local governing body may supplement a school's coaching staff with volunteer coaches. Volunteer coaches are individuals who donate their services to a school, who have been approved by that school's local governing body, and who are supervised by a certified or emergency coach. A current list of approved volunteer coaches shall be on

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file in the school's administrative office before any coaching duties are assumed. Volunteer coaches at all levels of competition shall complete the NFHS' "Concussion in Sports" course online through NFHSLearn.com every two years.

7.4 Football Coaches

7.4.1 All football coaches (including certified, emergency, and volunteer coaches) at all levels of competition shall annually complete Heads Up Football training.

7.5 Student Teaching and Coaching

7.5.1 Students who are practice teaching in a Member school shall be permitted to assist in all professional activities during their practice teaching period.

7.6 Coaching Out of Season

7.6.1 From August 2nd through the first day after the last spring sport DIAA state tournament event, a certified, emergency, or volunteer coach shall not be allowed to provide instruction out of the designated season in his or her assigned sport to any student registered in the school at which he or she coaches.

7.6.1.1 A coach shall not be allowed to participate on a team in his or her assigned sport with the aforementioned players.

7.6.1.2 A coach shall also be prohibited from officiating contests in his or her assigned sport if the aforementioned players are participating except in organized league competition.

7.6.1.2.1 The league shall not be organized, conducted, and funded by the employing school, the employing school's booster club, or the employing school's coaching staff.

7.6.1.2.2 The league shall have written rules and regulations that govern the conduct of contests and establish the duties of contest officials.

7.6.1.2.3 The league shall have registration and entry procedures, forms, and fees; eligibility requirements; and fixed team rosters, team standings, and a master schedule of contests.

7.6.1.3 A certified, emergency, or volunteer coach shall not be allowed to provide instruction or coach during the designated season in his or her assigned sport to current members of the varsity or subvarsity teams of the school at which he or she coaches outside of school sponsored practices, scrimmages, and contests.

7.6.1.4 A coach who is in violation of this section shall be suspended from coaching in the specified sport at any DIAA member school for up to the total number of days in the school year from the date the charge is substantiated.

7.6.2 From the first day after the last spring sport DIAA state tournament event through August 1st, a certified, emergency or volunteer coach shall be allowed to provide instruction in his or her assigned sport to all accepted and registered students of the school at which he or she coaches. Instructional contact with all accepted and registered students must be approved by the member school and shall be subject to the following conditions:

7.6.2.1 Participation in a formal league and tournament or instructional camp or clinic, or informal instruction, shall be open, voluntary, and equally available to all accepted and registered students of the member school.

7.6.2.2 Coaches are permitted to hold an organizational practice for formal league/tournament competition only as permitted by the written, pre-established rules of the formal league/tournament. In no event shall more than one organizational practice be permitted and the number of games and practice shall not exceed three in one week. If the formal league/tournament does not have written, pre-established rules regarding practice, then no practice is permitted.

7.6.2.3 A coach shall not receive any compensation, from any source, for the instruction of their returning school team members. Reimbursement for out of pocket expenses (e.g. gas, food, lodging) incurred by returning school team members and coaches to attend leagues or tournaments or instructional camps or clinics are not prohibited provided that no local school or state educational funds are used.

7.6.2.4 A coach may provide instruction to an unlimited number of accepted and registered students in formal league or tournament competition or in formal instructional camps or clinics provided the league or tournament or instructional camp or clinic is insured, organized and conducted by a non school affiliated organization. A coach may provide instruction to returning accepted and registered students with the member school's permission.

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- 7.6.2.5 Use of school equipment shall be approved by the Principal or Headmaster and shall be subject to the following conditions:
 - 7.6.2.5.1 Helmets and shoulder pads shall not be used in lacrosse and football.
 - 7.6.2.5.2 Protective equipment, the primary purpose of which is to protect the wearer from physical injury, may be used in the following sports: baseball, field hockey, and softball.
- 7.6.2.6 A coach in violation of this section shall be suspended from coaching in the specific sport at any DIAA member school for up to the total number of days in the school year from the date the charge is substantiated.

7.6.3 Effective Date

- 7.6.3.1 Subsection 7.6 shall be effective on June 2, 2019.

11 DE Reg. 1639 (06/01/08)

15 DE Reg. 74 (07/01/11)

19 DE Reg. 743 (02/01/16)

21 DE Reg. 717 (03/01/18)

22 DE Reg. 395 (11/01/18)

8.0 Required Use of Officials, Recognition of Officials' Associations, Attendance at Rules Clinics, and Fees for Officiating Contests and Competitions

8.1 Required Use of Officials

- 8.1.1 Member Schools and tournament sponsors shall be required to use officials recognized and approved by DIAA for interscholastic contests. Use of non-approved officials without permission from the Executive Director shall result in the school or tournament sponsor being assessed a \$100.00 fine per game per non-approved official.
 - 8.1.1.1 In the case of emergencies, such as an act of God, refusal by an association to work games, or a shortage of qualified officials, Member Schools which desire to use other than approved officials must obtain permission from the Executive Director.
- 8.1.2 If more than one association is approved to officiate a particular sport, a conference or, in the absence of a conference affiliation, an individual school shall determine which association shall provide the officials for its home contests.

8.2 Recognition of Officials' Associations

- 8.2.1 The officiating of interscholastic contests in the state of Delaware which involve one or more Member Schools shall be under the control of the DIAA and such control may include, but not be restricted to, giving examinations, evaluating officials, setting game fees, determining the number of officials per game, and assigning officials.
- 8.2.2 An officials' association which desires to officiate middle school and high school contests and competitions shall request recognition and approval from DIAA by submitting the following documents to the DIAA Officials' Committee:
 - 8.2.2.1 A letter of request to be recognized by DIAA and indicating the association's willingness to abide by the Department's rules and regulations. The president of the requesting officials' association or his or her designee shall petition the Board to render a decision.
 - 8.2.2.2 A brief history of the association including but not limited to the officiating experience (if any) of the members and if a new association is being formed, the purpose for which the association is being formed.
 - 8.2.2.3 A copy of the association's constitution and bylaws including a statement that it does not discriminate on the basis of age, gender, race, religion, etc.
 - 8.2.2.4 A description of the association's evaluation and rating system.
 - 8.2.2.5 A description of the association's recruiting and training programs for new members.
 - 8.2.2.6 A membership roster indicating the number of years of experience at the subvarsity, varsity, and state tournament levels for each member and also their most recent rating in a previous association. This information must be documented and is subject to verification.
 - 8.2.2.7 Letters of recommendation or names of references from leagues which the association has serviced during its existence.

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- 8.2.3 The Officials' Committee shall review the aforementioned documents and meet with the officers of the association to discuss their petition.
- 8.2.4 The Officials' Committee may consult with any other interested parties during the evaluation process.
- 8.2.5 The Officials' Committee shall report its findings to the Board and recommend that the officials' association be granted recognition, granted recognition with conditions, or denied recognition.
- 8.2.6 The Board shall consider the petition for recognition and the Officials' Committee's recommendation and make a decision to approve or deny the request. The petitioner may request an evidentiary hearing before the Board pursuant to the procedures in subsection 10.1.3.2 of 14 **DE Admin. Code** 1006. The Board shall decide if the petitioning officials association shall be granted recognition, granted recognition with conditions, or denied recognition.
- 8.2.7 An approved association shall serve a minimum two year probationary period during which time the association shall be evaluated. An association designated as probationary is ineligible to provide officials to work the applicable DIAA State Tournament.
- 8.2.7.1 Members of the Officials' Committee and the applicable Sport Committee shall comprise the Officials Association Evaluation Committee (Evaluation Committee). The new officials association shall be evaluated according to the following criteria:
- 8.2.7.1.1 Total number of games worked at the varsity level.
- 8.2.7.1.2 Total number of officials who worked games at the varsity level.
- 8.2.7.1.3 Total number of Member Schools who contracted the services of the association.
- 8.2.7.1.4 A comparison of the percentage of games the association worked against the percentage of games worked by other DIAA recognized officials associations in that sport.
- 8.2.7.1.5 A comparison of the percentage of the association's registered officials against the number who worked varsity level games.
- 8.2.7.1.6 A comparison of the ratio from subsection 8.2.7.1.5 against any existing association(s)' same ratio.
- 8.2.7.1.7 In addition, the evaluation may be based on any other available information which may include but is not limited to: the associations ability to work a minimum of 25 percent of all varsity contests played by DIAA Member Schools in that sport; written complaints by contracted schools; evaluations by Member Schools; input from Member Schools; or any other relevant information.
- 8.2.7.2 The results of all evaluations shall be shared with the probationary association at the end of each season. The association shall have the opportunity to add comments to the final evaluation.
- 8.2.8 At the end of the minimum two-year probationary period the Evaluation Committee shall recommend to the Board one of the following options based on the evaluations and the probationary association's ability to work varsity contests equal to or greater than twenty-five (25) percent of all varsity contests played by Member Schools:
- 8.2.8.1 Re-approve conditionally for another year on probationary status.
- 8.2.8.2 Disapprove so as to no longer remain as an approved association.
- 8.2.8.3 Re-approve conditionally with state tournament consideration based upon the sport worked.
- 8.2.8.4 Completely approve the association with full state tournament consideration equal to any existing association(s).
- 8.2.9 The Board shall consider the petition for recognition and the Evaluation Committee's recommendation and make a decision. The probationary officials association may request an evidentiary hearing before the Board pursuant to the procedures in subsection 10.1.3.2 of 14 **DE Admin. Code** 1006. The Board shall decide if the petitioning officials association shall be:
- 8.2.9.1 Re-approved conditionally for another year on probationary status.
- 8.2.9.2 Disapproved so as to no longer remain as an approved association.
- 8.2.9.3 Re-approved conditionally with state tournament consideration based upon the sport worked.
- 8.2.9.4 Completely approved with full state tournament consideration equal to any existing association(s).
- 8.2.10 Once an officials' association is completely approved, it is required to annually submit a written report on the appropriate form to the Officials' Committee. The report shall include information on the association's executive board, membership, and recruitment strategies.

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8.2.11 The Officials' Committee shall review the submitted report to ensure that the association is meeting the goals of education-based athletics. If the Officials' Committee determines that the association is not meeting the goals of education-based athletics, the Officials' Committee shall notify the association of the goals it has not met, the association may be placed on an improvement plan, and the Officials' Committee shall decide whether to recommend revocation of the association's approval and recognition to the Board.

8.3 Attendance at Rules Clinics

8.3.1 Officials shall be required each year to both attend the DIAA rules interpretation clinic and to pass the rules examination provided by the DIAA office for the sport(s) they officiate.

8.3.2 Failure on the part of an official to attend the DIAA rules interpretation clinic and pass the rules examination in the same season shall cause the official to be placed on probation and to lose his or her eligibility to officiate a state tournament contest during that season.

8.3.3 Failure to satisfy both requirements in the same season for two consecutive years shall cause the official to lose varsity officiating status during the second season. Failure to fulfill this obligation in subsequent years shall cause the official to continue to be restricted to subvarsity contests until both requirements have been satisfied in the same season.

8.3.4 Attending the fall soccer rules interpretation clinic shall satisfy the clinic attendance requirement for both the boys' and girls' soccer seasons. Attending the spring soccer rules interpretation clinic shall satisfy the clinic attendance requirement for only the girls' soccer season.

8.3.5 If, for a legitimate reason which is documented by the president of their association, an official is unable to attend the DIAA rules interpretation clinic, the official may complete an online course or, in the absence of an online course, attend a clinic conducted by another NFHS member state association provided the following procedures are observed:

8.3.5.1 No later than the day of the DIAA rules interpretation clinic, the president of the association shall notify the DIAA office, in writing, of any officials who are unable to attend the clinic.

8.3.5.2 The out of state clinic shall be conducted by an individual either trained by the NFHS or designated as a clinician by the state's athletic association.

8.3.5.3 The official shall arrange for a letter to be sent to the Executive Director from the state's athletic association office verifying the official's attendance at the clinic.

8.4 Fees for Officiating Contests and Competitions

8.4.1 The Board has established the following fees for officiating regular season contests and competitions:

Sport	Level	Number of Officials per Contest	Time Adjustment	Rate per Official (Regular Season Contests)
Baseball	Varsity	2		\$75
	Subvarsity	2		\$55
	Middle School	2		\$54
Basketball	Boys' Varsity	3, or 2 if mutually agreed		\$75
	Girls' Varsity	2, or 3 upon request		\$75
	Subvarsity	2	8 minute quarters	\$64
	Subvarsity	2	7 minute quarters	\$59
	Subvarsity	2	6 minute quarters	\$55
	Middle School	2	6 minute quarters	\$54
Cross Country	Starter/Referee	Upon request		\$67
	Timer/Judge	Upon request		\$64

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Field Hockey	Varsity	2		\$75
	Subvarsity	2		\$55
	Middle A	2	25 minute halves	\$54
	Middle B	2	25 minute or less halves at the Member School's discretion	\$54
Football	Varsity	5		\$75
	Timer	1		\$52
	Subvarsity	3	8 or 10 minute quarters	\$55
	Middle School	3	8 minute quarters	\$54
Lacrosse (Boys' and Girls')	Varsity	2, or 3 if requested		\$75
	Subvarsity	2		\$55
	Middle School	2		\$54
Soccer (Boys' and Girls')	Varsity	2, or 3 if requested		\$75
	Subvarsity	2		\$55
	Subvarsity	3		\$48
	Middle A	2	30 minute halves	\$54
	Middle B	2	30 minute or less halves	\$54
Softball	Varsity	2		\$75
	Subvarsity	2		\$55
	Middle School	2		\$54
Swimming and Diving	Referee	1		\$67
	Judge	1		\$64
Track and Field	Starter/Referee	Upon request		\$67
	Timer/Judge	Upon request		\$64
Volleyball	Varsity	2		\$75
	Linesman	2 by request		\$37
	Subvarsity	2		\$55
	Middle School	2		\$54
Wrestling	Varsity	1		\$75
	Subvarsity	1		\$55
	Varsity+	1		\$75, then \$5 per match, up to 7 matches; not to exceed \$35
	Middle School	1		\$54
	Middle+	1		\$54, then \$4 per match, up to 7 matches; not to exceed \$28

8.4.2 The fee for state tournament contests and competitions shall be the rate at the varsity level as provided in subsection 8.4.1 and an additional:

8.4.2.1 \$5 for first, second, and quarterfinal rounds of competition.

8.4.2.2 \$10 for the semi-final round of competition.

8.4.2.3 \$15 for the final or championship contest.

8.4.3 The Officials' Committee shall work with the Executive Director to help determine the fee amount for officiating a state tournament contest.

11 DE Reg. 1639 (06/01/08)

19 DE Reg. 743 (02/01/16)

21 DE Reg. 717 (03/01/18)

22 DE Reg. 765 (03/01/19)

9.0 Awards

9.1 Awards

9.1.1 Member schools and support groups affiliated with a Member schools, such as an alumni association or booster club, shall be allowed to present recognition awards for team and individual accomplishments. The awards, including artwork and lettering, shall require the approval of the administrative head of the school and their value shall be mostly symbolic, not more than \$250.00. Member schools and support groups affiliated with Member schools are also permitted to sponsor banquets.

9.1.2 A non profit group such as a coaches association, booster club not affiliated with a member school, or community service organization shall be allowed to present recognition awards for team and individual accomplishments with the approval of the administrative head of the school. Non profit groups shall also be permitted to sponsor banquets.

9.1.3 Commercial organizations shall be allowed to present recognition awards for team and individual accomplishments with the approval of the administrative head of the school.

9.1.4 Permissible awards include trophies, plaques, medals, letters, certificates, photographs, and similar items. Jackets, sweaters, shirts, watches, rings, charms, and similar items if properly inscribed (reference to the team or individual athletic accomplishment) are also acceptable. The awards shall have symbolic value only, awards with utilitarian value are prohibited. The aggregate retail value of the award shall not exceed \$250.00 per team or per recipient and shall require prior approval of the Executive Director.

11 DE Reg. 1639 (06/01/08)

19 DE Reg. 743 (02/01/16)

10.0 Use of Influence for Athletic Purposes

10.1 Definition: The use of influence for athletic purposes shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

10.1.1 Offer of money, room, board, clothing, transportation, or other valuable consideration to a prospective athlete or their parent(s), legal guardian(s) or a Relative Caregiver.

10.1.2 Offer of waiver or reduction of tuition or financial aid if based, even partially, on athletic considerations. Non-school affiliated scholarship or financial aid programs which are primarily restricted to students of one school if the aid is based, even partially, on athletic considerations.

10.1.3 Preference in job assignments or offer of compensation for work performed in excess of what is customarily paid for such services.

10.1.4 Offer of special privileges not accorded to other students.

10.1.5 Offer of financial assistance including free or reduced rent, payment of moving expenses, etc., to induce a prospective athlete or their parent(s), legal guardian(s) or Relative Caregiver to change residence.

10.2 Illegal Contact with Students, Student's Parent(s), Legal guardians, or a Relative Caregiver

10.2.1 A school employee or Board approved volunteer may not initiate contact or request that a booster club member, alumnus, or player initiate contact with a student enrolled in another school or their parent(s), legal guardian(s) or a Relative Caregiver in order to persuade the student to enroll in a particular school for athletic purposes. Illegal contact shall include, but not be limited to, letters, questionnaires or brochures, telephone calls, and home visits or personal contact at athletic contests.

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- 10.2.2 If a coach or athletic director is contacted by a prospective athlete or their parent(s), legal guardian(s) or Relative Caregiver, the former must refer the individual(s) to the Principal or Headmaster or school personnel responsible for admissions.
- 10.3 Permitted Activities
- 10.3.1 A school employee or Board approved volunteer may do the following:
- 10.3.1.1 Discuss the athletic program with a prospective student or their parent(s), legal guardian(s) or Relative Caregiver during an open house or approved visit initiated by the parent(s), legal guardian(s) or Relative Caregiver.
- 10.3.1.2 Provide information concerning sports offered, facilities, conference affiliation, and general athletic policies. However, they are not permitted to state or imply in any way that their athletic program is superior to that of another school or that it would be more beneficial or advantageous for the prospective student to participate in athletics at their school.
- 10.3.1.3 Conduct an informational presentation at a feeder school.
- 10.4 School Choice
- 10.4.1 If the number of applicants under the Delaware School Choice Program exceeds the number of available student openings, the selection criteria established by the district shall not include athletic considerations.
- 10.5 Penalties
- 10.5.1 The use of influence or illegal contact including but not limited to violations of 10.1 and 10.2 by a person(s) employed by or representing a Member school including members of alumni associations, booster groups, and similar organizations to persuade, induce, or facilitate the enrollment of a student in that school for athletic purposes may render the student ineligible for up to one full school year from the date the charge is substantiated. In addition, the offending school may be placed on probation, as determined by the DIAA Board of Directors, and the offending employee, if a coach, may be suspended for up to one full school year from the date the charge is substantiated.
- 7 DE Reg. 1692 (06/01/04)**
9 DE Reg. 124 (07/01/05)
9 DE Reg. 1954 (06/01/06)
11 DE Reg. 1639 (06/01/08)
14 DE Reg. 1184 (05/01/11)
15 DE Reg. 74 (07/01/11)
19 DE Reg. 743 (02/01/16)
21 DE Reg. 717 (03/01/18)
22 DE Reg. 60 (07/01/18)
22 DE Reg. 395 (11/01/18)
22 DE Reg. 765 (03/01/19)
23 DE Reg. 122 (08/01/19)



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**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
1000 Student Activities**

1009 DIAA High School Interscholastic Athletics

1.0 National Federation of State High Schools, Conferences, Contracts, Equivalency Rules, and Definitions

1.1 Definitions

The following words and terms, when used in this regulation, shall have the following meaning unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"Administrative Head of School" means the chief or head individual in charge of the school traditionally referred to or generally known as the principal or headmaster.

"Attendance Zone" means the geographical area set by law or the governing body of a public school that entitles a student to attend a certain public school.

"Board" means the Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association Board of Directors established pursuant to 14 Del.C. Chapter 3.

"Department" means the Delaware Department of Education.

"Guardian or Legal Guardian" means an individual who legally has responsibility for the care and management of the student during the student's minority. The relationship is a legal one and must be created by a court order signed by a judge, commissioner, or master of a court of competent jurisdiction.

"Individualized Education Program" or "IEP" means a written statement for a child with a disability as defined in 14 DE Admin. Code 922.

"Legally in attendance" means present at school as determined by a pre-established written policy adopted by the local school board or governing body of the school.

"Member School" means a full or associate member school of the DIAA.

"Principal" or "Headmaster" means the Administrative Head of School and includes but is not limited to Head of School, Administrator, Executive Director, or Charter Head.

"Qualified Healthcare Professional" means a Doctor of Medicine (MD); a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO); or a school nurse, nurse practitioner, physician assistant, or athletic trainer. Qualified Healthcare Professionals shall be licensed by their state and in good standing with the State of Delaware.

"Qualified Physician" means a Doctor of Medicine (MD) or a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO) who is licensed by their state and in good standing with the State of Delaware.

"Relative Caregiver" means an adult who, by blood, marriage or adoption, is the child's great grandparent, grandparent, step grandparent, great aunt, aunt, step aunt, great uncle, uncle, step uncle, step parent, brother, sister, step brother, step sister, half brother, half sister, niece, nephew, first cousin or first cousin once removed but who does not have legal custody or legal guardianship of the student.

"School day(s)" means actual school attendance days during the regular academic school year including a partial day that students are in attendance at school for instructional purposes as adopted by the district or governing body of the school not to include weekends, holidays, summer school, etc.

"State Board" means the State Board of Education pursuant to 14 Del.C. §104.

"Student With a Disability" means a "child with a disability" as that term is defined in 14 DE Admin. Code 922 or a qualified person with a disability under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

"Superintendent" means the chief school officer of a school district.

1.2 National Federation of High School Associations

1.2.1 DIAA is affiliated with the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS). The playing rules, codes of conduct, sanctions, and guidelines in the NFHS rules books are adopted except as modified by the DIAA Board of Directors.

1.2.1.1 The playing rules of the United States Tennis Association, the United States Golf Association, and the United States Lacrosse Association are adopted for the sports of tennis, golf, and girls' lacrosse respectively except as modified by the DIAA Board of Directors.

1.3 Conferences

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- 1.3.1 Member schools may establish voluntary conference organizations that may be composed of public and nonpublic schools. When established, they must submit their conferences' proposed membership and its constitution and bylaws to the DIAA Board of Directors and be approved by the DIAA Board of Directors before the schools may enter into any contractual agreements.
- 1.3.1.1 All subsequent amendments to the constitution and bylaws of the conferences must be compatible with all provisions of the DIAA Regulations; interpretations and with the rulings of the Executive Director, Sportsmanship Committee, and Board of Directors; state tournament regulations; and DIAA approved playing codes.
- 1.4 Contracts
- 1.4.1 Contracts between DIAA member schools or between DIAA member schools and full member schools of comparable state associations are encouraged but not required.
- 1.4.1.1 Conference master contracts are approved substitutes for individual contracts.
- 1.4.1.2 In the case of a dispute and provided either a signed individual contract or conference master contract was received in the DIAA office or postmarked prior to the contest in question, appeal may be made to the Executive Director or the DIAA Board of Directors which, after review of the circumstances, may assign an appropriate penalty.
- 1.4.1.2.1 Without a signed individual contract or conference master contract, a member school has no right of appeal to the Executive Director or the DIAA Board of Directors.
- 1.4.2 Contracts between DIAA member schools and nonmember or associate member schools of comparable state associations are required.
- 1.4.2.1 A copy of the signed contract must be either received by the Executive Director or postmarked prior to the contest for which the agreement was drawn up. Failure to file a signed contract as prescribed shall result in the DIAA member school being assessed a \$50.00 fine.
- 1.4.2.2 In the case of a dispute, a member school has no right of appeal to the Executive Director or the DIAA Board of Directors unless a signed individual contract is in place.
- 1.4.3 Contracts shall be interchanged according to the following provisions:
- 1.4.3.1 Contracts on the accepted form shall be arranged by the competing schools for each season's interscholastic athletic contests.
- 1.4.3.2 Contracts shall be drawn up by the faculty manager or other designated staff member of the home school of the earlier varsity contest.
- 1.4.3.3 A signed contract or any part thereof may not be nullified or modified except by mutual agreement of both schools involved.
- 1.4.4 If a game is not played, it shall be considered a "no contest." Notwithstanding the above, if a signed individual contract or conference master contract was received in the DIAA office or postmarked prior to the contest in question, and one of the participating schools breached the agreement, the non-breaching school may appeal for a forfeit to the Executive Director or the DIAA Board of Directors. If the Executive Director or Board finds a forfeit is appropriate, the no contest shall be replaced with the forfeit.
- 1.4.4.1 If a game is not played because an out of state opponent qualifies for its state championship series and the date of the playoff game conflicts with the date of the regular season game, a forfeit shall not be awarded.
- 1.5 Equivalency Rules
- 1.5.1 A full member school shall not participate in a scrimmage or contest with an in state school that is not a member in good standing of DIAA.
- 1.5.1.1 Scrimmage shall be defined in as: an informal competition between schools in which the officials are not compensated, a final score is not kept, the time periods are permitted to be modified, the results of the competition are not reported to the media, the coaches are permitted to interrupt the play to provide instruction and the competition is strictly for practice purposes. All participating schools must consider the event to be a scrimmage and therefore cannot count the results as part of their regular season results.
- 1.5.2 A full member school shall not participate in a scrimmage or contest with an associate or non member school of another state association unless the opposing school, as part of a written contract, certifies that its contestants are eligible under the rules of its home state association.

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- 1.5.3 An associate Member school shall not participate in a scrimmage or contest with an associate or non Member school of another state association unless the opposing school complies with the conditions specified in 1.5.2. However, the opposing school shall be exempt from those rules which DIAA has waived for its associate member school.
- 1.5.4 Member schools shall not participate in a practice, scrimmage, or contest with a non school sponsored team.
- 1.5.5 Member schools shall not participate in a practice, scrimmage, or contest with post graduate students or college students. This provision shall not apply to games played against the alumni or faculty of the school when the game is sponsored by school authorities.
- 1.5.6 Member schools shall not participate in a practice, scrimmage, or contest with a non-high school team.
- 1.5.7 A school which participates in a game against an illegal opponent shall be required to forfeit the contest and be assessed a \$500.00 fine.

11 DE Reg. 1642 (06/01/08)

15 DE Reg. 75 (07/01/11)

19 DE Reg. 745 (02/01/16)

21 DE Reg. 719 (03/01/18)

22 DE Reg. 398 (11/01/18)

2.0 Eligibility: No Student Shall Represent a School in an Interscholastic Scrimmage or Contest if the Student Does Not Meet the Following Requirements

2.1 Eligibility, Age

2.1.1 Students who become 19 years of age on or after June 15 immediately preceding the student's year of participation shall be eligible for all sports provided all other eligibility requirements are met. In determining the age of a contestant, the birth date as entered on the birth record of the Bureau of Vital Statistics shall be required and shall be so certified on all eligibility lists.

2.1.1.1 Requests for a waiver of the age requirement shall only be considered for participation on an unofficial, nonscoring basis in non contact or non collision sports.

2.2 Eligibility, Residence

2.2.1 With the exception of boarding school students, a student must be living with their custodial parent(s), legal guardian(s), or Relative Caregiver in the attendance zone of the school which the student attends, or be a student 18 years of age or older and living in the attendance zone of the school which the student attends (2.2.1.7) in order to be eligible for interscholastic athletics in that school. In cases of joint custody, the custodial parent shall be the parent with actual physical placement as determined by court. In the case of shared placement or where residential placement has not been determined by a court, the parents must commit to sending the student to a particular school for the year. Maintaining multiple residences in order to circumvent this requirement shall render the student ineligible.

2.2.1.1 A student who, pursuant to established school board policy or administrative procedure, remains in a school the student has been attending after their legal residence changes to the attendance zone of a different school in the same school district, may exercise, prior to the first official student day of the subsequent academic year, a one time election to remain at their current school and thereby not lose athletic eligibility. If a student chooses to remain at their current school and then transfers to the school in a new attendance zone on or after the first official student day of the subsequent academic year, the student shall be ineligible under subsection 2.4.

2.2.1.2 A student who changes residence to a different attendance zone after the start of the last marking period and, pursuant to established school board policy or administrative procedure, shall be granted permission to continue attending their present school. The student shall retain their athletic eligibility in that school for the remainder of the school year provided all other eligibility requirements are met.

2.2.1.3 A student shall be permitted to complete their senior year at the school the student is attending and remain eligible even though a change of legal residence to the attendance zone of another school has occurred. This provision shall refer to any change of legal residence that occurs after the completion of the student's junior year.

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- 2.2.1.4 A student may be residing outside of the attendance zone of the school which the student attends if the student is participating in the Delaware School Choice Program as authorized by 14 Del.C. Ch. 4.
- 2.2.1.5 A student who is a non resident of Delaware shall be eligible to attend a public school, charter school or career technical school if, in accordance with 14 Del.C. §607, the student's custodial parent or legal guardian or Relative Caregiver is a full time employee of that district.
- 2.2.1.6 Notwithstanding 2.2.1, a student shall be eligible at a public or career technical school if the student is enrolled in accordance with 14 Del.C. §202(f), the Caregivers School Authorization.
- 2.2.1.6.1 An exception would be a student whose Relative Caregiver does not provide the documentation required by the Relative Caregiver School Authorization (proof of relation and proof of full time care) but is permitted to register on the basis of a petition for the transfer of guardianship. A student who registers on the basis of a petition for the transfer of guardianship is not eligible to scrimmage or compete until the Relative Caregiver has provided the aforementioned required documentation or has received a signed court order designating the Relative Caregiver as the student's legal guardian.
- 2.2.1.7 A student who reaches the age of majority (18) and leaves their parents' place of residency and jurisdiction thereof, and moves to another attendance zone to continue their high school education shall be ineligible to participate in athletics for 180 school days commencing with the first day of official attendance on or after their 18th birthday. This provision shall not apply to a student participating in the Delaware School Choice Program, as authorized by 14 Del.C. Ch. 4, provided the student's choice application was properly submitted prior to a change of residence.
- 2.2.1.8 Notwithstanding 2.2.1, a student who is homeless as defined in the McKinney-Vento Act, 42 U.S.C. 11434a(2) shall be eligible to participate at the public school in which the student is enrolled.
- 2.2.1.9 For purposes of eligibility, a child placed within the Department of Services for Children, Youth and Their Families (DSCYF) custody is eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics immediately at the school they attend.
- 2.3 Eligibility, Enrollment and Attendance
- 2.3.1 A student must be legally enrolled in the high school which they represent in order to participate in a practice, scrimmage or contest.
- 2.3.2 A student who attends two (2) different schools during the regular school day shall be eligible to participate only at the school at which the student is receiving instruction in the core academic areas, and is satisfying the majority of graduation requirements; not a school at which they are receiving only specialized educational instruction such as vocational training.
- 2.3.3 Students with disabilities who are placed in special schools or programs
- 2.3.3.1 Definitions:
- “**Campus**” means a contiguous land area containing one or more school buildings.
- “**Special School or Program**” means a school or program approved by the Department of Education with the approval of the State Board of Education to serve students with disabilities, but does not include alternative schools.
- 2.3.3.2 A student with a disability who is placed in a special school or program shall be eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics as follows:
- 2.3.3.2.1 If the special school or program sponsors the interscholastic sport in question, the student shall be eligible to participate only at the school or program.
- 2.3.3.2.2 If the special school or program does not sponsor the interscholastic sport in question and the student is served in a regular high school for all or part of the school day, the student shall be eligible only at that regular high school.
- 2.3.3.2.3 If the special school or program does not sponsor the interscholastic sport in question, and the student is served exclusively in the special school or program, and the special school or program is located on the campus of a regular high school, the student shall be eligible only at the regular high school on the same campus.
- 2.3.3.2.4 If the special school or program does not sponsor the interscholastic sport in question, and the student is served exclusively in the special school or program, and the special school or

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program is not located on the campus of a regular high school, the student shall be eligible only at the regular high school designated to serve the special school's or program's students.

2.3.3.2.4.1 School districts or charter schools which administer special schools or programs and have multiple high schools shall decide which of its regular high schools shall be designated to serve special school or program students in these circumstances.

2.3.4 Enrollment Requirements for the School District Enrollment Choice Program:

2.3.4.1 Pursuant to 14 Del.C. §407(a)(2), a student who is enrolled in a traditional public, vocational, or charter school outside of the student's feeder pattern through the School District Enrollment Choice Program shall remain enrolled in the school for a minimum of two years. A waiver request is not required and the student is not ineligible under this subsection if one of the exceptions as provided in 14 Del.C. §407(a)(2) applies or the student's enrollment in the school is terminated as provided in 14 Del.C. §407. Even if a waiver request is not required and the student is not ineligible under this subsection, a waiver request may be required and the student may be ineligible under subsection 2.4 of this regulation (the High School Transfer Rule), including subsection 2.4.7 (Transfers under the School District Enrollment Choice Program).

2.3.4.2 Pursuant to 14 Del.C. §506(d), a student who is in his or her first year of attendance at a charter school shall remain enrolled in the charter school for a minimum of one year. A waiver request is not required and the student is not ineligible under this subsection if good cause exists as provided in 14 Del.C. §506(d).

2.3.5 A student may not participate in a practice, scrimmage, or contest during the time a suspension, either in school or out of school, is in effect or during the time the student is assigned to an alternative school for disciplinary reasons.

2.3.6 A student must be legally in attendance at school in order to participate in a practice, scrimmage, or contest except when excused by proper school authorities in accordance with pre-established written school policy.

2.3.6.1 A student who is not legally in attendance at school due to illness or injury shall not be permitted to participate in a practice, scrimmage, or contest on that day.

2.3.7 A student who fails to complete a semester or is absent for one or more semesters for reasons other than personal illness or injury shall be ineligible for 90 school days from the date of their reentry to school.

2.3.8 An ineligible student who practices in violation of 2.3.1 through 2.3.7 shall, when regaining eligibility, be prohibited from practicing, scrimmaging, or competing for an equivalent number of days.

2.4 Eligibility, Transfers

2.4.1 Purpose

The intent of the High School Transfer Rule is to deter students from transferring schools for athletic purposes, to help discourage recruitment, and to reduce the opportunity for undue influence to be exerted by persons who seek to benefit from a student's athletic talent. DIAA recognizes that, because of the number of transfers that occur each year, it is difficult to carry out that intent if an individualized determination is required for all students who transfer schools. The exceptions in subsection 2.4.4 of this regulation involve circumstances in which establishing a hardship for eligibility purposes is not required; strict enforcement of the rule will not serve to accomplish the purpose of the rule; the spirit of the rule will not be offended or compromised; the principle of educational balance over athletics will not be offended or compromised; and there is no safety risk to teammates or competitors.

2.4.2 Definitions:

The following words and terms, when used in this regulation, shall have the following meaning unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"First year of eligibility" means the school year during which a student first becomes eligible for and participates in high school interscholastic athletics and ending on the day prior to the first day of school of the student's second year of eligibility.

"One school year" means the number school attendance days or required hours in a school year as adopted by the student's district or school (i.e. 180 attendance days).

"Previous participation" means having participated in interscholastic athletics at the high school level, including eighth grade students pursuant to 14 DE Admin. Code 1009-2.7.3 and students enrolled in grades 9 through 12.

"Receiving school" means the school a student transfers to after leaving his or her previous school.

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“**Second year of high school eligibility**” means the next school year after a student first becomes eligible for and participates in high school interscholastic athletics and includes sophomores, repeating freshmen, and freshmen who participated during the eighth grade.

“**Sending School**” means the school a student transfers from to go to a different school.

“**Transfer**” means the student has officially withdrawn from the sending school and has officially enrolled in the receiving school in accordance with the receiving school’s established registration process.

2.4.3 High School Transfer Rule

2.4.3.1 Unless one of the exceptions found in subsection 2.4.4 of this regulation applies, a student who has previously participated in interscholastic athletics that transfers to a DIAA member school shall be ineligible in all sports that the student previously participated in during the preceding 180 school days. The period of ineligibility shall be one school year commencing with the first day of official attendance in the receiving school. The period of ineligibility shall continue to the next grade/school year, if necessary, until the total number of school days in the school year has passed.

2.4.4 Exceptions to the High School Transfer Rule

2.4.4.1 A student, the student's family, and the student's receiving school are not required to submit a waiver request and establish the conditions for granting a waiver set forth in subsection 9.1.1 of 14 **DE Admin. Code** 1006, including hardship, and the period of ineligibility shall not apply if the student meets one of the following exceptions and the student's transfer was not for athletic advantage as provided in subsection 2.4.6 of this regulation:

2.4.4.1.1 McKinney-Vento Act (Homeless Students) - The period of ineligibility shall not apply if the transfer is the result of the student becoming homeless as defined in the McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youths Act, 42 U.S.C. §11434a(2).

2.4.4.1.2 Transfer Because of Promotion or Administrative Assignment - Transfer because of promotion or administrative assignment to the ninth grade from a school whose terminal point is the eighth grade, or to the tenth grade from a junior high school whose terminal point is the ninth grade, shall not constitute a transfer. Students so promoted or administratively assigned shall be eligible.

2.4.4.1.3 No previous interscholastic athletic participation - A student who has not previously participated in interscholastic athletics, is released by a proper school authority from a sending school, has completed the registration process at the receiving school, and is pursuing an approved course of study shall be eligible immediately upon registration provided the student meets all other DIAA eligibility requirements.

2.4.4.1.4 Previous interscholastic athletic participation - A student who has previously participated in interscholastic athletics may transfer one time during his or her first or second year of eligibility at the high school level without loss of athletic eligibility provided that the student meets all other eligibility requirements, including subsection 2.4.7 of this regulation.

2.4.4.1.4.1 Students shall not participate in a contest at the varsity level for two different schools in the same sport during the same school year unless one of the other exceptions in subsection 2.4.4 of this regulation applies.

2.4.4.1.4.2 A student who has previously participated in interscholastic athletics and transfers more than one time during his or her first or second year of eligibility at the high school level, shall be ineligible in any sport for a period of 90 school days commencing with the first day of official attendance in the receiving school unless one of the other exceptions in subsection 2.4.4 of this regulation applies. The period of ineligibility shall continue to the next grade/school year until 90 school days have passed.

2.4.4.1.5 No Participation in a Sport within the Preceding 180 School Days - A student who previously participated in interscholastic athletics but did not participate in a sport within the preceding 180 school days and was eligible by both DIAA and local school rules to do so during the previous school year shall be eligible to participate in that sport at the receiving school.

2.4.4.1.6 Transfer to School of Residence - A student may transfer to his or her school of residence, which is based on the legal address of the student's custodial parent(s) or court-appointed legal guardian(s), one time without loss of athletic eligibility. For this exception to apply, the transfer must be the student's first transfer during his or her years of high school interscholastic athletic eligibility.

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- 2.4.4.1.7 Transfer Due to Court Action - A student may transfer without loss of athletic eligibility if the transfer is caused by court action, court action being an order from a court of law affecting legally committed students. In the case of a transfer of guardianship or custody, the transfer shall be the result of a court order signed by a judge, commissioner, or master of a court of competent jurisdiction. A petition for the transfer of guardianship or custody, an affidavit, (except as permitted by subsection 2.4.4.3.2.1 of this regulation), or a notarized statement signed by the affected parties shall not be sufficient to render the student eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics.
- 2.4.4.1.7.1 Sole, Joint, or Shared Custody - In cases of sole, joint, or shared custody once a primary residence is established, a change in a student's primary residence without court action renders the student ineligible unless one of the other exceptions in subsection 2.4.4 of this regulation applies.
- 2.4.4.1.7.2 DSCYF Custody - For purposes of eligibility, a student placed within DSCYF custody is eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics immediately at the school he or she attends.
- 2.4.4.1.8 Transfer Based Upon Relative Caregivers School Authorization - A student may transfer without loss of athletic eligibility if the transfer is based upon the submission of a Caregivers School Authorization in accordance with 14 Del.C. §202(f).
- 2.4.4.1.8.1 An exception would be a student whose caregiver does not provide the documentation required by the Relative Caregiver School Authorization (including proof of relationship and proof of full time care) but is permitted to register on the basis of a petition for the transfer of guardianship. A student who registers on the basis of a petition for the transfer of guardianship is not eligible to scrimmage or compete until the caregiver has provided a custody or guardianship petition to the receiving school in accordance with 14 Del.C. §202(f)(1).
- 2.4.4.1.9 Transfer Due to Change of Residence - The transfer is the result of a change in residence by the custodial parent(s), legal guardian(s) or Relative Caregiver to the attendance zone of a public school that student was not attending. If, as a result of the change of residence, the student could now enroll in a different public school, the student may make a one-time election and select any school including a private school. A change in residence has occurred when all occupancy of the previous residence has ended and a new legal residence has been established. Maintaining dual residency for purposes of athletic eligibility shall render the student ineligible.
- 2.4.4.1.10 Transfer Due to Seat Opening in Receiving School - A student may transfer without loss of athletic eligibility if the transfer is a result of a seat opening in the receiving school, and the student had previously applied to the school and had been rejected due to a lack of capacity. For this exception to apply, the receiving school must have appropriate documentation including: a student application from a previous school year; a letter in response to the application notifying the student that they were not accepted; and a letter dated after the start of the school year offering the student a seat in the receiving school.
- 2.4.4.1.11 Transfer under Unsafe School Choice Policy A student may transfer without loss of athletic eligibility if the student attends a persistently dangerous school or is the victim of a violent felony while in or on the grounds of a school in which he or she is enrolled and the student opts to transfer to a safe school in the same school district in accordance with 14 DE Admin. Code 608 Unsafe School Choice Option Policy.
- 2.4.4.1.12 Transfer Because Sending School Closed or Dropped Sport/Athletic Program - A student may transfer without loss of athletic eligibility if the transfer is a result of any of the following:
- 2.4.4.1.12.1 The closure of the sending school;
- 2.4.4.1.12.2 The sending school discontinuing a single sport at the varsity level. In order for this exception to apply when a school discontinues a single sport at the varsity level, the student must have previously participated in that sport.
- 2.4.4.1.12.3 The sending school dropping their entire athletic program. Dropping their athletic program is defined as the school discontinuing all of their interscholastic athletics sports programs. For this exception to apply, adequate documentation must be submitted to the receiving school and sent to the DIAA Executive Director for approval as sufficient.

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- 2.4.5 Transfer Because of a Financial Hardship: If a waiver of the High School Transfer Rule is requested due to a financial hardship, the parent(s), legal guardian(s) or Relative Caregiver is responsible for providing documentation to the DIAA Board of Directors to support the request.
- 2.4.5.1 Documentation for Financial Hardship: Documentation for financial hardship shall include:
- 2.4.5.1.1 Proof of extreme financial hardship caused by significant and unexpected reduction in income or increase in expenses; and
- 2.4.5.1.2 A statement from the principals or headmasters of both the sending and receiving schools that the student is not transferring for athletic advantage as the term is used in subsection 2.4.6 of this regulation.
- 2.4.6 Transfers for Athletic Advantage - The exceptions listed in subsection 2.4.4 of this regulation shall not apply if the transfer was for athletic advantage. If the student transfers for athletic advantage, the student may still request a waiver of the transfer rule. A transfer for athletic advantage includes but is not limited to any transfer where the primary reason for student's transfer was for any of the following:
- 2.4.6.1 To seek a superior team.
- 2.4.6.2 To seek a team more compatible with student's abilities;
- 2.4.6.3 Dissatisfaction with the student's position or playing time;
- 2.4.6.4 The student follows the coach to another school to which the coach has transferred;
- 2.4.6.5 Dissatisfaction with the philosophy, policies, methods, or actions of a coach or administrator pertaining to interscholastic athletics;
- 2.4.6.6 To avoid disciplinary action imposed by another state athletic association;
- 2.4.6.7 To avoid disciplinary action imposed by the sending school related to or affecting interscholastic athletic participation.
- 2.4.7 Transfers under the School District Enrollment Choice Program (14 **Del.C.** Ch. 4)
- 2.4.7.1 Pursuant to 14 **Del.C.** §410(a), if a student was enrolled in a traditional public, vocational, or charter school outside of the student's feeder pattern through the School District Enrollment Choice Program during the preceding school year and the student transfers to and enrolls in grades 10, 11, or 12 at a different traditional public, vocational, or charter school outside of the student's feeder pattern through the program, the student shall be ineligible to participate in interscholastic athletic contests or competitions during the student's first year of enrollment at the receiving school.
- 2.4.7.1.1 For the purpose of subsection 2.4.7.1, a student's feeder pattern consists of the public schools in which the student would normally be enrolled based on the student's place of residence.
- 2.4.7.2 If a student is ineligible under subsection 2.4.7.1, a student, the student's family, and the student's receiving school may submit a waiver request. A waiver may be granted if the student, the student's family, and the student's receiving school establish the conditions for granting a waiver set forth in subsection 9.1.1 of 14 **DE Admin. Code** 1006, including hardship, and the student's transfer was not for athletic advantage as provided in subsection 2.4.6 of this regulation.
- 2.4.7.3 A waiver request is not required and the period of ineligibility under subsection 2.4.7.1 shall not apply if:
- 2.4.7.3.1 One of the exceptions to the High School Transfer Rule as provided in subsection 2.4.4 applies; or
- 2.4.7.3.2 The student wishes to participate in an interscholastic sport that was not offered at the sending school; or
- 2.4.7.3.3 The receiving school is a charter school in its first year of operation; or
- 2.4.7.3.4 The receiving school is a charter school in its first year of serving grades 10, 11, or 12.
- 2.5 Eligibility, Amateur Status
- 2.5.1 A student may not participate in an interscholastic sport unless they are considered an amateur in that sport. A student forfeits amateur status if they do any of the following:
- 2.5.1.1 Knowingly plays on or against a professional team which is defined as a team having one or more members who have received or are receiving directly or indirectly monetary consideration for their athletic services.
- 2.5.1.2 Signs a professional contract, accepts reimbursement for expenses to attend a professional tryout, or receives financial assistance in any form from a professional sports organization.

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- 2.5.1.3 Enters a competition under an assumed name. The surname and given name used by any player in the student's first game of interscholastic competition shall be used during the remainder of the student's interscholastic career. Any change in spelling or use of another name shall be regarded as an attempt to evade this rule unless the change has been properly certified by the player to the principal or headmaster of the school.
- 2.5.1.4 Receives remuneration of any kind or accepts reimbursement for expenses in excess of the actual and necessary costs of transportation, meals, and lodging for participating in a team or individual competition or an instructional camp or clinic. Reimbursement for the aforementioned expenses is permitted only if all of the participants receive the same benefit.
- 2.5.1.5 Receives cash or a cash equivalent (savings bond, certificate of deposit, etc.), merchandise (except as permitted by 9.1.4) or a merchandise discount, (except for discount arranged by school for part of team uniform) a reduction or waiver of fees, a gift certificate, or other valuable consideration as a result of the student's participation in an organized competition or instructional camp or clinic. Accepting an event program or a complimentary item(s) (t shirt, hat, equipment bag, etc.) that is inscribed with a reference to the event, has an aggregate retail value of no more than \$150.00, and is provided to all of the participants, shall not jeopardize the student's amateur status.
- 2.5.1.6 Sells or pawns awards received.
- 2.5.1.7 Uses the student's athletic status to promote or endorse a commercial product or service on the internet; in a newsprint, radio, television advertisement or any other form of media; or personal appearance.
- 2.5.2 Accepting compensation for teaching lessons, coaching, or officiating shall not jeopardize the student's amateur status.
- 2.5.3 A student who forfeits their amateur status under the provisions of this rule is ineligible to participate at the interscholastic level in the sport in which the violation occurred. The student may be reinstated after a period of up to the number of days in the school year provided that during the suspension, the student complies with all of the provisions of this rule. The suspension shall date from the time of the last offense.
- 2.6 Eligibility, Passing Work
 - 2.6.1 The intent of the Passing Work Rule is to promote educational standards, underscore the educational values of participating in interscholastic athletics, encourage appropriate academic performance, and allow the use of interscholastic participation as a motivator for improved classroom performance.
 - 2.6.2 In order to be eligible for participation in interscholastic athletic contests and scrimmages, a student must pursue a regular course of study or its equivalent as approved by the local governing body, and must be passing at least five (5) credits. Two (2) of those credits must be in the areas of English, Mathematics, Science, World Language, or Social Studies. However, in the case of a student in the twelfth grade, the student must be passing all courses necessary for graduation from high school in order to be eligible for participation. A course necessary for graduation shall be any course, whether taken during or outside the regular school day, that satisfies an unmet graduation requirement.
 - 2.6.2.1 A student who is receiving special education services and is precluded from meeting the aforementioned academic requirements due to modifications in the grading procedure or course of study shall be adjudged eligible by the principal or headmaster if the student is making satisfactory progress in accordance with the requirements of his or her Individualized Education Program (IEP).
 - 2.6.3 A student whose work in any regular marking period does not meet the above standards shall be ineligible to participate in an interscholastic athletic contest or scrimmage for the next marking period.
 - 2.6.3.1 In the case of a conflict between the marking period grade and the final grade, the final grade shall determine eligibility.
 - 2.6.3.2 The final accumulation of credits shall determine eligibility for the first marking period of the following school year. When a student makes up a failure or earns the required credit(s) during the summer, the student shall become eligible provided he or she successfully complete the course work prior to the first official student day of the school year.
 - 2.6.3.3 Written verification of the successful completion of a correspondence course must be received before a student shall regain eligibility.

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- 2.6.4 A student forfeits or regains eligibility, in accordance with the provisions of this rule, on the day when marking period grades are issued or published. The calendar used to establish when marking period grades are issued or published must be established by the governing body of the school prior to the start of the school year.
- 2.6.5 Local school boards and nonpublic schools may establish more stringent requirements for academic eligibility than the minimum standards herein prescribed.
- 2.7 Eligibility, Years of Participation
- 2.7.1 The intent of the Years of Participation Rule is to promote timely progress toward graduation by discouraging students from delaying or interrupting their high school education; to disallow students to enroll for one semester each school year to increase athletic ability and skill; to promote equality of competition; to diminish risks stemming from unequal competition; and to place emphasis on the academic mission of the school. In addition, the intent of the rule is to help to prevent redshirting; to avoid exploitation by coaches who otherwise might seek to obtain transfers or to delay a student's normal progress through school; and to prevent displacement of younger student-athletes by older student-athletes who wish to unfairly prolong their high school athletic careers.
- 2.7.2 Years of Participation Rule
- 2.7.2.1 No student shall represent a school in an interscholastic athletic contest or scrimmage after four (4) consecutive years from the date of the student's first entrance into the ninth grade unless a waiver is granted for hardship reasons.
- 2.7.2.1.1 Eighth grade students who are enrolled in or transfer to schools that allow eighth grade participation at the high school level in accordance with subsection 2.7.5 of this regulation begin their five years of eligibility for high school participation the first year they enter eighth grade.
- 2.7.2.2 No student shall have more than four (4) opportunities to participate in a fall sport or combination of fall sports, in a winter sport or combination of winter sports, or in a spring sport or combination of spring sports.
- 2.7.2.2.1 Eighth grade students who are enrolled in schools that allow eighth grade participation at the high school level in accordance with subsection 2.7.5 of this regulation shall have no more than five (5) opportunities to participate in a fall sport or combination of fall sports, in a winter sport or combination of winter sports, or in a spring sport or combination of spring sports.
- 2.7.3 Waiver of the Years of Participation Rule
- 2.7.3.1 "**Hardship**" shall be defined as extenuating circumstances peculiar to the student athlete caused by unforeseen events beyond the election, control, or creation of the student athlete, the student's family, and the student's school which (1) deprive the student of all or part of one of the student's opportunities to participate in a particular sports season; and (2) preclude the student from completing the academic requirements for graduation within the normal period of eligibility; and (3) deprive the student of all or part of one of the student's opportunities to participate in a particular sport. The waiver provision is intended to restore eligibility that has been lost as a result of a hardship situation. Injury, illness, or accident, which cause a student to fail to meet the basic requirements, are possible causes for a hardship consideration.
- 2.7.3.1.1 A waiver shall not be granted under this section where DIAA finds that the student was academically eligible pursuant to DIAA's minimum passing work standards but was ineligible to participate under more stringent locally adopted academic standards and where the local school board or board of directors has adopted its own waiver or exemption policy.
- 2.7.3.1.2 A clear and direct causal relationship must exist between the alleged hardship condition and the failure of the student to complete the academic requirements for graduation within the normal period of eligibility and the loss of all or part of one of the student's opportunities to participate in a particular sports season.
- 2.7.3.1.3 The burden of proof rests with the student in conjunction with the waiver process as described in Section 9.0 of 14 **DE Admin. Code** 1006. Claims of extended illness, debilitating injury, emotional stress, etc. must be accompanied by appropriate documentation. Evidence must be submitted to verify that the student, their parent(s), legal guardian(s) or Relative Caregiver sought assistance to ameliorate the effects of the hardship condition.

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- 2.7.4 Satisfactory completion of studies in accordance with promotion policies established by the local governing body shall determine a student is beyond the eighth grade.
- 2.7.5 Limited Participation - Eighth Grade Students
- 2.7.5.1 A high school may elect to allow students in the eighth grade to participate at the high school level to extent allowed in this section if the eighth grade is part of the same administrative unit as grades 9 through 12. Beginning with the 2016-2017 school year, prior to allowing any eighth grade participation, Member schools are required to adopt policies consistent with this section and submit a request to the DIAA Board of Directors for approval. The request must provide sufficient evidence to determine that the school is eligible to permit eighth grade students to represent the school in high school interscholastic athletics. The burden shall be on the school to establish they are eligible under this regulation.
- 2.7.5.2 It is the school's discretion to allow eighth grade participation at the high school level.
- 2.7.5.3 Effective with the 2016-2017 school year, only rising eighth graders who have been in regular attendance at the eligible school for at least one full school year immediately prior to the eighth grade are eligible to represent the school in high school interscholastic athletics. Students who transfer into the eligible school for the eighth grade are ineligible to represent the high school at any level in any interscholastic sport. This subsection does not apply to schools that begin with the eighth grade.
- 2.7.5.4 A junior high or middle school student who participates in a sub varsity or varsity contest at the high school level shall be ineligible to participate at the junior high or middle school level in the same sport during the same season. This subsection does not preclude an eighth grade student from participating in a try-out at the high school level while still retaining middle school eligibility.
- 2.7.6 Seventh grade students shall not be permitted to participate on high school interscholastic teams.
- 2.7.7 Participation of Postgraduates
- 2.7.7.1 Participation shall be defined as taking part in a school sponsored practice, scrimmage or contest on or after the first allowable date for practice in that sport.
- 2.7.7.2 Postgraduates shall not be eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics. All graduates of recognized high schools shall be considered postgraduates.
- 2.7.7.3 A regularly enrolled student taking courses in an institution of higher education shall be eligible provided he or she meets all other DIAA requirements.
- 2.7.7.4 Students whose commencement exercises are prior to the completion of the school's regular season schedule and the state tournament shall be eligible to compete.
- 2.8 Eligibility of Foreign Exchange Students and International Students
- 2.8.1 For the purpose of subsection 2.8, a foreign exchange or international student is a high school student who:
- 2.8.1.1 Is in the United States on a J-1 (Exchange Visitors) or F-1 (Academic Student) Visa;
- 2.8.1.2 Is enrolled at a DIAA Member School;
- 2.8.1.3 Is participating in a program or placed at a school that is approved by the Student and Exchange Visitors Program and recognized by DIAA;
- 2.8.1.4 Is randomly selected for or placed in the program or school and not on any basis relating to the student's athletic abilities or interests;
- 2.8.1.5 If applicable, is randomly assigned to a host family by a method that ensures the assignment is not for an athletic purpose;
- 2.8.1.6 Does not reside with any members of the coaching or athletic staff of the Member School; and
- 2.8.1.7 Meets all of the eligibility requirements except for subsections 2.2 (Residence) and 2.4 (Transfers) of this regulation.
- 2.8.2 A foreign exchange or international student who participates in a DIAA-recognized program, as provided in subsection 2.8.3, is eligible to participate in interscholastic athletic contests and competitions.
- 2.8.3 For the purpose of subsection 2.8, a DIAA-recognized program is either a Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET)-approved program or a DIAA-recognized international student academic program.

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- 2.8.3.1 CSIET Approved Programs - All international student programs which are included on the Advisory List of International Educational Travel and Exchange Programs of the CSIET shall be considered recognized by DIAA.
- 2.8.3.2 DIAA Recognized International Student Academic Programs - A Member School may obtain recognition of its international student academic program by submitting its program for approval to the DIAA Executive Director with adequate documentation. The Member School must provide a copy of its policies and enrollment applications and agreements to the DIAA Executive Director for recognition. The burden is on the Member School to establish its program meets all the requirements.
- 2.8.3.2.1 In order to obtain approval as a DIAA recognized international student academic program, the Member School must, at a minimum, specifically incorporate and formally adopt the following requirements, policies, participation limits, and notification requirements in its program:
- 2.8.3.2.1.1 A student may not be accepted in the school or program for athletic purposes, including recruiting by an outside party. The school must include a statement in its application and program materials providing notice of the prohibitions on recruitment and athletic purposes and advising that based on its program requirements and DIAA regulations that recruitment based on athletics by anyone including an outside source will result in the student being permanently ineligible in interscholastic athletics at any DIAA Member School. The school, student, and parent must all sign a statement verifying that the student was not athletically recruited in any way and attesting that the student did not enroll for athletic purposes and has enrolled in the school for educational purposes.
- 2.8.3.2.1.2 With the exception of the requirement in subsection 2.2 that a student must be living with their custodial parent, legal guardian, or relative caregiver in the attendance zone of the school, the program must require that students meet all other eligibility requirements including a pre-participation evaluation or physical including a parent's signature.
- 2.8.3.2.1.3 The program must specify that the student's participation is limited to the sub-varsity level for the first year of attendance at the school and that students will be ineligible for state tournament competition during the first year of attendance. If a school does not have a sub-varsity team, a student may practice at the varsity level during his or her first year of attendance. After one year of attendance at the school in an approved international student academic program, the international student may be eligible for varsity participation and state tournament competition.
- 2.8.3.2.1.4 All of the specific requirements must be part of the school's international student academic program and must be communicated to the students in advance of registration.
- 2.8.3.1.2 At least annually and prior to athletic participation, the school shall provide to the DIAA Executive Director a list of the international students enrolled in its programs and include signed copies of the required forms.
- 2.8.3.1.3 If the Member School changes its program, the Member School shall notify the Executive Director who must approve the changes for the purpose of subsection 2.8.
- 2.8.4 International students who are not in the United States on a J-1 or F-1 Visa and are not participating in a CSIET-recognized program or DIAA recognized international student academic program are considered to be transfer students and are ineligible to compete in interscholastic athletics unless they are in compliance with all DIAA eligibility requirements including subsection 2.2.
- 2.8.5 Athletic recruitment of foreign exchange and international students by a Member School is prohibited. Any such students recruited shall be ineligible for the duration of their attendance at the Member School.
- 2.8.6 Effective Date
- 2.8.6.1 Subsection 2.8 of this regulation shall be effective on July 1, 2018.
- 2.9 Student Eligibility Report Forms
- 2.9.1 Member schools shall use eligibility forms approved by the Executive Director. A copy of the original eligibility report and subsequent addenda must be either received by the Executive Director or postmarked prior to the first contest for which the students listed are eligible. Failure to file an eligibility report as prescribed shall result in a \$50.00 fine against the school.

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- 2.9.1.1 In the case of a student who met all DIAA eligibility requirements but was omitted from the eligibility report due to administrative or clerical error, they shall be adjudged eligible and the school assessed a \$25.00 fine.
- 2.10 Use of an Ineligible Athlete:
- 2.10.1 If a school uses an ineligible athlete, the administrative head or their designee shall notify the opposing school(s) or event sponsor, in the case of a tournament or meet, and the Executive Director in writing of the violation and the forfeiture of the appropriate game(s), match(es), and point(s) won.
- 2.10.2 The deliberate or inadvertent use of an ineligible athlete in the sports of soccer, football, volleyball, field hockey, basketball, baseball, softball, and lacrosse shall require the offending school to forfeit the contest(s) in which the ineligible athlete participated.
- 2.10.2.1 If the infraction occurs during a tournament, including a state championship, the offending school shall be replaced by its most recently defeated opponent. Teams eliminated prior to the most recently defeated opponent shall not be allowed to reenter the tournament, team and individual awards shall be returned to the event sponsor and team and individual records and performances shall be nullified.
- 2.10.2.2 The offending school may appeal to the DIAA Board of Directors for a waiver of the forfeiture penalty. If the forfeiture penalty is waived, the offending school shall be reprimanded and fined a minimum of \$200.00 but no more than \$1,000.00 and referred to the DIAA Sportsmanship Committee for consideration of further action unless the athlete or their parent(s) or legal guardian(s) knowingly withheld information or provided false information that caused the student to be eligible for interscholastic competition. The burden of proof, in both instances, rests entirely with the offending school. A forfeit shall constitute a loss for the offending school and a win for its opponent for purposes of standings and playoff eligibility and shall be automatic and not subject to refusal by the offending school's opponent.
- 2.10.3 The deliberate or inadvertent use of an ineligible athlete in the sports of cross country, wrestling, swimming, track, golf, and tennis shall require the offending school to forfeit the matches won and points earned by the ineligible athlete or by a relay team of which the student was a member. The points contributed by an ineligible athlete to their team score shall be deleted and the contest score as well as the affected placements will be adjusted according to the rules of the sport.
- 2.10.3.1 If the infraction occurs during a tournament, including a state championship, the ineligible athlete shall be replaced by their most recently defeated opponent or the next highest finisher. Contestants eliminated prior to the most recently defeated opponent shall not be allowed to reenter the tournament.
- 2.10.3.1.1 Individual awards earned by the ineligible athlete and team awards, if necessary because of adjustments in the standings, shall be returned to the event sponsor. Individual records and performances by the ineligible athlete shall be nullified.
- 2.10.4 If an ineligible athlete participates in interscholastic competition contrary to DIAA rules, but in accordance with a temporary restraining order or injunction against their school and DIAA, and the injunction is subsequently vacated, stayed, or reversed, or the courts determine that injunctive relief is not or was not justified, or the injunction expires without further judicial determination, the penalties stipulated in 2.10.1 and 2.10.2 shall be imposed.
- 2.10.5 The intentional use of an ineligible athlete by a member school or repeated indifference to its responsibility to determine the eligibility of its athletes will subject the school to additional penalties which may include suspension for the amount of days up to length of the school year from the date the charge is substantiated.
- 2.10.6 If a coach knowingly withholds information or provides false information that causes an athlete to be eligible for interscholastic competition, the coach shall be suspended from coaching in any sport at any DIAA member school for the amount of days up to length of the school year from the date the charge is substantiated.
- 2.10.7 If an athlete or their parent(s), legal guardian(s) or Relative Caregiver knowingly withholds information or provides false information that causes the student to be eligible for interscholastic competition, the athlete shall be suspended from participation in any sport at any DIAA member school for up to the amount of days up to the length of the school year from the date the charge is substantiated.
- 2.11 Determination of Student Eligibility and the Appeal Procedures

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- 2.11.1 Determining student athletic eligibility is the responsibility of each member school's administration. Member schools shall maintain records verifying athletic eligibility. Upon the Executive Director's request, the member school shall provide all information verifying eligibility.
- 2.11.2 In cases of uncertainty or disagreement, the eligibility of a student shall be determined by the Executive Director. Any request from a Member school regarding an eligibility determination shall be in writing and contain the school's eligibility determination and all information used to reach the determination. When necessary within the Executive Director's discretion, the Executive Director may also make eligibility determinations without an official request from the Member school. If the Executive Director determines that the student is ineligible, the school and the student shall be notified and the student suspended immediately from participation in interscholastic athletics.
- 2.11.3 The school and the student shall be informed that the decision of the Executive Director may be appealed to the DIAA Board of Directors.
- 2.11.4 Decisions of the DIAA Board of Directors to affirm, modify, or reverse the eligibility rulings of the Executive Director may be appealed to the State Board of Education in accordance with 14 DE Admin. Code 1006.11.

9 DE Reg. 126 (07/01/05)

11 DE Reg. 1642 (06/01/08)

15 DE Reg. 75 (07/01/11)

19 DE Reg. 745 (02/01/16)

21 DE Reg. 147 (08/01/17)

21 DE Reg. 218 (09/01/17)

21 DE Reg. 719 (03/01/18)

22 DE Reg. 61 (07/01/18)

22 DE Reg. 767 (03/01/19)

3.0 Physical Examinations, Concussion Protocol, Weight Control Program for Wrestling and Required Medical Personnel in Attendance at All Football Games

3.1 Physical examinations

- 3.1.1 A student shall not be eligible to try out, practice, scrimmage, or compete in an interscholastic contest unless a licensed physician (MD or DO), a licensed nurse practitioner, or a licensed physician's assistant verifies in writing on or after April 1 and before beginning such athletic activity for the current school year that the student has been adequately examined within the last 12 months and is cleared medically to participate. However, should any conditions found in subsection 3.1.3 of this regulation occur since the last examination, a reexamination is required before the student can be medically cleared. A student who participates in a contest without a preparticipation physical evaluation shall be considered an ineligible athlete and the athlete and the school shall be subject to the penalties stipulated in subsection 2.10.
- 3.1.2 A DIAA approved form certifying the examination as well as the parent's, legal guardian's, or Relative Caregiver's consent, shall be on file with the Administrative Head of School prior to the student participating in a practice, scrimmage, or game.
- 3.1.3 For any subsequent sports season in the school year, a limited reexamination shall be performed if any of the following circumstances exist: the athlete has been treated for an injury during the preceding sports season, the athlete has been out of school during the preceding sports season with an illness other than the usual minor upper respiratory or gastrointestinal upset, an operation has been performed on the athlete during the preceding sports season, or the athlete has a remedial defect.
- 3.1.4 The medical history of the student shall be available at the time of each examination.
- 3.1.5 A player is temporarily ineligible to participate if the player who is otherwise properly certified to participate in interscholastic athletics is physically unable to participate due to illness or injury for five (5) consecutive days on which a practice, scrimmage or contest is held. Prior to resuming participation, the player must present to the Administrative Head of School or his or her designee, a statement from a licensed physician (MD or DO), a nurse practitioner, or a physician's assistant that the player is again physically able to participate. If a player is physically unable to participate due to a head injury, the concussion protocol in subsection 3.2 shall be followed.

3.2 Concussion Protocol

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- 3.2.1 If an athlete is suspected of sustaining a concussion or exhibits signs or symptoms of a concussion, he or she shall be removed from the practice or game immediately.
- 3.2.2 A Qualified Healthcare Professional shall determine whether an apparent concussion has occurred. The Qualified Healthcare Professional shall be approved by the host to provide on-site evaluations of athletes who are suspected of sustaining a concussion or exhibit signs or symptoms of a concussion. If a Qualified Healthcare Professional is not present or is not appointed or approved by the host, the injury shall be treated as a concussion and the athlete shall not return to play until he or she is evaluated by a Qualified Healthcare Professional in an appropriate medical setting.
- 3.2.3 If a Qualified Healthcare Professional determines that an athlete did not sustain a concussion, the athlete may return to play.
- 3.2.4 If a Qualified Healthcare Professional determines that the athlete sustained a concussion or is unable to rule out a concussion, the athlete shall be referred for further evaluation by a Qualified Physician. The athlete shall be ineligible to participate in practices, scrimmages, or contests until he or she receives written clearance from a Qualified Physician on the DIAA Acute Concussion Evaluation (ACE) and Return to Play Form.
- 3.2.5 Failure to comply with the requirements of this regulation shall result in the athlete being considered ineligible. The athlete and member school shall be penalized according to subsection 2.10 of this regulation.
- 3.2.6 If an official observes an apparent injury, the official shall report the injury to the athlete's coach.
- 3.2.7 The Sports Medicine Advisory Committee may recommend amendments to the Concussion Protocol to the Rules and Regulations Committee and the Board.
- 3.3 **Wrestling Weight Control Program**
 - 3.3.1 For health and safety reasons, the DIAA State Wrestling Committee has established the Delaware Wrestling Weight Control Program which requires each wrestler to establish their minimum weight class via body composition testing. The Delaware Wrestling Weight Control Program as established by the DIAA State Wrestling Committee is adopted and may be amended or updated as necessary by the Delaware Wrestling Committee with approval of the Board. The program requires hydration testing with a specific gravity not greater than 1.025, which immediately precedes the body composition assessment. A minimum weight class is determined by a body fat assessment. Male wrestlers may not compete at a weight class lower than 7% body fat and female wrestlers may not compete at a weight class lower than 12% body fat. Any wrestler's assessment that is below seven percent for males and twelve percent for females shall require a medical release signed by a licensed physician (MD or DO). The release shall not allow a wrestler to participate at a weight class below that for which the initial assessment allows. The program restricts wrestlers to an average weight loss of 1.5 percent a week, with descent, until the wrestler has reached the minimum weight determined by the initial body composition testing. A two-pound growth allowance shall be permitted on or after December 26th each year for wrestlers who have certified at their approved minimum weight class. Wrestlers shall not receive the two pound growth allowance until they have certified at their minimum weight.
 - 3.3.1.1 Wrestlers must certify at their minimum weight class on or before the last competition date for wrestling in order to be eligible to participate at their minimum weight class in the dual meet and state tournaments series including qualifying tournaments.
 - 3.3.2 The Delaware Wrestling Weight Control Program includes an online roster management program utilizing the National Wrestling Coaches Association weight management program. The program creates an "alpha master roster" which must be presented to the opposing coach or tournament director prior to weighing in. Each DIAA member school shall have access to the alpha master roster of all DIAA member schools.
- 3.4 **Required Medical Personnel In Attendance at All Football Games**
 - 3.4.1 Provision shall be made for a Qualified Healthcare Professional to be present at all interscholastic football games in which a Member School participates. The Qualified Healthcare Professional must be approved or appointed by the Administrative Head of School or his or her designee. The host school shall provide this service. Failure by the host school to provide this service shall result in a \$250.00 fine.

11 DE Reg. 1642 (06/01/08)

15 DE Reg. 75 (07/01/11)

19 DE Reg. 745 (02/01/16)

22 DE Reg. 398 (11/01/18)

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4.0 Sports Seasons, Practices Sessions and Maximum Game Schedules and Designated Sports Seasons**4.1 Sports Seasons**

- 4.1.1 The fall sports season shall begin on the Monday 3 weeks before Labor Day and end with the start of the state championship tournament in that sport. Any regular season contest that was postponed must be rescheduled and played before the beginning of the state tournament in that sport. A conference championship game must also be completed before the start of the state tournament in that sport. Practice for any fall sport shall not begin earlier than the Monday 3 weeks before Labor Day. The first allowable competition date in the fall sports season shall be the first Wednesday after Labor Day.
- 4.1.1.1 The first three (3) days of football practice shall be primarily for the purpose of physical conditioning and shall be restricted to non contact activities. Coaches may introduce offensive formations and defensive alignments, run plays "on air," practice non contact phases of the kicking game, and teach non contact positional skills. Protective equipment shall be restricted to helmets, mouth guards, and shoes on the first day of practice. Shoulder pads may be added on the second and third day of practice. The use of dummies, hand shields, and sleds in contact drills is prohibited until the fourth day of practice. Blocking, tackling, and block protection drills which involve any contact between players are also prohibited until the fourth day of practice.
- 4.1.1.2 No Member school shall participate in spring football games nor shall a Member school conduct football practice of any type outside of the regular fall sports season except when participating in the state tournament. "Organized football" or "organized football practice" shall be defined as any type of sport which is organized to promote efficiency in any of the various aspects of football. Touch football, featuring blocking, tackling, ball handling, signaling, etc. shall be considered "organized football" and shall be illegal under the intent of this rule.
- 4.1.2 The winter sports season shall begin with the first approved day for practice and end with the start of the state championship tournament in that sport. Any regular season contest that was postponed must be rescheduled and played before the beginning of the state tournament in that sport. Conference championships must also be completed before the start of the state tournament in that sport. Practice for any winter sport shall begin on the Monday of the 19th week of the NFHS standardized calendar. Competition for the winter sports season shall begin on the Wednesday of the 22nd week of the NFHS standardized calendar.
- 4.1.3 The spring sports season shall begin on the Monday of the 35th week of the NFHS standardized calendar and ends with the start of the state championship in that sport. Any regular season contest that was postponed must be rescheduled and played before the beginning of the state tournament in that sport. Conference championships must also be completed before the start of the state tournament in that sport. Practice for any spring sport shall not begin earlier than the Monday of the 35th week of the NFHS standardized calendar. Competition for the spring sports season shall begin on the Monday of the 38th week of the NFHS standardized calendar.
- 4.1.4 A school which participates in a game prior to the first allowable date or after the start of the state championship shall be required to forfeit the contest and be assessed a \$500.00 fine per each illegal contest. The school shall be referred to the DIAA Sportsmanship Committee for consideration of further action.
- 4.1.5 A school which conducts practice prior to the first allowable date shall pay a fine of \$500.00 per each illegal practice day. The school shall be referred to the DIAA Sportsmanship Committee for consideration of further action.
- 4.1.6 No Member school shall participate in a post season contest without the written approval of the Executive Director.

4.2 Practice Sessions

- 4.2.1 Member schools shall comply with the following for all practice sessions:
- 4.2.1.1 All practice sessions shall be conducted under the supervision of the school's certified, emergency or approved volunteer coaching staff.
- 4.2.1.2 Member schools may conduct practice sessions during the approved sports seasons as defined in 1009.4.1.
- 4.2.1.3 Member schools shall conduct practice sessions regularly during the 21 calendar days prior to the first scheduled contest.

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- 4.2.1.4 There must be one day of no activity (practice, scrimmage, or contest) during any seven-day period.
- 4.2.1.5 A student that has not previously participated in that sports season shall be required to participate with the team for a period of at least seven calendar days prior to participating in a contest. Eligibility for participation in a contest shall begin on the eighth calendar day of participation with the team. However, if a student has been participating in a state tournament during the preceding sports season and is unable to begin practicing at least seven calendar days before the team's first contest, student shall be exempt from this requirement.
- 4.2.1.6 Students shall have unrestricted access to drinking water and be permitted a minimum of one five-minute rest period during each hour of practice.
- 4.2.1.7 Member schools shall comply with the heat related practice modifications designated by the DIAA Board of Directors.
- 4.2.1.8 Holding practice on holidays and weekends shall be left to the discretion of the member schools. However, the restrictions on non-school day practice sessions apply and there must be one day of no activity (practice, scrimmage, or contest) during any seven day period.
- 4.2.2 Practice on Non School Days- Member schools shall comply with the following for all practice sessions held on non-school days. A non-school day is defined as a day when, in accordance with the approved school calendar, students are not scheduled for academic instructional activities.
 - 4.2.2.1 Each practice session shall be no more than three hours in length.
 - 4.2.2.2 Practice session on a non-school day is defined as the time a participant engages in physical or instructional activity.
 - 4.2.2.3 The hourly practice limitation does not include time for non-instructional activities such as dressing, showering, transportation, or training room care.
 - 4.2.2.4 Students shall not participate in more than two practice sessions totaling no more than five hours of practice on non-school practice days including a one-hour walk-through session. A walk-through session shall be defined as a teaching opportunity with no protective equipment (e.g., shin guards, helmets, etc.) or equipment related to a given sport (e.g., soccer balls, field hockey sticks, etc.).
 - 4.2.2.5 On days when two practice sessions are conducted, no practice session shall exceed three hours in length and must be separated with at least one hour of recovery time between the end of the first practice and the beginning of the next practice.
 - 4.2.2.6 Split sessions, defined as a practice session held for different groups of students playing the same sport, may be conducted but practice time shall not exceed three hours per session and five hours total daily for any individual athlete.
- 4.2.3 Practice on Official Student School Day- Member schools shall comply with the following for all practice sessions held on official student school days.
 - 4.2.3.1 Practice sessions shall be limited to two hours.
 - 4.2.3.2 The two hour limit on practice sessions on official school days includes all instructional activity on the field, court, mat, or track or in the pool, weight room, or classroom such as team meetings, film reviews, blackboard sessions, warm-up and cool-down exercises, drills or mandatory strength training.
 - 4.2.3.3 The two hour practice session limitation does not include time for non-instructional activities such as dressing, showering, transportation, or training room care.
 - 4.2.3.4 Split sessions may be conducted but practice time shall not exceed two hours for any individual athlete.
- 4.2.4 A school which fails to comply with these practice requirements shall pay a \$500.00 fine for each day of non-compliance.
- 4.3 Maximum Game Schedules and Designated Sports Seasons:
 - 4.3.1 The maximum number of regularly scheduled interscholastic contests or competition dates for each team and individual in the recognized sports and their sports season shall be designated by the DIAA Board of Directors.

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- 4.3.2 The third contest or competition date in a week shall be held on Friday (no early dismissal permitted), Saturday or Sunday. This requirement is waived when a school is closed for the entire week such as during winter or spring vacation.
- 4.3.2.1 A team shall not participate in two or more different events at the same level of competition on the same day. However, a team shall be permitted a one time per season exception to participate in two different events on the same day. If a team elects to use the exception it shall count as two contests or two competition dates as applicable toward the season team limitation.
- 4.3.2.2 With the exception of cross country, indoor track, outdoor track and golf, participation in a triangular meet shall count as two contests and participation in a quadrangular meet shall count as three contests toward the seasonal limitation.
- 4.3.2.3 Participation in any part of a quarter or half shall count as a quarter or half toward the weekly and daily limitations in that sport. However, in the case of football, participation on a free kick or a play from a scrimmage kick formation shall not count as a quarter. Overtime periods shall be considered as part of the fourth quarter or second half.
- 4.3.3 A week shall be designated as starting on Monday and ending on Sunday for all sports except football. A football week shall begin the day of the varsity game and end the day preceding the next varsity game or the following Friday.
- 4.3.3.1 The preceding game limitations, with the exception of the individual daily limitation, shall not prohibit the rescheduling of postponed games at the discretion and convenience of the member schools involved provided the game was postponed due to inclement weather, unplayable field conditions, failure of the assigned officials to appear for the game, breakdown of the bus or van carrying the visiting team, or any other circumstances beyond the control of site management which preclude playing the game. However, a team may not participate in more than four contests or competition dates in a week.
- 4.3.4 The maximum number of regularly scheduled contests for each of the recognized sports, except football, shall be exclusive of conference championships, playoffs to determine tournament state berths, and the state tournament or meet. Member schools are limited to one conference championship event. In wrestling, the state meet qualifying tournaments shall count as the only permissible event in addition to the regular season and state meets. The maximum number of regularly scheduled football contests shall be exclusive of the state tournament.
- 4.3.4.1 Any playoffs to determine state tournament berths shall be under the control and supervision of the DIAA tournament committee.
- 4.3.5 A student shall participate in a particular sport for only one season during each academic year.
- 4.3.6 A school which participates in more than the allowable number of contests in a season shall be suspended from the state playoffs or, if a nonqualifying team, fined \$500.00 for each contest.
- 4.3.6.1 A school which exceeds the weekly contest limitation shall be required to forfeit the contest and pay a \$250.00 fine.
- 4.3.6.2 A student who exceeds the weekly or daily contest limitation shall be considered an ineligible athlete and the school subject to the process stipulated in 2.10.

9 DE Reg. 126 (07/01/05)

9 DE Reg. 1964 (06/01/06)

11 DE Reg. 1642 (06/01/08)

15 DE Reg. 75 (07/01/11)

19 DE Reg. 745 (02/01/16)

23 DE Reg. 123 (08/01/19)

5.0 School and Team Competition, Sanctioning of Competitions, State Championships and All Star Contests

5.1 School and Team Competition

- 5.1.1 Sponsoring Interscholastic Teams: Interscholastic competition is defined as any athletic contest between students representing two or more schools. Members of school clubs who participate in non-competitive, recreational activities or compete unattached are not considered to be engaged in interscholastic competition students who are considered to be representing a school if the school does any of the following:

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- 5.1.1.1 Partially or wholly subsidizes the activity (providing equipment, uniforms, transportation, entry fees, etc.).
- 5.1.1.2 Controls and administers the funds, regardless of their source, needed to conduct the activity.
- 5.1.1.3 Permits students to compete under the name of the school.
- 5.1.1.4 Publicizes or promotes the activity through announcements, bulletins, or school sponsored publications in excess of what is customarily done for "outside" organizations.
- 5.1.1.5 Presents or displays individual or team awards.
- 5.1.2 Schools may sponsor teams for interscholastic competition in a sport provided the following criteria are met:
 - 5.1.2.1 The governing body of the participating district or nonpublic school approves participation in the sport. The administrative head of the school shall notify the Executive Director in writing of the school's intent to sponsor a team in a new sport.
 - 5.1.2.2 The governing body of the participating district or nonpublic school controls the funds needed to support the proposed team, regardless of their source, in the same manner as existing teams (coaches' salaries, purchase and repair of equipment, medical supervision, transportation, preparation and maintenance of practice and game facilities, awards, etc.). Requests from outside sources to make financial contributions or to donate equipment or services must be submitted in writing and must include an acknowledgment that the equipment becomes the property of the school. The contribution or donation must be approved in writing by the administrative head of the school.
 - 5.1.2.3 The participating schools agree to comply with all applicable DIAA rules and regulations as stated in the current DIAA Official Handbook.
- 5.1.3 Levels of Participation
 - 5.1.3.1 Level 1 or developmental sport, less than 12 participating schools at the varsity level. DIAA rules and regulations shall not be in effect.
 - 5.1.3.2 Level 2 or recognized sport, 12 or more participating schools at the varsity level. Participating schools must petition the DIAA Board of Directors for official recognition of the sport.
 - 5.1.3.2.1 At the time of official recognition, DIAA shall provide rules publications to the participating schools, designate an approved officials' association, conduct an annual or biannual rules clinic for coaches and officials, establish a maximum game schedule, and form a committee to promote the continued development of the sport and prepare for a future state championship. All DIAA rules and regulations shall then be in effect.
 - 5.1.3.3 Level 3 or championship sport 16 or more participating schools at the varsity level. Upon petition by the sport committee and adoption of a tournament proposal, DIAA shall establish a state championship.
 - 5.1.3.4 Withdrawal of level 2 or level 3 status. If, for two consecutive years, less than the required number of schools participate in a sport, DIAA may withdraw official recognition or suspend the state tournament/meet for a period of time as determined by the Board of Directors.
- 5.1.4 Membership on Coed Teams
 - 5.1.4.1 If a school sponsors a boys' team and a girls' team in a particular sport, boys shall participate on the boys' team and girls shall participate on the girls' team even if the teams compete during different seasons. Sports are considered to be the same when one set of NFHS Rules govern both genders. If a school sponsors only a boys' team in a particular sport, girls shall be permitted to participate on the boys' team but if a school sponsors only a girls' team in a particular sport, boys shall not be permitted to participate on the girls' team. Notwithstanding the restrictions herein, a transgendered student, defined as a student whose gender identity differs from the student's assigned sex at birth, may be eligible to participate on a team other than their assigned sex at birth in accordance with a Member school policy that meets the minimum standards designated by the DIAA Board of Directors.
 - 5.1.4.2 Coed teams shall participate only in the boys' state championship tournament or meet.
- 5.2 Sanctioning of Competitions
 - 5.2.1 Member schools may participate in tournaments or meets involving four or more schools only if the event has been sanctioned by DIAA and, if applicable, by the NFHS. Tournaments or meets shall be sanctioned in accordance with the following criteria:

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- 5.2.1.1 The event shall not be for determining a state, regional or national champion.
- 5.2.1.2 The event shall be organized, promoted, and conducted by and all profits go to a nonprofit organization. Involvement by a commercial organization shall be limited to providing financial support.
- 5.2.1.3 Non symbolic competition awards shall have a value of not more than \$50.00 per recipient and shall require the prior approval of the Executive Director.
- 5.2.1.4 Non school event organizers shall submit a full financial report to the DIAA office within ninety (90) calendar days of the completion of the event.
- 5.2.1.5 The event organizer shall submit a list of out of state schools which have been invited to participate and such schools shall be subject to approval by the Executive Director.
- 5.2.1.6 Out of state schools which are not members of their state athletic association shall verify in writing that their participating athletes are in compliance with their state athletic association's eligibility rules and regulations.
- 5.2.1.7 The event organizer shall not accept financial support or sell advertising to companies involved in the production or distribution of alcohol and tobacco products.
- 5.2.1.8 The event organizer shall comply with all applicable NFHS sanctioning requirements.
- 5.2.2 Participation in a non sanctioned event shall result in payment of a \$100.00 fine. A second offense shall result in a \$250.00 fine and loss of eligibility to participate in sanctioned events for the remainder of the sport season. A third offense shall result in a \$500.00 fine and loss of eligibility to participate in sanctioned events for the remainder of the school
- 5.3 State Championships
 - 5.3.1 State Championships: The minimum number of high schools which must sponsor a sport at the varsity level in order for DIAA to approve a state championship shall be 16.
 - 5.3.1.1 State championship play shall be permitted at the varsity level only in football, basketball, indoor and outdoor track, cross country, swimming, wrestling, golf, baseball, soccer, tennis, field hockey, softball, girls' volleyball, and lacrosse provided such tournament or meet is under the direct control and supervision of or has the approval of DIAA.
 - 5.3.1.2 A member school which does not pay all fines incurred during the school year by July 1st shall be ineligible to participate in a state championship event in any sport during the following school year until such time as all fines are paid.
 - 5.3.2 All state championships shall be managed by committees established by the DIAA Board of Directors.
 - 5.3.2.1 Each tournament format, as well as the criteria and procedures for selecting and seeding the participating teams, must be approved by the Board of Directors and any subsequent changes must also be approved by the Board. The Executive Director shall advise the committees as to which proposed changes must be presented to the Board. If the Executive Director and the committee cannot agree, the proposed change must be presented to the DIAA Board of Directors for approval.
 - 5.3.2.2 All financial arrangements, including the collection of monies and expenditures, must be approved by the Executive Director
 - 5.3.2.3 Championship play in other sports must be confined to the individual conferences and conducted in accordance with the rules of the conference as approved by the DIAA Board of Directors.
- 5.4 All Star Contests
 - 5.4.1 An all star contest shall be defined as an organized competition in which the participants are selected by the sponsoring organization or its designee on the basis of their performance during the interscholastic season in that sport.
 - 5.4.2 Students who have completed their eligibility in a sport may participate in all star contests in that sport, if approved by DIAA, prior to graduation from high school.
 - 5.4.3 Member schools shall not make their facilities, equipment, or uniforms available to the sponsoring organization or the participants unless the all star contest is approved by DIAA.
 - 5.4.4 The all star contest must be approved by DIAA in accordance with the following criteria:
 - 5.4.4.1 The contest shall not be for determining a regional or national champion.

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- 5.4.4.2 The contest shall be organized, promoted, and conducted by and all profits go to a nonprofit organization. Involvement by a commercial organization shall be limited to providing financial support.
- 5.4.4.3 The awards given shall be in compliance with 9.0.
- 5.4.4.4 Exceptions to the adopted rules code for the sport, including uniform regulations, shall require the approval of DIAA.
- 5.4.5 A full financial report must be filed with the Executive Director within ninety 90 days of the contest. Failure to submit a financial report within the specified period of time shall result in the sponsoring organization being assessed a \$300.00 fine.
- 5.4.6 The event organizer shall not accept financial support or sell advertising to companies involved in the production or distribution of alcohol and tobacco products.

11 DE Reg. 1642 (06/01/08)

15 DE Reg. 75 (07/01/11)

19 DE Reg. 745 (02/01/16)

6.0 Athletic Camps and Clinics Sponsorship, Commercial Camps and Clinics and Open Gyms, Conditioning Programs and Non School Competition

6.1 Out of Season Athletic Camps and Clinic Sponsorship

- 6.1.1 DIAA does not restrict a student's decision to attend an out of season athletic camp or clinic. However, schools, school organizations, coaches, or school related groups, such as booster clubs, may not sponsor an athletic camp, tournament, league or clinic which limits membership to their own district, locale, or teams. Coaches employed by an out of season athletic camp or clinic may only instruct their returning athletes in accordance with 7.5.
 - 6.1.1.1 School related groups, such as booster clubs, which desire to sponsor the attendance of their school's enrolled students at an out of season athletic camp or clinic, may do so with the approval of the local school board or governing body. The disbursement of funds to pay for camp or clinic related expenses (fees, travel costs, etc.) shall be administered by the principal or headmaster or their designee and the funds shall be allocated according to the following guidelines:
 - 6.1.1.1.1 All students and team members shall be notified of the available sponsorship by announcement, publication, etc.
 - 6.1.1.1.2 All applicants shall share equally in the funds provided.
 - 6.1.1.1.3 All applicants shall be academically eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics.
 - 6.1.1.1.4 All applicants shall have one year of prior participation in the sport for which the camp or clinic is intended or, absent any prior participation, he/she shall be judged by the coach to benefit substantially from participation in the camp or clinic.

6.2 Team Attendance at Out of Season Commercial Camps and Clinics

- 6.2.1 School related groups, such as booster clubs, which desire to sponsor the attendance of their school's enrolled students at an out of season athletic camp or clinic, may do so with the approval of the local school board or governing body. School funds shall not be used for this purpose. The disbursement of funds to pay for camp or clinic related expenses (fees, travel costs, etc.) shall be administered by the principal or headmaster or their designee and the funds shall be allocated according to the following guidelines:
 - 6.2.1.1 All students and team members shall be notified of the available sponsorship by announcement, publication, etc.
 - 6.2.1.2 All applicants shall share equally in the funds provided.
 - 6.2.1.3 All applicants shall be academically eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics.
 - 6.2.1.4 All applicants shall have one year of prior participation in the sport for which the camp or clinic is intended or, absent any prior participation, he/she shall be judged by the coach to benefit substantially from participation in the camp or clinic.

6.3 Individual Attendance at Commercial Camps and Clinics:

- 6.3.1 Commercial camps and clinics are defined as a camp or clinic operated for profit which provides coaching or other sports training for a fee.

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- 6.3.2 A student may participate in a commercial camp or clinic, including private lessons, both during and out of the designated sport season provided the following conditions are observed:
- 6.3.2.1 The student must participate unattached and may not wear school uniforms.
 - 6.3.2.2 The student may use only school equipment whose primary purpose is to protect the wearer from physical injury.
 - 6.3.2.3 The school may not provide transportation or pay fees.
 - 6.3.2.4 The school coach may not require athletes to participate in a camp or clinic, or provide instruction to returning athletes in a camp or clinic except as provided in 7.5.
- 6.4 Open Gym Programs
- 6.4.1 A Member school may open its gymnasium or other facility for informal, recreational activities in accordance with the following provisions:
- 6.4.1.1 The open gym must be available to all interested students, must not be restricted to members of a particular team, and must be publicized as such.
 - 6.4.1.2 Student participation must be voluntary and the open gym must not be a prerequisite for trying out or being selected for a particular team.
 - 6.4.1.3 The activities must be unstructured and student generated. Organized drills in the skills or techniques of a particular sport are prohibited. Organized competition with fixed team rosters is also prohibited.
 - 6.4.1.4 A coach may not predetermine that the open gym will include only their sport and publicize the open gym as being restricted to that sport. It is the responsibility of the adult supervisor to permit as many different activities as the facility can effectively and safely accommodate.
 - 6.4.1.5 A coach may open the facility and distribute playing equipment but may not instruct, officiate, participate, organize the activities, or choose teams in their assigned sport.
 - 6.4.1.6 Playing equipment is restricted to that which is customarily used in a contest in a particular sport. Playing equipment which is only used in a practice session is prohibited.
 - 6.4.1.7 The participants must provide their own workout clothing.
 - 6.4.1.8 Open gyms may not be limited to members of a particular team, but they are restricted to students enrolled at the school and are not available to students enrolled at other schools regardless of grade.
- 6.5 Conditioning Programs
- 6.5.1 A Member school may conduct a conditioning program in accordance with the following provisions:
- 6.5.1.1 The conditioning program must be available to all interested students, must not be restricted to members of a particular team, and must be publicized as such.
 - 6.5.1.2 Student participation must be voluntary. The conditioning program must not be a prerequisite for trying out for a particular team.
 - 6.5.1.3 Permissible activities include stretching, lifting weights, jumping rope, running, calisthenics, aerobics, and similar generic conditioning activities. Organized drills in the skills or techniques of a particular sport are prohibited.
 - 6.5.1.4 A coach may not provide instruction in sport specific skills or techniques.
 - 6.5.1.5 Sport specific equipment is prohibited.
 - 6.5.1.6 The participants must provide their own workout clothing.
 - 6.5.1.7 Conditioning programs may not be limited to members of a particular team, but they are restricted to students enrolled at the school and are not available to students enrolled at other schools regardless of grade.
- 6.6 Non-School Competition in which Participants are Competing Unattached and are Not Representing Their Schools
- 6.6.1 A student may participate on a non school team or in a non school individual event both during and out of the designated sport season. However, the student owes their primary loyalty and allegiance to the school team of which the student is a member. A school shall have the authority to require attendance at practices and contests and students not in compliance shall be subject to disciplinary action as determined by the school.

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- 6.6.2 Participation on a non school team or in a non school individual event shall be subject to the following conditions:
- 6.6.2.1 With the exception of organized intramurals, the student may not wear school uniforms.
 - 6.6.2.2 With the exception of organized intramurals, the student may use only school equipment whose primary purpose is to protect the wearer from physical injury.
 - 6.6.2.3 The school or a school affiliated support group may not provide transportation.
 - 6.6.2.4 The school or a school affiliated support group may not pay entry fees or provide any form of financial assistance.
 - 6.6.2.5 The school coach may not require athletes to participate in non school competition or provide instruction to athletes in non school competition except as in 7.5.
 - 6.6.2.6 Nothing in this regulation shall be construed as prohibiting schools from providing transportation or school supplied assistive technology and equipment to or for non-school activities for students with disabilities.
- 6.6.3 14 Del.C. §122(b)(14) requires written parental permission prior to participation on a similar team during the designated sport season. Written authorization must be on file in the student's school prior to engaging in a tryout, practice, or contest with a similar team. Consent forms shall be available in all member schools. Similar teams shall include organized intramural teams as well as non school teams in that sport.

9 DE Reg. 1964 (06/01/06)

11 DE Reg. 1642 (06/01/08)

15 DE Reg. 75 (07/01/11)

19 DE Reg. 745 (02/01/16)

7.0 Certified, Emergency, and Volunteer Coaches, Student Teaching and Coaching, and Coaching Out of Season

7.1 Certified Coaches:

- 7.1.1 Only those professional employees certified by the Department and whose salary is paid by the State or local Board of Education, or in the case of charter and nonpublic schools by a similar governing body, if acceptable as a coach by the governing body, shall coach, assist in coaching, or direct member school teams in any district. The terms of employment must be for the regular school year and the professional assignment shall be no less than half of the school day, exclusive of coaching duties.
- 7.1.2 All varsity head coaches (junior varsity if the school does not sponsor a varsity team) shall be required to attend the DIAA rules clinic for their sport or, if applicable, pass an open book rules examination supplied by the DIAA office. A school shall be assessed a \$50.00 fine and the head coach shall be placed on probation if the head coach fails to attend the DIAA rules clinic or pass the open book rules examination in their respective sport. Failure to comply for a second consecutive year shall result in the school being assessed a \$50.00 fine and the coach being suspended for up to five contests as determined by the Executive Director.
 - 7.1.2.1 Certified coaches at all levels of competition shall be required to hold a current certification in adult CPR.
 - 7.1.2.2 Certified coaches at all levels of competition shall complete the NFHS' "Concussion in Sports" course online through NFHSlern.com every two years.

7.2 Emergency Coaches

- 7.2.1 An emergency coach shall be defined as an individual who is either not certified by the Department, or is certified by the Department but is not employed for the regular school year or whose professional assignment is less than half of the school day. An individual who meets the requirements of a certified coach but whose professional assignment is located in a different school or district than their coaching assignment shall not be considered an emergency coach by DIAA.
 - 7.2.1.1 Emergency head coaches at all levels of competition shall be required to hold a current certification in adult CPR.
 - 7.2.1.2 Emergency coaches at all levels of competition shall complete the NFHS' "Concussion in Sports" course online through NFHSlern.com every two years.
- 7.2.2 Member schools shall be required to annually reopen all positions that are held by emergency coaches.

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- 7.2.3 Emergency coaches may be employed provided the local governing body adheres to the following procedures:
- 7.2.3.1 The employing Board of Education must attempt to locate an acceptable, certified professional staff member by advertising the coaching vacancy in the district for as many days as are required by the district's collective bargaining agreement.
 - 7.2.3.2 If an acceptable, certified professional staff member is not available, an individual who is acceptable to the employing Board of Education may be hired as an emergency coach.
 - 7.2.3.3 Any individual employed as a coach under the emergency provision must comply with the following regulations:
 - 7.2.3.3.1 Emergency coaches must be officially appointed by the local Board of Education. The Superintendent or his or her designee may temporarily appoint an individual if a coaching vacancy arises and the sport season begins during the interim between meetings of the local Board of Education.
 - 7.2.3.3.2 The Emergency Coaches' coaching salary must be paid exclusively by the local Board of Education.
- 7.3 Volunteer Coaches
- 7.3.1 In addition to the members of the school's regular coaching staff, the local governing body may supplement a school's coaching staff with volunteer coaches. Volunteer coaches are individuals who donate their services to a school, who have been approved by that school's local governing body, and who are supervised by a certified or emergency coach. A current list of approved volunteer coaches shall be on file in the school's administrative office before any coaching duties are assumed. Volunteer coaches at all levels of competition shall complete the NFHS' "Concussion in Sports" course online through NFHSLearn.com every two years.
- 7.4 Football Coaches
- 7.4.1 All football coaches (including certified, emergency, and volunteer coaches) at all levels of competition shall annually complete Heads Up Football training.
- 7.5 Student Teaching and Coaching
- 7.5.1 Students who are practice teaching in a member school shall be permitted to assist in all professional activities during their practice teaching period.
- 7.6 Coaching Out of Season
- 7.6.1 From August 2nd through the first day after the last spring sport DIAA state tournament event, a certified, emergency, or volunteer coach shall not be allowed to provide instruction out of the designated season in his or her assigned sport to any student registered in the school at which he or she coaches.
- 7.6.1.1 A coach shall not be allowed to participate on a team in his or her assigned sport with the aforementioned players.
 - 7.6.1.2 A coach shall also be prohibited from officiating contests in his or her assigned sport if the aforementioned players are participating except in organized league competition.
 - 7.6.1.2.1 The league shall not be organized, conducted, and funded by the employing school, the employing school's booster club, or the employing school's coaching staff.
 - 7.6.1.2.2 The league shall have written rules and regulations that govern the conduct of contests and establish the duties of contest officials.
 - 7.6.1.2.3 The league shall have registration and entry procedures, forms, and fees; eligibility requirements; and fixed team rosters, team standings, and a master schedule of contests.
 - 7.6.1.3 A certified, emergency, or volunteer coach shall not be allowed to provide instruction or coach during the designated season in his or her assigned sport to current members of the varsity or subvarsity teams of the school at which he or she coaches outside of school sponsored practices, scrimmages, and contests.
 - 7.6.1.4 A coach who is in violation of this section shall be suspended from coaching in the specified sport at any DIAA member school for up to the total number of days in the school year from the date the charge is substantiated.
- 7.6.2 From the first day after the last spring sport DIAA state tournament event through August 1st, a certified, emergency or volunteer coach shall be allowed to provide instruction in his or her assigned sport to all accepted and registered students of the school at which he or she coaches. Instructional contact with all

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accepted and registered students must be approved by the member school and shall be subject to the following conditions:

- 7.6.2.1 Participation in a formal league and tournament or instructional camp or clinic, or informal instruction, shall be open, voluntary, and equally available to all accepted and registered students of the member school.
 - 7.6.2.2 Coaches are permitted to hold an organizational practice for formal league/tournament competition only as permitted by the written, pre-established rules of the formal league/tournament. In no event shall more than one organizational practice be permitted and the number of games and practice shall not exceed three in one week. If the formal league/tournament does not have written, pre-established rules regarding practice, then no practice is permitted.
 - 7.6.2.3 A coach shall not receive any compensation, from any source, for the instruction of their returning school team members. Reimbursement for out of pocket expenses (e.g. gas, food, lodging) incurred by returning school team members and coaches to attend leagues or tournaments or instructional camps or clinics are not prohibited provided that no local school or state educational funds are used.
 - 7.6.2.4 A coach may provide instruction to an unlimited number of accepted and registered students in formal league or tournament competition or in formal instructional camps or clinics provided the league or tournament or instructional camp or clinic is insured, organized and conducted by a non school affiliated organization. A coach may provide instruction to returning accepted and registered students with the member school's permission.
 - 7.6.2.5 Use of school equipment shall be approved by the Principal or Headmaster and shall be subject to the following conditions:
 - 7.6.2.5.1 Helmets and shoulder pads shall not be used in lacrosse and football.
 - 7.6.2.5.2 Protective equipment, the primary purpose of which is to protect the wearer from physical injury, may be used in the following sports: baseball, field hockey, and softball.
 - 7.6.2.6 A coach who is in violation of this section shall be suspended from coaching in the specified sport at any DIAA member school for up to the total number of days in the school year from the date the charge is substantiated.
- 7.6.3 Effective Date
- 7.6.3.1 Subsection 7.6 shall be effective on June 2, 2019.
- 11 DE Reg. 1642 (06/01/08)**
15 DE Reg. 75 (07/01/11)
19 DE Reg. 745 (02/01/16)
22 DE Reg. 398 (11/01/18)
22 DE Reg. 767 (03/01/19)

8.0 Required Use of Officials, Recognition of Officials' Associations, Attendance at Rules Clinics, and Fees for Officiating Contests and Competitions

- 8.1 Required Use of Officials
 - 8.1.1 Member Schools and tournament sponsors shall be required to use officials recognized and approved by DIAA for interscholastic contests. Use of non-approved officials without permission from the Executive Director shall result in the school or tournament sponsor being assessed a \$100.00 fine per game per non-approved official.
 - 8.1.1.1 In the case of emergencies, such as an act of God, refusal by an association to work games, or a shortage of qualified officials, Member Schools which desire to use other than approved officials must obtain permission from the Executive Director.
 - 8.1.2 If more than one association is approved to officiate a particular sport, a conference or, in the absence of a conference affiliation, an individual school shall determine which association shall provide the officials for its home contests.
- 8.2 Recognition of Officials' Associations
 - 8.2.1 The officiating of interscholastic contests in the state of Delaware which involve one (1) or more Member Schools shall be under the control of the DIAA and such control may include, but not be restricted to,

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- giving examinations, evaluating officials, setting game fees, determining the number of officials per game, and assigning officials.
- 8.2.2 An officials' association which desires to officiate middle school and high school contests and competitions shall request recognition and approval from DIAA by submitting the following documents to the DIAA Officials' Committee:
- 8.2.2.1 A letter of request to be recognized by DIAA and indicating the association's willingness to abide by the Department's rules and regulations. The president of the requesting officials' association or his or her designee shall petition the Board to render a decision.
- 8.2.2.2 A brief history of the association, including, but not limited to, the officiating experience (if any) of the members and if a new association is being formed, the purpose for which the association is being formed.
- 8.2.2.3 A copy of the association's constitution and bylaws including a statement that it does not discriminate on the basis of age, gender, race, religion, etc.
- 8.2.2.4 A description of the association's evaluation and rating system.
- 8.2.2.5 A description of the association's recruiting and training programs for new members.
- 8.2.2.6 A membership roster indicating the number of years of experience at the subvarsity, varsity, and state tournament levels for each member and also their most recent rating in a previous association. This information must be documented and is subject to verification.
- 8.2.2.7 Letters of recommendation or names of references from leagues which the association has serviced during its existence.
- 8.2.3 The Officials' Committee shall review the aforementioned documents and meet with the officers of the association to discuss their petition.
- 8.2.4 The Officials' Committee may consult with any other interested parties during the evaluation process.
- 8.2.5 The Officials' Committee shall report its findings to the Board and recommend that the officials' association be granted recognition, granted recognition with conditions, or denied recognition.
- 8.2.6 The Board shall consider the petition for recognition and the Officials' Committee's recommendation and make a decision to approve or deny the request. The petitioner may request an evidentiary hearing before the Board pursuant to the procedures in subsection 10.1.3.2 of 14 **DE Admin. Code** 1006. The Board shall decide if the petitioning officials association shall be granted recognition, granted recognition with conditions, or denied recognition.
- 8.2.7 An approved association shall serve a minimum two year probationary period during which time the association shall be evaluated. An association designated as probationary is ineligible to provide officials to work the applicable DIAA State Tournament.
- 8.2.7.1 Members of the Officials' Committee and the applicable Sport Committee shall comprise the Officials Association Evaluation Committee (Evaluation Committee). The new officials association shall be evaluated according to the following criteria:
- 8.2.7.1.1 Total number of games worked at the varsity level.
- 8.2.7.1.2 Total number of officials who worked games at the varsity level.
- 8.2.7.1.3 Total number of Member Schools who contracted the services of the association.
- 8.2.7.1.4 A comparison of the percentage of games the association worked against the percentage of games worked by other DIAA recognized officials associations in that sport.
- 8.2.7.1.5 A comparison of the percentage of the association's registered officials against the number who worked Varsity level games.
- 8.2.7.1.6 A comparison of the ratio from subsection 8.2.7.1.5 against any existing association(s)' same ratio.
- 8.2.7.1.7 In addition, the evaluation may be based on any other available information which may include but is not limited to: the associations ability to work a minimum of 25 percent of all varsity contests played by DIAA Member Schools in that sport; written complaints by contracted schools; evaluations by Member Schools; input from Member Schools; or any other relevant information.
- 8.2.7.2 The results of all evaluations shall be shared with the probationary association at the end of each season. The association shall have the opportunity to add comments to the final evaluation.

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- 8.2.8 At the end of the minimum two-year probationary period, the Evaluation Committee shall recommend to the Board one of the following options based on the evaluations and the probationary association's ability to work varsity contests equal to or greater than twenty-five (25) percent of all varsity contests played by Member Schools:
- 8.2.8.1 Re-approve conditionally for another year on probationary status.
 - 8.2.8.2 Disapprove so as to no longer remain as an approved association.
 - 8.2.8.3 Re-approve conditionally with state tournament consideration based upon the sport worked.
 - 8.2.8.4 Completely approve the association with full state tournament consideration equal to any existing association(s).
- 8.2.9 The Board shall consider the petition for recognition and the Evaluation Committee's recommendation and make a decision. The probationary officials association may request an evidentiary hearing before the Board pursuant to the procedures in subsection 10.1.3.2 of 14 **DE Admin. Code** 1006. The Board shall decide if the petitioning officials association shall be:
- 8.2.9.1 Re-approved conditionally for another year on probationary status.
 - 8.2.9.2 Disapproved so as to no longer remain as an approved association.
 - 8.2.9.3 Re-approved conditionally with state tournament consideration based upon the sport worked.
 - 8.2.9.4 Completely approved with full state tournament consideration equal to any existing association(s).
- 8.2.10 Once an officials' association is completely approved, it is required to annually submit a written report on the appropriate form to the Officials' Committee. The report shall include information on the association's executive board, membership, and recruitment strategies.
- 8.2.11 The Officials' Committee shall review the submitted report to ensure that the association is meeting the goals of education-based athletics. If the Officials' Committee determines that the association is not meeting the goals of education-based athletics, the Officials' Committee shall notify the association of the goals it has not met, the association may be placed on an improvement plan, and the Officials' Committee shall decide whether to recommend revocation of the association's approval and recognition to the Board.
- 8.3 Attendance at Rules Clinics
- 8.3.1 Officials shall be required each year to both attend the DIAA rules interpretation clinic and to pass the rules examination provided by the DIAA office for the sport(s) they officiate.
- 8.3.2 Failure on the part of an official to attend the DIAA rules interpretation clinic and pass the rules examination in the same season shall cause the official to be placed on probation and to lose his or her eligibility to officiate a state tournament contest during that season.
- 8.3.3 Failure to satisfy both requirements in the same season for two consecutive years shall cause the official to lose varsity officiating status during the second season. Failure to fulfill this obligation in subsequent years shall cause the official to continue to be restricted to subvarsity contests until both requirements have been satisfied in the same season.
- 8.3.4 Attending the fall soccer rules interpretation clinic shall satisfy the clinic attendance requirement for both the boys' and girls' soccer seasons. Attending the spring soccer rules interpretation clinic shall satisfy the clinic attendance requirement for only the girls' soccer season.
- 8.3.5 If, for a legitimate reason which is documented by the president of the association, an official is unable to attend the DIAA rules interpretation clinic, the official may complete an online course or, in the absence of an online course, attend a clinic conducted by another NFHS member state association provided the following procedures are observed:
- 8.3.5.1 No later than the day of the DIAA rules interpretation clinic, the president of the association shall notify the DIAA office, in writing, of any officials who are unable to attend the clinic.
 - 8.3.5.2 The out of state clinic shall be conducted by an individual either trained by the NFHS or designated as a clinician by the state's athletic association.
 - 8.3.5.3 The official shall arrange for a letter to be sent to the Executive Director from the state's athletic association office verifying the official's attendance at the clinic.
- 8.4 Fees for Officiating Contests and Competitions

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8.4.1 The Board has established the following fees for officiating regular season contests and competitions:

Sport	Level	Number of Officials per Contest	Time Adjustment	Rate per Official (Regular Season Contests)
Baseball	Varsity	2		\$75
	Subvarsity	2		\$55
	Middle School	2		\$54
Basketball	Boys' Varsity	3, or 2 if mutually agreed		\$75
	Girls' Varsity	2, or 3 upon request		\$75
	Subvarsity	2	8 minute quarters	\$64
	Subvarsity	2	7 minute quarters	\$59
	Subvarsity	2	6 minute quarters	\$55
	Middle School	2	6 minute quarters	\$54
	Cross Country	Starter/Referee	Upon request	
Timer/Judge		Upon request		\$64
Field Hockey	Varsity	2		\$75
	Subvarsity	2		\$55
	Middle A	2	25 minute halves	\$54
	Middle B	2	25 minute or less halves at the Member School's discretion	\$54
Football	Varsity	5		\$75
	Timer	1		\$52
	Subvarsity	3	8 or 10 minute quarters	\$55
	Middle School	3	8 minute quarters	\$54
Lacrosse (Boys' and Girls')	Varsity	2, or 3 if requested		\$75
	Subvarsity	2		\$55
	Middle School	2		\$54
Soccer (Boys' and Girls')	Varsity	2, or 3 if requested		\$75
	Subvarsity	2		\$55
	Subvarsity	3		\$48
	Middle A	2	30 minute halves	\$54
	Middle B	2	30 minute or less halves	\$54

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Softball	Varsity	2		\$75
	Subvarsity	2		\$55
	Middle School	2		\$54
Swimming and Diving	Referee	1		\$67
	Judge	1		\$64
Track and Field	Starter/Referee	Upon request		\$67
	Timer/Judge	Upon request		\$64
Volleyball	Varsity	2		\$75
	Linesman	2 by request		\$37
	Subvarsity	2		\$55
	Middle School	2		\$54
Wrestling	Varsity	1		\$75
	Subvarsity	1		\$55
	Varsity+	1		\$75, then \$5 per match, up to 7 matches; not to exceed \$35
	Middle School	1		\$54
	Middle+	1		\$54, then \$4 per match, up to 7 matches; not to exceed \$28

8.4.2 The fee for state tournament contests and competitions shall be the rate at the varsity level as provided in subsection 8.4.1 and an additional:

8.4.2.1 \$5 for first, second, and quarterfinal rounds of competition.

8.4.2.2 \$10 for the semi-final round of competition.

8.4.2.3 \$15 for the final or championship contest.

8.4.3 The Officials' Committee shall work with the Executive Director to help determine the fee amount for officiating a state tournament contest.

11 DE Reg. 1642 (06/01/08)

19 DE Reg. 745 (02/01/16)

21 DE Reg. 719 (03/01/18)

22 DE Reg. 767 (03/01/19)

9.0 Awards and Scholarships

9.1 Awards

9.1.1 Member schools and support groups affiliated with a member schools, such as an alumni association or booster club, shall be allowed to present recognition awards for team and individual accomplishments. The awards, including artwork and lettering, shall require the approval of the administrative head of the school and their value shall be mostly symbolic, no more than \$250.00. Member schools and support groups affiliated with member schools are also permitted to sponsor banquets.

9.1.2 A non profit group such as a coaches association, booster club not affiliated with a member school, or community service organization shall be allowed to present recognition awards for team and individual accomplishments with the approval of the administrative head of the school. Non profit groups shall also be permitted to sponsor banquets.

9.1.3 Commercial organizations shall be allowed to present recognition awards for team or individual accomplishments with the approval of the administrative head of the school.

9.1.4 Permissible awards include trophies, plaques, medals, letters, certificates, photographs, and similar items. Jackets, sweaters, shirts, watches, rings, charms, and similar items if properly inscribed (reference to the

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team or individual athletic accomplishment) are also acceptable. The awards shall have symbolic value only, awards with utilitarian value are prohibited. The aggregate retail value of the award shall not exceed \$250.00 per team or per recipient and shall require prior approval of the Executive Director.

9.2 Scholarships

- 9.2.1 Member schools and support groups affiliated with member schools shall be permitted to present post secondary scholarships.
- 9.2.2 Non profit organizations cosponsoring a tournament shall be allowed to give post secondary scholarships to participating schools provided they are not awarded on the basis of team or individual performance in the tournament. Scholarship monies shall be administered in accordance with DIAA and NCAA regulations.

11 DE Reg. 1642 (06/01/08)

10.0 Use of Influence for Athletic Purposes

- 10.1 Definition: The use of influence for athletic purposes shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
- 10.1.1 Offer of money, room, board, clothing, transportation, or other valuable consideration to a prospective athlete or their parent(s) or legal guardian(s) or Relative Caregiver.
- 10.1.2 Offer of waiver or reduction of tuition or financial aid if based, even partially, on athletic considerations. Non-school affiliated scholarship or financial aid programs which are primarily restricted to students of one school if the aid is based, even partially, on athletic considerations.
- 10.1.3 Preference in job assignments or offer of compensation for work performed in excess of what is customarily paid for such services.
- 10.1.4 Offer of special privileges not accorded to other students.
- 10.1.5 Offer of financial assistance including free or reduced rent, payment of moving expenses, etc., to induce a prospective athlete or his/her parent(s), legal guardian(s) or Relative Caregiver to change residence.
- 10.2 Illegal Contact with Students, Student's parent(s), legal guardians, or a Relative Caregiver
- 10.2.1 A school employee or Board approved volunteer may not initiate contact or request that a booster club member, alumnus, or player initiate contact with a student enrolled in another school or his/her parent(s), legal guardian(s) or a Relative Caregiver in order to persuade the student to enroll in a particular school for athletic purposes. Illegal contact shall include, but not be limited to, letters, questionnaires or brochures, telephone calls, and home visits or personal contact at athletic contests.
- 10.2.2 If a coach or athletic director is contacted by a prospective athlete or their parent(s), legal guardian(s) or a Relative Caregiver, the former must refer the individual(s) to the principal or headmaster or school personnel responsible for admissions.
- 10.3 Permitted Activities
- 10.3.1 A school employee or Board approved volunteer may do the following:
- 10.3.1.1 Discuss the athletic program with a prospective student or their parent(s), legal guardian(s) or Relative Caregiver during an open house or approved visit initiated by the parent(s), legal guardian(s) or Relative Caregiver.
- 10.3.1.2 Provide information concerning sports offered, facilities, conference affiliation, and general athletic policies. However, they are not permitted to state or imply in any way that their athletic program is superior to that of another school or that it would be more beneficial or advantageous for the prospective student to participate in athletics at their school.
- 10.3.1.3 Conduct an informational presentation at a feeder school.
- 10.4 School Choice
- 10.4.1 If the number of applicants under the Delaware School Choice Program exceeds the number of available student openings, the selection criteria established by the district shall not include athletic considerations.
- 10.5 Penalties
- 10.5.1 The use of influence or illegal contact including but not limited to, violations of 10.1 and 10.2 by a person(s) employed by or representing a member school including members of alumni associations, booster groups, and similar organizations to persuade, induce, or facilitate the enrollment of a student in that school for athletic purposes may render the student ineligible for up to one full school year from the date the charge is substantiated. In addition, the offending school may be placed on probation, as determined by the DIAA

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Board of Directors, and the offending employee, if a coach, may be suspended for up to one full school year from the date the charge is substantiated.

7 DE Reg. 1692 (06/01/04)

9 DE Reg. 126 (07/01/05)

9 DE Reg. 1954 (06/01/06)

11 DE Reg. 1642 (06/01/08)

14 DE Reg. 1186 (05/01/11)

15 DE Reg. 75 (07/01/11)

19 DE Reg. 745 (02/01/16)

21 DE Reg. 147 (08/01/17)

21 DE Reg. 218 (09/01/17)

21 DE Reg. 719 (03/01/18)

22 DE Reg. 61 (07/01/18)

22 DE Reg. 398 (11/01/18)

22 DE Reg. 767 (03/01/19)

23 DE Reg. 123 (08/01/19)

**DIAA
Officials Association
2019-2020**

Sport	Officials Association	President
Field Hockey	Southern Delaware Field Hockey Officials Association	Vicki Rhodes
Field Hockey	Delaware Field Hockey Umpires Association	Mike Van Sickle
Football	Delmarva Football Officials Association	James Duncan
Football	Northern Delaware Football Officials Association	Steve Tolliver
Soccer	Diamond State Soccer Officials Association	Tim Finley
Soccer	Delaware Soccer Officials Association	Michael Vincent
Volleyball	Delaware Volleyball Officials Association	Wendy Kite
Basketball	IAABO #11	Walter Connor
Basketball	IAABO #129	Howard Smack
Basketball	Northern Delaware Basketballs Officials	Keith Lake
Swimming & Diving	Delaware Swimming and Diving Officials Association	Kim Witman
Wrestling	Delaware Wrestling Officials Association	Joe Lobo
Baseball	Delaware Umpires Association	Jonathan Beck
Baseball	Interstate Baseball Umpires Association	Joe Archangelo
Softball	Delaware Softball Umpires Association	Jeff Smith
Softball	Delaware Umpires Association	Jonathan Beck
Boys Lacrosse	Delaware Lacrosse Officials Association	Greg Bulger
Girls Lacrosse	Diamond State Women's Lacrosse Officials Association	Gail Ruffins
Track and Field	Delaware Sports Club	Mark Armstrong

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN DIAA AND DIAA APPROVED OFFICIALS' ASSOCIATION
For STATE TOURNAMENTS 2019-2020**

This AGREEMENT is made and entered into effective July 1, 2019 by and between the Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association (hereinafter the "DIAA"), a unit of the Delaware Department of Education (the "Department"), and (Officials Association) (hereinafter the "Association"). In consideration of the mutual promises, terms, and conditions set forth herein, the parties hereby agree as follows:

- I. **TERM.** The terms of this Agreement shall be for the 2019–2020 school year, commencing on July 1, 2019 and expiring on June 30, 2020 (hereinafter the "2019–2020 school year"), unless this Agreement is terminated in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement.
- II. **INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR.** The Association, including any agents, subcontractors, and employees of the Association in the performance of this Agreement, is an independent contractor. The Association shall not be deemed to be an employee of DIAA, the Department, or the State. The Association shall be solely responsible for payment of all wages, benefits, and other compensation to the Association's agents, subcontractors, and employees. The Association, without any cost or expense to DIAA, shall comply with all applicable laws and regulations concerning workers' compensation and unemployment insurance, social security, and withholding of income tax from wages. The Association has total control over the means, manner, and method of the performance of this Agreement. The Association must comply with the requirements of Title 30 of the Delaware Code.
- III. **ROSTERS.** The Association must provide a membership roster of the Association's members in order for the Association's members to be registered for the 2019– 2020 school year. The roster must be submitted in the required format (Microsoft Excel spreadsheet) with the approved names, home addresses, and e-mail addresses. These members of the Association will be registered with DIAA and the National Federation of State High School Associations (hereinafter "NFHS") and will be eligible by DIAA standards for assigned level of competition to officiate interscholastic contests at the high school and middle school levels. The membership roster should include only those individuals who are active members of the Association during the 2019–2020 school year.
 - A. Additions to the membership roster can be made at any time during the 2019– 2020 school year but only individuals who are registered with DIAA and NFHS and have paid their dues in full will be eligible to officiate contests in DIAA sanctioned tournaments.
 - B. A member must be registered with DIAA before he or she receives a game assignment. Use of non-registered members may result in the Association forfeiting state tournament assignments as determined by the DIAA Executive Director or DIAA Board of Directors.
 - C. Only officials who are have current varsity status and meet the qualifications of this Agreement and the Association will be eligible for tournament assignments subject to approval of the **Sport** Tournament Committee.
- IV. **OFFICERS.** The Association shall provide a list of officers (including the Assignor and Incidents Coordinator) with the officers' mailing and email addresses, and all telephone numbers (home, work, and cell) in the required format.
- V. **DUES.** The Association, on behalf its members, shall submit payment in the form of a check made payable to DIAA for each member's dues to the DIAA Office.
 - A. Each member's dues shall be \$35, which include \$17 in NFHS dues and \$18 in DIAA dues, and shall be paid at the time the individual member registers for the first sport he or she will officiate during the 2019–2020 school year.
 - B. If an individual member has previously officiated for a sport for the 2019-2020 school year, the member's dues for each additional sport shall be \$18.
 - C. Any payment of dues made by the Association on behalf of its members shall be non-refundable.
- VI. **REPORTS.** Any sportsmanship issues or ejections must be immediately reported to the DIAA Tournament Committee representative on site on the date of the contest.
- VII. **REQUIREMENTS – Training & Testing.** Officials shall meet all clinic and testing requirements as specified in 14 Del. Admin. C. 1008-8.3 and 1009-8.3. In addition, all officials shall complete the "Concussion in Sports" free online class on NFHSlearn.com every two years.
- VIII. **RULES OF THE GAME.** The Association will comply and strictly enforce the designated playing rules of **Sport**, including the approved DIAA Policies and Procedures, except as modified by the DIAA Board of Directors, the DIAA Handbook, DIAA state tournament regulations, and all other

articles, bylaws, policies, and procedures related to officiating found in the current edition of the NFHS Rules book, including all Guidelines and Codes of the NFHS. Noncompliance may result in the forfeiture of state tournament assignments and/or other penalties as determined by the Executive Director, the DIAA Board of Directors, or a designated DIAA committee.

IX. CONTEST FEES.

A. INVOICE. The Association shall send an itemized invoice to the DIAA Office after the Association has provided officiating services for a state tournament contest in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

B. PAYMENT. DIAA will pay the Association for providing officiating services for a state tournament contest as set forth in Paragraphs B.1 – 2 below:

1. For state tournament contests the DIAA will pay the Association:
 - a. \$80.00 per member who is assigned to officiate and has completed officiating a full contest during a first, second, or quarterfinal round.
 - b. \$85.00 per member who is assigned to officiate and has completed officiating a full contest during a semifinal round.
 - c. \$90.00 per member who is assigned to officiate and has completed officiating a full contest during a final round.
 - d. an administrative fee equal to three (3) percent of the total amount of Paragraphs B.1.a – c above and excluding any travel fee(s).
2. DIAA will pay the Association a travel fee for each official who is assigned to officiate on the field, court or mat and has completed officiating the full contest to which the official was assigned.
 - a. The amount of the travel fee is determined by the prevailing gas rate as cited by the State of Delaware on September 1 (for fall tournament contests), December 1 (for winter tournament contests), and March 1 (for spring tournament contests).
 - i. If the prevailing gas rate is less than \$3.00 per gallon and the member resides in one of the three counties in Delaware, DIAA will pay the Association \$5.00 for each county line in Delaware that the member crosses on a one-way basis, not to exceed \$10.00.
 - ii. If the prevailing gas rate is less than \$3.00 per gallon and the member does not reside in Delaware, DIAA will pay the Association \$5.00 for the member entering Delaware and an additional \$5.00 for crossing one additional county line in Delaware on a one-way basis, not to exceed \$10.00. DIAA will not pay a travel fee for any county the member crosses that is located outside of Delaware.
 - iii. If the prevailing gas rate is more than \$3.00 and less than \$4.00 per gallon and the member resides in one of the three counties in Delaware, DIAA will pay the Association \$7.50 for each county line in Delaware that the member crosses on a one-way basis, not to exceed \$15.00.
 - iv. If the prevailing gas rate is more than \$3.00 and less than \$4.00 per gallon and the member does not reside in Delaware, DIAA will pay the Association \$7.50 for the member entering Delaware and an additional \$7.50 for crossing one additional county line in Delaware on a one-way basis, not to exceed \$15.00. DIAA will not pay a travel fee for any county the member crosses that is located outside of Delaware.
 - v. If the prevailing gas rate is more than \$4.00 per gallon and the member resides in one of the three counties in Delaware, DIAA will pay the Association \$10.00 for each county line in Delaware that the member crosses on a one-way basis, not to exceed \$20.00.
 - vi. If the prevailing gas rate is less than \$4.00 per gallon and the member does not reside in Delaware, DIAA will pay the Association \$10.00 for the member entering Delaware and an additional \$10.00 for crossing one additional county line in Delaware on a one-way basis, not to exceed \$20.00. DIAA will not pay a travel fee for any county the member crosses that is located outside of Delaware.
 - b. DIAA will not pay the Association a travel fee for any members who are assigned as alternate officials, timers, or other side officials in a state tournament contest.
3. DIAA is solely responsible to the Association for fees that DIAA incurred as a result of this Agreement.

X. NUMBER OF OFFICIALS. The DIAA Tournament Committee for each specific sport will assign the number of officials to officiate each state tournament contest.

XI. TERMINATION. DIAA has the right to terminate this Agreement, in whole or in part, if DIAA determines termination to be in the best interest of the State Tournament. Termination shall be effective upon written notice to the Association. The Association shall be paid for officiating services satisfactorily completed prior to the effective date of the termination.

XII. APPLICABLE LAW. This Agreement shall be governed by and interpreted and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Delaware and the decisions of Delaware courts, except where federal law has precedence. The Association consent to jurisdiction and venue in the State of Delaware.

XIII. INTEGRATION. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties. No agent, representative, employee, or officer of either DIAA or the Association has authority to make, or has made, any statement, agreement, or representation, oral or written, in connection with this Agreement, which in any way can be deemed to modify, add to, or detract from, or otherwise change or alter its terms and conditions. No negotiations between the parties, nor any custom or usage, shall be permitted to modify or contradict any of the terms and conditions of the Agreement. No modifications, alterations, changes, or waiver to the Agreement or any of its terms shall be valid or binding unless accompanied by a written agreement signed by both parties.

XIV. CONTACT INFORMATION. Unless otherwise provided in writing, all notices, consent, or approval shall be provided in writing to the following designated individuals:

DIAA

Gary Cimaglia
Executive Director
Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association
35 Commerce Way, Suite 1
Dover, DE 19904-5747

Association

(President Name, Association Name, Address)

XV. APPROVAL. The undersigned authorized individuals of the DIAA and the Association commit their respective organizations to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

The undersigned hereby agree to the terms of this Agreement on this 16th day of August 2019.

For Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association

For _____ Officials Association

**Bradley Layfield, Ed. D.,
DIAA Chairperson**

**Name
President**

DIAA Athletic Director Directory 2019-2020

	School	AD Name	School	AD Office	Cell	Email	District/Grades	Updated
Blue Hen Conference	A.I. DuPont	John Barr	651-2626	651-2632	584-2991	john.barr@redclay.k12.de.us	Red Clay/9-12	
	Appoquinimink	Chris Muscara	449-3840	449-3840 Ext 7121	302-602-1058	Christopher.Muscara@appo.k12.de.us	Appoquinimink/9-12	
	Brandywine	Rick Shea	479-1600	479-1600 Ext 2020	482-5475	rick.shea@bsd.k12.de.us	Brandywine/9-12	
	Christiana	Jen Mayer	631-2400	631-2400 Ext 12154	521-0287	jennifer.mayer@christina.k12.de.us	Christina/6-12	
	Concord	Larry Jacobs	475-3951	475-3951 Ext 1160	302-377-4395	laurence.jacobs@bsd.k12.de.us	Brandywine/9-12	
	Delcastle	Jeff Hewes	995-8100	995-8126	563-2074	jeffrey.hewes@nccvt.k12.de.us	NCCVT/9-12	
	Dickinson	Andy Dick	992-5500	636-8723	388-1679	andrew.dick@redclay.k12.de.us	Red Clay/9-12	
	Glasgow	Robert Peterson	631-5600	631-5618		Robert.Peterson@christina.k12.de.us	Christina/9-12	9/5/2019
	Glasgow	Carmen Delcampo	631-5601	631-5619		cdelcamp@jdginc.org	Christina/9-12	9/5/2019
	Hodgson Vo-Tech	Dave Collins	834-0990	834-0990 ext 50211	302-563-8500	dave.collins@nccvt.k12.de.us	NCCVT/9-12	
	Howard	Dan Ritter	571-5400	571-5771	598-9726	daniel.ritter@nccvt.k12.de.us	NCCVT/9-12	
	McKean	Matt Carre	992-5520	992-5520 ext 332	547-9437	matthew.carre@redclay.k12.de.us	Red Clay/9-12	
	Middletown	Colleen Kelley	376-4149	376-4149	383-9882	colleen.kelley@appo.k12.de.us	Appoquinimink/9-12	
	Mt. Pleasant	Keith Neff	762-7125	762-7132	438-2695	keith.neff@bsd.k12.de.us	Brandywine/9-12	
	Newark	Jason Bedford	631-4700		545-1745	Jason.bedford@christina.k12.de.us	Christina/9-12	
St. Georges	Mark Robinson	449-3600	449-3606	463-5583	mark.robinson@nccvt.k12.de.us	NCCVT/9-12		
William Penn	Matt Sabol	323-2800	323-2843	897-7533	matthew.sabol@colonial.k12.de.us	Colonial/9-12		
Independent Conference	Sanford	Joan Samonisky	235-6523	235-6523	302-218-8159	samoniskyjoan@sanfordschool.org	Private/8-12	
	St. Andrew's Boys	Al Wood	378-9511	285-4246	302-463-5386	awood@standrews-de.org	Private/9-12	
	St. Andrew's Girls	Heidi Pearce	378-9511	285-4435		hpearce@standrews-de.org	Private/9-12	
	Tatnall	Patrick Jones	998-2292	892-4311	302-363-0865	patrickjones@tatnall.org	Private/8-12	
	Tower Hill	Seth Kushkin	575-0550	575-0550 Ext 212	720-245-5528	skushkin@towerhill.org	Private/8-12	
	Wilm Christian	Pam Love	239-2121	239-2121 Ext 3320	302-521-6410	plove@wilmingtonchristian.org	Private/8-12	
	Wilm. Friends	Jeff Ransom	576-2900	576-2937	302-502-5949	jransom@wilmingtonfriends.org	Private/8-12	
	Wilm. Friends (asst.)	Joe Thompson	576-2900	576-2936	302-362-2077	jthomson@wilmingtonfriends.org	Private/8-12	
Diamond State Athletic Conference	Archmere	Dave Oswinkle	798-6632	798-6632 Ext 798	401-932-9916	doswinkle@archmereacademy.com	Private/9-12	
	Conrad	Pat Williamson	992-5545	992-5545	463-3216	patrick.williamson@redclay.k12.de.us	Red Clay/8-12	
	Charter/Cab	Chris Eddy	651-2727	651-2727 Ext 344	598-8899	ceddy@charterschool.org	Red Clay/9-12	
	DMA	Jeremy Jeanne	998-0745	998-0745	442-0286	Jeremy.jeanne@dma.k12.de.us	Charter/9-12	7/30/2019
	First State Military	Blair Newman	233-2150	223-2141		blair.newman@fsmilitary.k12.de.us	Charter/9-11	
	Newark Charter HS	Greg Shivery	369-2001	369-2001 ext 632	302-743-3164	greg.shivery@ncs.k12.de.us	Charter/8-11	
	MOT Charter	Alycia Jefferson	696-2000	696-2000	302-245-5775	alycia.jefferson@mot.k12.de.us	Charter/8-12	
RLCA/ (Tall Oaks)	Kenneth Anderson	834-2526	834-2526 Ext 818	302-345-6182	kanderson@reachschools.online	Private/8-12		

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Henlopen Athletic Conference	Caesar Rodney	Bob Beron	697-2161	697-2161 Ext 1057	632-1511	robert.beron@cr.k12.de.us	Caesar Rodney/9-12	
	Cape Henlopen	Bob Cilento	645-7711	645-7099	302-228-4470	Robert.cilento@cape.k12.de.us	Cape Henlopen/9-12	
	Delmar	David Hearn	846-9544	846-9544 Ext 116	302-381-4061	david.hearn@delmar.k12.de.us	Delmar/8-12	
	Dover	Kevin Turner	241-2400	241-2449	222-2884	kevin.turner@capital.k12.de.us	Capital/9-12	
	Early College	Timothy Yancy	678-3247	678-3247	668-7482	timothy.yancy@echs.k12.de.us	Charter/9-12	
	Indian River	Todd Fuhrmann	732-1500	732-1500 Ext 2129	302-344-6222	todd.fuhrmann@irsd.k12.de.us	Indian River/9-12	
	Lake Forest	Fred Johnson	284-9291	284-9291 Ext 531	302-399-5390	fred.johnson@lf.k12.de.us	Lake Forest/9-12	8/5/2019
	Laurel	Jerry Mears	875-6120	875-6159	302-249-0128	gerald.mears@laurel.k12.de.us	Laurel/9-12	
	Milford	Ryan Winkleblech	302-422-1610	302-422-1610, x1603	228-1669	RWinkleb@msd.k12.de.us	Milford/9-12	
	Polytech	Kevin Smith	697-3255	697-4538	302-470-5078	kevin.smith@polytech.k12.de.us	Polytech/9-12	
	Seaford	Jerry Kobasa	629-4587	629-4587 Ext 1560	302-270-2654	gerald.kobasa@seaford.k12.de.us	Seaford/9-12	
	Smyrna	Bill Schultz	653-8581	653-2750	302-236-5161	william.schultz@smyrna.k12.de.us	Smyrna/9-12	
	Sussex Academy	Steve Bastianelli	856-3636	856-3636 ext 1106	229-5336	steve.bastianelli@saas.k12.de.us	Charter/8-12	
	Sussex Central	Shawn Tidwell	934-3166	934-3160	302-236-6993	shawn.tidwell@irsd.k12.de.us	Indian River/9-12	
	Sussex Tech	Nick Pegelow	856-0961	853-1523	302-236-9341	nick.pegelow@sussexvt.k12.de.us	Sussex Tech/9-12	
Woodbridge	Ian Daws	232-3322	232-3322	607-768-1388	ian.daws@wsd.k12.de.us	Woodbridge/9-12		
Non-Conference	Aquinas Academy	Jack Moore	838-9601	838-9601		jack.moore@aquinasacademy.net		
	Caravel	Craig Bailey	834-8938	834-8938 Ext 115	215-858-8721	cbailey@caravel.org	Private/8-12	7/15/2019
	Centreville Layton	Richard Taubar	571-0230	571-0230	610-883-2358	rtaubar@centrevillelayton.org	Private/8-12	
	Delaware Valley Classical School	David Corbett	455-8740	455-8740	205-965-1636	dcorbett@dvclassical.org	Private/8-12	7/8/2019
	Delmarva Christian	Jim Berger	856-4040	856-4040	302-430-4560	jberger@delmarvachristian.com	Private/8-12	
	Ferris	Emmanuel Carlis	993-3853	993-3863	610-636-2184	emmanuel.carlis@delaware.gov	State/9-12	8/12/2019
	Friere	Khyle Nelson	407-4800	407-4800 Ext. 206		Khyle.Nelson@freirewilmington.org	Charter/8-10	7/9/2019
	Mt. Sophia	Jeff Hunter	547-2285	547-5912	302-545-1536	ith87@juno.com	Private/8-12	
	Odyssey Charter	Matt Laudeman	994-6490	994-6490,x-512	438-9614	Matthew.Laudeman@odyssey.k12.de.us	Charter/ 6-9	
	Padua	Lindsay Brown	421-3739	421-3739 ext 123	302-757-6763	lbrown@paduaacademy.org	Private/9-12	
	Salesianum	Scott Mosier	654-2495	654-7736	856-296-5248	smosier@salesianum.org	Private/9-12	7/8/2019
	St. Elizabeth	Marvin Dooley	656-3369	656-3369 Ext 3024	302-528-6366	mdooley@sehs.org	Private/8-12	
	St. Mark's	Matt Smith	738-3300	757-8716	302-438-7036	msmith@stmarkshs.net	Private/9-12	
	St. Thomas More	Tyler Simpkins	697-8100	697-8100 Ext 115		tsimpkiss@saintmore.org	Private/9-12	9/5/2019
	Sterk School	Nicole Laszczynski	454-2301	454-2301	609-468-0489	nicole.laszczynski@christina.k12.de.us	Christina/K-12	
Ursuline	Susan Heiss	658-7158	658-7158 Ext 232	302-293-4513	sheiss@ursuline.org	Private/8-12		

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New Castle County Middle Schools	Al Middle	Timothy Martin	651-2691	651-2691	302-229-3241	timothy.martin@redclay.k12.de.us	Red Clay/6-8	
	Aspira	Michael Torres	292-1463		302-257-8124	michael.torres@laaa.k12.de.us	Charter/K-8	8/12/2019
	Bayard Middle	Ivan Holland	429-4118			hollandi@christina.k12.de.us	Christina/6-8	9/27/2019
	Brandywine Springs	Brian Starrett	636-5681	636-5681 x225	540-1563	Brian.Starrett@redclay.k12.de.us	Red Clay/K-8	
	Caravel	Craig Bailey	834-8938	834-8938 Ext 115	215-858-8721	cbailey@caravel.org	Private/K-8	8/19/2019
	Centreville Layton	Jon Santora	571-0230	571-0230	302-354-8576	jsantora@centrevillelayton.org	Private/K-8	
	Charter of New Castle	Ron Wade	324-8901	324-8901 ext 349		Ron.Wade@va.k12.de.us	Charter/K-8	
	Conrad	Pat Williamson	992-5545	992-5545	302-540-3323	patrick.williamson@redclay.k12.de.us	Red Clay/6-8	
	Delaware Valley Classical School	David Corbett	455-8740	455-8740	205-965-1636	dcorbett@dvclassical.org	Private/8-12	7/8/2019
	Eastside Charter	Roy Jones	302-376-5834	302-762-5834	336-675-1224	roy.jones@escs.k12.de.us	Charter/K-8	
	First State Montesso	Courtney Fox	302-576-1500			courtney.fox@fsma.k12.de.us	Charter/K-8	
	Gateway Lab	Larry Sontowski	633-4091	633-4091		larry.sontowski@qls.k12.de.us	Charter/K-8	
	Gauger Cobbs	Monica Tucker	454-2357	454-2357 ext 221	302-650-3605	MONICA.TUCKER@christina.k12.de.us	Colonial/6-8	
	George Read	Devin Sawdey	323-2760	323-2765	302-738-3285	dsawdey@colonial.k12.de.us	Colonial/6-8	
	Great Oaks Charter	Richard Kearney	302-332-6110	302-332-6110	302-483-7141	rkearney@greatoakscharter.org	Charter/K-8	
	Gunning Bedford	Michael Brelick	832-6280	832-6280	302-545-4328	michael.brelick@colonial.k12.de.us	Colonial/6-8	
	HB duPont	Steve Fairfield	239-3420	239-3420	302-489-9737	stephen.fairfield@redclay.k12.de.us	Red Clay/6-8	
	Independence	Heather Horsey	239-0330	239-0330	302-584-6356	hhorsey@tisde.org	Private/K-8	
	Independence	Jason Motta	239-0330	239-0330	302-250-1079	jmotta@tisde.org	Private/K-8	
	Kirk	Kevis Moody	454-2164	454-2164	302-293-7828	kevis.moody@christina.k12.de.us	Christina/6-8	
	Kuumba	Deon Booker	660-4750	660-4750 Ext 132	302-268-0995	deon.booker@kuumba.k12.de.us	Charter K-8	
	McCullough	Eric Armstrong	429-4000	429-4000 ext 1642	302-757-4051	earmstrong@colonial.k12.de.us	Colonial/6-8	
	MOT Charter	Bill Crook	302-373-8116	302-373-8116	302-373-8116	bill.crook@mot.k12.de.us	Charter/K-8	
	Newark Chart. MS	Tim Reighart	369-2001	369-2001x-507	302-354-4315	timothy.reighart@ncs.k12.de.us	Charter/K-8	
	Pilot School	Mike Danko	478-1740	478-1740	610-314-6093	mdanko@pilotschool.org	Private/K-8	
	Prestige	William Khan	762-3240	762-3240 ext 151	302-333-4135	willkhan619@aol.com	Charter/5-8	
	PS DuPont	Casey Lazartic	762-7146	762-7142		casey.feeley@bsd.k12.de.us	Brandywine/6-8	8/30/2019
	Red Lion Middle	Kenneth Anderson	834-2526	834-2526 Ext 818	302-345-6182	kanderson@reachschools.online	Private/K-8	8/19/2019
	Sanford	Joan Samonisky	235-6523	302-235-6523	302-218-8159	samoniskyjoan@sanfordschool.org	Private/K-8	
	Shue	Kristopher James	454-2171			kristopher.james@christina.k12.de.us	Christina/6-8	8/24/2019
	Skyline	Pete Metrinko	454-3410	454-3410 Ext 126		peter.metrinko@redclay.k12.de.us	Red Clay/6-8	
	Springer	Greg Xenakes	479-1621	479-1621		gregory.xenakes@bsd.k12.de.us	Brandywine/6-8	
	Stanton	Scot Behnke	992-5540	992-5540 ext 144	302-750-4225	scot.behnke@redclay.k12.de.us	Red Clay/6-8	
St. Anne's	Pam Kern	378-3179	378-3179 ext 330	302-584-2986	pkern@saintannessschool.org	Private/K-8		
Talley	Tania Milionis	475-3976	475-3976	302-475-1635	tania.milionis@bsd.k12.de.us	Brandywine/6-8		
Tatnall	Patrick Jones	998-2292	892-4311	302-363-0865	patrickjones@tatnall.org	Private/K-8		
Thomas Edison	Chris Belcher	778-1101	778-1101	302-465-5613	chris.belcher@tecs.k12.de.us	Charter/K-8		
Tower Hill	Seth Kushkin	575-0550	575-0550 Ext 212	720-245-5528	skushkin@towerhill.org	Private/K-8		
Wilm Christian	Pam Love	239-2121	239-2121 Ext 3320	302-521-6410	plove@wilmingtonchristian.org	Private/K-8		
Wilm Friends	Jeff Ransom	576-2900	576-2936	302-502-5949	jransom@wilmingtonfriends.org	Private/K-8		

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Kent & Sussex County Middle Schools	Beacon MS	Bob Cilento	645-6288	645-7099 Ext 262	302-228-4470	robert.cilento@cape.k12.de.us	Cape Henlopen/6-8	
	Campus Comm	David Czepukaitis	736-0403	736-0403 Ext 127		David.Czepukaitis@ccs.k12.de.us	Charter/K-8	
	Dover AFB	Charles Konadu-Adjei	674-3284	674-3284	917-865-8524	charles.konadu-adjei@cr.k12.de.us	Caesar Rodney/6-8	
	Central MS (Dover)	Stephen Poole	672-1772	222-3146	302-241-6207	Stephen.Poole@capital.k12.de.us	Capital/6-8	
	Fifer MS	Allison Gerni	698-8400	698-8400 Ext 334		allison.gerni@cr.k12.de.us	Caesar Rodney/6-8	
	Georgetown	Eric McGuire	856-1900	856-1900		eric.mcguire@irsd.k12.de.us	Indian River/6-8	9/26/2019
	Holy Cross	Wallace Seams	674-5784	674-5784	302-672-9243	wseams@holycrossdover.org	Private/K-8	
	Laurel Central	Jerry Mears	875-6110	875-6159	302-249-6047	gerald.mears@laurel.k12.de.us	Laurel/5-8	
	Mariner MS	Bob Cilento	684-8516	645-7099 Ext 262	302-228-4470	robert.cilento@cape.k12.de.us	Cape Henlopen/6-8	
	Milford Central	Ryan Winkleblech	422-1620	302-422-1610	228-1669	rwinkleb@msd.k12.de.us	Milford/6-8	
	Millsboro	Bart Goldberg	934-3200	302-934-3200 ext 311037		bart.goldberg@irsd.k12.de.us	Indian River/6-8	
	Postlethwait	Adam Brown	698-8410	698-8410 Ext 148	302-270-6233	adam.brown@cr.k12.de.us	Caesar Rodney/6-8	
	Providence Crk	Joe Lightcap	653-5314	653-6276 Ext 2128	302-650-9433	Joseph.Lightcap@PCA.k12.de.us	Charter/K-8	
	Seaford MS	Jerry Kobasa	629-4587	629-4587 Ext 303	302-270-2654	gerald.kobasa@seaford.k12.de.us	Seaford/5-8	
	Selbyville MS	Jesse Bare	436-1020	436-1020 ext 501	302-745-8247	jesse.bare@irsd.k12.de.us	Indian River/6-8	
	Smyrna MS	Megan Vascellaro	653-8584	653-8584		megan.vascellaro@smyrna.k12.de.us	Smyrna/7-8	
	Sussex Academy	Steve Bastianelli	856-3636	856-3636 ext 1106	229-5336	steve.bastianelli@saas.k12.de.us	Charter/8-12	
	W.T. Chipman	Deweese (Petie)Davis	398-8197	398-8197 ext 230	302-505-2194	deweese.davis@lf.k12.de.us	Lake Forest/6-8	
	Woodbridge MS	Sean McGuigan	337-8289	337-8289		sean.mcquigan@wsd.k12.de.us	Woodbridge/6-8	

Executive Director	Mike Wagner			242-4940	loyolawags@gmail.com	DAAD	
President	Mike Hart			743-5236	mhart@salesianum.org	DAAD	8/24/2019



**Memorandum of Understanding
Between
Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association
And**

[Redacted]

I. TITLE OF THE AGREEMENT

This agreement shall be known as the Memorandum of Understanding (the "MOU") between the Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association ("DIAA") and [Redacted] Middle/High School (the "Member School").

II. PARTIES INVOLVED

The parties to this MOU are DIAA, a unit of the Delaware Department of Education (the "Department"), and Member School. DIAA derives its authority from Title 14 (Education), Chapter 3.

III. PURPOSE

The purpose of this MOU is to set forth the responsibilities of DIAA and Member School with respect to Member School's payment of fees and compliance with DIAA rules and regulations.

IV. TERMS OF AGREEMENT

Now therefore, this 1st day of July, 2019, the parties hereby agree to the following terms and conditions:

A. Term. This MOU shall take effect on the date written above and shall continue through and including June 30, 2020.

B. Annual Membership Fee. Member School shall submit payment of the annual membership fee in the amount of \$ [Redacted] *to DIAA on or before October 1, 2019. *Plus Sports Participation Fees from IV. C2. (DIAA will send the intergovernmental voucher or invoice to Member School after the MOU is signed.)

The membership dues schedule is set forth in 14 Del. Admin. C. § 1006-2.3, which provides that:

Middle and high schools located in the same administrative unit and combined enrollment of grades 6th through 12th is 499 or less the school shall pay the high school fee and exempt from the middle school fee.

- \$500.00 middle schools
- \$750.00 for high schools with enrollments of 499 or less
- \$1,000 for high schools with enrollments of 999 or less
- \$1,250 for high schools with enrollments of 1,499 or less
- \$1,500 for high schools with enrollments of 1,999 or less
- \$1,750 for high schools with enrollments of 2,000 or more

1. **Form.** The payment shall be submitted to DIAA via an intergovernmental voucher account code 950103 for public schools or check made payable to DIAA for private schools.
2. **Amount.** The amount of payment is based on Member School's September 30, 2018 enrollment count as verified by the Department of Education.
3. **Late fee and penalties.** If Member School has not paid the annual membership fee in full by January 1, 2020, Member School shall be assessed a 10% late fee. Member School may be subject to penalties as determined by the DIAA Board of Directors.

C. Sports Participation Fees. If Member School sponsors one or more of the sports in subsection 2 below, Member School shall submit payment of the sports participation fee associated with the sport or sports to DIAA. Sports participation fees cover costs associated with conducting a sport during the regular season. DIAA shall not require Member School to pay any additional fees for sponsoring a sport.

1. **Form.** The payment shall be submitted to DIAA via an intergovernmental voucher or check made payable to DIAA.
2. **Amount.** Member School shall pay the sports participation fee ***for each of the following sports that Member School sponsors during the 2019-2020:***

Sport	Sports Participation Fee
Cross Country	Boys' Team – \$50 Girls' Team – \$50
Golf	\$50
Individual Wrestling	\$100
Indoor Track	Boys' Team – \$50 Girls' Team – \$50
Outdoor Track	Boys' Team – \$50 Girls' Team – \$50
Swimming	Boys' Team – \$50 Girls' Team – \$50
Tennis	Boys' Team – \$50 Girls' Team – \$50

Total Fees owed -
Plus Fee from IV.B

3. **Due Date.** Prepayment is mandatory. Member School shall submit payment of sports participation fees to DIAA on or before October 1, 2019.
4. **Late fee.** If Member School has not paid the sports participation fees in full by January 1, 2020, Member School shall be assessed a 10% late fee.

D. 2019-20 Sport Sponsorship

Member School agrees to sponsor the following sports for the 2019-20 academic year.

Check sports you sponsored 2018-19 and sports you will sponsor 2019-20.

2018-19	2019-20	Sport	2018-19	2019-20	Sport
		Football			Baseball
		Field Hockey			Softball
		Cross Country – Boys			Lacrosse – Boys
		Cross Country – Girls			Lacrosse – Girls
		Soccer – Boys			Tennis – Boys
		Soccer – Girls			Tennis – Girls
		Volleyball			Outdoor Track – Boys
		Basketball – Boys			Outdoor Track – Girls
		Basketball – Girls			Golf
		Indoor Track - Boys			Unified Football
		Indoor Track – Girls			Unified Basketball
		Swimming & Diving - Boys			Unified Outdoor Track
		Swimming & Diving - Girls			
		Wrestling			

- E. Membership Benefits.** Upon payment of the annual membership fee and any sports participation fees, Member School shall receive:
1. The ability to play other DIAA member schools;
 2. The opportunity to compete for DIAA sport championships;
 3. National Federation of State High School Associations (“NFHS”) publications and Rules Books for all sports for Member School’s Head Coaches and Athletic Director;
 4. Professional Development courses for Member School’s Athletic Director at no cost with annual DAAD membership.
 5. Rules Clinics for Member School’s coaches;
 6. The opportunity to nominate students for DIAA Scholar Athlete Scholarships;
 7. The opportunity to nominate students for the NFHS and DIAA Student Leadership Conferences; and
 8. The ability to participate in DIAA Sports and Rules Committees.
- F. Compliance with DIAA Rules and Regulations.** Member School shall comply with DIAA’s rules and regulations.
- G. State Championship Tournament Host.** If Member School hosts a state championship tournament event, Member School shall abide by the provisions set forth in an addendum to this MOU that shall be signed by DIAA and Member School prior to the start of the event. Any such addendum shall be incorporated into this MOU.
- H. CONTACT INFORMATION.** Unless otherwise provided in writing, all notices, consent, or approval shall be provided in writing to the following designated individuals:

DIAA

Gary Cimaglia
 Executive Director
 Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association
 35 Commerce Way, Suite 1
 Dover, DE 19904-5747

Member School

Principal / Head of School Name [REDACTED]
 Email [REDACTED]
 School Name [REDACTED]
 School Address [REDACTED]
 School City, State, Zip [REDACTED]
 School Telephone [REDACTED]

- I. **APPROVAL.** The undersigned authorized individuals of the DIAA and the Member School commit their respective organizations to the terms of this MOU.

The undersigned hereby agree to the terms of this Memorandum of Understanding.

For Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association

For School Name

**Bradley Layfield, Ed. D.,
DIAA Chairperson**

Principal / Head of School

Date

Date

FOR DOE OFFICE USE ONLY:

_____ Michael Rodriguez, Associate Secretary of Student Support _____ Date

_____ Kimberly Klein, Director of Finance _____ Date

_____ Chuck Longfellow, Associate Secretary of Operations Support _____ Date

**Annual Report to the 150th General Assembly and Governor of Delaware
Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association
January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018**

Purpose: The Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association (DIAA) was created under House Bill No. 475 of the 141st General Assembly. The DIAA mission is to preserve and promote the educational significance of interscholastic athletics; ensure that interscholastic sports remains compatible with the mission of the member schools; provide for fair competition between member schools; promote sportsmanship and ethical behavior; establish and enforce standards of conduct for athletes, coaches, administrators, officials and spectators; protect the physical well-being of athletes; and promote healthy adolescent lifestyles.

The General Assembly intends for the DIAA to work in consultation and cooperation with the Department of Education to implement this charge.

Rules and Regulations: The DIAA is responsible for developing rules and regulations relating to secondary and middle school interscholastic athletics for all Delaware public schools, and such Delaware private schools which elect to become members of DIAA.

The following changes were made to the DIAA Regulations during 2018;

Regulations 1008 & 1009-8.0 (effective March 11, 2018), clarified and reorganized the regulations regarding the use of game officials.

Regulation 1006-3.0 (effective July 11, 2018), made changes to the regulations regarding DIAA committees.

Regulations 1008-2.3.3 & 1009-2.3.4 (effective July 1, 2018), clarified language related to School Choice.

Regulation 1007 (effective August 11, 2018), added definitions and clarified language related to the Sportsmanship section and Contest Ejections.

Regulation 1008-2.4, 2.6, 2.7 (effective November 11, 2018), clarified the language for the Middle School regulation regarding Transfers, Passing Work and Years of Eligibility to be consistent with the High School Regulations.

Regulations 1008 & 1009-3.0 (effective November 11, 2018), placed the Concussion Protocol in regulation, clarified definition for Qualified Health Care Professional and Physician.

Regulations 1008 & 1009-7.0 (effective November 11, 2018), clarified language related to the Concussion protocol and added the regulation that all football coaches must annually be certified in the “Heads Up” football training.

Regulation 1008 & 1009.7.6 (effective June 2, 2019), the regulations for coaching out of season were changed.

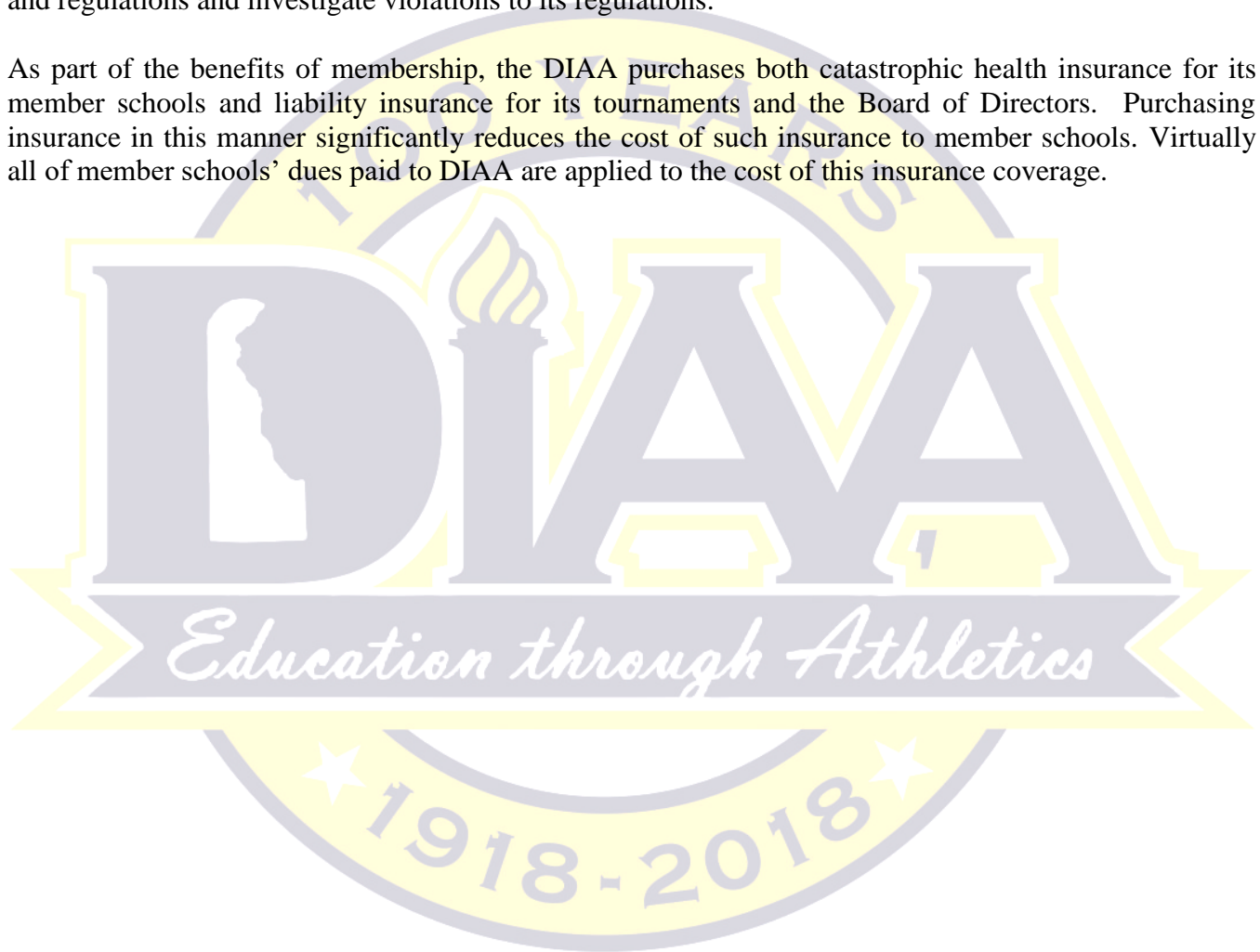
DIAA rules and regulations are developed with full input from member schools and the DIAA Board of Directors and with the opportunity for review and comment by the public and are subject to the approval of the Delaware State Board of Education. As a result, the rules and regulations implemented by DIAA represent the collective wisdom of all involved.

The DIAA Handbook is available on the DOE web site at: <https://www.doe.k12.de.us/Page/1670>

In accordance with the requirements of 14 DE Code §303(b), DIAA regulations do not deny a student's right to participate on a non-school team similar to the school team on which he or she is a member with the authorized consent of the student's parent, custodian or guardian.

Duties, Powers and Authority: The DIAA has the authority to establish annual dues for its members, establish fees for officiating contests and competitions, establish standing committees, monitor its rules and regulations and investigate violations to its regulations.

As part of the benefits of membership, the DIAA purchases both catastrophic health insurance for its member schools and liability insurance for its tournaments and the Board of Directors. Purchasing insurance in this manner significantly reduces the cost of such insurance to member schools. Virtually all of member schools' dues paid to DIAA are applied to the cost of this insurance coverage.



Membership & Participation: Membership in DIAA continues to prove to be a worthwhile investment for Delaware schools. DIAA’s education based interscholastic athletics mission is in harmony with the mission of our member schools. Since DIAA’s creation in 2002 membership has increased. Membership in DIAA now stands at 118 member schools – 63 high schools and 55 middle schools. When DIAA was formed in July of 2002 it had 71 members consisting of 48 high schools and 23 middle schools.

Participation in interscholastic athletics represents an important part of the educational experience of Delaware middle and high school students. Educators consider interscholastic athletics to be an important extension of the classroom where many life skills are best learned. During the 2017-2018 school year, 30,034 students participated in interscholastic athletics at the high school level. This represents the single largest extracurricular activity at DIAA member schools. This includes 16,217 males and 13,817 females (including participation in competitive and sideline spirit/cheer). The rate of participation by females stands at 46%, which exceeds the national rate of 42.2%. Participation in interscholastic athletics is judged by many educators to be a prime motivator for many students to stay in school and achieve academic success.

Boys’ and girls’ basketball are the male and female sports with the largest participation rate by school with 59 different member schools fielding a boys and/or girls team. Football remains the male sport with the greatest number of male participants at 2,777. Girls’ soccer continues as the girls’ sport with the greatest number of participants at 1,701. The full listing of participants by sport and gender and the number of schools sponsoring at least one team in that sport is shown below.

DIAA Participation Summary					
Males 2017-2018			Females 2017-2018		
Sport	Athletes	Schools	Sport	Athletes	Schools
Cross Country	1012	52	Cross Country	881	52
Football	2777	45	Field Hockey	1525	51
Soccer	2104	55	Volleyball	1623	56
Cheer	26	8	Cheer	1009	39
Basketball	1653	59	Basketball	1147	59
Wrestling	1040	46	Wrestling	12	8
Indoor Track	892	32	Indoor Track	868	40
Swimming/Diving	716	40	Swimming/Diving	812	41
Baseball	1525	55	Softball	1082	48
Crew	86	3	Crew	121	5
Golf	407	49	Golf	126	32
Lacrosse	1767	48	Lacrosse	1140	35
Outdoor Track	1603	47	Outdoor Track	1279	48
Tennis	455	33	Tennis	566	36
Volleyball	154	8	Soccer	1701	54
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National Federation of State High School Association (NFHS) Membership: DIAA is a proud member of the NFHS, since January 1945. The NFHS serves its' member associations, related professional organizations, and students by providing leadership for the administration of education-based interscholastic activities that support academic achievement, good citizenship and equitable opportunities. NFHS is the nationally recognized expert in the area of writing the playing rules for most interscholastic sports and they are recognized as the leader in research and policy advocacy in the area of sport safety for interscholastic athletes.

Meetings of the Association: The DIAA Board of Directors meetings are scheduled for the second Thursday of each month. The one exception is the Annual Meeting of the entire DIAA, which is held on the third Thursday of the month of January. Minutes of all Board meetings are posted on the State of Delaware web page and the DIAA web page. They are on file in the DIAA office. All meetings and agendas are posted on the State of Delaware web page in accordance with Delaware law.

Composition of the DIAA Board/Staff: The DIAA Board consists of 19 voting members and one non-voting member as follows:

- 1) Two school district superintendents / assistant superintendents who shall be residents of different counties.
- 2) Three representatives of school district boards of education who shall be residents of different counties.
- 3) Three public school principals/assistant principals, one of which shall be from each county.
- 4) Two public school athletic directors/ coaches who shall be from different counties.
- 5) Two non- public representatives of which one shall be a secondary school administrator and one shall either be a secondary school athletic director or coach.
- 6) One Department of Education representative who shall be a nonvoting member.
- 7) Six public members of which two shall be from each county
- 8) One DE certified physician who shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

The Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, appoints all voting members.

The DIAA Board of Directors with appointments by the Governor and confirmation of the Senate served for the entire calendar year. Dr. Bradley Layfield was re-elected Chair and Mr. Gary Cimaglia was re-elected Vice-Chair in May 2018. One new board member was appointed in April 2018: Dr. Kathy Andrus, Public Member from Sussex County. Dr. Mervin Daugherty left the Board in October due to resigning as the Superintendent of the Red Clay School District, the position on the Board is now vacant.

The DIAA Staff from January 2018 until July 13, 2018 consisted of Mr. Thomas E. Neubauer, CMAA, Executive Director; Ms. Terre Taylor, Coordinator of Interscholastic Athletics; and Ms. Tina Bates, Administrative Secretary. Ms. Taylor resigned from the DIAA on July 13, 2018. She was replaced by Ms. Donna Polk on November 13, 2018. Mr. Michael Rodriguez, DOE Associate Secretary of Student Support, provides administrative oversight on behalf of the Department of Education. Laura Makransky, Esq. DE DAG, provides legal counsel to the Board.

The current DIAA Board of Directors:

DIAA Board of Directors, 2018-19 School Year

DIAA Staff

Thomas E. [Tommie] Neubauer, Executive Director / Donna Polk, Coordinator Interscholastic Athletics
Tina Bates, Secretary

OFFICERS

Chairperson – Dr. Bradley Layfield/ Vice Chairperson – Gary Cimaglia

PUBLIC SCHOOL MEMBERS

NEW CASTLE COUNTY

		<u>Term Expires</u>
Dr. Matthew Donovan	Principal, Middletown High School	2019
W.T. [Ted] Laws	School Board Member, Colonial School District	2018
<i>Vacant</i>	Superintendent,	2020
Jeremy Jeanne	Athletic Director, Glasgow High School	2019

KENT COUNTY

Dr. Evelyn Edney	Principal, Early College High School at DSU	2020
Dr. Kevin Fitzgerald	Superintendent, Caesar Rodney School District	2018
Vetra Evans-Gunter	School Board Member, Smyrna School District	2019

SUSSEX COUNTY

Michael Breeding	School Board Member, Woodbridge School District	2018
Dr. Bradley Layfield	Principal, Sussex Central High School	2019
Bob Cilento	Athletic Director, Cape Henlopen High School	2019

NON-PUBLIC SCHOOL MEMBERS

Stanley Waterman	Dean, Sanford School	2019
Mike Hart	Athletic Director, Salesianum School	2020

PUBLIC MEMBERS

New Castle County

Douglas Thompson (2019)
Robert Watson, Jr. (2019)

Kent County

Bruce Harris (2020)
Gary Cimaglia (2020)

Sussex County

Dr. Kathy Andrus (2021)
Leroy Mann (2018)

MEDICAL MEMBER

Dr. Bradley Bley (Indefinite)

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Mr. Michael Rodriguez Associate Secretary (Non-Voting Member) (Indefinite)

DIAA Office Location: The DIAA office is located at the John W. Collette Education Resource Center in Enterprise Business Park. 35 Commerce Way, Suite 1 Dover, DE 19904. The DIAA Main office phone number is (302) 857-3365.

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Rules Interpreters: DIAA appoints rules interpreters to assist member schools, coaches and officials in the proper interpretation and application of playing rules. The 2017 DIAA rules interpreters were:

- Baseball- Dave Farone
- Basketball- Layne Drexel
- Cheer/Spirit- Whitney Reed-Pierson
- Field Hockey- Vicki Rhodes
- Football- Andy Bero
- Golf- Bill Barrow
- Lacrosse, Boys’ - JP Bennett
- Lacrosse, Girls’ – Jill Fitzcharles

- Soccer- John Brady
- Softball- Diane Carden
- Swimming/Diving- Fred Killian
- Tennis- Deb Corrado
- Track and Field/Cross Country- Ralph Heiss
- Volleyball- Kelly Callahan
- Wrestling- Joe Lobo

Secondary Interscholastic Athletic Fund: The primary source of revenue used to support DIAA is derived through ticket sales at our state championship events (~85%). A special fund has been created at the Department of Education to receive and track revenue of the organization. All membership dues, sponsorship funds and revenues from DIAA championships are deposited into this account. The account is administered under the State of Delaware Accounting System (DFMS) in cooperation with the DOE Financial Office.

Waiver Requests: During calendar year 2018, the DIAA Board of Directors heard twenty-three requests for waivers of their regulations. The Board approved nineteen of these requests, denying four. Recent DIAA Regulation changes have aided in reducing the number of waivers the Board hears.

Significant Initiatives and Events in 2018

100th Anniversary – DIAA is commemorating the one-hundredth year of the beginning of organized interscholastic athletic in Delaware. A special 100th year logo has been designed and the DIAA Board is exploring the creation of a Delaware High School Hall of Fame.

Unified Sports- DIAA continued its relationship with Special Olympics Delaware (SODE) for the fifth year. Smyrna High School won their first Unified Flag Football State Championship by defeating defending champion Newark Charter. Delaware is the first state in the nation to feature Unified Flag Football. Caesar Rodney High School won Unified Track State Championship. Twelve schools began the first Unified Basketball Program during the 2018-2019 winter season.

Student Leadership Conferences

The NFHS sponsored a **National Student Leadership Summit** in Indianapolis, IN from July 23rd to the 25th. The NFHS and DIAA paid all expenses for six students and two adult leaders. The student ambassadors were Amelia Christensen (Concord High), Caden Dickerson (Seaford High), Jack Faust (Sussex Academy), Jane Lyons (Ursuline Academy), Dylan Nitsche (Tower Hill) and Grace Sekcinski (Milford High School).

The adult leaders were Jeff Ransome (Wilmington Friends School) and Theresa Repole (Newark Charter School).

The goal of the Summit was to employ a “train the trainers” approach to instructing the DIAA representatives on topics such as leadership, team unity, sportsmanship, character and responsible use of social media. The DIAA team was then to share what they learned at the DIAA State Student Leadership Conference.

The **DIAA Student Leadership Conference [SLC]** is an initiative that began in 2004 and continued in 2018. The SLC brings together top student-athletes from around the state to learn the same leadership and character skills that are taught at the NFHS Conference. These student leaders are then charged

with teaching these skills to student-athletes at their schools and in their Conferences. For the fifteenth straight year the SLC was held at the University of Delaware's Virden Center in Lewes, Delaware. Twenty-five of Delaware's top student-athletes and five adult mentors gathered from August 3rd through the 5th to listen to speakers, participate in community service programs, conduct workshops on current issues, discuss leadership and sportsmanship, and have a little fun as well. Linda Ogden, College counseling Administrator of Tower Hill, Jeff Ransome, Athletic Director at Friends School and Theresa Reploe, Athletic Trainer at Newark Charter School served as the Conference Directors. The Staff completely reworked this year's Agenda to focus on more student-led activities. Other adult staff members included Ed Smith, Glasgow High School, and Tommie Neubauer. The service project was a day of activity together at Camp Barnes. SODE athletes and the DIAA student leaders participated together in games, social activities, arts and crafts, athletic competitions, dinner and ended the day with a rousing sing along by the campfire. This was the sixth year in a row that SODE and DIAA collaborated on the joint service project. The thirty students and adults represented twenty-four different high schools and all Conferences and counties in Delaware.

DIAA and SODE also collaborated on a one-day statewide **Student Leadership Conference**. On October 30th, SODE sponsored a Statewide SLC for DIAA member high schools. The event was held at the Del Tech Terry Campus. Over 180 student athletes and staff attended the daylong program of national speakers, group activities and workshops. The key topics were; sportsmanship, leadership and responsible use of social media. The students and adults in attendance represented 35 DIAA high schools all Conferences and counties in Delaware. The day was partially funded by a grant from the Allstate Foundation.

Legislative Action – SR79, a concurrent resolution passed in June directed the DOE/DIAA to promulgate regulations related to the current DIAA Coaching out of Season regulations. SB241 established the DIAA to have the authority to set officiating fees.

NFHS Network- DIAA continues to be a part of the NFHS Network. The Network is a partnership between the NFHS, NFHS state associations and PlayOn Sports. The Network web streams state championship games on the internet for a fee. Locally, 302 Sports has been contracted as the production company for all DIAA Tournament events.

Scholarship- The winners of the 2018 DIAA/Harry Roberts Senior Scholar-Athlete awards are listed below. The Award is named in recognition and memory of Dr. Harry Roberts, former Superintendent of the Caesar Rodney School District who served DIAA on several committees, most notably as Chair of the DIAA Sportsmanship Committee for many years. The awards are presented annually by the DIAA based on a student's academic, athletic and leadership achievements.

Females

First	(\$2,000):	Isabelle Pilson, Tower Hill
Second	(\$1500):	Nyra Giles, Laurel
Third	(\$1000 each):	Stephanie Horne, Caesar Rodney Christina Bourantas, Wilmington Christian

Males

First	(\$2,000 each):	Thomas Pomatto, Caesar Rodney
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Second	(\$1500):	Michael Chen, Newark Charter
Third	(\$1000 each):	Nikhil Mehta, Appoquinimink
		Miles Petersen, Sanford School
		Paul Thompson, Mt. Pleasant

State Championships- During calendar year 2018 the following schools won DIAA state championships in the sports as listed:

Winter

Indoor Track and Field	Boys	Salesianum
	Girls	Padua
Dual Team Wrestling	Division I	Caesar Rodney
	Division II	Milford
Swimming and Diving	Boys	Salesianum
	Girls	Newark Charter
Basketball	Boys	Saint Elizabeth
	Girls	Conrad

Spring

Baseball		Cape Henlopen
Softball		Smyrna
Lacrosse	Boys	Salesianum
	Girls	Cape Henlopen
Girls' Soccer	Division I	Padua
	Division II	DMA
Tennis	Boys	Caesar Rodney
	Girls	Caesar Rodney
Track	Division I Boys	Dover
	Division I Girls	Padua
	Division II Boys	AI duPont
	Division II Girls	Tatnall
	Unified	Caesar Rodney
Golf		Tower Hill

Fall

Cross Country:	Division I Boys	Salesianum
	Division I Girls	Padua
	Division II Boys	Tatnall
	Division II Girls	Ursuline
Boys' Soccer	Division I	Salesianum
	Division II	Caravel
Field Hockey	Division I	Cape Henlopen
	Division II	Delmar
Volleyball		Charter School of Wilmington
Football	Division I	Sussex Central
	Division II	Woodbridge
	Unified	Smyrna

Individual champions were crowned in indoor track, individual wrestling, swimming and diving, tennis, outdoor track and field, golf and cross-country.

A complete listing of team champions can be found at <http://www.doe.k12.de.us/Page/1604>.

Sportsmanship- DIAA offers an annual statewide competition in sportsmanship. The member schools compete against a set of ten standards, not against other schools. Member schools submit an extensive portfolio that is judged by the Sportsmanship Committee to determine if each school has successfully met the standards. This is the first year that the Award was renamed to honor former DSSAA Executive Director Dale Famer. The seventeen winning schools are listed below. Thirty-four different member schools have now won this Award at least once in the twenty-two year history of the Award.

School	Times Won	School	Times Won
William Penn	21	Woodbridge	7
Sussex Tech	12	Charter	5
Concord	12	Tatnall	4
Caravel	10	Newark Charter	3
McKean	9	Brandywine	2
Conrad	9	Mt. Pleasant	2
Caesar Rodney	8	Middletown	2
Lake Forest	8	Springer Middle	2
Sanford	7		

Partnerships and Outreach:

DIAA continued to offer the option of online purchases of tickets to select semi-final and all finals events during the 2018 State tournaments. DIAA contracted with State Champs to provide this service.

In 2018, the DIAA partnered with Delaware based Marketing Special Promotions (MSP) to provide championship apparel for students and spectators of DIAA State Championship events. As part of the MSP agreement, tee shirts for the Student Leadership Conference are donated by MSP.

In 2018, the DIAA collaborated with the Delaware Chapter of the American Lung Association in a \$10,000 grant to promote a message of anti- tobacco use and healthy adolescent lifestyles. The message was delivered via public service announcements, program ads and scoreboard messages at all DIAA State Championship tournaments.

In 2018, DIAA had sponsorship agreements with NIKE, Wilson, Spalding/Dudley and Longstreth to provide game balls at no expense to DIAA for DIAA state championship events.

In 2018, DIAA had a sponsorship agreement with Delaware based Crown Trophy to provide partial sponsorship of state tournament medals and trophies.

In 2018, ATI Physical Therapy sponsored the purchase of heavy plastic Sideline Passes for identification at State Tournament Events.

In 2018, DIAA partnered with the Mid-Atlantic Milk Marketing Agency via their “REFUEL, got Chocolate Milk?” campaign.

In 2018, DIAA worked in cooperation with the University of Delaware to host DIAA state championship tournament games. The University hosted Division I and II football, Unified Flag football, girls’ volleyball, field hockey semi-finals and finals, boys’ and girls’ basketball quarterfinal, semi-finals and championship rounds, swimming & diving and all rounds of tennis except the finals.

Odessa National Country Club hosted the golf tournament, Brandywine Creek State Park hosted the cross-country championship meet, the Lower Sussex County Little League complex hosted the softball championship game, Frawley Stadium hosted the final three rounds of the baseball tournament. All other events were held at member school facilities.

Fiscal Concerns- In 2018, the DIAA Board continued the majority of the cost savings measures they initiated in 2009 on behalf of DIAA member schools. In February 2009, the DIAA Board appointed a Fiscal Concerns ad hoc committee in response to the fiscal crisis in Delaware. In April 2009, the DIAA Board approved eight of nine points in the plan presented by the ad hoc committee. For 2018 DIAA continued the following points that were adopted: a 10% reduction in maximum game schedules, a limit on the number of pre-season scrimmages, a moratorium on mandatory uniform changes by the NFHS playing rules, a directive to play more tournament events at the higher seeded member school and to enhance revenue generated through corporate partnerships. The DIAA Staff and Board are aware of rising security and venue rental costs for state tournament events that have compelled DIAA to ask for an increased spending limit beginning in FY20.

Budget- The DIAA Board of Directors established a FY19 budget of \$850,000. DIAA does not receive appropriations from the General Fund so they are authorized to have carry over revenues. Because the organization does not receive start up funds it must rely on carry over funds for operational expenses in the next fiscal year. DIAA ended FY18 with a loss of \$12,307.28 this was a result of lower attendance than in past years. The Spring season attendance was much lower than average due to very poor weather conditions. The Board has established a goal of 50% of the annual budget to be kept in reserve for carry over funds. The FY18 carry over balance was 114% of the FY 19 projected budget.

Representation on National Committees- DIAA and our member schools continue to support and provide expertise to NFHS national committees. The following Delawareans served on NFHS Committees in 2018:

- Jack Holloway (Tower Hill), NFHS Wrestling Rules
- James Connor (St. Georges), National Coaches Advisory
- Layne Drexel (IAABO #11) NFHS Basketball Rules
- Robert Gilmore (Polytech), Boys Lacrosse Rules
- Tommy Neubauer (DIAA Executive Director),
 - NFHS Boys’ Lacrosse Rules, Chair
 - NFHS Football Rules
 - NFHS National Council
 - NFHS National Records

Dr. Kevin Fitzgerald, Caesar Rodney School District Superintendent, is on the NFHS Board of Directors as an At-Large member representing Sections 2 and 6. Dr. Fitzgerald becomes the third Delawarean to serve on the NFHS Board of Directors (Dale C. Farmer, 1984-87 and Kevin Charles, 2009-2013).

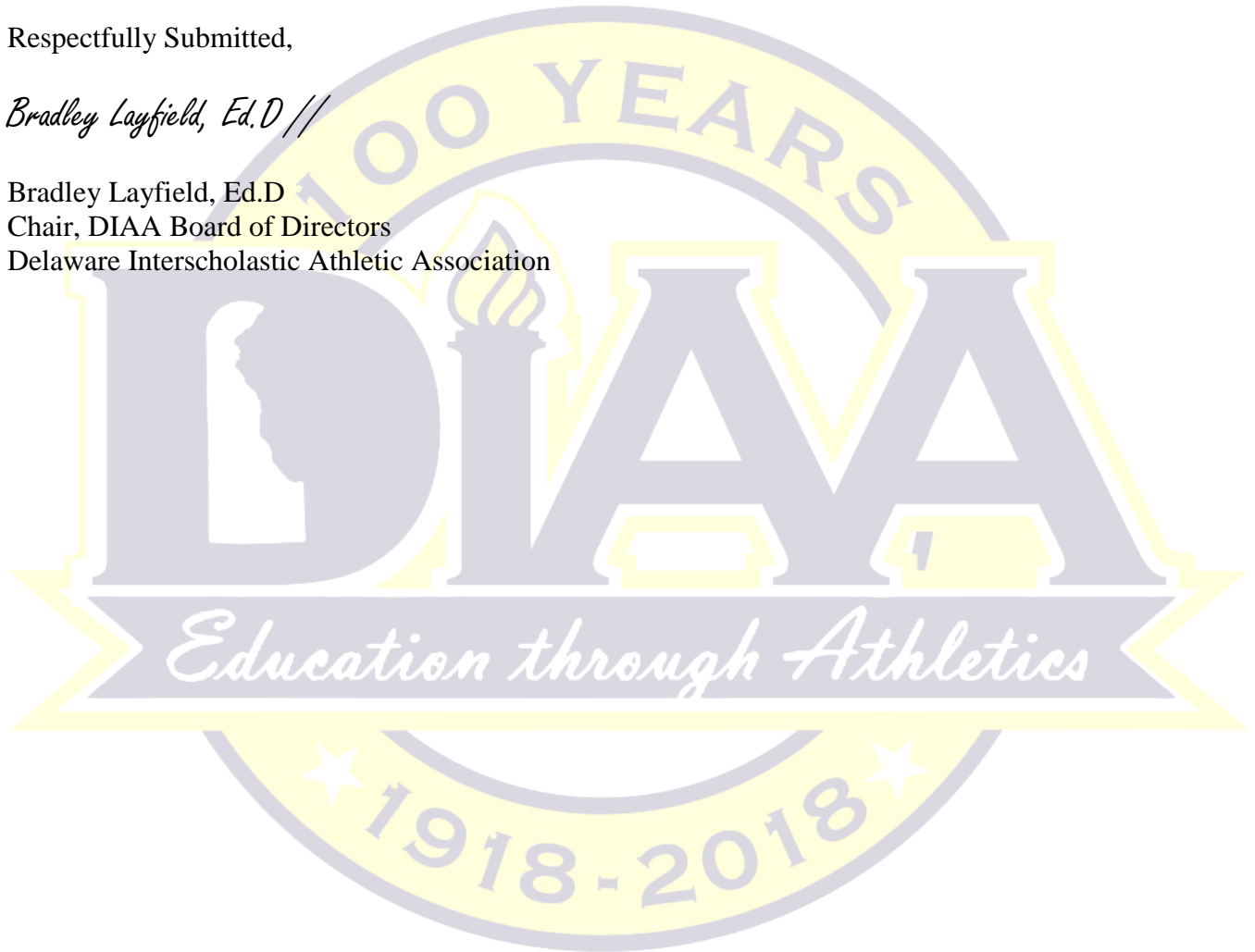
With the exception of the National Council and the Football Rules Committee, all associated expenses for participation on these Committees are paid by the NFHS.

If there are any questions regarding this report or any other interest in the business of DIAA, please contact me during business hours at 302-934-3166.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bradley Layfield, Ed.D //

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The Committee is charged with:

- reviewing documentation submitted by an officials' association that desires to officiate middle and high school contests;
- holding a meeting with the officers of an officials' association to discuss the association's recognition request;
- consulting with parties that have an interest in an officials' association's recognition request;
- reporting findings and recommendations on an officials' association's recognition request to the Board;
- working with the applicable sports committee to evaluate an officials' association during its probationary period;
- working with the applicable sports committee to make a recommendation to the Board at the end of an officials' association's probationary period;
- making recommendations to the Rules and Regulations Committee for developing and amending, as necessary, regulations on standards of conduct for officials;
- conducting an annual review of each recognized officials' association to ensure that the association is meeting the goals of education-based athletics; and
- serving as a liaison for issues within the Board's scope of authority that arise between member schools and recognized officials' associations and directing any recommendations for resolving such issues to the appropriate entity, *i.e.*, the Board, DIAA's Executive Director, or the appropriate DIAA standing committee.

The Board's Chairperson shall appoint an individual to serve as the Committee's Chairperson who shall serve for an indefinite period of time. However, the Board's Chairperson, with the advice and consent of DIAA's Executive Director, may remove the Committee's Chairperson.

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The Committee shall conduct itself in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, the Administrative Procedures Act, and the Department of Education's rules and regulations.

Approved by the Board of Directors on 09/14/2017.

**Board of Directors of the
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The Committee is charged with:

- reviewing the current classification system used by each sport; and
- making recommendations to the Board for developing classification options.

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The Committee is charged with making recommendations to the Board for developing and amending, as necessary, regulations in the following subject areas:

- secondary and middle school interscholastic athletics for schools in Delaware, including:
 - regulation of athletic programs of all public schools and nonpublic schools that elect to become member or associate member schools,
 - eligibility of students to participate in interscholastic athletics,
 - non-school competitions,
 - coaches and sports officials of interscholastic sports in Delaware, and
 - sanctioning of school team competitions;
- sports over which DIAA has jurisdiction;
- standards of conduct for athletes, coaches, administrators, officials, and spectators; and
- issues involving student athletes' health and safety in interscholastic athletics, including:
 - recognition and management of student athletes exhibiting signs or symptoms consistent with a concussion, and
 - awareness, recognition, and management of sudden cardiac arrest in student athletes.

In addition, the Committee shall review suggested changes to existing regulations submitted by member schools, DIAA's Executive Director, the Secretary of Education, and other DIAA committees and make recommendations to the DIAA Board regarding the suggested changes.

The Board's Chairperson shall appoint an individual to serve as the Committee's Chairperson who shall serve for an indefinite period of time. However, the Board's Chairperson, with the advice and consent of DIAA's Executive Director, may remove the Committee's Chairperson.

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Approved by the Board of Directors on 09/14/2017.

**Board of Directors of the
Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association's
Sports Medicine Advisory Committee**

The Sports Medicine Advisory Committee ("Committee") is a standing committee established by the Board of Directors ("Board") of the Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association ("DIAA") pursuant to 14 *Del. C.* § 304(2). Created at 14 *Del. C.* ch. 3, DIAA preserves and promotes the educational significance of interscholastic athletics; ensures that interscholastic sports remains compatible with the educational mission of the member schools; provides for fair competition between member schools; promotes sportsmanship and ethical behavior; establishes and enforces standards of conduct for athletes, coaches, administrators, officials, and spectators; protects the physical well-being of athletes; and promotes healthy adolescent lifestyles.

The Committee is charged with:

- making recommendations to the Board for developing and amending, as necessary, regulations in the following subject areas:
 - recognition and management of student athletes exhibiting signs or symptoms consistent with a concussion;
 - awareness, recognition, and management of sudden cardiac arrest in student athletes; and
 - protections for the physical well-being of athletes.

The Board's Chairperson shall appoint an individual to serve as the Committee's Chairperson who shall serve for an indefinite period of time. However, the Board's Chairperson, with the advice and consent of DIAA's Executive Director, may remove the Committee's Chairperson.

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Approved by the Board of Directors on 09/14/2017.

**Board of Directors of the
Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association's
Sportsmanship Committee**

The Sportsmanship Committee ("Committee") is a standing committee established by the Board of Directors ("Board") of the Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association ("DIAA") pursuant to 14 *Del. C.* § 304(2). Created at 14 *Del. C.* ch. 3, DIAA preserves and promotes the educational significance of interscholastic athletics; ensures that interscholastic sports remains compatible with the educational mission of the member schools; provides for fair competition between member schools; promotes sportsmanship and ethical behavior; establishes and enforces standards of conduct for athletes, coaches, administrators, officials, and spectators; protects the physical well-being of athletes; and promotes healthy adolescent lifestyles.

The Committee is charged with:

- investigating and adjudicating reports of sportsmanship violations referred to the Committee by the Executive Director, including:
 - requesting reports,
 - conducting interviews,
 - reviewing such available evidence as the Committee deems necessary to reach a conclusion, and
 - imposing penalties as deemed necessary based on the particular circumstances, including reprimand, conditional or restrictive probation, and suspension;
- reviewing incidents of sportsmanship violations referred to the Committee by the Executive Director that are reported each sports season;
- meeting with players or coaches who are ejected for a second time during the same season, the principal or principal's designee, and the coach (in the case of a player);
- deciding appeals of a contest suspension resulting from a game ejection referred to the Committee by the Executive Director;
- issuing written decisions on matters referred to the Committee by the Executive Director;
- annually determining the DIAA State Champions in Sportsmanship awards; and
- making recommendations to the Rules and Regulations Committee for developing and amending, as necessary, regulations on sportsmanship and ethical behavior.

The Board's Chairperson shall appoint an individual to serve as the Committee's Chairperson who shall serve for an indefinite period of time. However, the Board's Chairperson, with the advice and consent of DIAA's Executive Director, may remove the Committee's Chairperson.

The Committee's Chairperson, with the advice and consent of DIAA's Executive Director, shall appoint individuals to serve on the Committee. Committee members shall be geographically

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**Board of Directors of the
Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association's
Unified Sports Committee**

The Unified Sports Committee ("Committee") is a standing committee established by the Board of Directors ("Board") of the Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association ("DIAA") pursuant to 14 *Del. C.* § 304(2). Created at 14 *Del. C.* ch. 3, DIAA preserves and promotes the educational significance of interscholastic athletics; ensures that interscholastic sports remains compatible with the educational mission of the member schools; provides for fair competition between member schools; promotes sportsmanship and ethical behavior; establishes and enforces standards of conduct for athletes, coaches, administrators, officials, and spectators; protects the physical well-being of athletes; and promotes healthy adolescent lifestyles.

The Committee is charged with:

- promoting Unified Sports® to engage all eligible member schools;
- increasing opportunities for Unified Sports® participants; and
- working with the applicable sports committees to promote Unified Sports® and increase opportunities for Unified Sports® participants.

The Board's Chairperson shall appoint an individual to serve as the Committee's Chairperson who shall serve for an indefinite period of time. However, the Board's Chairperson, with the advice and consent of DIAA's Executive Director, may remove the Committee's Chairperson.

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Approved by the Board of Directors on 09/14/2017.

**Board of Directors of the
Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association's
Baseball Committee**

The Baseball Committee ("Committee") is a standing committee established by the Board of Directors ("Board") of the Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association ("DIAA") pursuant to 14 *Del. C. § 304(2)*. Created at 14 *Del. C. ch. 3*, DIAA preserves and promotes the educational significance of interscholastic athletics; ensures that interscholastic sports remains compatible with the educational mission of the member schools; provides for fair competition between member schools; promotes sportsmanship and ethical behavior; establishes and enforces standards of conduct for athletes, coaches, administrators, officials, and spectators; protects the physical well-being of athletes; and promotes healthy adolescent lifestyles.

The Committee is charged with:

- working with the DIAA office staff to perform tasks related to running the state tournament, including:
 - establishing written procedures for determining tournament berths and selecting tournament sites,
 - determining state tournament berths, and
 - inspecting member schools' venues and determining viability for competition;
- working with the Officials' Committee to evaluate an officials' association during its probationary period; and
- working with the Officials' Committee to make a recommendation to the Board at the end of an officials' association's probationary period.

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Approved by the Board of Directors on 09/14/2017.

**Board of Directors of the
Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association's
Boys' Basketball Committee**

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The Committee is charged with:

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 - establishing written procedures for determining tournament berths and selecting tournament sites,
 - determining state tournament berths, and
 - inspecting member schools' venues and determining viability for competition;
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**Board of Directors of the
Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association's
Boys' Lacrosse Committee**

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The Committee is charged with:

- working with the DIAA office staff to perform tasks related to running the state tournament, including:
 - establishing written procedures for determining tournament berths and selecting tournament sites,
 - determining state tournament berths, and
 - inspecting member schools' venues and determining viability for competition;
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**Board of Directors of the
Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association's
Boys' Soccer Committee**

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The Committee is charged with:

- working with the DIAA office staff to perform tasks related to running the state tournament, including:
 - establishing written procedures for determining tournament berths and selecting tournament sites,
 - determining state tournament berths, and
 - inspecting member schools' venues and determining viability for competition;
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**Board of Directors of the
Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association's
Cross Country Committee**

The Cross Country Committee ("Committee") is a standing committee established by the Board of Directors ("Board") of the Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association ("DIAA") pursuant to 14 *Del. C.* § 304(2). Created at 14 *Del. C.* ch. 3, DIAA preserves and promotes the educational significance of interscholastic athletics; ensures that interscholastic sports remains compatible with the educational mission of the member schools; provides for fair competition between member schools; promotes sportsmanship and ethical behavior; establishes and enforces standards of conduct for athletes, coaches, administrators, officials, and spectators; protects the physical well-being of athletes; and promotes healthy adolescent lifestyles.

The Committee is charged with:

- working with the DIAA office staff to perform tasks related to running the state tournament, including:
 - establishing written procedures for determining tournament berths and selecting tournament sites,
 - determining state tournament berths, and
 - inspecting member schools' venues and determining viability for competition;
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**Board of Directors of the
Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association's
Field Hockey Committee**

The Field Hockey Committee ("Committee") is a standing committee established by the Board of Directors ("Board") of the Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association ("DIAA") pursuant to 14 *Del. C.* § 304(2). Created at 14 *Del. C.* ch. 3, DIAA preserves and promotes the educational significance of interscholastic athletics; ensures that interscholastic sports remains compatible with the educational mission of the member schools; provides for fair competition between member schools; promotes sportsmanship and ethical behavior; establishes and enforces standards of conduct for athletes, coaches, administrators, officials, and spectators; protects the physical well-being of athletes; and promotes healthy adolescent lifestyles.

The Committee is charged with:

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**Board of Directors of the
Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association's
Football Committee**

The Football Committee ("Committee") is a standing committee established by the Board of Directors ("Board") of the Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association ("DIAA") pursuant to 14 *Del. C.* § 304(2). Created at 14 *Del. C.* ch. 3, DIAA preserves and promotes the educational significance of interscholastic athletics; ensures that interscholastic sports remains compatible with the educational mission of the member schools; provides for fair competition between member schools; promotes sportsmanship and ethical behavior; establishes and enforces standards of conduct for athletes, coaches, administrators, officials, and spectators; protects the physical well-being of athletes; and promotes healthy adolescent lifestyles.

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Approved by the Board of Directors on 09/14/2017.

**Board of Directors of the
Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association's
Girls' Basketball Committee**

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**Board of Directors of the
Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association's
Girls' Lacrosse Committee**

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**Board of Directors of the
Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association's
Girls' Soccer Committee**

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**Board of Directors of the
Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association's
Golf Committee**

The Golf Committee ("Committee") is a standing committee established by the Board of Directors ("Board") of the Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association ("DIAA") pursuant to 14 *Del. C. § 304(2)*. Created at 14 *Del. C. ch. 3*, DIAA preserves and promotes the educational significance of interscholastic athletics; ensures that interscholastic sports remains compatible with the educational mission of the member schools; provides for fair competition between member schools; promotes sportsmanship and ethical behavior; establishes and enforces standards of conduct for athletes, coaches, administrators, officials, and spectators; protects the physical well-being of athletes; and promotes healthy adolescent lifestyles.

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Approved by the Board of Directors on 09/14/2017.

**Board of Directors of the
Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association's
Softball Committee**

The Softball Committee ("Committee") is a standing committee established by the Board of Directors ("Board") of the Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association ("DIAA") pursuant to 14 *Del. C.* § 304(2). Created at 14 *Del. C.* ch. 3, DIAA preserves and promotes the educational significance of interscholastic athletics; ensures that interscholastic sports remains compatible with the educational mission of the member schools; provides for fair competition between member schools; promotes sportsmanship and ethical behavior; establishes and enforces standards of conduct for athletes, coaches, administrators, officials, and spectators; protects the physical well-being of athletes; and promotes healthy adolescent lifestyles.

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**Board of Directors of the
Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association's
Swimming & Diving Committee**

The Swimming & Diving Committee ("Committee") is a standing committee established by the Board of Directors ("Board") of the Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association ("DIAA") pursuant to 14 *Del. C.* § 304(2). Created at 14 *Del. C.* ch. 3, DIAA preserves and promotes the educational significance of interscholastic athletics; ensures that interscholastic sports remains compatible with the educational mission of the member schools; provides for fair competition between member schools; promotes sportsmanship and ethical behavior; establishes and enforces standards of conduct for athletes, coaches, administrators, officials, and spectators; protects the physical well-being of athletes; and promotes healthy adolescent lifestyles.

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- working with the Officials' Committee to evaluate an officials' association during its probationary period; and
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The Board's Chairperson shall appoint an individual to serve as the Committee's Chairperson who shall serve for an indefinite period of time. However, the Board's Chairperson, with the advice and consent of DIAA's Executive Director, may remove the Committee's Chairperson.

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Approved by the Board of Directors on 09/14/2017.

**Board of Directors of the
Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association's
Tennis Committee**

The Tennis Committee ("Committee") is a standing committee established by the Board of Directors ("Board") of the Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association ("DIAA") pursuant to 14 *Del. C.* § 304(2). Created at 14 *Del. C.* ch. 3, DIAA preserves and promotes the educational significance of interscholastic athletics; ensures that interscholastic sports remains compatible with the educational mission of the member schools; provides for fair competition between member schools; promotes sportsmanship and ethical behavior; establishes and enforces standards of conduct for athletes, coaches, administrators, officials, and spectators; protects the physical well-being of athletes; and promotes healthy adolescent lifestyles.

The Committee is charged with:

- working with the DIAA office staff to perform tasks related to running the state tournament, including:
 - establishing written procedures for determining tournament berths and selecting tournament sites,
 - determining state tournament berths, and
 - inspecting member schools' venues and determining viability for competition;
- working with the Officials' Committee to evaluate an officials' association during its probationary period; and
- working with the Officials' Committee to make a recommendation to the Board at the end of an officials' association's probationary period.

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Approved by the Board of Directors on 09/14/2017.

**Board of Directors of the
Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association's
Track & Field Committee**

The Track & Field Committee ("Committee") is a standing committee established by the Board of Directors ("Board") of the Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association ("DIAA") pursuant to 14 *Del. C.* § 304(2). Created at 14 *Del. C.* ch. 3, DIAA preserves and promotes the educational significance of interscholastic athletics; ensures that interscholastic sports remains compatible with the educational mission of the member schools; provides for fair competition between member schools; promotes sportsmanship and ethical behavior; establishes and enforces standards of conduct for athletes, coaches, administrators, officials, and spectators; protects the physical well-being of athletes; and promotes healthy adolescent lifestyles.

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Approved by the Board of Directors on 09/14/2017.

**Board of Directors of the
Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association's
Volleyball Committee**

The Volleyball Committee ("Committee") is a standing committee established by the Board of Directors ("Board") of the Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association ("DIAA") pursuant to 14 *Del. C.* § 304(2). Created at 14 *Del. C.* ch. 3, DIAA preserves and promotes the educational significance of interscholastic athletics; ensures that interscholastic sports remains compatible with the educational mission of the member schools; provides for fair competition between member schools; promotes sportsmanship and ethical behavior; establishes and enforces standards of conduct for athletes, coaches, administrators, officials, and spectators; protects the physical well-being of athletes; and promotes healthy adolescent lifestyles.

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 - establishing written procedures for determining tournament berths and selecting tournament sites,
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The Committee shall conduct itself in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, the Administrative Procedures Act, and the Department of Education's rules and regulations.

Approved by the Board of Directors on 09/14/2017.

**Board of Directors of the
Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association's
Wrestling Committee**

The Wrestling Committee ("Committee") is a standing committee established by the Board of Directors ("Board") of the Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association ("DIAA") pursuant to 14 *Del. C.* § 304(2). Created at 14 *Del. C.* ch. 3, DIAA preserves and promotes the educational significance of interscholastic athletics; ensures that interscholastic sports remains compatible with the educational mission of the member schools; provides for fair competition between member schools; promotes sportsmanship and ethical behavior; establishes and enforces standards of conduct for athletes, coaches, administrators, officials, and spectators; protects the physical well-being of athletes; and promotes healthy adolescent lifestyles.

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The Committee shall conduct itself in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, the Administrative Procedures Act, and the Department of Education's rules and regulations.

Approved by the Board of Directors on 09/14/2017.



BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

For 100% States:

1. **EXAMS.** Unlimited number of FREE electronic NFHS sport rules (Part I and II) and mechanics exams for officials on either the NFHS or ArbiterSports (AS) testing platform. Features include:
 - On either platform: Ability to customize testing features such as: number of questions, randomized question order, testing date range, adding state-specific questions, number of “takes” permitted, how/when test-taker sees results.
 - ArbiterSports platform only: Ability to randomized answer order, add video questions and administratively monitor the exam by user/group/question while exam is active.
 - Technical support to officials on either testing platform.
 - States that have developed their own testing platform or want to print and distribute the tests on their own, will be provided an electronic version of the NFHS exam.

NOTE: Non-100% states are charged \$.45 for each individual test-taker on the NFHS platform or \$200 for each electronic version of an NFHS exam. Total annual state value = approximately \$2000 to \$6000.

2. **SPORT RULES POWER POINTS.** Electronic versions accessible for FREE in a secured area of the NFHS Web site.

NOTE: Non-100% states are charged \$49.95 per sport CD ordered. Total annual state value = approximately \$1000 to \$3000.
3. **ONLINE RULE INTERPRETER’S MEETINGS.** FREE access for up to five (5) connections to each sport’s online rule interpreter’s meetings.

NOTE: Non-100% states are charged \$50 for each online connection. Total annual state value = approximately \$1500 to \$4000.
4. **STATE CENTRAL HUB.** Ability to develop a state’s own centralized officiating educational content Web Site on the ArbiterSports platform. This feature includes the ability to publish a state’s own video content, conduct testing, etc.

5. **EXCLUSIVE ONLINE EDUCATIONAL CONTENT**

Through the NFHS Learning Center at www.nfhsgo.com

- “Interscholastic Officiating” and sport-specific courses
- Video and animation of NFHS Rules and Mechanics

Through the NFHS Central Hub at www.nfhs.org

- Searchable NFHS Rules and Case Books Database
- Other NFHS Publications, PDFs or 3D Manuals

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NFHS Rules App are available on iTunes and Google Play. E-books are available on iTunes and Amazon. Visit www.nfhs.org/erules

NFHS RULES APP: Features searchable, highlight notes, bookmarks, quizzes, easy navigation.

For Officials in 100% States:

1. **ONLINE EDUCATIONAL CONTENT.**

Access to NFHS centralized officiating educational content exclusively for high school officials.

- NFHS Central Hub
- Searchable NFHS Rules/Case Database
- Other NFHS Publications – PDF's or 3-D Manuals.
- Video & Animation of NFHS Rules and Mechanics.
- Feature Officiating Articles (OQ online or integrated articles on Central Hub)
- General NFHS Rules and Mechanics Educational Content

NFHS Learning Center:

- Sport-specific courses
- Video and Animation of NFHS Rules and Mechanics

2. ***INSURANCE COVERAGE.** Insurance coverage includes:

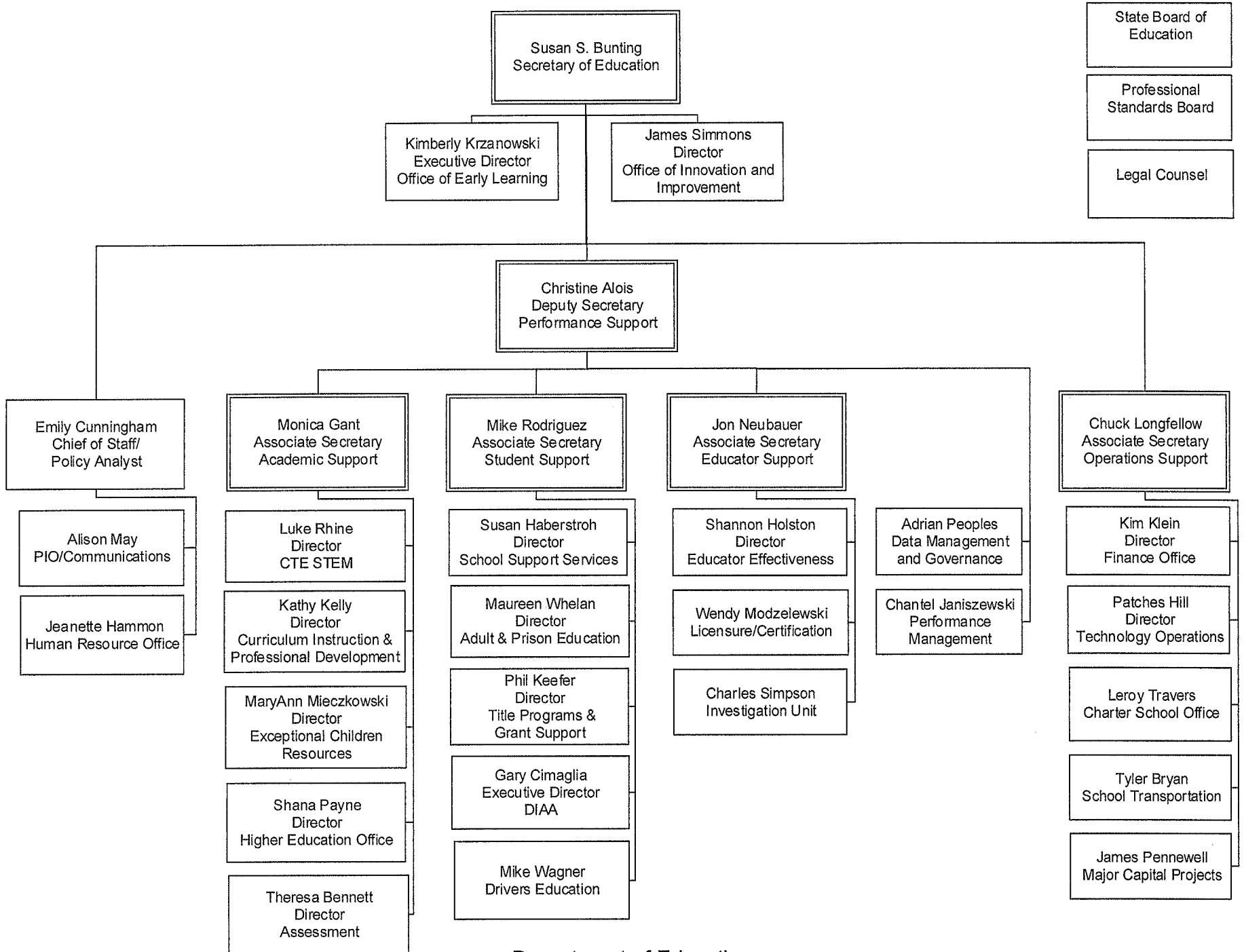
- Coverage for all levels of officiating (youth, recreational, adult and collegiate) in sports recognized by the state high school association
- Excess General Liability
 - \$2,000,000 per occurrence limit
 - \$5,000,000 aggregate limit
- Excess Accident Medical
 - \$50,000 accident medical/dental limit per injury
 - \$250 deductible per injury
 - \$2,000 limit for physical therapy and chiropractic treatment
 - \$2,500 accidental death & dismemberment benefit

3. **AWARDS PROGRAM.** First-class national awards and recognition program acknowledging officials at the state, sectional and national levels.

4. **NFHS COMMITTEES.** Representation on NFHS sport rules committees and standing committees. Nominations are submitted to the NFHS by the official's state high school association.

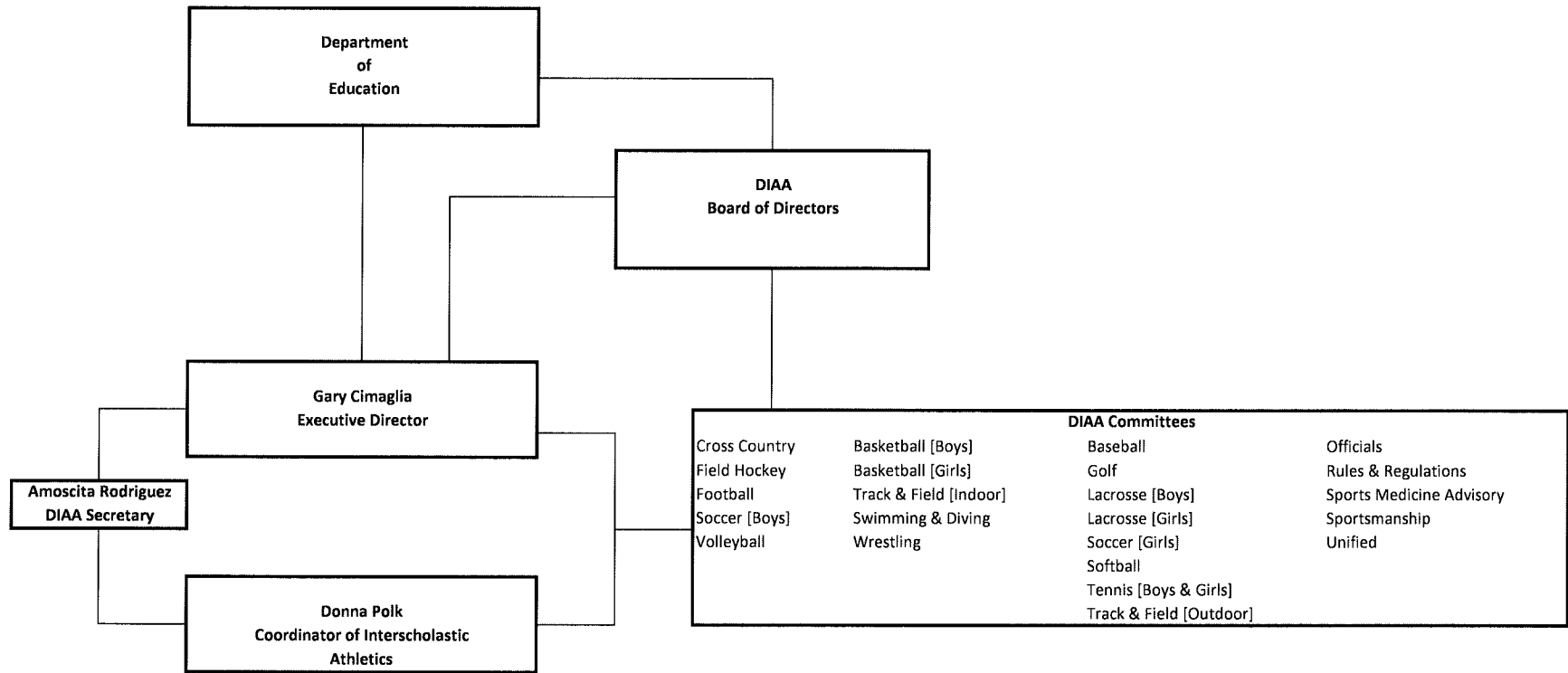
Fees:

100% State NFHS-OA Membership with *Insurance Coverage	*\$17.00 / per official
100% State NFHS-OA Membership without Insurance Coverage	\$10.00 / per official



Department of Education
Office of the Secretary
October 2019

DIAA Organizational Chart
As of 10-16-2019





DIAA Waiver Request Guidelines

The Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association has developed a set of regulations for the purpose of preserving the educational values of interscholastic athletics, promoting fair and equitable competition, and protecting the physical well-being of the participants. Special circumstances will, at times, indicate that an exception to the established rules and regulations is appropriate. To accommodate such situations, the DIAA has adopted a waiver procedure. **In addition to the guidelines below, please refer to DIAA Regulation 1006 Section 9.0 Waiver of DIAA Rules and Regulations while preparing your waiver request.**

General Guidelines:

- Waiver requests should be filed promptly when it becomes apparent to the student, parent(s), principal, headmaster, or other affected party that a waiver will be required. It is recommended that the school and the student and parent(s) work together to complete the Waiver Request Form.
- The Waiver Request Form must be signed by the principal or headmaster of the school requesting the waiver and must include a letter from the principal or headmaster indicating whether the school supports the waiver request.
- The waiver request shall contain all facts pertaining to the case. It is incumbent on the student and parent(s), with the assistance of the school, to provide sufficient documentation so that the DIAA Board can render an informed decision. Opinions and recommendations must be properly documented. Supporting materials could include medical reports, court orders, standardized test results, etc. depending on the nature of the request. **It is not the duty of the Executive Director or the DIAA Board to produce or collect information.** School personnel may call the DIAA office for assistance in completing the Waiver Request Form or for information about required supporting documentation.

Requirements for Eligibility Rule Waiver Requests

For waiver requests for eligibility rules (1008-2.0 & 1009-2.0), a complete waiver request includes the waiver form and the following required documentation:

- Official transcripts (6th Grade – current school year) and semester grades for the current school year;
- Attendance records (past 2 years);
- Letter from Principal or Head of School of the requesting school either supporting or not supporting the waiver request;
- Any documentation specifically required by the rule;
- Medical records (if applicable);
- Legal documentation (if applicable);
- IEP (if applicable); and
- Any documentation to substantiate a hardship exists.

For waiver requests involving 1008.2.4 or 1009.2.4, documentation of official withdrawal from the sending school and official registration or acceptance to the receiving school.

Requirements for Non-Eligibility Waiver Requests

For waiver requests of non-eligibility rules, the request must be in the form of a written letter or memorandum and signed by the principal or headmaster of the school. The letter or memorandum must contain sufficient data to make it possible for the DIAA Board to reach a decision without further investigation, including:

- the rule at issue;
- why the school is requesting a waiver of the rule; and
- the positions of other member schools that would be affected if the Board granted the request.

- The Waiver Request Form must be received by the Executive Director **at least 21 calendar days** before the next regularly scheduled meeting of the DIAA Board and include all required documentation in order to be placed on the agenda for that meeting.

2019 – 2020 DIAA Board Meeting Dates and Waiver Deadlines

Meeting Date	Deadline to Submit Waiver Request
July 11, 2019	June 20, 2019
August 8, 2019	July 18, 2019
September 12, 2019	August 22, 2019
October 10, 2019	September 19, 2019
November 14, 2019	October 24, 2019
December 12, 2019	November 21, 2019
January 16, 2020	<i>NO WAIVER HEARINGS</i>
February 13, 2020	January 23, 2020
March 12, 2020	February 20, 2020
April 9, 2020	March 19, 2020
May 14, 2020	April 23, 2020
June 11, 2020	May 21, 2020

- Once all information is received and reviewed in the DIAA Office, a hearing in front of the DIAA Board may be scheduled. The school and student will receive a scheduling letter that includes written notification of the date and time of the hearing. **The student and parent(s) must attend the meeting. A representative of the school is not required to attend.**
- Waiver hearings shall be conducted in an informal manner that affords all parties the opportunity to present all information and all relevant arguments. **The burden of proof rests on the applicant** (the student, his/her parents or guardians, principal, headmaster, or other affected party) to show extenuating circumstances warranting a waiver.
- The DIAA Board shall consider the entire record of the case in reaching its final decision. Typically, a decision will be made on a waiver request at the hearing and shall be effective immediately.

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Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association Waiver Request Form

All information should be typed or printed. This form is available on the DIAA website as a fillable PDF.

1. Please provide the following information concerning the student who is requesting the waiver:

Student's Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____
 Current School: _____ Date of Enrollment: _____
 Previous School: _____ Date of Withdrawal: _____
 Parent(s)/Legal Guardian's Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Telephone: _____ Email: _____
 (Best number to reach you during business hours.)

2. Please indicate what regulation on which you are requesting the DIAA Board to take action.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Section 2.1 Eligibility, Age
<input type="checkbox"/> Section 2.2 Eligibility, Residence
<input type="checkbox"/> Section 2.3 Eligibility, Enrollment & Attendance
<input type="checkbox"/> Section 2.4 Eligibility, Transfers | <input type="checkbox"/> Section 2.5 Eligibility, Amateur Status
<input type="checkbox"/> Section 2.6 Eligibility, Passing Work
<input type="checkbox"/> Section 2.7 Eligibility, Years of Participation
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify section) |
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3. Please indicate the sports for which you are requesting the waiver.

4. Provide a complete list of interscholastic sports the student has played (school teams). Include the appropriate levels of competition (middle school (6-8), freshman, junior varsity, and/or varsity):

Grade	School Year	School Attended	Fall Sport	Winter Sport	Spring Sport

5. Provide a complete list of any non-school athletics (club teams, etc.) on which the student has played.

Grade	School Year	Sport	Team Name	Coach

6. To aid the Board in making an informed decision, this request shall include:

- Official transcripts from 6th grade through most recent school year
- Most recent report card or grade report (if not included on transcripts)
- Attendance Records for the last two years
- Medical records (if applicable)
- IEP's (if applicable)
- Custody documents (if applicable)

Additional documentation is required if the waiver request is related to a transfer due to financial hardship. See DIAA Reg. 1008 or 1009 2.4.3.

7. Please indicate the school or school district representative who will be attending the DIAA Board of Directors meeting for the waiver request hearing.

Name _____ Title _____

Please initial below if no one from the school or school district is attending.

_____ No one will be attending the waiver request hearing from the school or school district.

School Representative's Signature: _____ Date: _____
(To acknowledge submission of the waiver request and confirm attendance/nonattendance)

8. Parent Signature

I acknowledge that that information set forth in this Waiver Request Form is accurate, complete and truthful.

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please complete numbers 9-11 below if the waiver is for Regulation 1008 or 1009 Section 2.4 Eligibility, Transfers

9. Please indicate your reasons for your transfer. Check all that apply. Please attach additional information as necessary.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Academic | <input type="checkbox"/> Financial |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

10. Certification of Principal or his/her designee of school to which student transferred (current school)

Upon my interviewing the personnel at my school and, if possible, the student and/or student's parents, I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge and information, the student's transfer was for the reasons indicated above and was not motivated in some way by an athletic purpose.

Principal's Name: _____ Date: _____

Principal's Signature: _____

11. Certification of Principal or his/her designee of school from which student transferred (previous school)

Upon my interviewing the personnel at my school and, if possible, the student and/or student's parents, I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge and information, the student's transfer was for the reasons indicated above and was not motivated in some way by an athletic purpose.

Principal's Name: _____ Date: _____

Principal's Signature: _____

In lieu of signature, a letter/email may be sent to Donna Polk, DIAA Coordinator of Athletics, stating the student's transfer was for the reasons indicated above and was not motivated in some way by an athletic purpose.

Submit the Waiver Request Form and all supporting documentation to:
Donna Polk, Coordinator of Athletics
Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association (DIAA)
35 Commerce Way, Suite 1, Dover, DE 19904
diao@doc.k12.de.us

SPONSOR: Rep. Ulbrich & Sen. DeLuca

Reps. Hudson, Valihura, DiLiberto, Keeley;
Sens. Bunting, Sokola, Still, Simpson

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
141st GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE BILL NO. 475
AS AMENDED BY
HOUSE AMENDMENT NO. 1
AND
SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO EDUCATION AND
INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE:

Section 1. Amend the third sentence of §122(b)(14), Title 14 of the Delaware Code by deleting the words "may delegate to a non-profit organization" and substituting in lieu thereof the following "shall delegate to the Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association".

Section 2. Amend §122 (b)(14) of Title 14 of the Delaware Code by inserting the words "between all public schools and such non-public schools as shall become member schools in the Delaware Interscholastic Association" between the words "athletics" and the period "." at the end of the first sentence thereof.

Section 3. Amend Title 14 of the Delaware Code by creating a new Chapter III as follows:

"CHAPTER III. DELAWARE INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

§301. Purpose.

There is hereby established the Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association. The Association is intended to preserve and promote the educational significance of interscholastic athletics; ensure that interscholastic sports remains compatible with the educational mission of the member schools; provide for fair competition between member schools; promote sportsmanship and ethical behavior; establish and enforce standards of conduct for athletes, coaches, administrator, officials and spectators; protect the physical well-being of athletes; and promote healthy adolescent lifestyles. To these ends, the General Assembly intends for the Association to work in consultation and cooperation with the Department of Education toward full implementation of this chapter.

§302. Definitions.

The following definitions apply to this chapter:

1. "Association" means the Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association.
2. "Board" means the Board of Directors of the Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association.
3. "Department" means the Delaware Department of Education.
4. "Member school" means a full or associate member school of the Association.
5. "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Delaware Department of Education.
6. "State Board" means the State Board of Education.

§303. Rules and regulations.

- a. The Association shall be a unit of the Department of Education. To these ends, the General Assembly intends for the Association to work in consultation and cooperation with the Department of Education in the development of rules and regulations relating to member school interscholastic athletics. The Association and the Department of Education are authorized to develop all necessary policies and procedures to implement the provisions of this Act.
- b. The Association in consultation and cooperation with the Department shall develop rules and regulations relating to secondary and middle school interscholastic athletics for schools in the State of Delaware. Such regulations shall include the regulation of athletic programs of all public schools in the State of Delaware and such non-public schools as may elect to become member or associate member schools as provided in regulations adopted pursuant to this chapter, eligibility of students to participate in interscholastic athletes, non-school competitions, coaches and sports officials of interscholastic sports in the State of Delaware, sanctioning of school team competitions, and other matters affecting interscholastic athletics in the State of Delaware. However, the Association shall not approve any rule or regulation that denies a student the right to simultaneously try out for, practice with, or participate in games on a team similar to the school team on which he or she is a member, except that such dual membership and participation on a similar team shall be authorized only upon written consent by the parent, custodian or guardian of the student. Such written consent shall clearly state the authority to participate on a particularly specified team of a designated organization or institution.
- c. The Association shall adopt rules and regulations as to which sports over which they have jurisdiction.

§304. Other duties, powers and authority.

The Board shall have such duties, powers and authority as may be necessary for the enforcement of this chapter and for the enforcement of the Department's rules and regulations made pursuant hereto, which shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. To establish annual membership fees;
2. To establish standing committees;
3. To determine the existence of violations of the rights and regulations by full and associate member schools and penalize violations by official reprimand, placement on probation, fine, suspension or other action as deemed appropriate;
4. To investigate, conduct hearings and take action on alleged violations committed by schools, athletes, coaches, administrators, officials or spectators of the Department's rules and regulations made pursuant hereto;
5. To interpret the Department's rules and regulations made pursuant hereto, conduct hearings and take action on requests for a waiver of the rules and regulations.

§305. Composition of the Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association.

- a. The Board shall consist of 17 voting members and one nonvoting member as follows:
 1. Two school district superintendents/assistant superintendents who shall be residents of different counties.
 2. Two representatives of school district boards of education who shall be residents of different counties.
 3. Three public school principals/assistant principals, 1 of which shall be from each county.

4. Two public school athletic directors/coaches who shall be residents of different counties.
5. Two non-public school representatives of which 1 shall be a secondary school administrator and 1 shall either be a secondary school athletic director or coach.
6. One Department of Education representative, which may be the Secretary of Education or his/her designee, who shall be the nonvoting member.
7. Six public members of which 2 shall be from each county. The public members shall be residents of Delaware for a minimum of 3 years, shall be knowledgeable about athletics, but shall not be employees of any member school or have a material financial interest in providing goods or services to the Association or any member school.
 - a. Voting board members shall be appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate. The Governor shall take into consideration geographic representation, knowledge of athletics in general and an interest in high school athletics in deciding whether or not to appoint a nominee.
 - b. All members of the Board, with the exception of the Secretary of Education or his/her designee, who shall be a permanent member, shall be appointed for a three-year term. The terms of the members of the Board shall be staggered so that the terms of no more than 6 members shall expire in any given year. Board members shall be paid \$100.00 per meeting.
 - c. Every person who is a member of the Board of Directors of the Delaware Secondary School Athletic Association shall continue to serve on the new Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association's Board until the scheduled expiration of that person's term unless replaced by the Governor before the scheduled expiration of his or her term. Any vacancy occurring in the membership of the former Board shall be filled in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.
 - d. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the Governor shall appoint to the initial Board 2 public members, one whose principal place of residence is in New Castle County and one whose principal place of residence is in Kent County, whose term shall expire 1 year after the members' initial appointment; 2 public members, one whose principal place of residence is in New Castle County and one whose principal place of residence is in Sussex County, whose term shall expire 2 years after the members' initial appointment; and 2 public members, one whose principal place of residence is in Kent County and one whose principal place of residence is in Sussex County, whose term shall expire 3 years after the members' initial appointment. At each annual appointment made after the initial classification and appointment of these 6 public members, the appointment shall be for a full term of 3 years to succeed the member whose term has expired.
 - e. A member of the Board shall serve until his or her successor is appointed. A member appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve for the remainder of the term of the member whom he or she replaces.
 - f. A person who has never served on the Board may be appointed to the Board 2 consecutive times, but no such person shall thereafter be eligible for 2 consecutive appointments. No person who has been twice appointed to the Board, or who has served on the Board for 6 years within any 9-year period, shall again be appointed to the Board until an interim period of at least 1 term has expired since such person last served.
 - g. Any act or vote by a person appointed in violation of subsection (g) of this section shall be invalid. An amendment or revision of this chapter is not sufficient cause for any appointment or attempted appointment in violation of subsection (g) of this section, unless such amendment or revision amends this section to permit such an appointment.

- h. No school district or non-public school shall have more than one member on the Board.
- i. A member who fails to attend 3 consecutive meetings, unless excused for good cause by a majority of the members of the Board, or fails to attend at least half of all regular business meetings of the Board during any calendar year or who ceases to be a resident of the county in which such member resided when appointed to the board shall automatically upon such occurrence be deemed to have resigned from office and a replacement shall be appointed.

§306. Quorum and voting.

A majority of the members of the Board shall constitute a quorum. No motion, resolution or other act of the Association may be adopted without agreement of the majority of the whole Board.

§307. Chairperson; Administration.

- a. The Board shall elect annually from its members a Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and such other officers as it may deem necessary. In the event of a vacancy in 1 of the officers, a replacement shall be elected at the next Board meeting or a meeting called for that purpose.
- b. The Association shall hire an Executive Director to work in collaboration with the Department of Education. The Executive Director shall be an employee of the Department and receive compensation commensurate with the Department salary scale at the Education Associate level.
- c. There shall be a Secretary who is employed by the Department of Education, and who shall serve as staff for the Association and the Department of Education. The Secretary shall receive compensation commensurate with the Department salary scales and shall be evaluated according to Department policies and procedures. The Secretary of Education shall employ other such employees as provided in the budget.
- d. The Executive Director shall become a bona fide resident of the State within 6 months following his or her date of hire.

§308. Meetings of the Association.

- a. The Association shall hold regularly scheduled meetings at least once a month and at such other times as the chairperson deems necessary or at the request of a majority of the Board members.
- b. The Board shall meet at such place within the state as it may from time to time determine. The place for each meeting shall be determined prior to giving notice of such meeting.
- c. Notice of all meetings of the Board shall be given in the manner prescribed by law.
- d. Board meetings and hearings shall be open to the public in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 100, Title 29 of this Code.
- e. Minutes of all meetings shall be recorded and copies shall be maintained by the Association at the offices of the Department of Education. At any hearing in which evidence is presented, a record from which a verbatim transcript can be prepared shall be made and the expense of preparing any transcript shall be incurred by the person requesting the transcript.
- f. Board decisions in cases involving requests for waivers will be released in writing within 20 days from the date of hearing.

§309. Secretary; Powers and Duties.

The Association shall be a unit of the Department of Education. The Secretary of Education shall promulgate any rules and regulations necessary to the establishing of the Association as such a unit.

§310. Payment of expenses; deposits of receipt.

A special fund is hereby created and shall be known as the "Secondary Interscholastic Athletic Fund". The expenses of the Association shall be paid from this Special Fund. Any appropriations made to the Department by the General Assembly for the Association shall be allocated to this Fund. The Association shall be authorized to receive state appropriations, federal monies, membership dues, tournament revenues, fees, fines, officials dues, merchandising and licensing revenue, and interest. The Association is authorized to establish special fund accounts for the purposes of tracking revenue and these accounts shall be interest bearing and not subject to reversion. The Association is exempt from the state bid laws and Division of Accounting regulations. The Department of Education shall authorize and approve all Association expenditures.

§311. Annual Report.

The Association in consultation and cooperation with the Department of Education shall make an annual report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before January 31 in each year.

§312. Appeals of Decisions by the Association.

The Association shall decide on all controversies involving the rules and regulations, including any waiver thereof, adopted pursuant to this chapter. Any party to such a controversy may appeal to the State Board by setting forth such grievance in a petition which shall be served upon the Executive Director of the Association by certified or registered mail within 30 days after receiving notice of the decision. The State Board shall provide by rules and regulations for adequate procedures for the hearing of any such appeal and shall decide the controversy. All such appeals shall be on the record and the State Board shall overturn the Association's decision only if it decides that the Association's decision was not supported by substantial evidence, or was arbitrary or capricious. The decision of the State Board shall be final and not subject of further appeal."

Section 4. No later than 30 days following the effective date of this Act, The Delaware Secondary School Athletic Association shall transfer to the special fund created by this Act all funds obtained by the Association in the exercise of the authority formally granted to it to implement the rules and regulations of the Department relating to interscholastic athletics.

Section 5. Any rules and regulations of the Department relating to interscholastic athletics which were adopted prior to the effective date of this Act shall remain in full force and effect until otherwise modified in accordance with Delaware law; provided, however, that if any rule or regulation heretofore adopted shall conflict with any of the provisions of this Act, the language contained in this Act shall prevail over that contained in such rule or regulation.

Section 6. This Act shall take effect upon enactment.



SPONSOR: Rep. Valihura & Sen. Sokola;
Reps. Hudson, Maier, Longhurst, Schooley; Sens.
Bunting, McDowell, Bonini, Connor

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
144th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE SUBSTITUTE NO. 1

FOR

HOUSE BILL NO. 416

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE DELAWARE
INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE:

1 Section 1. Amend § 305(a), Chapter 3, Title 14 of the Delaware Code by deleting the phrase “17 voting members”
2 and replacing thereto with the phrase “19 voting members”.

3 Section 2. Amend § 305(a)(2), Chapter 3, Title 14 of the Delaware Code by deleting the word “Two” and
4 replacing thereto with the word “Three”.

5 Section 3. Further Amend § 305(a), Chapter 3, Title 14 of the Delaware Code by inserting a new subsection “(7)”
6 to read as follows:

7 “(7) One (1) physician licensed by the Delaware Board of Medical Practices knowledgeable about sports
8 medicine.”.

9 Section 4. Further Amend § 305(a), Chapter 3, Title 14 of the Delaware Code by renumbering existing subsection
10 “(7)” as subsection “(8)”.

11 Section 5. Amend § 305(c), Chapter 3, Title 14 of the Delaware Code by inserting after the words “permanent
12 member” in the first sentence thereof the following: “, and the licensed physician, who shall serve at the pleasure of the
13 Governor”.

14 Section 6. Further Amend § 305(c), Chapter 3, Title 14 of the Delaware Code by inserting prior to the period “.”
15 at the end of the first sentence thereof the following:

16 “, provided, however, that the Governor may appoint members to terms less than three (3) years if necessary to
17 ensure that the Board members’ terms remain appropriately staggered”.

18 Section 7. Further Amend § 305(c), Chapter 3, Title 14 of the Delaware Code by inserting at the beginning of the
19 second sentence thereof the following: “The Governor shall strive to assure that,” and by changing the 9th word in the

20 sentence, “shall” to “are” and striking the 10th word in the sentence “be”; deleting the number “6” in the second sentence
21 and replacing it with the number “7”.

22 Section 8. Amend § 305(d) and (e), Chapter 3, Title 14 of the Delaware Code by striking each subsection in its
23 entirety and renumbering the remaining subsections accordingly.

24 Section 9. Amend new § 305(f), Chapter 3, Title 14 of the Delaware Code by deleting all references to the phrase
25 “subsection (g)” and substituting in lieu thereof the phrase “subsection (e)”.

26 Section 10. Amend § 306, Chapter 3, Title 14 of the Delaware Code by deleting that section in its entirety and
27 substituting in lieu thereof a new “§ 306” to read as follows:

28 “§ 306. Quorum and Voting.

29 A majority of the voting members of the Board shall constitute a quorum. A quorum must be present to pass any
30 motion or resolution. No motion, resolution or other act of the Association to adopt or amend the Association’s budget or
31 rules and regulations may be adopted without agreement of the majority of the voting members of the Board. All other
32 motions, resolutions or acts of the Association shall require a simple majority of the voting members present in order to
33 pass.”.

SYNOPSIS

This Bill will enable the Governor to assure terms of the DIAA Board of Directors are staggered by appointing members to terms of less than three years as needed. The Bill also adds a licensed medical physician to the Board as a voting member to serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The Bill adds a third school board member to the DIAA Board in order to maintain an odd number of voting members. The Bill removes two sections of the law no longer necessary. The Bill revises voting procedures to allow a simple majority of voting members to approve specific motions



SPONSOR: Sen. Hall-Long & Sen. Booth, Reps. Walker, & Lee
Sens. Henry, Blevins, Sokola, Ennis, Sorenson, Simpson, Katz,
Bushweller, Reps. Ramone, Bennett, Jaques, B. Short, Mitchell,
Briggs King, Hudson, Viola, Manolakos, Osienski, Heffernan

DELAWARE STATE SENATE

146th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE BILL NO. 111
AS AMENDED BY
SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE DELAWARE INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION.

WHEREAS, a concussion is a type of brain injury which changes the way the brain normally functions; and

WHEREAS, recognizing and responding to concussions when they first occur helps to aid recovery and to prevent prolonged concussion symptoms, chronic brain damage or even death; and

WHEREAS, a recent study estimated that more than 40 percent of high school athletes return to participate in school athletics before they have fully recovered from these serious head injuries; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 400,000 high school athletes sustained concussions while participating in five major male and four major female sports during the 2005-2008 school years; and

WHEREAS, the number of youth athletes taken to emergency rooms with sports-related concussions has doubled during the 10 year period from 1997 to 2007; and

WHEREAS, among youth aged 14 to 19, emergency room visits for concussions sustained during team sports more than tripled over the same period; and

WHEREAS, eight states have adopted similar concussion-awareness and prevention laws; and

WHEREAS, the National Football League and the National Athletic Trainers' Association have announced a joint effort to promote legislation to raise awareness and protect youth athletes from the risk of concussions; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates 1.6 to 3.8 million sports and recreation related concussions occur in the United States each year; and

WHEREAS, an athlete should return to sports activities under the supervision of an appropriate health care professional; and

WHEREAS, the State Council for Persons with Disabilities (SCPD) Brain Injury Committee's mission is to promote a consumer-oriented, effective injury and prevention service delivery system; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education and the SCPD regularly work in consultation regarding regulations and policies that impact students; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education has worked in consultation with the SCPD Brain Injury Committee in reviewing the Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association's (DIAA) current concussion policy; and

WHEREAS, the Department is encouraged to continue to work in consultation with recognized experts including the SCPD Brain Injury Committee and the Brain Injury Association of Delaware in developing, reviewing, and updating their concussion policies;

NOW THEREFORE:

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE:

Section 1. AMEND §303, Chapter 3, Title 14 of the Delaware Code by inserting a new subsection (d) as follows:

“(d) The Association shall adopt rules and regulations applicable to member schools regarding the appropriate recognition and management of student athletes exhibiting signs or symptoms consistent with a concussion. The rules and regulations shall include, but not be limited to, the following requirements which shall be effective no later than the 2012-2013 school year:

(1) Each student athlete and the athlete’s parent or guardian shall annually sign and return a concussion information sheet designed by the Association prior to the athlete initiating practice or competition.

(2) Each coach shall complete concussion training consistent with a timetable and curriculum established by the Association.

(3) A student athlete shall be promptly removed from play if the athlete is suspected of sustaining a concussion or exhibits signs or symptoms of concussion until completion of assessment by a qualified healthcare professional or medical clearance.

(4) Written clearance for return to play after a concussion shall be from a qualified physician (Doctor of Medicine or Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine) only.”



SPONSOR: Sen. Hall-Long & Sen. Cloutier & Sen. Townsend & Rep. Ramone
Sens. Ennis, Hocker, Lopez, Peterson, Sokola, Venables, Bonini; Reprs. Briggs King, Dukes, Heffernan, Hudson, Jaques, J. Johnson, Keeley, Potter, D. Short, Wilson

DELAWARE STATE SENATE
147th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE BILL NO. 205

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO STUDENT ATHLETES.

1 WHEREAS, almost 400,000 people in the US suffer from Sudden Cardiac Arrest (“SCA”) each year yet less than
2 10% survive; and

3 WHEREAS, nationwide, SCA is the number one cause of death of student athletes while participating in athletic
4 practices and contests; and

5 WHEREAS, educating parents, students, coaches and officials about the symptoms and risk factors of sudden
6 cardiac arrest is an important factor in helping prevent and respond to a SCA event; and

7 WHEREAS, the Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association (“DIAA”) governs interscholastic athletics and is
8 able to work in concert with experts and other agencies in the developing guidelines and sharing vital potentially lifesaving
9 information and educational materials on SCA with student athletes, their parents and coaches.

10 NOW, THEREFORE:

11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE:

12 Section 1. Amend §303, Title 14 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike through and
13 insertions as shown by underline as follows:

14 § 303 Rules and regulations.

15 (e) The Association shall, adopt rules and regulations applicable to member schools regarding student athletes
16 and awareness, recognition, and management of sudden cardiac arrest which shall be effective no later than the 2015-2016
17 school year. The Association, either through rules and regulations or policy adopted pursuant thereto, at a minimum, shall:

18 (1) Develop and make publicly available a sudden cardiac arrest information sheet that includes
19 information regarding the nature and warning signs of sudden cardiac arrest;

20 (2) Prior to participating in practice or competition, require each student athlete and the athlete's parent or
21 guardian, sign and return a sudden cardiac arrest information sheet designed by the Association;

- 22 (3) Require each student athlete to complete a heart history questionnaire as part of the pre-participation
23 physical examination;
- 24 (4) Hold a current cardiopulmonary resuscitation (“CPR”) certification for all school appointed head
25 coaches, which includes training on the use of an automated external defibrillator; and
- 26 (5) Present to coaches and officials Sudden Cardiac Arrest awareness information.

SYNOPSIS

This bill outlines procedures for dealing with Sudden Cardiac Arrest in student athletes. This legislation will be known as the Grace Firestone Act.

Author: Senator Hall-Long



SPONSOR: Rep. Jaques & Sen. Simpson & Sen. Sokola
Reps. Miro, Mitchell, Smyk; Sens. Hocker, Lopez, Walsh

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
149th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE BILL NO. 98
AS AMENDED BY
HOUSE AMENDMENT NO. 1

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE DELAWARE
INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE:

Section 1. Amend Section 312 , Title 14 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike through and insertions as shown by underline as follows and redesignating accordingly:

§ 312. Appeals of decisions by the Association.

The Association shall decide on all controversies involving the rules and regulations, including any waiver thereof, adopted pursuant to this chapter, and any waiver of the ineligibility in Section 410(a) of Title 14 of the Delaware Code. Any party to such a controversy may appeal to the state Board by setting forth such grievance in a petition which shall be served upon the Executive Director of the Association by certified or registered mail within 30 days after receiving notice of the decision. The state Board shall provide by rules and regulations for adequate procedures for the hearing of any such appeal and shall decide the controversy. All such appeals shall be on the record, and the state Board shall overturn the Association's decision only if it decides that the Association's decision was not supported by substantial evidence or was arbitrary or capricious. The decision of the state Board shall be final and not subject to further appeal.

Section 2. Amend Section 410, Title 14 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike through and insertions as shown by underline as follows and redesignating accordingly:

§ 410. Interscholastic sports.

(a) A student enrolled in grades 10 through 12, inclusive, in a receiving ~~district~~ local education agency shall not be eligible to participate in interscholastic athletic contests or competitions during the 1st year of enrollment in any receiving ~~district~~ local education agency if the student was enrolled in a different receiving ~~district~~ local education agency during the preceding school year unless the interscholastic sport in which the student wishes to participate is not offered in the receiving ~~district~~ local education agency in which the student was enrolled in the previous school year.

(b) The Board of Directors of the Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association may waive the ineligibility in Section 410(a) of this Title if the Board of Directors determine, in accordance with its rules and regulations, that the standards for granting a waiver have been met.

(c) A waiver of Section 410(a) of this Title is not required for a student who transfers to and enrolls in grades 10 through 12 in a receiving local education agency that is a charter school:

(1) in the charter school's first year of operation; or

(2) in the charter school's first year of serving grades 10, 11, or 12.



SPONSOR: Sen. Poore & Rep. Jaques & Rep. Ramone
Sens. Ennis, Hansen, Sokola, Walsh; Reps. Mitchell,
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DELAWARE STATE SENATE
149th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 79

DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE DELAWARE INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, TO PROMULGATE REGULATIONS THAT PERMIT COACHES TO COACH ATHLETES OUT OF SEASON, WITH RESTRICTIONS THAT MINIMIZE THE RISK OF UNETHICAL ACTIVITY.

1 WHEREAS, the nature of youth athletics have changed so that youth often participate in the same sport
2 throughout the year; and

3 WHEREAS, student athletes should have the opportunity to work with coaches the student athletes believe will
4 develop their skills and support their athletic goals; and

5 WHEREAS, the State Public Integrity Commission has issued Advisory Opinions stating that a public school
6 coach violates the State Employees', Officers' and Officials' Code of Conduct if the coach provides out of season
7 instruction for pay for returning members of the varsity or sub-varsity teams of the school where the coach works as a
8 coach; and

9 WHEREAS, the goal of this Senate Concurrent Resolution is to support the ability for student athletes to work
10 with a coach they believe will develop their skills and support their athletic goals, while still protecting the integrity of
11 education-based athletics; and

12 WHEREAS, because of the changed nature of youth athletics, states such as Maryland and West Virginia now
13 allow public school coaches to provide instruction, with or without pay, to students they coach under limited circumstances
14 that include organized camps, clinics, leagues, lessons, and clubs supervised by a member of an overreaching national
15 program or organization that is not affiliated with a resident school, such as the Amateur Athletic Union ("AAU"), Olympic
16 Development Program ("ODP"), United State of America Volleyball ("USAV"), and United States of America Track and
17 Field ("USATF"); and

18 WHEREAS, Delaware athletes are at a disadvantage when competing against youth from other states because the
19 Delaware coaches cannot coach their students out of season.

20 NOW, THEREFORE:

21 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the 149th General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the House of
22 Representative concurring therein, that the Department of Education, with the assistance of the Delaware Interscholastic

23 Athletic Association, is directed to promulgate regulations that permit coaches to coach student athletes out of season, with
24 restrictions that minimize the risk of unethical activity.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education and the Delaware Interscholastic Athletic
26 Association should consider model guidelines from other states, including rules regarding the number of athletes who can
27 be coached, no contact periods, the amount of contact time, and enforcing compliance by organizations.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education and the Delaware Interscholastic Athletic
29 Association should specifically address all of the following in drafting the regulations under this Resolution:

- 30 (1) No contact periods.
- 31 (2) Programs and activities in which high school coaches may work with returning student athletes.
- 32 (3) Programs and activities in which high school coaches may not work with returning student athletes.
- 33 (4) Out of Season coaching, including all of the following:
 - 34 a. Terms under which a coach may provide instruction to non-school teams which are affiliated and in
35 good-standing with an overseeing national organization such as AAU, ODP, USAV, or USATF, but
36 which do not have a direct affiliation with a coach's school.
 - 37 b. Compensation for coaching non-school teams.
 - 38 c. The percentage of returning student athletes allowed for the starting lineup of non-school teams,
39 for each sport.
 - 40 d. Terms under which a coach may provide instruction to returning student athletes at clinics,
41 lessons, and camps not affiliated with the member school.
 - 42 e. Compensation for instruction at clinics, lessons, and camps not affiliated with the member school.
- 43 (5) When a high school coach is permitted or prohibited from working with returning student athletes at
44 out of season programs and activities, addressing all of the following:
 - 45 a. When a coach may provide instruction at clinics, lessons, and camps that include returning student
46 athletes but are not affiliated with the member school.
 - 47 b. Coach compensation for instructing at clinics, lessons, and camps that include returning student
48 athletes but are not affiliated with the member school.
 - 49 c. Conditions under which a coach may work with a returning student athlete, at an athlete's request,
50 including the maximum number of returning players and the maximum amount of time.

51 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education shall publish the proposed regulations
52 developed under this Resolution no later than October 1, 2018.

SYNOPSIS

This Senate Concurrent Resolution directs the Department of Education, with the assistance of the Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association, to promulgate regulations that permit coaches to coach student athletes out of season, with restrictions that minimize the risk of unethical activity.

Author: Senator Poore

Executive Sessions for DIAA Board of Director's Meeting

For all of the Executive Sessions below, unless otherwise noted, The Board intends to move into executive session to discuss the contents of a pupil file, the disclosure of which would constitute an invasion of personal privacy.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Executive Session</u>	<u>Reason</u>
July 11, 2019	Request to waive 1009.2.4. by Red Lion, 2019-7-1 C. Request to waive 1009.2.4. by MOT Charter, 2019-7-2 Executive Director Hiring Update RLCA Investigation	The Board intends to enter into executive session to discuss a personnel matter
June 13, 2019	Request to waive 1009.2.4. by Padua – 2019-6-1 Request to waive 1009.2.4. by Middletown HS – 2019-6-2 Request to waive 1009.2.7. by Sussex Central HS – 2019-6-3 RLCA Investigation	The Board intends to move into executive session for the purpose of discussing documents excluded from the definition of public record under 29 Del. C. § 10002(j).
May 9, 2019	Request to waive 1009.2.4. by Saint Elizabeth – 2019-5-1 Request to waive 1009.2.1. by Milford HS – 2019-5-3	
April 11, 2019	Request to waive 1009.2.4. by Caravel – 2019-4-1 Request to waive 1009.2.7.5.3. by Red Lion – 2019-4-2 Request to waive 1009.2.4. by Glasgow – 2019-4-3 Request to waive NFHS Softball Rule by William Penn High School – 2019-4-5	
January 17, 2019	Request to Waive 1009.2.7 by Milford HS – 2019-1	
December 13, 2018	Request to waive 1009.2.4. by Wilmington Christian – 2018-12-1	
November 8, 2018	Request to waive 1009.2.4. by Cape Henlopen HS 2018-11-1 Request to waive 1009.2.4. by Al duPont HS 2018-11-2	
October 11, 2018	Request to waive 1008.2.7.2.3. by Caravel Academy, 2018-9-5. Request to waive 1009.2.4. by Appoquinimink HS, 2018-10-1 Request to waive 1008.2.7. by Georgetown MS, 2018-10-2 Request to waive 1009.7.5. by Padua Academy, 2018-10-3	
September 13, 2018	Request to waive 1009.2.4. by St Elizabeths HS 2018- 9 -1 Request to waive 1009.2.4. by Newark HS 2018- 9 – 2 Request to waive 1009.2.7. by Newark HS 2018 – 9 – 3	
July 12, 2018	Request to waive 1009.2.4. by Caravel - 2018-7-1	
June 14, 2018	Request by Red Clay and Colonial School Districts to waive 1008.4.3.1.	
April 12, 2018	Request to waive 1009.2.1. by Indian River	
March 8, 2018	Request to waive 1009.2.4 by Sussex Tech – 2018-3-1 Request to waive 1009.2.7.5.3 by Laurel HS. – 2018-3-2 Request to waive 1009.2.7.5.3 by Wilmington Friends – 2018-3-3 Request to waive 1009.2.4 by Sussex Central HS.– 2018-3-4	
January 18, 2018	Request to waive 1009.2.4 by Smyrna HS – 2017-12-2	
December 14, 2017	Request to waive 1009.2.7 by McKean HS – 2017-12-1 Request to waive 1009.2.4 by Smyrna HS – 2017 – 12 -2 Request to waive 1009.2.7.3.3. by Caravel Academy – 2017-12-3 Request to waive 1009.2.7 by Charter 2017- 12 – 4 Request to waive 1009.2.4 by Seaford 2017- 12 -5	
November 9, 2017	Request to waive 1009.2.4 by Cape Henlopen HS – 2017-11-1	
October 12, 2017	Request to waive 1009.2.4 by Mt. Pleasant 2017-10-1 Request to waive 1009.2.7 by Glasgow 2017-10-2 Request to waive 1009.2.4 by Caravel Academy – 2017-9-1 Request to waive 1008.2.7 by Woodbridge Middle School 2017-10-3	
September 14, 2017	Request to waive 1009.2.4 by Caravel Academy – 2017-9-1 Request to waive 1009.2.4 by Concord HS – 2017-9-2	
August 10, 2017	Request to waive 1009.2.4 by Milford HS – 2017 8-1 Request to waive 1009.2.7 by Al DuPont HS – 2017 8-2 Request to waive 1009.2.7. by Newark HS– 2017 8-3 2. Request to waive 1009.2.4. by Cape Henlopen HS– 2017 8-4	
July 13, 2017	Request to Waive 1009.2.7 by Glasgow High School 2017-7-1 Report by Investigator of AI/DMA Basketball Game	The Board intends to move into executive session for the purpose of discussing documents excluded from the definition of “public record” in 29 Del. C. Section 10002.

Executive Sessions for DIAA Board of Director's Meeting

For all of the Executive Sessions below, unless otherwise noted, The Board intends to move into executive session to discuss the contents of a pupil file, the disclosure of which would constitute an invasion of personal privacy.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Executive Session</u>	<u>Reason</u>
June 8, 2017	Request to Waive 1009.2.4 by Wilmington Christian School 2017-6-1	
April 13, 2017	Request to Waive 1009.2.4 by Delmar HS DIAA 2017-4-2 Request to Waive 1009.2.4 by McKean HS DIAA 2017-4-3 Request to Waive 1009.2.4 by Middletown HS DIAA 2017-2-7 2. Request to Waive 1009.2.4 by Dover HS DIAA 2017-4-1 3. Request to Waive 1009.2.4 by Wilmington Friends DIAA 2017-4-4	
December 8, 2016	Request to Waive 1008.2.1 -- by Smyrna Middle School 2016-12-1 Request to Waive 1009.2.7.3 by Tower Hill 2016-12-2 Request to Waive 1009.2.7.3 by Tower Hill 2016-12-3 Request to Waive 1009.2.4 by Mt. Pleasant HS 2016-12-4 Request to Waive 1009.2.3.4 by Mt. Pleasant HS 2016-12-5 2. Request to Waive 1009.2.4 by Sussex Central HS 2016-12-6 3. Request to Waive 1009.2.4 by St. Mark's HS 2016-12-7 4. Request to Waive 1009.2.4 by Dickinson HS 2016-12-8 5. Request to Waive 1009.2.4 by Padua Academy 2016-12-9 6. Request to Waive 1009.2.7 by Appoquinimink HS 2016-12-10	
November 10, 2016	Request to Waive 1009.2.4 by Smyrna HS for DIAA 2016-11-1 Request to Waive 1009.2.4 by Al duPont HS for DIAA 2016-11-2 Request to Waive 1009.2.4 by Al duPont HS for DIAA 2016-11-3 Request to Waive 1009.2.4 by Delmarva Christian School for DIAA 2016-11-4 Request to Waive 1009.2.4 by William Penn HS for DIAA 2016-11-5 Request to Waive 1009.2.4 by First State Military for DIAA 2016-11-7 Request to Waive 1009.2.4 by Glasgow High School for DIAA 2016-11-6 Request to Waive 1009.2.7 by St. Thomas More Academy for DIAA 2016-11-9	
October 13, 2016	Request to Waive 1009.2.7 by Cape Henlopen HS for DIAA 2016-10-1 Request to Waive 1009.2.4 by William Penn HS for DIAA 2016-10-2 Request to Waive 1009.2.4 by Smyrna HS for DIAA 2016-10-3 Request to Waive 1009.2.4 by Polytech HS for DIAA 2016-10-4 Request to Waive 1009.2.4 by The Tatnall School for DIAA 2016-10-5 Request to Waive 1009.2.4 by Smyrna HS for DIAA 2016-10-6 Request to Waive 1009.2.4.7 by First State Military Academy for DIAA 2016-10-7 Request to Waive 1009.2.4.7 by Appoquinimink HS for DIAA 2016-10-8 Request to Waive 1009.2.1.1 by Mt. Pleasant HS for DIAA 2016-10-9 Request to Waive 1009.2.4 by Red Lion Christian Academy for DIAA 2016-10-10 Request to Waive 1009.2.4 by First State Military Academy for DIAA 2016-10-11 Request to Waive 1009.2.4 by First State Military Academy for DIAA 2016-10-12 Request to Waive 1009.2.4 by First State Military Academy for DIAA 2016-10-13 Request to Waive 1009.2.4 by Archmere Academy for DIAA 2016-10-14	

**Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association
DIAA FINANCIAL REPORT
July 2018 through June 2019**

	Jul '19 - June '20	Budget	Budget +/-	Encumbered Funds
Jt 018 Balance				962,951.38
Primary Income/Expense				
Income				
Fall Sports				
95608 Fall Cross Country	0.00	4,000.00	-4,000.00	
95610 Fall Field Hockey	0.00	29,000.00	-29,000.00	
95611 Fall Football	0.00	170,000.00	-170,000.00	
95615 Fall Soccer	0.00	35,000.00	-35,000.00	
95638 Fall Volleyball	0.00	53,000.00	-53,000.00	
Total Fall Sports	0.00	291,000.00	-291,000.00	
Winter Sports				
95605 Winter Boys' Basketball	0.00	138,000.00	-138,000.00	
95606 Winter Girls Basketball	0.00	66,000.00	-66,000.00	
95624 Winter Individual Wrestling	0.00	29,000.00	-29,000.00	
95619 Winter Swimming	0.00	29,000.00	-29,000.00	
95646 Winter Team Wrestling	0.00	14,000.00	-14,000.00	
95635 Winter Track	0.00	10,000.00	-10,000.00	
Total Winter Sports	0.00	286,000.00	-286,000.00	
Spring Sports				
95634 Spring B Lacrosse	0.00	25,000.00	-25,000.00	
95604 Spring Baseball	0.00	32,000.00	-32,000.00	
95637 Spring G Lacrosse	0.00	12,000.00	-12,000.00	
95616 Spring G SOC	0.00	23,000.00	-23,000.00	
95612 Spring Golf	0.00	2,500.00	-2,500.00	
95617 Spring Softball	0.00	16,500.00	-16,500.00	
95620 Spring Tennis	0.00	3,000.00	-3,000.00	
95632 Spring Track	0.00	16,000.00	-16,000.00	
Total Spring Sports	0.00	130,000.00	-130,000.00	
99767 Interest Income	4,583.29	10,000.00	-5,416.71	
99533 Corporate Contracts/NFHS Network	0.00	115,000.00	-115,000.00	
95466 Member Dues	0.00	88,000.00	-88,000.00	
95116 Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00	
95237 DIAA Student Leadership	0.00	0.00	0.00	
95628 Officials Dues	7,932.00	30,000.00	-22,068.00	
Total Income	12,515.29	950,000.00	-937,484.71	
Expense				
Fall Sports Expense				
95608 Fall Cross Country Exp	0.00	3,000.00	-3,000.00	0.00
95610 Fall Field Hockey Exp	0.00	15,000.00	-15,000.00	0.00
95611 Fall Football Exp	115.09	65,000.00	-64,884.91	0.00
95615 Fall Soccer Exp	100.00	14,000.00	-13,900.00	0.00
95638 Fall Volleyball Exp	92.48	29,000.00	-28,907.52	0.00
Total Fall Sports Expense	307.57	126,000.00	-125,692.43	0.00
Winter Sport Expense				
95605 Winter B Basketball Exp	2,063.07	70,000.00	-67,936.93	659.59
95606 Winter G Basketball Exp	0.00	45,000.00	-45,000.00	779.89
95624 Winter Individual Wrestling Exp	992.30	18,000.00	-17,007.70	0.00
95619 Winter Swimming Exp	671.25	22,000.00	-21,328.75	0.00
95646 Winter Team Wrestling Exp	0.00	10,000.00	-10,000.00	0.00
95635 Winter Track Exp	0.00	9,000.00	-9,000.00	0.00
Total Winter Sport Expense	3,726.62	174,000.00	-170,273.38	1,439.48
Spring Sports Expense				
95634 Spring B Lacrosse Exp	4,056.60	20,000.00	-15,943.40	0.00
95604 Spring Baseball Exp	3,408.00	18,000.00	-14,592.00	0.00
95637 Spring G Lacrosse Exp	3,825.42	8,000.00	-4,174.58	0.00
95616 Spring G SOC Exp	0.00	12,000.00	-12,000.00	0.00
95612 Spring Golf Exp	0.00	2,000.00	-2,000.00	0.00
95617 Spring Softball Exp	0.00	10,000.00	-10,000.00	0.00

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	<u>Jul '19 - June '20</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget +/-</u>	<u>Encumbered Funds</u>
95620 Spring Tennis Exp	125.00	2,000.00	-1,875.00	0.00
95632 Spring Track Exp	0.00	15,000.00	-15,000.00	0.00
Total Spring Sports Expense	11,415.02	87,000.00	-75,584.98	0.00
99742 AD Workshops	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
95115 Board of Directors Ex	6,596.10	25,000.00	-18,403.90	0.00
95480 Clinics	0.00	10,000.00	-10,000.00	0.00
95117 Coach Ed/Return	0.00	20,000.00	-20,000.00	0.00
99533 Contractual	0.00	7,500.00	-7,500.00	0.00
95A79 DIAA Scholarships	4,500.00	12,000.00	-7,500.00	0.00
95237 DIAA Student Leadership	400.00	18,000.00	-17,600.00	12,595.00
Dues				
95466 NFHS	3,095.00	2,500.00	595.00	0.00
95466 NFOA	0.00	10,000.00	-10,000.00	0.00
Total Dues	3,095.00	12,500.00	-9,405.00	0.00
99524 Insurance	0.00	78,000.00	-78,000.00	73,178.00
95116 Miscellaneous Ex	108.91	0.00	108.91	0.00
95628 Officials' Misc.	3,990.00	2,000.00	1,990.00	0.00
95456 Publications	2,380.00	5,000.00	-2,620.00	0.00
95512 Salary and Benefits	107,718.79	290,000.00	-182,281.21	0.00
99541 Awards	0.00	18,000.00	-18,000.00	0.00
99519 Security	0.00	40,000.00	-40,000.00	0.00
		0.00		
95482 Travel	3,184.72	20,000.00	-16,815.28	0.00
95118 Weight Management Exp	0.00	5,000.00	-5,000.00	0.00
Total Expense	147,422.73	950,000.00	-802,577.27	87,212.48
Net Ordinary Income	-134,907.44	0.00	-134,907.44	
Net Income	-134,907.44	0.00	-134,907.44	
Ending Balance				<u>828,043.94</u>

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	Jul '17 - June '18	Budget	Budget +/-	Encumbered Funds
July 1, 2017 Balance				981,847.32
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
Fall Sports				
95608 Fall Cross Country	3,850.00	4,000.00	-350.00	
95610 Fall Field Hockey	23,304.00	25,000.00	-1,696.00	
95611 Fall Football	140,955.00	150,000.00	-9,045.00	
95615 Fall Soccer	30,832.00	35,000.00	-4,168.00	
95638 Fall Volleyball	48,623.00	45,000.00	3,623.00	
Total Fall Sports	247,364.00	259,000.00	-11,636.00	
Winter Sports				
95605 Winter Boys' Basketball	111,989.90	135,000.00	-23,030.10	
95606 Winter Girls Basketball	56,022.58	58,000.00	-1,977.42	
95624 Winter Individual Wrestling	21,315.00	22,000.00	-685.00	
95619 Winter Swimming	24,899.00	22,000.00	2,899.00	
95646 Winter Team Wrestling	8,053.00	6,000.00	2,053.00	
95635 Winter Track	8,806.00	8,000.00	-1,194.00	
Total Winter Sports	228,865.48	251,000.00	-22,134.52	
Spring Sports				
95634 Spring B Lacrosse	24,782.00	28,000.00	-3,218.00	
95604 Spring Baseball	31,856.00	28,000.00	3,856.00	
95637 Spring G Lacrosse	10,980.00	12,000.00	-1,020.00	
95616 Spring G SOC	23,647.00	21,000.00	2,647.00	
95612 Spring Golf	2,500.00	2,000.00	500.00	
95617 Spring Softball	14,632.00	17,000.00	-2,368.00	
95620 Spring Tennis	2,900.00	3,000.00	-100.00	
95632 Spring Track	12,270.00	16,000.00	-3,730.00	
Total Spring Sports	123,567.00	127,000.00	-3,433.00	
99767 Interest Income	4,709.40	5,000.00	-290.60	
99533 Corporate Contracts	133,333.33	110,000.00	23,333.33	
95466 Member Dues	57,700.00	70,000.00	-12,300.00	
95116 Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00	
95628 Officials Dues	31,428.00	28,000.00	3,428.00	
Total Income	826,967.21	850,000.00	-23,032.79	
Expense				
Fall Sports Expense				
95608 Fall Cross Country Exp	5,020.38	5,000.00	20.38	0.00
95610 Fall Field Hockey Exp	17,993.26	15,000.00	2,993.26	0.00
95611 Fall Football Exp	64,562.71	55,000.00	9,562.71	0.00
95615 Fall Soccer Exp	13,503.29	14,000.00	-496.71	0.00
95638 Fall Volleyball Exp	28,783.50	25,000.00	3,783.50	0.00
Total Fall Sports Expense	129,863.14	114,000.00	15,863.14	0.00
Winter Sport Expense				
95605 Winter B Basketball Exp	74,173.16	65,000.00	9,173.16	0.00
95606 Winter G Basketball Exp	57,412.36	55,000.00	2,412.36	0.00
95624 Winter Individual Wrestling Exp	22,441.72	15,000.00	7,441.72	0.00
95619 Winter Swimming Exp	21,716.56	22,000.00	-283.44	0.00
95646 Winter Team Wrestling Exp	7,442.09	4,000.00	3,442.09	0.00
95635 Winter Track Exp	9,124.86	8,000.00	1,124.86	0.00
Total Winter Sport Expense	192,310.75	169,000.00	23,310.75	0.00
Spring Sports Expense				
95634 Spring B Lacrosse Exp	19,927.13	11,000.00	8,927.13	0.00
95604 Spring Baseball Exp	17,846.94	12,000.00	5,846.94	0.00
95637 Spring G Lacrosse Exp	7,852.63	7,000.00	852.63	0.00
95616 Spring G SOC Exp	12,010.55	13,000.00	-989.45	0.00
95612 Spring Golf Exp	1,993.06	1,500.00	493.06	0.00
95617 Spring Softball Exp	12,715.41	11,000.00	1,715.41	0.00
95620 Spring Tennis Exp	2,560.25	3,000.00	-439.75	0.00
95632 Spring Track Exp	14,750.32	11,000.00	3,750.32	0.00
Total Spring Sports Expense	89,856.29	69,500.00	20,156.29	0.00
99742 AD Workshops	0.00	18,500.00	-18,500.00	0.00
95115 Board of Directors Ex	11,247.75	10,000.00	1,247.75	0.00
95480 Clinics	14,880.00	0.00	14,880.00	0.00

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	<u>Jul '17 - June '18</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget +/-</u>	<u>Encumbered Funds</u>
95117 Coach Ed/Return	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00
99533 Contractual	3,500 00	0 00	3,500 00	0 00
95A79 DIAA Scholarships	4,500 00	11,000 00	-6,500 00	0 00
95237 DIAA Student Leadership Dues	18,985 00	16,000 00	2,985 00	0 00
95468 NFHS	-14,850 00	2,500 00	-17,350 00	0 00
95466 NFOA		10,000 00	-10,000 00	0 00
Total Dues	-14,850 00	12,500 00	-27,350 00	0 00
99524 Insurance	76,918 10	76,500 00	418 10	0 00
95116 Miscellaneous Ex	2,165 34	0 00	2,165 34	0 00
95628 Officials' Misc.	17,276 25	0 00	17,276 25	0 00
95456 Publications	1,944 60	20,000 00	-18,055 40	0 00
95512 Salary and Benefits	297,133 18	300,000 00	-2,866 82	0 00
99541 Awards	17,764 93	18,000 00	-235 07	0 00
Travel/Misc. Expenses				
95482 Travel	10,736 81	15,000 00	-4,263 19	0 00
95118 Weight Management Exp	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00
Total Expense	674,032 14	850,000 00	24,032 14	0 00
Net Ordinary Income	-47,064 93	0 00	-47,064 93	
Net Income	-47,064 93	0 00	-47,064 93	
Ending Balance				934,792.39

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961,184.83

	<u>Jul '16 - June '17</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget +/-</u>	<u>Encumbered Funds</u>
July 1, 2016 Balance				
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
Fall Sports				
95608 Fall Cross Country	3,800.00	4,500.00	-700.00	
95610 Fall Field Hockey	25,523.32	25,000.00	523.32	
95611 Fall Football	179,981.89	139,000.00	40,981.89	
95615 Fall Soccer	32,568.77	40,000.00	-7,431.23	
95638 Fall Volleyball	49,473.18	44,000.00	5,473.18	
Total Fall Sports	<u>291,347.16</u>	<u>252,500.00</u>	<u>38,847.16</u>	
Winter Sports				
95605 Winter Boys' Basketball	136,300.75	132,500.00	3,800.75	
95606 Winter Girls Basketball	57,290.04	58,000.00	-709.96	
95624 Winter Individual Wrestling	21,930.00	17,000.00	4,930.00	
95619 Winter Swimming	24,606.00	24,500.00	106.00	
95646 Winter Team Wrestling	6,110.00	8,000.00	-1,890.00	
95635 Winter Track	8,024.24	8,000.00	24.24	
Total Winter Sports	<u>254,261.03</u>	<u>248,000.00</u>	<u>6,261.03</u>	
Spring Sports				
95634 Spring B Lacrosse	27,737.00	28,000.00	-263.00	
95604 Spring Baseball	40,269.50	28,000.00	12,269.50	
95637 Spring G Lacrosse	12,288.00	10,000.00	2,288.00	
95616 Spring G SOC	28,093.50	21,000.00	7,093.50	
95612 Spring Golf	1,850.00	2,000.00	-150.00	
95617 Spring Softball	21,245.00	17,000.00	4,245.00	
95620 Spring Tennis	5,600.00	3,000.00	2,600.00	
95632 Spring Track	16,810.00	17,000.00	-190.00	
Total Spring Sports	<u>153,893.00</u>	<u>126,000.00</u>	<u>27,893.00</u>	
99767 Interest Income	9,756.39	5,000.00	4,756.39	
99533 Corporate Contracts	104,327.81	100,000.00	4,327.81	
95466 Member Dues	62,500.00	76,000.00	-13,500.00	
95116 Miscellaneous	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00	
95628 Officials Dues	28,029.00	30,000.00	-1,971.00	
Total Income	<u>904,114.39</u>	<u>838,500.00</u>	<u>65,614.39</u>	
Expense				
Fall Sports Expense				
95608 Fall Cross Country Exp	5,168.30	4,500.00	668.30	0.00
95610 Fall Field Hockey Exp	15,212.46	15,000.00	212.46	0.00
95611 Fall Football Exp	60,853.09	48,000.00	12,853.09	0.00
95615 Fall Soccer Exp	12,363.21	14,000.00	-1,636.79	0.00
95638 Fall Volleyball Exp	25,883.75	20,000.00	5,883.75	0.00
Total Fall Sports Expense	<u>119,480.81</u>	<u>101,500.00</u>	<u>17,980.81</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Winter Sport Expense				
95605 Winter B Basketball Exp	66,200.58	56,000.00	10,200.58	643.17

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	Jul '16 - June '17	Budget	Budget +/-	Encumbered Funds
95606 Winter G Basketball Exp	56,352.89	47,000.00	9,352.89	0.00
95624 Winter Individual Wrestling Exp	26,076.20	17,000.00	9,076.20	0.00
95619 Winter Swimming Exp	20,140.40	18,000.00	2,140.40	0.00
95646 Winter Team Wrestling Exp	3,961.00	7,000.00	-3,039.00	0.00
95635 Winter Track Exp	9,689.82	9,500.00	189.82	0.00
Total Winter Sport Expense	182,420.89	154,500.00	27,920.89	643.17
Spring Sports Expense				
95634 Spring B Lacrosse Exp	11,581.80	11,000.00	581.80	0.00
95604 Spring Baseball Exp	15,000.58	11,500.00	3,500.58	0.00
95637 Spring G Lacrosse Exp	9,864.43	7,000.00	2,864.43	0.00
95616 Spring G SOC Exp	12,790.62	13,000.00	-209.38	0.00
95612 Spring Golf Exp	745.00	1,500.00	-755.00	0.00
95617 Spring Softball Exp	6,275.76	10,500.00	-4,224.24	0.00
95620 Spring Tennis Exp	3,487.50	4,000.00	-512.50	0.00
95632 Spring Track Exp	20,045.17	15,000.00	5,045.17	0.00
Total Spring Sports Expense	79,790.86	73,500.00	6,290.86	0.00
99742 AD Workshops	0.00	16,400.00	-16,400.00	0.00
95115 Board of Directors Ex	9,252.42	9,000.00	252.42	0.00
95480 Clinics	12,420.00	0.00	12,420.00	0.00
95117 Coach Ed/Return	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
99533 Contractual	0.00	20,000.00	-20,000.00	0.00
95A79 DIAA Scholarships	0.00	11,000.00	-11,000.00	0.00
95237 DIAA Student Leadership	5,578.64	16,000.00	-10,421.36	0.00
Dues				
95466 NFHS	-13,207.00	2,500.00	-15,707.00	0.00
95466 NFOA		14,500.00	-14,500.00	0.00
Total Dues	-13,207.00	17,000.00	-30,207.00	0.00
99524 Insurance	76,524.95	76,500.00	24.95	0.00
95116 Miscellaneous Ex	1,230.60	3,000.00	-1,769.40	0.00
95628 Officials' Misc.	14,094.25	4,000.00	10,094.25	0.00
95456 Publications	16,497.62	22,000.00	-5,502.38	0.00
95512 Salary and Benefits	335,370.99	290,000.00	45,370.99	0.00
99541 Awards	35,219.89	18,000.00	17,219.89	0.00
Travel/Misc. Expenses				
95482 Travel	8,776.98	9,000.00	-223.02	0.00
95118 Weight Management Exp	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Expense	883,451.90	841,400.00	42,051.90	643.17
Net Ordinary Income	20,662.49	-2,900.00	23,562.49	
Net Income	20,662.49	-2,900.00	23,562.49	

Ending Balance

981,847.32

Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association Pre-Participation Physical Evaluation

The DIAA pre-participation physical evaluation and consents form consist of seven pages. Pages one, two and four require your signature while pages five, six and seven are references for you to keep. Page three requires the exam date and physician's signature. Pages three and four require the clearance to participate date and physician's signature. **The student must be cleared to participate on or after April 1 based on a physical examination conducted within 12 months of the signature. The clearance is valid through June 30 of the following school year.**

Name of Athlete: _____ School: _____

Grade: _____ Age: _____ Gender: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: (Please Print): _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN/STUDENT CONSENTS

_____ has my permission to participate in all interscholastic sports **NOT** checked below?
(Name of Athlete)

NOTE- If you check any sport below the athlete will NOT be permitted to participate in that sport.

<input type="checkbox"/> Baseball	<input type="checkbox"/> Basketball	<input type="checkbox"/> Cheerleading	<input type="checkbox"/> Cross Country	<input type="checkbox"/> Crew
<input type="checkbox"/> Field Hockey	<input type="checkbox"/> Football	<input type="checkbox"/> Golf	<input type="checkbox"/> Ice Hockey	<input type="checkbox"/> Lacrosse (B)
<input type="checkbox"/> Lacrosse (G)	<input type="checkbox"/> Soccer	<input type="checkbox"/> Softball	<input type="checkbox"/> Squash	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming
<input type="checkbox"/> Tennis	<input type="checkbox"/> Track	<input type="checkbox"/> Volleyball	<input type="checkbox"/> Wrestling	

- My permission extends to all interscholastic activities whether conducted on or off school premises. I have read and discussed the **Parent/Player Concussion Information Form; Symptoms and Risk Factor for Sudden Cardiac Arrest form;** and the list of items that protect against the loss of athletic eligibility, with said participant and I will retain those pages for my reference. I have also discussed with him/her and we understand that physical injury, including paralysis, coma or death can occur as a result of participation in interscholastic athletics. I waive any claim for injury or damage incurred by said participant while participating in the activities NOT checked above.

Parent Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Student Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

- To enable DIAA and its full and associate member schools to determine whether herein named student is eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics, I hereby consent to the release of any and all portions of school record files, beginning with the sixth grade, of the herein named student, including but not limited to, birth and age records, name and residence of student's parent(s), guardian(s) or Relative Care Giver, residence of student, health records, academic work completed, grades received and attendance records.

Parent Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

- I further consent to DIAA's and its full and associate member schools use of the herein named student's name, likeness, and athletically related information in reports of interscholastic practices, scrimmages or contests, promotional literature of the association, and other materials and releases related to interscholastic athletics.

Parent Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

- By this signature, I hereby consent to allow the physician(s) and other health care provider(s) selected by myself or the schools to perform a pre-participation examination on my child and to provide treatment for any injury received while participating in or training for athletics for his/her school. I further consent to allow said physician(s) or health care provider(s) to share appropriate information concerning my child that is relevant to participation, with coaches, medical staff, Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association, and other school personnel as deemed necessary. Such information may be used for injury surveillance purposes.

Parent Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

- By this signature, I agree to notify the physician and school of any health changes during the school year that could impact participation in interscholastic athletics.**

Parent Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Preparticipation Physical Evaluation HISTORY FORM

(Note: This form is to be filled out by the patient and parent prior to seeing the physician.)

Date of Exam _____

Name _____ Date of birth _____

Sex _____ Age _____ Grade _____ School _____ Sport(s) _____

Medicines and Allergies: Please list all of the prescription and over-the-counter medicines and supplements (herbal and nutritional) that you are currently taking

Do you have any allergies? Yes No If yes, please identify specific allergy below.

Medicines Pollens Food Stinging Insects

Explain "Yes" answers below. Circle questions you don't know the answers to.

GENERAL QUESTIONS	Yes	No
1. Has a doctor ever denied or restricted your participation in sports for any reason?		
2. Do you have any ongoing medical conditions? If so, please identify below: <input type="checkbox"/> Asthma <input type="checkbox"/> Anemia <input type="checkbox"/> Diabetes <input type="checkbox"/> Infections Other: _____		
3. Have you ever spent the night in the hospital?		
4. Have you ever had surgery?		
HEART HEALTH QUESTIONS ABOUT YOU	Yes	No
5. Have you ever passed out or nearly passed out DURING or AFTER exercise?		
6. Have you ever had discomfort, pain, tightness, or pressure in your chest during exercise?		
7. Does your heart ever race or skip beats (irregular beats) during exercise?		
8. Has a doctor ever told you that you have any heart problems? If so, check all that apply: <input type="checkbox"/> High blood pressure <input type="checkbox"/> A heart murmur <input type="checkbox"/> High cholesterol <input type="checkbox"/> A heart infection <input type="checkbox"/> Kawasaki disease Other: _____		
9. Has a doctor ever ordered a test for your heart? (For example, ECG/EKG, echocardiogram)		
10. Do you get lightheaded or feel more short of breath than expected during exercise?		
11. Have you ever had an unexplained seizure?		
12. Do you get more tired or short of breath more quickly than your friends during exercise?		
HEART HEALTH QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR FAMILY	Yes	No
13. Has any family member or relative died of heart problems or had an unexpected or unexplained sudden death before age 50 (including drowning, unexplained car accident, or sudden infant death syndrome)?		
14. Does anyone in your family have hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, Marfan syndrome, arrhythmogenic right ventricular cardiomyopathy, long QT syndrome, short QT syndrome, Brugada syndrome, or catecholaminergic polymorphic ventricular tachycardia?		
15. Does anyone in your family have a heart problem, pacemaker, or implanted defibrillator?		
16. Has anyone in your family had unexplained fainting, unexplained seizures, or near drowning?		
BONE AND JOINT QUESTIONS	Yes	No
17. Have you ever had an injury to a bone, muscle, ligament, or tendon that caused you to miss a practice or a game?		
18. Have you ever had any broken or fractured bones or dislocated joints?		
19. Have you ever had an injury that required x-rays, MRI, CT scan, injections, therapy, a brace, a cast, or crutches?		
20. Have you ever had a stress fracture?		
21. Have you ever been told that you have or have you had an x-ray for neck instability or atlantoaxial instability? (Down syndrome or dwarfism)		
22. Do you regularly use a brace, orthotics, or other assistive device?		
23. Do you have a bone, muscle, or joint injury that bothers you?		
24. Do any of your joints become painful, swollen, feel warm, or look red?		
25. Do you have any history of juvenile arthritis or connective tissue disease?		

MEDICAL QUESTIONS	Yes	No
26. Do you cough, wheeze, or have difficulty breathing during or after exercise?		
27. Have you ever used an inhaler or taken asthma medicine?		
28. Is there anyone in your family who has asthma?		
29. Were you born without or are you missing a kidney, an eye, a testicle (males), your spleen, or any other organ?		
30. Do you have groin pain or a painful bulge or hernia in the groin area?		
31. Have you had infectious mononucleosis (mono) within the last month?		
32. Do you have any rashes, pressure sores, or other skin problems?		
33. Have you had a herpes or MRSA skin infection?		
34. Have you ever had a head injury or concussion?		
35. Have you ever had a hit or blow to the head that caused confusion, prolonged headache, or memory problems?		
36. Do you have a history of seizure disorder?		
37. Do you have headaches with exercise?		
38. Have you ever had numbness, tingling, or weakness in your arms or legs after being hit or falling?		
39. Have you ever been unable to move your arms or legs after being hit or falling?		
40. Have you ever become ill while exercising in the heat?		
41. Do you get frequent muscle cramps when exercising?		
42. Do you or someone in your family have sickle cell trait or disease?		
43. Have you had any problems with your eyes or vision?		
44. Have you had any eye injuries?		
45. Do you wear glasses or contact lenses?		
46. Do you wear protective eyewear, such as goggles or a face shield?		
47. Do you worry about your weight?		
48. Are you trying to or has anyone recommended that you gain or lose weight?		
49. Are you on a special diet or do you avoid certain types of foods?		
50. Have you ever had an eating disorder?		
51. Do you have any concerns that you would like to discuss with a doctor?		
FEMALES ONLY		
52. Have you ever had a menstrual period?		
53. How old were you when you had your first menstrual period?		
54. How many periods have you had in the last 12 months?		

Explain "yes" answers here

I hereby state that, to the best of my knowledge, my answers to the above questions are complete and correct.

Signature of athlete _____ Signature of parent/guardian _____ Date _____

Preparticipation Physical Evaluation

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION FORM

Name _____ Date of birth _____

PHYSICIAN REMINDERS

- Consider additional questions on more sensitive issues
 - Do you feel stressed out or under a lot of pressure?
 - Do you ever feel sad, hopeless, depressed, or anxious?
 - Do you feel safe at your home or residence?
 - Have you ever tried cigarettes, chewing tobacco, snuff, or dip?
 - During the past 30 days, did you use chewing tobacco, snuff, or dip?
 - Do you drink alcohol or use any other drugs?
 - Have you ever taken anabolic steroids or used any other performance supplement?
 - Have you ever taken any supplements to help you gain or lose weight or improve your performance?
 - Do you wear a seat belt, use a helmet, and use condoms?
- Consider reviewing questions on cardiovascular symptoms (questions 5–14).

EXAMINATION			
Height	Weight	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	
BP / (/)	Pulse	Vision R 20/	L 20/ Corrected <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
MEDICAL	NORMAL	ABNORMAL FINDINGS	
Appearance • Marfan stigmata (kyphoscoliosis, high-arched palate, pectus excavatum, arachnodactyly, arm span > height, hyperlaxity, myopia, MVP, aortic insufficiency)			
Eyes/ears/nose/throat • Pupils equal • Hearing			
Lymph nodes			
Heart ^a • Murmurs (auscultation standing, supine, +/- Valsalva) • Location of point of maximal impulse (PMI)			
Pulses • Simultaneous femoral and radial pulses			
Lungs			
Abdomen			
Genitourinary (males only) ^b			
Skin • HSV, lesions suggestive of MRSA, tinea corporis			
Neurologic ^c			
MUSCULOSKELETAL			
Neck			
Back			
Shoulder/arm			
Elbow/forearm			
Wrist/hand/fingers			
Hip/thigh			
Knee			
Leg/ankle			
Foot/toes			
Functional • Duck-walk, single leg hop			

^aConsider ECG, echocardiogram, and referral to cardiology for abnormal cardiac history or exam.
^bConsider GU exam if in private setting. Having third party present is recommended.
^cConsider cognitive evaluation or baseline neuropsychiatric testing if a history of significant concussion.

- Cleared for all sports without restriction
- Cleared for all sports without restriction with recommendations for further evaluation or treatment for _____
- Not cleared
- Pending further evaluation
- For any sports
- For certain sports _____
- Reason _____
- Recommendations _____

I have examined the above-named student and completed the preparticipation physical evaluation. The athlete does not present apparent clinical contraindications to practice and participate in the sport(s) as outlined above. A copy of the physical exam is on record in my office and can be made available to the school at the request of the parents. If conditions arise after the athlete has been cleared for participation, the physician may rescind the clearance until the problem is resolved and the potential consequences are completely explained to the athlete (and parents/guardians).

Health Care Provider: Print/type Name _____ Signature _____, MD, DO, PA, or NP

Address _____ Phone _____

Date of Exam: _____ Date Cleared to Participate: _____

SCHOOL ATHLETE MEDICAL CARD

(Parent/Guardian: Please complete Sections 1, 2 & 3. Please print.)

Section 1: Contact /Personal Information

Name: _____ Sport(s): _____
Age: _____ Grade: _____ Birthdate: _____
Guardian Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: (H) _____ (W): _____ (C): _____ (P) _____
Other Authorized Person To Contact In Case Of Emergency: _____
Name: _____ Phone(s): _____
Name: _____ Phone(s): _____
Preference Of Physician (And Permission To Contact If Needed): _____
Name: _____ Phone: _____
Hospital Preference: _____ Insurance: _____
Policy #: _____ Group: _____ Phone: _____

Section 2: Medical Information

Medical Illnesses: _____
Last Tetanus (Mo/Yr): _____ Allergies: _____
Medications: _____
(Any medications that may be taken during competition require a physician's note.)
Previous Head/Neck/Back Injury: _____
Heat Disorder, Or Sickle Cell Trait: _____
Previous Significant Injuries: _____
Any Other Important Medical Information: _____

Section 3: Consent for Athletic Conditioning, Training and Health Care Procedures

I hereby give consent for my child to participate in the school's athletic conditioning and training program, and to receive any necessary healthcare treatment including first aid, diagnostic procedures, and medical treatment, that may be provided by the treating physicians, nurses, athletic trainers, or other healthcare providers employed directly or through a contract by the school, or the opposing team's school. The healthcare providers have my permission to release my child's medical information to other healthcare practitioners and school officials. In the event I cannot be reached in an emergency I give permission for my child to be transported to receive necessary treatment. I understand that Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association or its associates may request information regarding the athlete's health status, and I hereby give my permission for the release of this information as long as the information does not personally identify my child.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____
Athlete's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Section 4: Clearance for Participation

_____ Cleared without restrictions _____ Cleared with the following restrictions: _____
Health Care Provider's Signature: _____ MD/DO, PA, NP Date: _____

For office use only: This card is valid from April 1, 20 _____ through June 30, 20 _____

Note: If any changes occur, a new card should be completed by the parent/guardian. The original card should be kept on file in the school athletic director's or athletic trainer's office. A copy should be kept in the sports' athletic kits. This card contains personal medical information and should be treated as confidential by the school, its employees, agents, and contractors.

Name of School: _____ Name of ATC: _____



Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association Parent/ Player Concussion Information Form

A concussion is a brain injury and all brain injuries are serious. They are caused by a bump, blow, or jolt to the head, or by a blow to another part of the body with the force transmitted to the head. They can range from mild to severe and can disrupt the way the brain normally works. Even though most concussions are mild, **all concussions are potentially serious and may result in complications including prolonged brain damage and death if not recognized and managed properly.** In other words, even a “ding” or a bump on the head can be serious. You can’t see a concussion and most sports concussions occur without loss of consciousness. Signs and symptoms of concussion may show up right after the injury or can take hours or days to fully appear. If your child reports any symptoms of concussion, or if you notice the symptoms or signs of concussion yourself, seek medical attention right away.

Symptoms may include one or more of the following:

Headaches	Pressure in head	Nausea or vomiting
Neck pain	Balance problems	Dizziness
Disturbed vision	Light/noise sensitivity	Sluggish
Feeling foggy	Drowsiness	Changes in sleep
Amnesia	“Don’t feel right”	Low energy
Sadness	Nervousness	Irritability
Confusion	Repeating questions	Concentration problems

Signs observed by teammates, parents and coaches may include:

Appears dazed	Vacant facial expression
Confused about assignment	Forgets plays
Unsure of game/score etc	Clumsy
Responds slowly	Personality changes
Seizures	Behavior changes
Loss of consciousness	Uncoordinated
Can’t recall events before or after hit	

What can happen if my child keeps on playing with a concussion or returns too soon?

Athletes with the signs and symptoms of concussion should be removed from play immediately. Continuing to play with the signs and symptoms of a concussion leaves the young athlete especially vulnerable to greater injury. There is an increased risk of significant damage from a concussion for a period of time after that concussion occurs, particularly if the athlete suffers another concussion before completely recovering from the first one (second impact syndrome). This can lead to prolonged recovery, or even to severe brain swelling with devastating and even fatal consequences. It is well known that adolescent or teenage athletes will often under report symptoms of injuries, and concussions are no different. As a result, education of administrators, coaches, parents and students is the key for the student-athlete’s safety.

If you think your child has suffered a concussion:

Any athlete even suspected of suffering a concussion should be removed from the game or practice immediately. No athlete may return to activity after an apparent head injury or concussion, regardless of how mild it seems or how quickly symptoms clear, without medical clearance. Close observation of the athlete should continue for several hours. You should also inform your child’s coach if you think that your child may have a concussion Remember it is better to miss one game than miss the whole season. And when in doubt, the athlete sits out.

For current and up-to-date information from the CDC on concussions you can go to:

<https://www.cdc.gov/headsup/youthsports/index.html>

For a current update of DIAA policies and procedures on concussions you can go to:

<http://www.doe.k12.de.us/Page/3298>

For a free online video on concussions you can go to:

<https://nfhslearn.com/courses/61064/concussion-in-sports>

All parents and players must sign the signature portion of the DIAA PPE indicating they have read and understand the above.



What is Sudden Cardiac Arrest?

- An electrical malfunction (short-circuit) causes the bottom chamber of the heart (ventricles) to beat dangerously fast (ventricular tachycardia or fibrillation) and disrupts the pumping ability of the heart.
- Occurs suddenly and often without warning
- The heart cannot pump blood to the brain, lungs and other organs of the body.
- The person loses consciousness (passes out) and has no pulse.
- Death occurs within minutes if not treated.

What causes Sudden Cardiac Arrest?

- Conditions present at birth (inherited and non-inherited heart abnormalities)
- A blow to the chest (Commotio Cordis)
- An infection/inflammation of the heart, usually caused by a virus. (Myocarditis)
- Recreational/Performance-Enhancing drug use.
- Other cardiac & medical conditions/Unknown causes. (Obesity/Idiopathic)

What are the symptoms/warning signs of Sudden Cardiac Arrest?

- Fainting/blackouts (especially during exercise)
- Dizziness
- Unusual fatigue/weakness
- Chest pain
- Shortness of breath
- Nausea/vomiting
- Palpitations (heart is beating unusually fast or skipping beats)
- Family history of sudden cardiac arrest at age < 50

ANY of these symptoms/warning signs may necessitate further evaluation from your physician before returning to practice or a game.

What are ways to screen for Sudden Cardiac Arrest?

- The American Heart Association recommends a pre-participation history and physical including 12 important cardiac elements.
- **The DIAA *Pre-Participation Physical Evaluation – Medical History* form includes ALL 12 of these important cardiac elements and is mandatory annually. Please answer the heart history questions on the student health history section of the DIAA PPE carefully.**
- Additional screening using an electrocardiogram and/or an echocardiogram is readily available to all athletes, but is not mandatory.

Where can one find additional information?

- Contact your primary care physician
- American Heart Association (www.heart.org)
- August Heart (www.augustheart.org)
- Championship Hearts Foundation (www.championshipheartsfoundation.org)
- Cypress ECG Project (www.cypressecgproject.org)
- Parent Heart Watch (www.parentheartwatch.com)