



The following students were declared eligible under Article VI, Section 2D of the PIAA By-Laws:

Beaver	Darius Wise
Bentworth	Loriann Copechal
Burgettstown	Joseph Warrick
Burrell	Tyler Warden
Butler	Seth Cook
Franklin Regional	Teddy Pepper
Freeport	Jacob Dietz
Gateway	Jordan Landfair
Greensburg Salem	David Headon
Mars	Ryan Branch
Montour	Lamontae Harrison
Peters Township	Julia Corton
Riverview	Keir Barber
South Side Area	Quae-Shawn Thompson
Washington	Brenton Jones
Upper St. Clair	Gian-Karlo Molina De la Paz

### **Foreign Exchange Provision**

The following students were granted eligibility under Article VII, Section I CSIET sponsored J-1 Visa exchange students:

Burrell	Giulia Cini
Canon McMillan	Sarah Pilz
Ellwood City	Tatsumasa Abe
Greensburg Salem	Ahmed Abdo
Indiana	Elina Anttola
Keystone Oaks	Aleksander Egeli
Montour	Gian-Luca Bacchi
Riverside	Nils Kavermann Daria Loginova
Woodland Hills	Lukas Schmid Anna Torokhova

### **ATTENDANCE PROVISION**

The following students were granted an attendance waiver under Article III, Section 3 of the PIAA By-Laws.

California	Brandon Kalbaugh
Elizabeth Forward	Thomas Donnelly

### **PERIOD OF PARTICIPATION PROVISION**

The following student was denied a period of participation waiver under Article VIII, Section 6 of the PIAA By-Laws.

Ambridge	Travis Dlubak
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## **ELIGIBILITY HEARINGS**

### **Malik Walker-Ambridge**

After reviewing the information and testimony presented regarding the transfer of Malik Walker from Lincoln Park Performing Arts Charter School to Ambridge Area High School, the WPIAL BOC Hearing Panel declared Malik Walker eligible to compete in interscholastic athletic program during the 2012-2013 school year. This action was taken under Article VI, Section 4A of the PIAA By-Laws. The effective date of this eligibility is October 3, 2012.

### **Aikem Howard-Gateway**

After reviewing the information and testimony presented regarding the transfer of Aiden Howard from North Hills High School to Gateway High School, the WPIAL BOC declared Aiden Howard eligible to compete in interscholastic athletic program during the 2012-2013 school year. This action was taken under Article VI, Section 2C of the PIAA By-Laws. The effective date of this eligibility is October 22, 2012.

### **Milan Smith-Gateway**

After reviewing the information and testimony presented regarding the transfer of Milan Smith from Imani Christian Academy to Gateway High School, the WPIAL BOC Hearing Panel declared Milan Smith eligible to compete in interscholastic athletic program during the 2012-2013 school year. This action was taken under Article VI, Section 2D of the PIAA By-Laws. The effective date of this eligibility is September 26, 2012.

### **Karly Mellinger-Greensburg Salem**

After reviewing the information and testimony presented regarding the transfer of Karly Mellinger from Greensburg Central Catholic High School to Greensburg Salem High School, the WPIAL BOC Hearing Panel declared Karly Mellinger eligible to compete in interscholastic athletic program during the 2012-2013 school year. This action was taken under Article VI, Section 4A of the PIAA By-Laws. The effective date of this eligibility is September 26, 2012.

### **Elijah Minnie-Lincoln Park**

After reviewing the information and testimony presented regarding the transfer of Elijah Minnie from Monessen High School/Summit Academy to Lincoln Park Performing Arts Charter School, the WPIAL Hearing Panel found that the transfer was motivated in some material way by an athletic purpose related to basketball. Accordingly, the panel declared Elijah Minnie ineligible to participate in basketball only for a period of one year from the date of transfer, July 7, 2012. He is eligible to participate in all

other sports. This action was taken under Article VI, Section 4D of the PIAA By-Laws.

### **Maverick Rowan-Lincoln Park**

After reviewing the information and testimony presented regarding the transfer of Maverick Rowan from Central Valley School District to Lincoln Park Performing Arts Charter School, the WPIAL Hearing Panel declared Maverick Rowan eligible to compete in interscholastic athletic program at Lincoln Park during the 2012-2013 school year. This action was taken under Article VI, Section 4A of the PIAA By-Laws. The effective date of this eligibility is October 3, 2012.

### **Serra Catholic – Daniel Popovich**

After reviewing the information and testimony presented regarding the transfer of Daniel Popovich from McKeesport High School to Serra Catholic High School, the WPIAL BOC Hearing Panel sustained the decision reached by the PIAA Board of Directors on August 24, 2012 denying Daniel Popovich eligibility in the sport of football for the 2012-2013 school year. The Hearing Panel concluded that the newly submitted information reinforced the testimony made by Daniel Popovich at the PIAA hearing but was in essence not new. The BOC Hearing Panel was therefore unable to reverse the previously reached decision.

## **INELIGIBLE STUDENT ATHLETES**

The BOC censured the administration of the following schools for using a student athlete before being granted eligibility by the BOC:

Eden Christian  
Gateway  
McGuffey  
New Castle  
Quigley Catholic

## **ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION PLANS ACCEPTED**

### **Hempfield & McKeesport High Schools**

The BOC accepted the action plan submitted by both school administrations in response to an incident that occurred at a football game on August 31, 2012.

### **Montour High School**

The BOC accepted the plan of action submitted by Montour High School administration to ensure there are no future violations of PIAA By-Laws.

## **ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF SEASON & OUT-OF-SEASON RULES & REGULATIONS**

### **Pine Richland High School**

The BOC determined alleged violations brought forward against Pine Richland High School fell under the jurisdiction of said high school and were addressed by Pine Richland.

## **COACHING CENSURES**

### **Ambridge High School**

The BOC censured the Ambridge High School Boys Soccer Coach for negative comments made about the WPIAL in the media.

### **Seneca Valley High School**

The BOC censured the Seneca Valley High School Football Coach for criticism of PIAA contest officials in the media.

## **COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP(S) APPROVED**

### **Freedom-Quigley Catholic**

The BOC has accepted the request from Freedom High School and Quigley Catholic High School to form a cooperative sponsorship of a Sport Agreement in the sport of boys' and girls' track and field beginning with the 2012-2013 school year with Freedom High School serving as the host school.

### **Jefferson Morgan-Waynesburg**

The BOC has accepted the request from Jefferson Morgan High School and Waynesburg Central High School to form a cooperative sponsorship of a Sport Agreement in the sport of rifle beginning with the 2012-2013 school year with Jefferson Morgan High School serving as the host school.

### **Moon-Quaker Valley**

The BOC has accepted the request from Moon Area High School and Quaker Valley High School to form a cooperative sponsorship of a Sport Agreement in the sport of junior high and varsity wrestling beginning with the 2012-2013 school year with Moon Area High School serving as the host school.

## **COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP RESCINDED**

The BOC rescinded the approval of cooperative sponsorship of a Sport Agreement between Midland School District and the Lincoln Park Performing Arts Charter School in middle school boys' and girls' basketball based on the fact that Lincoln Park Performing Arts Charter School only has a PIAA senior high membership and not a junior high membership under Article III, Section 11, A-5 of the PIAA By-Laws.

## **COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP TERMINATION**

### **Greensburg Central Catholic/Mother of Sorrows**

The BOC accepted the request from Greensburg Central Catholic Junior High to terminate the mythical cooperative sponsorship of a Sport Agreement with Mother of Sorrows in all middle school sports beginning with the 2012-2013 school year.

### **Quigley Catholic/Ambridge Area**

The BOC accepted the request from Quigley Catholic High School to terminate the cooperative sponsorship of a Sport Agreement with Ambridge Area High School in boys' and girls' track and field beginning with the 2012-2013 school year.

## **ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP APPROVED IN COMPETITIVE SPIRIT**

The BOC formally accepted the following District VIII schools of Allderdice, Brashear, Carrick, Obama, Perry, and Westinghouse as associate members in competitive spirit with the understanding that playoff qualification is solely through District VII for the 2012-13 school year. District VII will be given the one District VIII qualifier for the Competitive Spirit Championship for a total of 18 qualifiers.

## **AUDIT REPORT**

Cathy Christy, representing the accounting firm of Creese, Smith, and Co. presented the annual audit report of the financial position of the League as of June 30, 2012. According to Mr. Creese, the audit represents the financial position of the League at June 30, 2011, and June 30, 2012, and the changes in its net assets and cash flow for the years that ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Total assets for the year ending June 30, 2012, were \$529,302 compared to \$487,774 for the year ending June 30, 2011. The League's revenue share program resulted in \$301,680 being returned to schools participating in the football, basketball, and soccer tournaments.

## **WPIAL SCHOOLS WITH ARTIFICIAL SURFACES**

Penn Hills and Sewickley Academy played on turf fields for the first time in the 2012-13 school year. There are now 68 schools with turf fields in the WPIAL.

## **CHAMPIONSHIP GOLF COURSES**

The 2012 Boys and Girls Individual and Team Golf Championships were contested at different golf courses. The WPIAL is appreciative of the support and cooperation of the ownership and management of the following courses who have provided their facilities for the 2012 Golf Championships.

### **Boys' Sectional Tournaments**

Blackhawk Golf Course  
Cedarbrook Golf Course  
Fox Run Golf Club  
Hannahstown Golf Club  
Lenape Heights Golf Course  
Lone Pine Golf Course  
Longue Vue Golf Club  
Meadowink Golf Course  
Norvelt Golf Course  
Pheasant Ridge  
Rohanna's Golf Course  
Rolling Acres Golf Course  
Rolling Hills Country Club  
Rolling Hills Golf Course  
Saxon Golf Course  
Westwood Golf Club  
Youghioghny Country Club

### **Girls' Sectional Tournaments**

Allegheny Country Club  
Kittanning Country Club  
Lindenwood Golf Club  
Saxon Golf Course  
Suncrest Golf Course

### **Individual Semifinals-Boys'**

Cranberry Highlands Golf Course  
Links at Spring Church  
Seven Oaks Country Club

### **Individual Championships-Boys'**

Fox Chapel Country Club  
Youghioghny Country Club

### **Individual Championships-Girls'**

3 Lakes Golf Course

### Boys' Team Semifinals

Butlers Golf Club  
Donegal Highlands Golf Club  
Indian Run Golf Club  
Pheasant Ridge Golf Club

### Boys' and Girls' Team Finals

Cedarbrook Golf Course

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## OFFICIAL GOLF SPONSOR

# GOLF GALAXY

## OFFICIAL CROSS COUNTRY/TRACK SPONSOR



## 2012-13 OFFICIAL BALLS

A summary of all "Official Balls" for the 2012-13 school year and beyond is listed below:

SPORT	MFGR.	OFFICIAL BALL	EXPIRATION
Football	Spalding	SB1	6/30/17
VB – B/G	Spalding	TF5000	6/30/17
BB – B	Spalding	TF1000 LEGACY	6/30/17
BB – G	Spalding	TF1000 LEGACY 28.5	6/30/17
Softball	Spalding - Dudley	SB-12	6/30/17

Schools qualifying for WPIAL post-season play in the sports specified above must compete with the WPIAL "Official Ball" provided for use in WPIAL district champion play (preliminary round through final, inclusive). While member schools are encouraged to use the WPIAL "Official Ball" during the regular season, they are not required to do so.

## PIAA OFFICIAL BALLS

Sport	Manufacturer	Official Ball
Baseball	Wilson	A1010BPENN
Soccer	Brine	Championship

Schools qualifying for WPIAL post-season play in baseball and soccer must compete with the PIAA "Official Ball" provided for use in WPIAL district champion play (preliminary round through final, inclusive). Member schools are not required to use the PIAA "Official Ball" during the regular season.

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