



**Transfer Provision (Cont'd.)**

Shady Side Academy . . . . . Caroline Benec  
Jordan Conn  
Sache Coury  
Nicasio Milo DeFay  
Yumeng Du  
Ian Holland  
Kendra McBroom  
Severyn Napora  
Arianna Osthoff  
Scott Wenig  
Valley . . . . . Philip Petit  
Vincentian . . . . . Brian Baker  
Camden Fuller  
William Jeffries  
Nate Hodder  
Amber Lukachinsky  
Thomas Quinlan  
Victoria Trott  
Bennett Walleck  
Xia Yu  
Woodland Hills . . . . . Stephen Hawthorne  
Stephen Puhl

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

Mt. Lebanon . . . . . Michael Wilke  
Jay Scarbrough  
North Allegheny . . . . . Calista McKinney

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

Elizabeth Forward . . . . . Brian Malloy  
Freedom . . . . . Benjamin Steel  
Penn Trafford . . . . . Mike Markotan  
Riverview . . . . . Raymond Robair

**Foreign Exchange Provision**

The following foreign exchange students were granted eligibility as CSIET sponsored J-1 Visa exchange students under Article VII, Section 1 of the PIAA By-Laws:

Franklin Regional . . . . . Julia Roth  
Penn Trafford . . . . . Julia Colonese  
Peters Township . . . . . Juan Carlos Leiva

**Attendance**

The following student was issued an attendance waiver under Article III, Section 1 of the PIAA By-Laws:

Baldwin . . . . . Sarah Welsh

The following student was denied an attendance waiver under Article III, Section 1 of the PIAA By-Laws:

Elizabeth Forward . . . . . Brian Malloy

**Period of Participation**

The following students were denied a period of participation waiver under Article VIII, Section 6 of the PIAA By-Laws:

Jefferson Morgan . . . . . Darius Johnson  
Southmoreland . . . . . Austin Griffiths

**ELIGIBILITY HEARINGS**

**Burrell – Zachary Kelly**

After reviewing the information and testimony presented, the BOD Hearing Panel denied Zachary Kelly a period of participation waiver under Article VIII, Section 6 of the PIAA By-Laws.

**Central Catholic – Riley Redman**

After reviewing the information and testimony presented, the BOD Hearing Panel denied Riley Redman an age waiver under Article I, Section 3 of the PIAA By-Laws.

**Uniontown – Rodney Harris**

After reviewing the information and testimony presented, the BOD Hearing Panel granted Rodney Harris an attendance waiver under Article III, Section 1 of the PIAA By-Laws.

**STEERING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

The Following appointments were made to the 2014-2015 Steering Committees:

**BASEBALL**

**Dave Bates** – Principal, Carmichaels School District

**BASKETBALL**

**Kevin Deitrick** – Athletic Director, North Hills

**FIELD HOCKEY/GIRLS LACROSSE**

**Heather Lewis** – Athletic Director, Seneca Valley

**FOOTBALL**

**John Menhart** – Sup't., Carmichael School District

**HALL OF FAME**

**Enrico Antonini** – Retired BOD Member

**BOYS LACROSSE**

**Mike Panos** – Asst. AD, Fox Chapel

**SCHOLARSHIP**

**Ronald Dufalla** – Retired Sup't., Brentwood School District and Retired WPIAL BOD Member

**SOCCER**

**Todd Trofimuk** – Principal, Knoch H.S.

## **Steering Committee Appointments (Cont'd.)**

### **SOFTBALL**

**Rick Huffman** – Athletic Director, Brentwood

**Gina Naccarato** – Athletic Director, Monessen

### **SPORTSMANSHIP**

**Brian Sutherland** – Principal, Yough School District

### **SWIMMING & DIVING**

**Timothy Glasspool** – Sup't., Plum

### **TENNIS**

**Charles Correll** – Teacher/Coach, South Park

### **TRACK & FIELD**

**Kirk Lape** – Principal, Ellwood City,

**Tom Wiczen** – Co Athletic Director, Neshannock

### **VOLLEYBALL**

**Brandon Rapp** – Athletic Director, Norwin

## **ADJUNCT STEERING COMMITTEE APPROVALS**

Committee members who retire from active service in a member school are permitted to retain their committee membership as adjunct members. The following persons were approved as adjunct steering committee membership following their retirement from active service:

**William Englert** – Football Committee, retired administrator, West Allegheny School District

**Deborah Jackson** – Soccer Committee, retired superintendent, Burgettstown School District

Twenty other adjunct members were reappointed to their committees for the 2014-2015 school year.

## **STEERING COMMITTEE RESIGNATIONS**

The following individuals resigned from committees as follows:

**BASEBALL** – **Matt Bonislowski**

**FIELD HOCKEY** – **Jan McDowell (Adjunct)**

**LACROSSE (Boys)** – **Mike Ghilani**

**LACROSSE (Girls)** – **Jan McDowell (Adjunct)**

**SOCCER** – **Joe Farkas**

**SOFTBALL** – **John Ashaolu and Bob Natale**

**SWIMMING/DIVING** – **Bob Kane (Adjunct)**

**VOLLEYBALL** – **Ron Busby and Jason Ross**

Committee member, **Alvin Gipson** will be a member of the Board of Directors and will no longer be an active member of the football committee.

## **BOD REORGANIZATION**

The BOD approved the appointment of William Cleary as the District VII second alternate representative to the

PIAA Board of Directors replacing Pamela Cherubin. Ms. Cherubin was elected to the PIAA BOD as the Female Official's Representative by the PIAA Officials Steering Committee.

## **PIAA BOD Representatives**

District VII Chairman . . . . . Jack Fullen

District VII BOD Member . . . . . Scott Heinauer

District VII Treasurer . . . . . Scott Seltzer

District VII First Alternate – Vice Chairman . . . Bart Rocco

District VII Second Alternate . . . . . Bill Cleary

## **WPIAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION(S)**

### **Aquinas Academy**

The BOD approved the WPIAL junior high membership application for Aquinas Academy located in Greensburg, PA, for the 2014-2015 school year.

## **COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON APPOINTMENT**

**Randy Rovesti**, Athletic Director at Gateway High School, was appointed as Chairperson of the Football Committee. Mr. Rovesti has been a member of the committee for several years and replaces William Englert who retired.

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

### **Blackhawk and Beaver County Christian**

The BOD accepted the request from Blackhawk and Beaver County Christian to form cooperative sponsorship of a sports agreements in the sports of B/G Golf, Football, B/G Cross Country, Girls Soccer, Girls Tennis, B/G Swimming, Wrestling, Softball, Baseball, and B/G Track & Field with Blackhawk being the host school, and Boys' Volleyball with Beaver County Christian being the host school beginning the 2014-2015 school year as per the board minutes of both school boards.

### **Western Beaver – South Side Area**

The BOD accepted the request from Western Beaver and South Side Area High Schools to form a cooperative sponsorship of a Sport Agreement in the sport of Gymnastics beginning with the 2014-2015 school year with South Side Area District serving as the host school. This request was sent to the PIAA for final approval.

### **Carlynton – Bishop Canevin**

The BOD has accepted the request from Carlynton and Bishop Canevin High Schools to form a cooperative

sponsorship of a Sport Agreement in the sport of Wrestling beginning with the 2014-2015 school year with Carlynton High School serving as the host school. This request was sent to the PIAA for final approval.

### **Western Beaver – Lincoln Park**

The BOD tabled a decision regarding the request from Western Beaver and Lincoln Park Performing Arts Charter School to form cooperative sponsorship of a sports agreements in the sports of B/G Golf and Girls' Basketball with Lincoln Park Performing Arts Charter School as the host school, and Baseball and Boys' Track and Field with Western Beaver being the host school beginning the 2014-2015 school year as per the approved resolutions signed by both school boards.

### **PIAA BASKETBALL PLAY-IN GAMES**

The BOD approved playing in all quarter final losers through seeding to get the 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup> seeds for the 2014-2015 PIAA Boys' and Girls' Basketball Tournament qualifiers.

### **TRACK & FIELD SCHEDULE CHANGES**

The BOD approved date changes for the individual qualifiers and team championships for the 2014-2015 schedule.

### **AWARDS POLICY REVISION**

Individual awards for Competitive Spirit will be implemented as follows: members of the champion and runner-up teams in all classes will receive individual medals (20 per team). In addition, each champion and runner-up team in all classes will receive a trophy.

### **SHARE POLICY REVISION**

Shares to all schools will be capped at a total of \$200,000 per year in all sports in which shares are given with the sport breakup as follows: 60% - Football, 30% - Basketball, and 10% - Soccer.

### **CORPORATE SPONSORSHIPS**

#### **First Commonwealth Bank Partnership Extended**

The Western Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic League (WPIAL) is pleased to announce that First Commonwealth Bank will continue as a major corporate League sponsor for three more years until June 2017. First Commonwealth Bank has been a major corporate sponsor of the League since 2008. McDonald's, Comcast, and the UPMC Center for Sports Medicine are also major corporate sponsors of the League.

First Commonwealth Financial Corporation, headquartered in Indiana, Pennsylvania, is a financial services company with \$6.3 billion in total assets and 110 banking offices in 15 counties throughout western and central Pennsylvania. First Commonwealth provides a full range commercial banking, consumer banking, wealth management and insurance products, and services through its subsidiaries, First Commonwealth Bank and First Commonwealth Insurance Agency.

### **WPIAL BOARD OF CONTROL NAME CHANGE**

The BOC voted unanimously to change the name of the WPIAL Board of Control (BOC) to the WPIAL Board of Directors (BOD).

### **INFORMATION AND REMINDERS**

#### **WPIAL SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD APPLICATIONS**

The deadline for member schools to submit sportsmanship applications is September 26, 2014.

Interested schools must submit a completed "Member School Self-Assessment Form". Additional information will be e-mailed to member schools upon request.

The WPIAL Sportsmanship Committee will convene on October 8 to review submitted applications for 2013-14 Sportsmanship Awards.

### **TEAM ROSTERS AND PHOTOGRAPHS**

Team rosters for football and soccer are due in the League Office by October 16. Specifications and information pertaining to the preparation of rosters will be posted on the website on September 10.

As team photo sessions are scheduled for fall sports, athletic directors are reminded to include a 5"x7" photo of their varsity football team for use in the League championship game program. It is not necessary to submit a team soccer photograph.

Team rosters for field hockey and girls' volleyball will be requested from schools separately.

A special thank you to those dedicated athletic secretaries who prepare and submit the rosters in a timely manner.

### **HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS PARTICIPATION ACHIEVES ALL-TIME HIGH**

According to the National Federation of High Schools Association (NFHS), sports participation for the 2013-14 school

year reached an all-time high of 7.8 million participants, an increase of 82,081 from the previous year. An additional 44,941 girls participated in high school sports last year, moving the girls' all-time record total to 3,267,664. This marks the 25<sup>th</sup> consecutive year for an increase in the number of female participants. The top ten sports for participation by girls are: track/field, basketball, volleyball, soccer, fast-pitch softball, cross country, tennis, swimming and diving, competitive spirit squads, and lacrosse. Volleyball gained the most participants (9,426) from the previous year.

Among the top ten boys sports, baseball registered the largest gain with an additional 7,838 participants followed by football with 6,437. The top ten boys' sports remained unchanged as follows: football, track and field, basketball, baseball, soccer, wrestling, cross country, tennis, golf, and swimming and diving.

Participants by state stayed true to last year's order, as Texas and California once again topped the list with 805,299 and 783,008 respectively. Pennsylvania ranks sixth (317,318) behind Texas, California, New York, Illinois, and Ohio.

Above is based on figures submitted by the 51 NFHS-member state high school associations, which includes the District of Columbia.

## **New Athletic Directors**

Ambridge – Glenn Freed  
Burrell – Aaron Frech  
California – Chris Miner  
Chartiers Valley – Angela Potthoff  
Frazier – Paul Harvey  
Highlands – Chuck Debor  
Holy Family Academy – Gary Zangaro  
Keystone Oaks – Mark Elphinstone  
Montour – Jason Burk  
Neshannock – Bob Burkes & Tom Wiczen  
Quigley Catholic – Antoinette Grady  
Seton LaSalle – Larkin Hogel  
South Fayette – Mark Keener  
Union – Stacy Robinson  
Valley – Muzzy Colosimo  
Western Beaver – Marc Rose

## **WELCOME**

### **New Principals**

Ambridge – Barry King  
Avella – Cyril Walther  
Beaver – Steve Wellendorf  
Bentworth – Keith Konyk  
Carmichaels – Lisa Zdravecky  
Frazier – Jason Pappas  
Freedom – William Deal  
Freeport – Mike Kleckner  
Gateway – Pete Murphy  
Greensburg Central Catholic – Don Teti  
Hampton – Marguerite Imbarlina  
Holy Family Academy – Ron Zangaro  
Laurel – Mark Frengel  
McGuffey – Mark Bonus  
Monessen – Eric Manko  
Norwin – Tim Kotch  
Oakland Catholic – Sharyn Zalno  
Penn Trafford – Tony Aquilio  
Pine Richland – Nancy Bowman  
Riverview – Tiffany Nix  
Sto-Rox – Tim Beck  
Thomas Jefferson – Christopher Sefchek  
Trinity Christian – Kennedy Henriquez  
Vincentian Academy – Ed Bernot  
Western Beaver – David Brandon  
Woodland Hills – Kevin Murray

## **Jerry Roman – WPIAL Golf Committee Chairman Honored at Officials Convention**

Since his appointment as a member of the WPIAL Golf Committee in July, 2002, and subsequent appointment as chairman in 2003, Jerry Roman has made extensive contributions to the WPIAL and PIAA interscholastic golf programs. Under his leadership, course ratings and target scores were determined for each of the 30 courses used in the district tournament which made it possible for the best players to qualify for the PIAA tournament and created a level field for all. A tireless worker in securing courses, players are given the opportunity to play on championship courses throughout the tournament. His proactive style is instrumental in planning district tournaments in a problem-free and organized manner. A highly professional person, Mr. Roman demonstrates leadership, decision making, interpersonal, and organizational skills that have been instrumental in developing a first-class District 7 golf program.

## **WPIAL CONTEST OFFICIALS HONORED**

Congratulations to the following PIAA Officials from the WPIAL who were honored at the annual PIAA Official's Convention in August with the presentation of a PIAA OFFICIAL wristwatch. To qualify for the award, male officials must have 35 years and female officials 25 years of service.

David M. Barry	SFT
Anne E. Buss	SFT
Frank S. Carretta	VB, SFT
Michael A. Dobos	FB
Gary A. Gallagher	BSE, SFT
Carl T. Grinage	BB
Karen Harouse-Bell	SW
William N. Heidkamp	FB
Joseph M. Hoffman	BB, SFT
Karen Laughlin	FH, BB
Lawrence O. Maggi	FB, WR
Thomas J. Manns	VB
John W. Mattis	BB, SFT
Robert P. Oravetz	VB, BB, LAX
Robert Osleger	VB, BSE, SFT
Very Rev. Robert Popichak	FB
William Rolland, Jr.	FB
William Rose	BB, SFT
Charles Schmook	FB, SFT

## 2014-15 OFFICIAL BALLS



A summary of all "Official Balls" for the 2014-15 school year and beyond is listed below:

SPORT	MFGR.	OFFICIAL BALL	EXPIRATION
Football	Spalding	SB1	6/30/17
VB – B/G	Spalding	VB5	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-12L	6/30/17

## WPIAL OFFICIAL MAJOR SPONSORS



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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	Rawlings	R1 PIAA
Soccer	Rawlings	PIAA SB950

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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