



Sewickley Academy . . . . .	Madeline Mooney Samantha Smith
Shady Side Academy . . . . .	Michael DiMarsico
Trinity . . . . .	Cailey Dahlquist Courtney Dahlquist Italo DeLuca Logan Errett Barlow Wagner
Trinity Christian . . . . .	Sean Newell
Vincentian Academy . . . . .	Nathan Cullo Erik Jonsson Claudia Delgado Justo Aeone Song
West Mifflin . . . . .	Benjamin Visnesky
Winchester Thurston . . . . .	Bridget Hughes Igor Karusewicz Dusan Krivokapic Jacob Yousem

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

Burgettstown . . . . .	Seth Arnold
California . . . . .	Zion Aldrich
Frazier . . . . .	Mason Kelly
Montour . . . . .	Jaden Nelson
Peters Township . . . . .	Nathan Farmer
Ringgold . . . . .	Marquez Bentley
Riverview . . . . .	William Conley
Southmoreland . . . . .	Cali Konek
Steel Valley . . . . .	Trevon Epps
Steel Valley . . . . .	Arona Flowers
Washington . . . . .	DeMonya Brown
Washington . . . . .	Robert Clark
West Mifflin . . . . .	Bryant Johnson

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

Canon McMillan . . . . .	Matthew Holmes
Hopewell . . . . .	Christian Romeo
Pine Richland . . . . .	Thomas Burns
South Park . . . . .	Issiah Mack
Steel Valley . . . . .	Jonathan Neal
Washington . . . . .	Daniel Walker

### **Foreign Exchange Provision**

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

Bethel Park . . . . .	Juan Pablo Monsalve
Butler . . . . .	Sebastian Porsche
California . . . . .	Loic Marsmann
Ellwood City . . . . .	Takuji Watanabe
Hempfield . . . . .	Moneer Ghanem
Indiana . . . . .	Gema Esteban
Mars . . . . .	Pedro Lopes Anna Preussen Maxwell Quaicoe

Norwin . . . . .	Timo Saarlo
Penn Hills . . . . .	Jose Olivas Phillipe Raaflaub Vinicius Rozani
Peters Township . . . . .	Giorgio Vincenti
Riverside . . . . .	Meshal Alsuwaidi
Steel Valley . . . . .	Lucas Florin
Washington . . . . .	Elisa Penna
Woodland Hills . . . . .	Basile Gandreau

The following students were granted eligibility for one year under Article VII, Section 2 International Student:

Greensburg Central Catholic . . . . .	Yahor Ramanau
Mt. Lebanon . . . . .	Johanne Svenning

### **Age**

The following students were denied an age waiver under Article I, Section 3 of the PIAA By-Laws:

Lincoln Park Performing Arts . . . . .	Kailey Olenick
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### **Period of Participation**

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

Connellsville . . . . .	John Hustosky
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## **ELIGIBILITY HEARINGS**

### **Cardinal Wuerl North Catholic – Matthew Heim**

After reviewing the information and testimony presented at the hearing on September 7, 2017 regarding the transfer of Matthew Heim from Vincentian Academy to Cardinal Wuerl North Catholic High School, the WPIAL BOD Hearing Panel declined to grant eligibility in football only for a period of one year from the date of transfer of August 3, 2017 under Article VI, Section 4C of the PIAA By-Laws.

### **Chartiers Houston – Eleanor Brookman**

After reviewing the information and testimony presented at the hearing on September 7, 2017 regarding the transfer of Eleanor Brookman from McGuffey High School to Chartiers Houston High School, the WPIAL BOD Hearing Panel declined to grant eligibility in softball only for a period of one year from the date of transfer of August 15, 2017 under Article VI, Section 4C of the PIAA By-Laws.

### **Imani Christian Academy – Charles Barley**

After reviewing the information and testimony presented at the hearing on September 7, 2017 regarding the transfer of Charles Barley from Vincentian Academy to Imani Christian Academy, the WPIAL BOD Hearing Panel declined to grant eligibility in football only for a period of one year from the date of transfer of August 11, 2017 under Article VI, Section 4C of the PIAA By-Laws.

### **Lincoln Park Performing Arts Charter – Kailey Olenick**

After considering the information and testimony presented at the hearing on October 16, 2017, Kailey Olenick was denied an age waiver under Article I, Section 3 of the PIAA By-Laws.

### **Mt. Lebanon - Isabelle Kowenhoven**

After reviewing the information and testimony presented at the hearing on September 27, 2017, Isabelle Kowenhoven was declared ineligible in volleyball only under Article VI, Section 4C of the PIAA By-Laws for a period of one year from the date of transfer of August 21, 2017.

### **Trinity –Emily & Kaylin Venick**

After considering the information and testimony presented at the hearing on September 7, 2017 regarding the transfer of Emily & Kaylin Venick from Jefferson Morgan High School to Trinity Area High School, the BOD Hearing Panel declined to grant eligibility in basketball only for a period of one year from the date of transfer of August 1, 2017 under Article VI, Section 4C of the PIAA By-Laws.

## **INELIGIBLE STUDENT ATHLETES**

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

### **Beaver County Christian**

The administration is publicly censured for letting student athletes participate in an interscholastic athletic competition before receiving WPIAL Board approval, and the administration must develop a plan of action to ensure this situation does not reoccur and submit to the BOD.

### **Ellwood City**

The WPIAL BOD censured the administration for letting non resident student athletes participate in interscholastic athletics and accepted the administration's procedural plan to ensure this situation does not reoccur.

### **Highlands**

The WPIAL BOD censured the administration and coach regarding inappropriate response to a soccer disqualification. The BOD also is prohibiting the boys soccer team from post season competition unless the Boys Soccer coach is suspended for three games and attends an ACEP class by June 30, 2018.

### **Penn Hills**

The administration is publicly censured for letting student athletes participate in an interscholastic athletic competition before receiving WPIAL Board approval, and the administration must develop a plan of action to ensure this situation does not reoccur and submit to the BOD.

### **Ringgold**

The administration is publicly censured for letting student athletes participate in an interscholastic athletic competition before receiving WPIAL Board approval, and the administration must develop a plan of action to ensure this situation does not reoccur and submit to the BOD.

### **South Park**

The administration is publicly censured for letting student athletes participate in an interscholastic athletic competition before receiving WPIAL Board approval, and the administration must develop a plan of action to ensure this situation does not reoccur and submit to the BOD.

### **Belle Vernon ~ Violation of PIAA Article XVI Season & Out of Season Rules & Regulations**

The BOD determined the following regarding the violation of Article XVI , Section 2 Season & Out of Season Rules & Regulations in exceeding the maximum number of girls volleyball scrimmages: **1)**The Belle Vernon administration and head girls volleyball coach are publicly censured for exceeding the number of maximum scrimmages. **2)** The Belle Vernon High School girls volleyball program is on probation for a period of one year through the 2018-2019 girls volleyball season. **3)** The Belle Vernon High School is permitted only one (1) girls volleyball scrimmage in the 2018-2019 girls volleyball season. **4)** The WPIAL Board of Directors accepted the Belle Vernon's action plan so it does not reoccur.

### Highlands ~ Appeal of Soccer Coach Suspension

After considering the information and testimony presented, the BOD Hearing Panel determined the following: **1)** publicly censured the administration and boys soccer coach, Mr. Brad Walker, for the unacceptable response after the ejection of a Highlands soccer player at a game on September 5, 2017; **2)** accepted the Administration's action plan to ensure this situation does not reoccur; **3)** suspended the Boys Varsity Soccer Team from all post season play for the 2017-2018 season unless the Administration suspends Coach Brad Walker from coaching and being in attendance for one (1) game, reduced from (3) three games, effective immediately with written notification of the chosen game to the WPIAL office; requires Coach Walker to enroll in and successfully complete an ACEP (American Coaching Education Program) by June 30, 2018 with verification of attendance and complete of course to the WPIAL office by July 1, 2018; and **4)** an administrator must be present at all remaining home and away soccer games.

### Imani Christian Academy- Football Incident

After considering the information and testimony presented regarding the incident that occurred during the football game between Imani Christian Academy and Jeannette High School on September 23, 2017, the BOD Hearing Panel determined the following: **1)** Coach Ronnell Heard and his football staff were publicly censured for their collective failure to control their sideline. **2)** Imani Christian Academy had to submit via electronic mail to WPIAL by Friday, September 29, 2017 for its review and acceptance a more robust security plan that at a minimum addressed in detail fan seating, security personnel, security staff placement, locker room supervision, security for officials, and confirmation that, at least one week prior to all home games, Imani will provide visiting schools with written instructions as to where busses should drop off student-athletes at Graham Field, where visiting team fans should park, where visiting team fans are expected to sit in the stands, and to whom visiting schools should direct questions concerning their visit to Graham Field in the event an emergency situation arises.

### Ellwood City /Valley - Football Incident

After considering the information and testimony presented at the hearing regarding the incident that occurred during the football game between Ellwood City High School and Valley High School on Friday, September 29, 2017, the WPIAL Board of Directors Hearing Panel determined the following: **For Ellwood City:** **1)** Ellwood City Head Football Coach Nick Hand and his football staff are publicly censured for their inability to control their sideline. **2)** The Ellwood City football program is on probation through the end of the 2018-2019 football season **3.)** The Ellwood City Administration must develop a plan to address inappropriate interaction

between players prior to and during interscholastic athletic events. The plan must include and stress racial sensitivity and the need to at all times treat everyone with dignity and respect. In addition, all Ellwood City student-athletes must be informed that **WPIAL will not tolerate any sort of racist language being directed at opposing players or anybody else.** It must also include a timeline for implementation and details as to how it will be conducted. This plan must be submitted to the WPIAL Board no later than 2:00 pm on Friday, October 13, 2017. The WPIAL is willing to assist Ellwood City with this directive upon request. **4.)** Ellwood City is REQUIRED to have an administrative presence at ALL VARSITY FOOTBALL games during the 2017 and 2018 football seasons. **5.)** The Ellwood City Administration is commended for their very swift and detailed response to the on-field incident. **For Valley:** **1.)** Valley Head Football Coach William Colosimo and his football staff are publicly censured for their inability to control their sideline. **2.)** The Valley football program is on probation through the end of the 2018-2019 football season. **3.)** The Valley football program is indefinitely ineligible for post season play in the WPIAL playoffs unless the Valley School District suspends Coach William Colosimo for one game during the 2017 football season for his refusal to complete the game as scheduled. **4.)** The Valley Administration must develop a plan to address inappropriate interaction between players prior to and during interscholastic athletic events. The plan must include and stress racial sensitivity and the need to at all times treat everyone with dignity and respect. In addition, all Valley student-athletes must be informed that **WPIAL will not tolerate any sort of racist language being directed at opposing players or anybody else.** It must also include a timeline for implementation and details as to how it will be conducted. This plan must be submitted to the WPIAL Board no later than 2:00 pm on Friday, October 13, 2017. The WPIAL is willing to assist Valley with this directive upon request. **5.)** The Valley Administration must develop a plan to address sideline security to ensure that access to the sideline and playing field is limited to game personnel only regardless of pre-game festivities. This plan must be submitted to the WPIAL office by Friday, October 13, 2017. **6.)** The Valley Administration must report in writing to the WPIAL Board of Directors any additional disciplinary actions taken against student-athletes in regard to the on-field incident after reviewing the film.

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

#### **Beaver Falls/New Brighton – Varsity Boys & Girls Swimming & Diving**

The BOD accepted the request from Beaver Falls and New Brighton to form a cooperative sponsorship of a sport agreement in varsity boys and girls swimming and diving beginning the 2017-2018 school year with Beaver Falls as the host school.

### **Ellwood City/Mohawk - Junior High Wrestling**

The BOD accepted the request from Ellwood City and Mohawk to form a cooperative sponsorship of a sport agreement in junior high wrestling beginning the 2017-2018 school year with Ellwood City as the host school.

### **Ellwood City/Shenango - Boys & Girls Soccer**

The BOD accepted the request from Ellwood City and Shenango to form a cooperative sponsorship of a sport agreements in varsity boys and girls soccer beginning the 2018-2019 school year with Ellwood City as the host school.

### **Waynesburg/West Greene -Middle School Boys Soccer**

The BOD accepted the request from Waynesburg and West Greene to form a cooperative sponsorship of a sport agreement in middle school boys soccer beginning the 2017-2018 school year with Waynesburg as the host school.

### **Waynesburg/Mapletown -Junior High Wrestling**

The BOD accepted the request from Waynesburg and Mapletown to form a cooperative sponsorship of a sport agreement in junior high wrestling beginning the 2017-2018 school year with Waynesburg as the host school.

### **Western Beaver/Lincoln Park – Varsity Football, Baseball & Softball**

The BOD accepted the request from Western Beaver and Lincoln Park to form a cooperative sponsorship of a sport agreements in varsity baseball, football and softball beginning the 2018-2019 school year with Western Beaver as the host school.

## **COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP(S) TERMINATED**

The BOD accepted the request from Southmoreland and Geibel Catholic to terminate the cooperative sponsorship of a sport agreement in the sport of varsity football effective at the end of the 2017-2018 school year.

### **Freedom/Quigley-Football**

### **Freedom/New Brighton - Girls Soccer**

### **Freedom/Quigley/New Brighton - Wrestling**

The BOD accepted the request from Freedom Area High School to terminate the following cooperative sponsorship of a sport agreements effective at the end of the 2017-2018 school year: Varsity Football with Quigley Catholic High School; Girls Soccer with New Brighton; and Wrestling with Quigley Catholic & New Brighton Area Schools.

### **New Brighton/Rochester - Boys Soccer**

The BOD accepted the request from New Brighton and Rochester to terminate the cooperative sponsorship of a sport agreement in the sport of boys soccer effective at the end of the 2017-2018 school year.

## **AUDIT REPORT**

Jim Hune, 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, 2017. According to Mr. Hune, the audit represents the financial position of the League at June 30, 2016, and June 30, 2017, 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, 2017, were \$814,570 compared to \$753,143 for the year ending June 30, 2016. The League's revenue share program resulted in \$172,918 being returned to schools participating in the football, basketball, and soccer tournaments.

## **SPORTSMANSHIP**

### **2016-2017 Sportsmanship Awards**

The WPIAL Sportsmanship Committee has selected four member schools for 2016-2017 sportsmanship awards. The schools are: Avonworth, Beaver Falls and Greensburg Salem High Schools.

Each of the schools promoted and demonstrated the elements of good sportsmanship during the 2016-2017 school year during the fall, winter and spring sports seasons. Representatives from the schools will be honored at the WPIAL Sportsmanship Summit at the Pittsburgh Regional History Center on November 9, 2017.

Since the league launched the program entitled, "Sportsmanship: The Only Missing Piece is You", 67 member schools have been selected for WPIAL Sportsmanship Awards.

## CHAMPIONSHIP GOLF COURSES

The 2017 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 2017 Golf Championships.

### Boys' Sectional Tournaments

Blackhawk GC  
Butlers Woodside GC  
Cranberry Highlands Golf Course  
Connoquennesing Country Club  
Duck Hollow  
Greensburg Country Club  
Kittanning Country Club  
Linden Hall GC  
Lone Pine Country Club  
Pheasant Ridge Golf Club  
South Hills Country Club  
Sylvan Heights GC  
The Club at Nevillewood  
Westwood Golf Club  
Willowbrook Country Club  
Youghiogheny Country Club

### Girls' Sectional Tournaments

Club at Shadow Lakes  
Conley Resort  
Norvelt GC  
Pittsburgh North GC  
Southpointe GC  
Three Lakes GC

### Boys' Individual Semifinals

Donegal Highlands GC  
Links at Spring Church

### Boys' Individual Championships

Allegheny Country Club  
Nemacolin Country Club

### Girls' Individual Championships

Diamond Run Golf Club

### Boys' Team Semifinals

Indiana Run Golf Course  
Linden Hall Golf Course  
Ponderosa GC  
River Forest Country Club

### Boys' and Girls' Team Finals

Cedarbrook Golf Course

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## PIAA OFFICIAL BALLS

**Baseball**- Spalding 41-100HS

**Basketball**- Spalding TF-1000 Legacy 74-7168 (Boys) 74-7358 (Girls)

**Football** -Wilson GST WTF1003

**Soccer**- Spalding TF-5000 64-7929

**Softball**- Dudley (Spalding) 43-147 (Red Stitch)

**Tennis**- Wilson WRT100101

**Volleyball**- Baden Perfection VX5EC-210

Member schools may elect to participate with the NFHS-approved ball of their choice during Regular Season Contests. Qualifying schools are required to compete with the PIAA Championships' "Official Ball" provided for use in PIAA District and all Inter-District Championship Contests (first round through final, inclusive).

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