

QUALIFICATION OF STUDENTS FROM SCHOOLS WHICH DO NOT SPONSOR TEAMS DURING THE REGULAR SEASON

According to PIAA regulations, a student attending a member school that does not sponsor a team during the regular season may qualify for the district meets in the following sports:

FALL
B/G Cross Country
B/G Golf
Girls Tennis

WINTER
Girls Gymnastics
Swimming
Wrestling

SPRING
Boys Tennis
B/G Track and Field

The guidelines for this participation are:

- A. Limit of one competitor per sport per school. The school is responsible for determining their competitor.
- **No tennis doubles are permitted, nor are relay teams in swimming or track.**
 - **Multiple athletes from the same school may participate in track, swimming, gymnastics and wrestling if they do not compete in the same event(s).**
 - **A male and female from the same non-team school are permitted to participate in the same event.**
 - **However, if two males or two females qualify, only one male and one female may enter that event.**
- B. Competitors must meet all PIAA eligibility requirements.
- C. Competitors must be accompanied and supervised by a coach employed and assigned by the member school. The school may send a full-time professional in lieu of a coach for purposes of accompanying and supervising student. This full-time professional employee must be a properly designated representative of the student's school and must be fully responsible for the supervision of the student. The coach or representative must remain with the student for the duration of the event.
- D. The school must notify the WPIAL Office in a timely fashion that they intend to enter a competitor.
- E. In sports where there are multiple qualifying events, the WPIAL will assign competitors to a specific qualifier. This assignment will be made based on competitive and numerical balance, not necessarily on geographical criteria.
- F. Specific qualifying requirements for certain sports:
1. Diving competitors must dive for score and swimmers must swim for "time" in their event/events during a regularly scheduled interscholastic meet being conducted by other member schools. The "timing" of the swimmer may occur during an official event, in between events or after the meet. The host school will make the decision as to whether the swimmer competes during an event or not. **(To prevent confusion, the Athletic Directors should make this decision prior to the meet and communicate to all involved.)** A PIAA registered official must certify the swimmer's performance, in writing, and this certification must be submitted with the entry form.
 2. Track competitors must follow the same guidelines listed for swimmers.
 3. Gymnastics competitors may qualify through the same method but may also establish qualifying scores through club meets.
 4. Wrestlers may not qualify through regularly scheduled school meets but must provide the WPIAL with a record of all wins and losses established in tournaments and other non-school competitions.