

To: Athletic Directors of Schools Entering District IV Soccer Playoffs

From: Hal Stockdill, District IV Soccer Chairman
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Date: October 25, 2009

Enclosed is a copy of the pairings for the District IV Soccer Tournament.

Please refer to the 2008 District IV Soccer Regulations e-mailed on September 18, 2009.

Sites and times for the A & AA boys and AA girls Quarterfinals scheduled for Saturday, October 31 will be e-mailed to the schools on Friday morning, October 30. The games may be played on the Athens, Balls Mills, Bloomsburg University, Bucknell University, Hughesville, Middleburg, Millville, Sayre, Shamokin, Towanda High School fields.

Please read and make coaches and fans aware of the information on banners, signs, noisemakers, and cost of admission. Also notify your team and fans that District IV Soccer Championship clothing will be on sale beginning with the October 27 games.

The first round of state playoff games will be on Tuesday, November 10, 2009.

Game managers will be assigned by District IV PIAA for the preliminary, quarterfinal, semifinal, and championship games.

Attention: Game Managers

The soccer Committee will assign officials and pay officials, game managers. Please give the officials a sportsmanship evaluation form to be completed and returned to you by the end of the game. We are planning to use this form for all of our district playoff games. If the officials are evaluating the sportsmanship of the two teams as a group, each of the officials should sign the form. Please mail the completed form(s) to me.

Ten complimentary tickets will be mailed to the game managers to provide for the administration of the winning teams on October 27, 28 and 29 for the October 31 games. Tickets will be mailed to schools that are not playing before October 31. These tickets are for the use of principals, athletic directors, and other school personnel.

Scores should be called in to me at the conclusion of each game by the game manager. Home 946-4200 or cell 447-4415

Pre-contest meeting

The Principal or Athletic Director, head soccer coach and cheerleading advisor of each school participating in the 2009 District IV Soccer Championships are required to meet with the PIAA-Appointed Contest Manager and Contest officials fifteen (15) minutes prior to the starting time of each Contest in front of the officials' table.

Supervision

Principals, athletic directors and head soccer coaches are responsible for supervising members of their teams at all times both at and away from the game site. Misconduct by players, team, personnel, coaches and/or other persons affiliated with the team will not be tolerated. Persons who engage in unacceptable behavior are subject to expulsion from the game site and disqualification from the 2009 PIAA Soccer Championships.

No Protest Rule

Under PIAA there can be no protest of contests as follows: "The Board of Control and District Committees will not consider any protest in athletic contests which are based on play situations or officials' decisions involving interpretation or judgement of plays." "In no cases will the results of a contest be reversed nor will a contest be ordered or permitted to be replayed." "Questions regarding interpretation of rules or judgement of officials should be submitted in writing to the Executive Director."

BANNERS, SIGNS, LISTENING DEVICES, AND TEAM AREA DECORUM

Both the presence and use of balloons, towels, sirens, whistles, and portable listening devices (without earphones) are prohibited. The Principal and Athletic Director of each school will be requested to confiscate these items from the spectators from their school and community. Small portable listening devices with earphones and stationary banners and signs, which are sportsmanlike in their messages, are permitted. Principals and Athletic Directors of competing schools shall announce and publicize these regulations.

The Principal, Athletic Director, coaches, Team physician, Team trainer, players in uniform, managers, ball holders, and statisticians will be the only persons permitted in the Team area.

Inclement Weather

Teams must be prepared to play in inclement weather. If at all possible, games will be played as scheduled. It shall be the decision of the Site Game Manager as to whether a game should be postponed because of inclement weather, unplayable condition of the playing surface and/or hazardous travel conditions. Postponed games must be played later in the day or on the next playable day, at the original game site and at the original starting time, if possible.

Restrictions on Cheerleading Activities

The PIAA Board of Directors is most concerned with dangerous activities performed by cheerleaders at interscholastic athletic events. In an effort to eliminate or minimize injury to cheerleaders, the following shall be in effect for all PIAA district, PIAA inter-district, PIAA regional and PIAA final athletic events:

1. No cheerleader shall stand on another person unless that other person has at least (1) foot on ground.
2. No flips are permitted from another person unless that other person has both feet on the ground.
3. Trampolines and/or mini-tramps shall not be used.

Restrictive Coaching Rule

The team areas shall extend from ten (10) yards on each side of the halfway line for a distance of (20) yards, and each area shall be marked by a solid line. Coaches, bench personnel and team members shall be restricted to the team area. For the first offense by a coach for coaching outside the team area, a caution (yellow card) shall be given. For the second offense by a coach for coaching outside the team area, the coach shall be disqualified (yellow and Red Card).

A coach who is disqualified shall leave the vicinity of the playing area immediately and is prohibited from any further contact, direct or indirect, with the team during the remainder of the game. Failure to comply shall result in termination and forfeiture of the game. The coach will also not be permitted to coach their Team in the next contest, if their Team advances.

**DISTRICT IV
2009 BOYS' AND GIRLS' SOCCER**

1. District IV will have 8 soccer teams advancing to the state tournament. Advancing will be 3 AA Girls, 1 AAA Girls, **2 A Boys**, 1 AA Boys. AAA Boys will qualify through District 2.
2. Only official PIAA varsity games will be considered for your record. An official game is one with a PIAA contract (or league scheduled), and officials.
3. The district playoff games shall be conducted in accordance with the PIAA rules and regulations governing interscholastic sports competition. The National Federation Soccer Rules are the official PIAA rules. Teams that enter the playoffs agree to all the regulations established by the district soccer committee.
4. The district committee will assign officials and a game manager for each game.
5. Seeding:
 - a. Teams will be seeded by the district soccer committee based upon winning percentage of your overall record. **Tournament games tied at the conclusion of regulation play that have the tie broken with an overtime procedure will be counted as a win or a loss.** If the winning percentage is equal, the team with the most games played will be seeded higher. Head to head competition and having more wins, or coin flip will be considered to break a seeding tie. Playoff games to determine a league champion will not be considered for seeding purposes.
 - b. Winning percentage will be determined by the following procedure: 2 points for a win, 1 point for a tie, and 0 points for a loss; (total pts. earned) divided by (total games played x 2)= winning percentage.
 - c. **District IV Teams that played 10 or more games with a winning percentage of 50% or more are eligible for the playoffs.**
6. **Notification must be Faxed by 12:00(Noon) Thursday October 22, 2009 Fax # 946-4447** of a school's intention to compete **or not** in the district competition. **(Please note forms are due Thursday)** The following information must be sent to the District IV soccer chairman if you are competing: **eligibility list of players and the enclosed record sheet for each team.** Scores of games played on October 22, 23 and 24, 2009, must be called in to Hal Stockdill by midnight October 24, 2009. My home phone number is **570-946-4200** (use this number Friday night and Saturday); school **946-7391**.
7. To be eligible a school must play a minimum of 10 official varsity games by Saturday, October 24, 2009. (Consideration may be given to teams that played less than 10 games if a scheduled game had to be postponed during the week of October 19, but all teams must make every effort to play every scheduled game. Not playing a game to stay ".500" is not acceptable.) **Games scheduled after the first game of the season will not be considered to qualify a team for district competition (or overall record) unless pre-approved by the District IV Committee.**

8. All games will be played at a neutral site at 3:00(Triple header only), 5:00 and 7:00 during weekdays. Triple-headers may be used to keep girls and boys teams from the same school at the same site. Saturday games will be 12:00, 2:00, 4:30, and 6:30. **The teams on the top of the bracket will be the home team and wear light colored uniforms.** The visiting team will be responsible for having uniforms of a contrasting color.
9. **Each school shall provide the following for every game:**
- a. one (1) adult scorer
 - b. two (2) ball chasers
10. Awards:
- a. Team plaque to each district championship team
 - b. 25 individual medals for each team advancing to state competition and teams in the finals who do not qualify for states (AAAG and AAB).
11. Admission prices:
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| | All Games |
| Adults | \$6.00 |
| Students | \$3.00 |
12. **Hosting schools:** The following facilities may be hosting playoff games (Athens, Balls Mills, Bloomsburg University, Bucknell University, Hughesville, Middleburg, Millville, Towanda, Sayre, Shamokin.) All expenses will be paid from the gate. District IV will pay the officials. Game managers must complete all forms and deposit money within 48 hours following each game.
13. District IV will pay participation schools in the semifinals, consolation finals and championship finals games a share of the net proceeds if receipts are greater than the expenses for the entire tournament. A team could receive one or two shares based on the number of games played beyond the quarterfinals. Participating schools will receive 60% of the net receipts and District IV will receive 40%.
14. Facilities: Teams should come to the tournament dressed for the game. Locker rooms and showers may be available after each game please call ahead to Athletic Director of hosting school. Notify the host school Athletic Director if dressing facilities are desired before the preliminary, quarterfinals, semifinal, and/or championship games.
15. Criteria used to determine sites are:
1. Maximum playing dimensions
 2. Lights
 3. Spectator seating
 4. Provision to charge admission
 5. Geographical location
 6. Neutral site
 7. Seeding of teams will not be a criterion for selection of game sites

16. A&AA Boys' and AA Girls' Sites, Dates, and Times.
- a. Tuesday, October 27, Wednesday October 28 and Thursday, October 29, 2009
First Round Games: Games will be scheduled by the committee at a neutral site.
The games will be played at 3:00, 5:00 and 7:00 P.M.
 - b. Saturday October 31, 2009 Quarterfinal games will be played at neutral sites.
The games will be 12:00, 2:00, 4:30 and 6:30.
 - c. Tuesday November 3, 2009 Semifinal games will be played at neutral sites at
3:00, 5:00 and 7:00.
 - d. Thursday November 5, 2009 Championship and 3rd place game will be played
at 3:00, 5:00 and 7:00 at neutral sites.

18. AAA Girls' Sites, Dates, and Times
- a. Tuesday October 27, Wednesday October 28 or Thursday October 29, 2009
Quarterfinal games will be played at 5:00 and 7:00 at a neutral site.
 - b. Monday November 2, 2009 Semifinal games will be played at 5:00 and 7:00 at
a neutral site.
 - c. Thursday November 5, 2009 Championship game will be at a neutral site at
5:00 or 7:00.

19. AAA Boys' qualify through District II

20. Please make the necessary copies of this memo for boys' and girls' soccer teams and return forms by the dates requested.