

PIAA Questions

1. Is the PIAA board going to consider alternate transfer rules for students displaced by the coronavirus?
PIAA doesn't believe it is necessary. If a student transfers there is a process to have their eligibility confirmed by each district committee.
2. Will the board consider playing spring sports in the fall, similar to what the PAC is doing?
Not at this time; if that would occur and fall season is cancelled students in those sports lose 2 seasons—spring 2020 AND fall 2020.
3. Will the board clarify if they are or are not permitting spectators? What is the threshold? What "phase" will be necessary to allow spectators back? Does the board consider marching bands and cheerleaders as essential personnel or as spectators? If band and cheer are permitted to attend, does the board plan to implement any further rules or restrictions on what they are permitted to do?

The information in the recent mitigation order and the K-12 sports guidance link seem to conflict or give the wrong impression to people. It makes it sound like a football game could have spectators as long as we are under 250 people but the guidance on-line limits who can attend and excludes spectators. What is the correct interpretation?

A. Student Athletes+Coaches+Officials+Staff+Spectators < 250
or
B. Student Athletes+Coaches+Officials+Staff < 250 (No visitors/spectators permitted)

<https://www.governor.pa.gov/covid-19/sports-guidance/>
Any sports-related activities in Yellow or Green phased counties must adhere to the gathering limitations set forth by the Governor's Plan for Phased Reopening (25 in yellow, 250 outdoors and 25 indoors in green) and the facility as a whole may not exceed 50% of total occupancy otherwise permitted by law. **During the Yellow and Green phases of reopening, sports-related activities at the PK-12 level are limited to student athletes, coaches, officials, and staff only.** The addition of visitors and spectators will be contingent upon future health conditions within the state and local communities.

PIAA inquired of the Governor's Office for clarification, but PIAA is understanding no spectators; expect the band and cheerleading counted in spectators.
4. If the governor restricts play in the fall, is the board considering a hybrid model? Or will fall sports simply be cancelled? If restrictions are put in place that we cannot start until January 1, what date will the first contest be permitted? Will the state change the competitive spirit championship? Could there be a delay of fall sports in order to get school started first
If Governor restricts play, PIAA will have to see what that looks like and make decisions at that time. All solutions are on the table today. That decision will be up to the PIAA Board. More information to be discussed in days ahead.
5. When it says "no outside organizations should be entering buildings," should schools hold off on youth sports this year for now? This is local school decision.
6. If wrestlers are in a practice room shadow wrestling away from each other and then wearing masks to lift weights is that deemed ok? At this time, PIAA has nothing to prevent this. However knowing the conditions of most wrestling rooms, concerns would include proper ventilation, hygiene, and strict physical distancing of 6'.

7. What is the PIAA bylaw/rule/regulation stating if you decline to play one year, you have to sit out a second year. There is **no such PIAA by-law/rule/policy. However, individual leagues may have their own related rules.**
8. Volleyball JV/Varsity are >25 in a gymnasium, is there any work around?
PIAA asked the Governor's office for clarification, and there does not appear to be any changes to this. Teams have to adapt.
9. Will the PIAA work with the DOH to put out guidelines to how football and soccer can be played safely? **When/if a return to competition is approved guidelines will be released for all sports.**