

PIAA DISTRICT XI FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS
presented by St. Luke's University Health Network
2016

DATES, LOCATIONS, TIMES OF FOOTBALL DISTRICT PLAYOFFS:

Friday, November 4, 2016	A, AAAA, & AAAAA Semifinals AAAAAA Quarterfinal
Saturday, November 5, 2016	AA Semifinals AAA Quarterfinals
Friday, November 11, 2016	A, AAAA, & AAAAA Championship Finals AAAAAA Semifinals
Saturday, November 12, 2016	AA Championship Final AAA Semifinals
Friday, November 18, 2016	AAAAAA Championship Final AAAAA DXI Champion vs. DII Champion
Saturday, November 19, 2016	AAA Championship Final

Game times will be determined by the District XI Football Chairperson. Any potential school related conflict with game dates or times must be communicated to the District XI Football Chairman by **Monday, October 10, 2016**.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE PERSON IN CHARGE OF CHAMPIONSHIP:

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ELIGIBILITY FOR DISTRICT XI FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

- A. Only games scheduled **prior** to the beginning of the football season will be considered.
- B. It is expected that all schools that qualify for the playoffs will participate. Schools who do not wish to participate will be expected to notify, in writing, the District XI Football Chairperson by **Monday, October 10, 2016**.
- C. Entry of a team into the Football Playoffs/Championships signifies that the member schools accept the conditions and provisions that are described below. Furthermore, a member school accepts the fact that the PIAA District XI Committee reserves the right to make changes in the management, schedule, location of game sites, and operation of the 2016 District XI Football Playoffs if, in their judgment, it becomes necessary to do so.
- D. All teams advancing to the PIAA State Tournament are obligated to represent PIAA District XI by competing in those contests as assigned.
- E. Qualifiers
 - 1A – 4
 - 2A – 4
 - 3A – 8
 - 4A – 4
 - 5A – 4
 - 6A – 8

METHOD OF SEEDING: The District XI Power Rating System will be used to seed teams in ALL Classifications. Tournament Brackets and times will be posted by **NOON** on Sunday, October 30, 2016 on the District XI website.

- A. All classes (A, AA, AAA, AAAA, AAAAA, & AAAAAA) will utilize the PIAA District XI Power Rating System detailed in the District XI Power Rating section of the website.
- B. Current standings and results will be available season-long on the District XI website under the Football links.
- C. *If a tie occurs for position in a bracket, the following criteria shall be used to break the tie:*
 - (1) Record against one another
 - (2) Total points scored against one another
 - (3) Fewest points allowed in a season
 - (4) Coin flip

GAME LOCATIONS: All Quarterfinal & Semifinal Games will be played on the home field of the higher-seeded team. All Championship Final Games will be held at a neutral site to be determined by PIAA District XI. The HIGHER seeded team will be the HOME Team and should wear their DARK jersey throughout the tournament. The LOWER seeded team will be the VISITING Team and should wear their WHITE jerseys throughout the tournament. The higher seeded team will be the home team, regardless of their position in the bracket.

FINANCES: Reimbursement and expenses will be paid in accordance with District XI Policy.

ASSIGNMENT OF OFFICIALS: Officials will be assigned by the respective PIAA District XI Official's Representative after consultation with all league assignors. Officials will be paid by District XI at the conclusion of the tournament.

SPORTSMANSHIP STATEMENT: PIAA requires all registered sports' officials to enforce the sportsmanship rules for coaches and contestants. Actions meant to demean opposing contestants, teams, spectators and officials are not in the highest ideals of interscholastic education and will not be tolerated. Let all contests reflect mutual respect. Coaches will certify prior to the contest that teams are legally equipped according to the rules of that contest.

TOURNAMENT MANAGERS: As determined by District XI Football Chairperson.

TICKET PRICES:

Players, coaches, trainers, equipment managers, cheerleaders, band members, etc. will be admitted without a ticket.

Individuals with a PIAA District XI Principals or Athletic Directors Pass should be admitted free of charge. **League Passes, Officials' Passes, Season Passes, and Faculty Passes will NOT be honored.** Twenty (20) complimentary tickets will be issued to each participating team in each round.

Presale tickets will be provided. Participating schools must make arrangements to submit all receipts and unsold tickets to the Game Manager one (1) hour prior to the event. If this is an issue, please notify the Game Manager prior to the day of the event to make alternate arrangements.

Advanced Tickets:

Adult = \$6.00

Student = \$3.00

Sr. Citizen (62+) = \$3.00

ALL TICKETS PURCHASED AT THE GATE WILL BE \$6.00.

ADVANCED TICKETS, PLAYOFF PACKETS, AND FOOTBALLS MUST BE PICKED UP BY PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS AT NORTHWESTERN LEHIGH HIGH SCHOOL ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2016 BETWEEN 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM UNLESS PREVIOUS ARRANGMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE WITH THE PIAA DISTRICT XI FOOTBALL CHAIRMAN.

AWARDS PRESENTED FOR EACH SPORT:

Medals will be presented to both the champion and runner-up teams in each class. A team trophy will be presented to the champions in each class.

Fifty (50) medals will be available for each championship team and each runner-up in each classification.

ATHLETIC TRAINING: Each school is responsible to provide for their own trainer.

GAME REGULATIONS

- A. All District XI Championship teams will be committed to represent this district in the State Tournament per the tournament bracketing and playoff information. **State Tournament information, when received, should be reviewed very carefully by each school to assure that our District XI winners will meet State deadlines and requirements for entry.**
- B. The postponement and/or rescheduling of play-off contests will be at the discretion of the District XI Football Chairperson in conjunction with the host site manager and athletic directors whose schools are involved in the contest(s).
- C. Each competing team is expected to bring 15 copies of a typewritten or computer generated roster to each contest for use by the Public Address Announcer and the Media.
- D. **PRE-GAME MEETING:** Thirty (30) minutes prior to the game; the District XI Game Manager, the officials, Principals and/or Athletic Directors from the competing schools, Head Coaches from the competing schools, and Captains from the competing schools will meet to review the PIAA Sportsmanship Message and conduct all necessary pre-game business.

- E. **SUSPENDED CONTEST:** Any PIAA District XI Football playoff contest interrupted due to events beyond the control of the PIAA District XI Game Manager will be resumed at the point of suspension later that same day or the next playable day unless deemed an official contest by NFHS rule.
- F. **OFFICIAL GAME BALL**
- a. The official game ball of the PIAA District XI Football Playoffs is the Wilson GST1003. Each participating school will be required to use the PIAA-provided Wilson GST1003 Football and/or the participating school-provided Wilson GST1003 Footballs for the duration of the PIAA District XI playoffs.
 - b. Each qualifying team will receive one game ball at the beginning of the playoffs. Each winning team will receive another game ball at the conclusion of the contest played.
- G. **Bands**
- a. Procedures for pre and half-time activities will be determined by the participating schools with the approval of the District XI Committee's Game Manager.
 - b. School bands are prohibited from performing at PIAA District and Inter-District Championship contests whenever the opposing schools football team is in a scrimmage or scrimmage kick formation.
 - c. Principals are requested to inform the Band Director of their school's band concerning the procedures and policies described above.
- H. **Ball Holders**
- a. Each team will be responsible for providing two (2) ball holders (twelve (12) years of age or older) with a sufficient supply of drying towels for use by the crew of Officials working the contest, first round to final , inclusive. They will remain with the chain crew.
- I. **Exchange of Contest Film**
- a. The Principal, Athletic Director, or Head Coach of each school participating in each round of the District XI / PIAA Football championships should arrange to exchange with their opponent school, film or videotape of at least the two (2) most recent football contests played by that school.
 - b. If disputes or disagreements occur, the Principal can request that the District XI Chairman, or the District XI Chairman's designee, review the matter provided that the Principal contacts the District XI Chairman, or the District XI Chairman's designee, a minimum of four (4) days prior to the date of the contest.
- J. **Responsibility of Principals and Athletic Directors for Teams and Crowd Control**
- a. **THE PRINCIPAL AND THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR OF EACH PARTICIPATING SCHOOL, ALONG WITH THE DISTRICT XI APPOINTED CONTEST MANAGER, THE SITE MANAGER, AND THE SITE SECURITY, ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR SCHOOL AND SPECTATORS FROM THEIR SCHOOL COMMUNITY**

IMPORTANT FOOTBALL DATES:

PIAA First Round Date(s)	November 18-19, 2016
PIAA Quarterfinal Round Date(s)	November 25-26, 2016
PIAA Semifinal Round Date(s)	December 2-3, 2016
PIAA 4A Championship Round Date	Thursday, December 8, 2016
PIAA 1A, 5A Championship Round Date	Friday, December 9, 2016
PIAA 2A, 3A, 6A Championship Round Date	Saturday, December 10, 2016

GAME SITE REQUIREMENTS: All games will be played at the site of the higher seeded team unless the District XI Football Committee deems the facility unsafe or inadequate to host a championship football contest.

The following criteria are used by PIAA District XI in assessing the suitability of sites to host PIAA District XI and / or Inter District Championship contests:

- Quality of the contest site and competition surface
- Contest Site Emergency Response Plan (ERP)
- Contest site handicapped parking areas and handicapped accessibility to facility, spectator seating and rest rooms
- Contest site parking areas
- Contest site security
- Contest site spectator seating
- Contest site rest room facilities
- Contest site locker room and athletic training facilities (showers , etc)
- Number of telephone lines available to the broadcasting and / or print media
- Ability to properly display the American Flag and the ability to play the National anthem, prior to the start of each contest.
- Seating capacity in relation to the anticipated gate.

If a site proposing to host a contest, or being asked to host a contest, is aware of a deficiency in any of the above criteria, such deficiency shall be disclosed to the District XI Football Chairman by **Friday, October 30, 2016**.

The selected site will provide the following personnel and equipment: (All Quarterfinal and Semifinal Site Expenses will be paid by the home team. All Championship Final Site Expenses will be paid by PIAA District XI. Questions – see Distribution of Receipts):

Site Managers
Security/Police
Ticket Sellers and Ticket Takers
Program Seller
P.A. System and Announcer
Ambulance Service
Field Markers and Chains

Chain Crew
Lockers and Dressing Rooms
Scoreboard Operator and Clock Operator
Other Required Facilities and Equipment
Medical Services (Ambulance, Physician, EMS Crew, certified Athletic Trainer)

BANNERS & NOISEMAKERS: For outdoor events, both the presence and use of balloons, sirens, air horns, whistles, portable listening devices (without earphones) or any device that may impeded the playing of the contest are prohibited. Stationary (fixed to the fence or railings) signs and banners displaying sportsmanlike messages are permitted. The Principals and Athletic Directors of the competing schools are responsible for the oversight of this rule during the contest.

GAME PROGRAMS: Royal Publishing is the exclusive program publisher of PIAA District XI. If your school has qualified in the sports of football, Royal Publishing will be in contact with your school for a team photo and roster. They will also be in contact with your local businesses to secure advertisements. Advertising is strictly voluntary.

Programs will be shipped to the host site school the day before the contest. Host sites will be responsible for making these programs available for purchase at the contest at a cost of \$1.00. Proceeds will be included in the net receipts for the event and divided amongst the participating schools and District XI.

MEDIA: All media personnel with proper credentials will be admitted free. It will be the media's responsibility to contact the host site manager to make any further arrangements.

All radio stations, television stations, or webcast media must email the PIAA District XI Football Chairman, Jason Zimmerman at zimmermanj2@nwlehighsd.org notifying him of your intent to broadcast a contest or contest(s).

DISTRIBUTION OF RECEIPTS / MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT

AS DETERMINED BY THE PIAA DISTRICT XI FINANCIAL REIMBURSEMENT POLICY

Contests between 2 District XI Teams

At the conclusion of the Football Playoffs, host participating schools will be reimbursed a portion of the receipts as determined by the District XI Committee.

For all Quarterfinal & Semifinal Games:

A 1A Home School will receive \$█ per game hosted. A 2A Home School will receive \$█ per game hosted. A 3A Home School will receive \$█ per game hosted. A 4A Home School hosting an all District XI game will receive \$█. A 5A Home School hosting an all District XI game will receive \$█. A 6A Home School hosting an all District XI game will receive \$█.

At the conclusion of the School Year, all visiting schools will receive \$100 per football team bus per game (maximum of 2 busses).

Contests between a District XI Team and a District II Team (5A ONLY in week 12)

At the conclusion of the Football Playoffs, the Host PIAA District will receive 60% of the net receipts and the Visiting PIAA District will receive 40% of the net receipts. Participating schools will be reimbursed according to their respective PIAA District's Financial Reimbursement Policy.