

**PIAA DISTRICT XI FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
**presented by St. Luke's University Health Network**  
**2019**

**DATES, LOCATIONS, TIMES OF FOOTBALL DISTRICT PLAYOFFS:**

Friday, November 1, 2019	1A & 3A Semifinals 5A DXI Semifinals or DII/DXI Subregion Semifinals or 5A DXI Championship Final 6A Quarterfinals
Saturday, November 2, 2019	2A DXI/DXII Subregion Semifinals or 2A DXI Championship Final 4A Quarterfinals
Friday, November 8, 2019	1A & 3A Championship Finals 5A DXI Championship Final or 5A DII/DXI Subregion Final 6A Semifinals
Saturday, November 9, 2019	2A DXI/DXII Subregion Final or 2A DXI Championship Final 4A Semifinals
Friday, November 15, 2019	6A Championship Final
Saturday, November 16, 2019	4A 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 7, 2019**.

**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 7, 2019**.
- 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 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. 6A & 4A Tournament
  - a. 8 District XI Teams Qualify
  - b. Tournament play will be a standard 8 team bracket with 1v8, 2v7, 3v6, 4v5 seeding.
- F. 5A Tournament (Subregion with District II)
  - a. Top 4 Teams Qualify regardless of District using the District XI Power Rating System.
  - b. Tournament play will be a standard 4 team bracket with 1v4, 2v3
  - c. If 2 District II and 2 District XI Teams qualify, both Districts will hold their Championship Final regardless of ranking and the District Champions will play each other the following week for a berth in the State Tournament.

G. 1A & 3A Tournament

- a. 4 District XI teams qualify in each class
- b. Tournament play will be a standard 4 team bracket with 1v4, 2v3

H. 2A Tournament (Subregion with District XII)

- a. District XI guaranteed 2 qualifiers. District XII guaranteed 1 qualifier.
- b. 4<sup>th</sup> qualifier will be 4<sup>th</sup> highest ranked team, regardless of District, based on the District XI Power Ranking System.
- c. District XII will have the option of placing their PCL Champion in the bracket if they did not otherwise rank in the top 4. The PCL Champion can only replace the highest ranked District XII team that has qualified for the tournament and will be seeded according to PCL Champions actual power ranking.
- d. Tournament play will be a standard 4 team bracket with 1v4, 2v3

**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 27, 2019** 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.

**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. For the **2019** Season, if applicable, 5A District XI Champion vs. District II Champion contest will be played at the District XI 5A Champion's HOME Site. Any 2A game featuring a District XI vs. District XII team will be played on the home field of the higher-seeded team. 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 the PIAA District XI Treasurer at the conclusion of the tournament using the Arbitrator / RefPay System.

**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 = \$7.00

Student = \$4.00

Sr. Citizen (62+) = \$4.00

**ALL TICKETS PURCHASED AT THE GATE WILL BE \$7.00.**

**ADVANCED TICKETS, PLAYOFF PACKETS, AND FOOTBALLS MUST BE PICKED UP BY PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS AT NORTHWESTERN LEHIGH HIGH SCHOOL ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2019 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. Medals will no longer be presented to each player at the conclusion of the game. Medals will be provided to the AD/Head Coach for distribution at a time of their choosing. The championship trophy will be presented at the conclusion of the game.

**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 or the Wilson GST Prime 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, recordings 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 15 & 16, 2019
PIAA Quarterfinal Round Date(s)	November 22 & 23, 2019
PIAA Semifinal Round Date(s)	November 29 & 30, 2019
PIAA Championship Round Date(s)	December 5, 6, & 7, 2019

**GAME SITE REQUIREMENTS:** All quarterfinal and semifinal round 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 26, 2018.**

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](mailto:zimmermanj2@nwlehighsd.org) notifying him of your intent to broadcast a contest or contest(s).

## **DISTRIBUTION OF RECEIPTS**

*AS DETERMINED BY THE PIAA DISTRICT XI FINANCIAL REIMBURSEMENT POLICY*

### *Sub-regional contests*

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.

The host PIAA District will retain all receipts and be responsible for all event expenses. District XI will be reimbursed as per the PIAA District XI Financial Reimbursement Policy.