# STANDARD OPERATING POLICIES FOR DISTRICT XI PLAYOFFS AND CHAMPIONSHIPS 2021-22

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE FOR TEAM CHAMPIONSHPS:

- A. All teams must qualify by winning at least 50% of their league games or 50% of their overall schedule. Ties do not count. League playoffs do not count.
- B. Independent teams must qualify by winning at least 50% of a minimum of nine regularly scheduled and contracted games.
- C. A league must consist of at least five (5) District XI schools.
- D. Qualifiers determined by District XI Policy on qualification as seen in handbook

#### **METHOD OF SEEDING:**

- District XI Power Rating System
- League Champions will be seeded first.

**<u>TIEBREAKER</u>**: The District XI Power Rating system tiebreaking procedure will be used to break seeding ties.

#### **GAME LOCATIONS:**

Top seeded team will have home field in 1<sup>ST</sup> Round and Quarterfinals contests.

Exception: Basketball is neutral site for Quarterfinals.

Semi-Final and Final Locations will be determined by the District Committee

Exception: Football is home site in Semifinals

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

**ASSIGNMENT OF OFFICIALS**: Referees will be assigned by the District XI Officials Assignors as determined by District XI Committee and/or Officials Representatives.

**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 Sport Chairperson.

#### TICKET PRICES FOR TICKETED CONTESTS:

(There will be <u>no charge for pigtail or first round games with the exception of basketball and wrestling)</u>
All tickets \$7.00

#### AWARDS:

- A. Championship trophy for classification winners.
- B. Each sport has a specific number of medals and places. Team championships will award Gold and Silver. Individual championships will vary.

#### **SPORTS MEDICINE:**

The host school is responsible for insuring a certified trainer is present at the game District XI will have medical service on call.

## **HOME / AWAY DESIGNATION**

The <u>highest seeded team</u> will be the home team throughout the tournament regardless of their position in the bracket

# PIAA CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFICATION

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.

# POSTPONEMENTS AND RESCHEDULING

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).