

**PENNSYLVANIA INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
DISTRICT II**

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DECEMBER, 2003 DISTRICT II NEWSLETTER

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**ITEMS THAT NEED TO BE COMPLETED BY ATHLETIC
DIRECTOR/PRINCIPALS:**

1. I have received 80 % of the winter sports' eligibility lists. If you have not yet sent me a copy of your eligibility lists please do so ASAP. Again, you can fax them to me at 278-2426 or mail them to the address listed in the letterhead. Thanks for taking care of this as quickly as you can.
2. Starting with the week of December 22nd I will be posting the current standings for District II basketball. This will allow you to track your positioning throughout the season. I will also be posting the rules for seeding and the brackets for the tournament. The District II Basketball Committee will be meeting on Sunday, December 14th to finalize the process. This information will be under SPORTS and BASKETBALL.
3. The web page also includes an archive of the newsletters beginning with the October newsletter. Go to EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE and scroll to the bottom of the page.
4. The District Committee reviewed a request from a member school to contact Superior Trophy regarding the availability of a '2nd place' team plaque for a district championship event. At this time, the committee has decided that they will review that request at the summer workshop in 2004.
5. If you have not noticed, next year's PIAA calendar shortens the basketball regular season by one week. Member schools will have from December 3rd through February 19th to schedule and play their 24 game regular season. The first day of winter season practice has been established on November 15th. The District II Committee asked Chairman Majikes to ask at the next State Executive Committee meeting that a start date of November 8th be considered and the first play date to be moved to November 26th.
6. The 'extra week' rule in football has now been clarified. Member schools can't make an individual decision on the extra week. A District Committee may allow an 'extra week' in the football season only if it is required to complete the District playoffs. In District II we won't need that additional week unless we were, at some point, to move to

an additional round of quarterfinal games at the district level rather than the current semifinal and final rounds.

7. The District II Committee received a concern from a member school regarding the two day swimming format. (That format is now available under SPORTS and SWIMMING on the web page) After consideration, the Committee agreed that the format will remain the same for this year and be evaluated at the end of the 2004 championships.

8. The PIAA main office is conducting a contest to name the PIAA Sportsmanship Mascot. The contest is open to all students, K-12, and directions are available on the PIAA website at www.piaa.org or you can go to LINKS on our web page and connect to the PIAA website.

9. The new classification numbers (the numbers for 2004-05 and 2005-06) will be available next week on the PIAA website.

POINTS OF INFORMATION:

1. Frank Victor announced at our December meeting that the recent District II football playoffs generated total receipts of \$113,899. We had District II expenses of \$25,913 and a net income of \$87,989. A total of \$45,553 will be distributed to member schools as their share of the football playoffs.

2. Please be sure that when a new student enrolls in your district a check of their athletic participation is conducted. If they have played in their former school please utilize the form in the PIAA handbook on transfer of students, principal to principal sign off, and have that form completed by both the receiving and sending schools, and sent to:

Mike Ognosky
Montrose Area School District
80 High School Road
Montrose, Pa. 18801
FAX: 278-2426

The District Committee will then approve the eligibility of that student when all paperwork is received.

3. Freeland MMI will officially become a member of District II in July 1, 2004.

Yours in sports,

Mike Ognosky
District II Secretary