

# **DISTRICT XI FOOTBALL PLAYOFF FORMAT**

## **2009 FOOTBALL SEASON**

**June 25, 2009**

### **CLASSES**

Football playoffs will be conducted in District XI for Senior High Schools in the following four classes: "AAAA", "AAA", "AA", and "A". Placement of schools is determined by the school's P.I.A.A. classification. District XI Championship and Runner-up, whenever possible, shall be determined on the playing field on or before the thirteenth (13<sup>th</sup>) play date.

It is expected that all schools who qualify for the playoffs will wish to participate. Principals will notify the District Chairman (in writing) no later than the Monday after the seventh playing date if they do not wish to participate in football playoffs.

### **RANKING - ("A", "AA", "AAA", "AAAA")**

P.I.A.A. Power Rating System will be used in determining competing teams. Once a team qualifies in a region, teams will be reseeded according to the P.I.A.A. ranking system.

### **HOME TEAM**

The higher-seeded team in the bracket shall be the "Home Team" throughout the District XI / Regional Playoffs and shall wear the dark colored uniforms.

### **DATES**

*The games of the District XI Football Tournament will be played in the following format*

*All AAAA and AAA contests will be held on Friday evening @ 7 pm.*

*All AA and A contests will be held either Saturday afternoon @ 1 pm or evening @ 7 pm.*

*11<sup>th</sup> Play Date – First Round for AAAA and AA*

*11<sup>th</sup> Play Date - Semi Finals for AAA and A*

*12<sup>th</sup> Play Date – Semi Finals for AAAA and AA*

*12<sup>th</sup> Play Date - Finals for AAA and A*

*13<sup>th</sup> Play Date - Finals for AAAA and AA*

### **QUALIFIERS**

#### **CLASS "A"**

*District XI State Qualifiers: Four (4) qualifiers.*

#### **CLASS "AA"**

*District XI State Qualifier: Eight (8) qualifiers.*

#### **CLASS "AAA"**

*District XI State Qualifiers: Four (4) qualifiers.*

#### **CLASS "AAAA"**

*District XI State Qualifiers: Maximum six (6); minimum five (5)*

*District II / IV is combined in a region with District XI and shall be entitled to at least two (2) entries (qualifiers) with a maximum of three (3).*

***Class AAAA Tournament - ( 8 team sub region brackets )***

- *All 8 teams from the participating Districts will be seeded according to the PIAA Power Rating System ( 1 vs 8, 4 vs 5, 2 vs 7 and 3 vs 6 )*
- *If two District XI teams advance to week 13, the winner on the 13<sup>th</sup> play date is the District XI Champion and the other team is the District XI Runner up.*
- *If one (1) District XI team advances to week 13, that team is the District XI Champion.*
  - *If two other District XI teams advanced to week 12 and lost, they will be reseeded according to the PIAA Power Ranking System, including the games of week 11. The highest ranked team of the two will be the District XI Runner up.*
  - *If only one other District XI team advanced to week 12 and lost, that team is the District XI Runner-up.*
- *If no District XI team advances to week 13, the District XI Championship will be determined by*
  - *If two District XI teams advance to week 12 and both lose, they will be reseeded according to the PIAA Power Ranking System, including the games of week 11. The highest ranked team of the two, will be the District XI Champion. The second ranked team will be the District XI Runner up.*
  - *If only one District XI team advances to week 12, win or lose, that team is the District XI Champion*
    - *The three District XI teams that lost in week 11 will be reseeded, according to the PIAA Power Ranking System including the games of week 11. The highest two seeded teams will play each other in week 12 for the District XI Runner-up.*
- *If all four District XI teams lose in week 11, the District XI Championship will be determined by*
  - *The four District XI teams that lost in week 11 will be reseeded, according to the PIAA Power Ranking System including the games of week 11. The highest two seeded teams will play each other in week 12 for the District XI Championship and Runner up.*

***Class AAA and A Tournament - ( 4 team bracket )***

- *All 4 teams from District XI will be seeded according to the PIAA Power Rating System and will play on weeks 11 ( semifinals ) and 12 ( finals ) to determine the District XI Champion and runner up.*

***Class AA Tournament - ( 8 team bracket )***

- *All 8 teams from District XI will be seeded according to the PIAA Power Rating System and will play on weeks 11 ( quarter finals ), week 12 ( semi finals ) and week 13 ( finals ) to determine the District XI Champion and runner up.*

## **GAME DAY**

All game dates, times and sites will be determined by the top-seeded District XI / Regional Football Committee. The top seeded team site will be selected only if the Football Committee determines that the site and facility are adequate.

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 can accommodate 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 Committee prior to the selection of the site to host a contest.

The selected site will provide the following personnel and equipment. (All game site expenses will be paid by the home team at their home site. Questions – see Distribution of Receipts):

*Site Managers*

*Security/Police*

*Ticket Sellers and Ticket Takers*

*P.A. System and Announcer*

*Ambulance Service*

*Field Markers and Chains*

*Lockers and Dressing Rooms*

*Scoreboard Operator and Clock Operator*

*Other Required Facilities and Equipment*

*Medical Services ( Ambulance, Physician, EMS Crew, certified Athletic Trainer )*

## **CANCELLATION AND/OR POSTPONEMENT**

The cancellation, postponement and/or rescheduling of a playoff game will be at the discretion of the top-seeded District Football Committee.

## **RESPONSIBILITY OF PRINCIPALS AND ATHLETIC DIRECTORS FOR TEAMS AND CROWD CONTROL**

THE PRINCIPAL AND THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR OF EACH PARTICIPATING SCHOOL, ALONG WITH THE DISTRICT XI APPOINTED CONTEST MANAGER, THE SITE LIASON PERSON, AND THE SITE SECURITY, ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR SCHOOL AND SPECTATORS FROM THEIR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

## **BANNERS, SIGNS, LISTENING DEVICES AND TEAM BOX DECORUM**

Both the presence and use of balloons, sirens, whistles and portable listening devices ( without earphones ) are prohibited. The Principal and Athletic Director of each school will be requested to confiscate these items from the spectators from their school and community. Small portable listening devices with earphones and banners and signs, which are sportsmanlike in their messages, are permitted. Principals and Athletic Directors of competing schools shall announce and publicize these regulations.

The Principal, Athletic Director, Coaches, Team Physician, Team Trainer, players in uniform, managers, ball holders, and statisticians will be the only persons permitted in the Team box.

## **BANDS**

### **DISTRICT XI CONTESTS**

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. School bands are prohibited from performing at PIAA District and Interdistrict Championship contests whenever the opposing schools football team is in a scrimmage or scrimmage kick formation. Principals are requested to inform the Band Director of their school's band concerning the procedures and policies described above.

### **REGIONAL AND SUB-REGION CONTESTS**

Procedures will be determined by the top seeded District Football Committee..

## **AWARDS**

Fifty (50) medals will be presented to the championship team personnel and also fifty (50) medals will be presented to the runner-up team. If more medals are desired or needed, they will be available at the expense of the school making the request. (See section in this handbook on ordering additional medals)

## **CONCESSIONS**

The host school or organization shall be responsible for the operation of the concession stand and shall retain all profits.

Football programs may be sold by the Host school.

There will be no solicitation without the written consent of the District XI Football Committee.

## **MEDIA**

All media with proper identification will be admitted free. It will be the media's responsibility to contact the game manager for any further arrangements.

Radio Fees – “A” & “AA” = \$150	“AAA” & “AAAA” = \$200
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Sideline passes are required and will be distributed by the Game Manager.

## **PROPERTY DAMAGE**

If property damage is done at a playoff site by competing schools, student body, and spectators to physical facilities and/or equipment, the school itself (that caused the damage) shall be liable and pay the cost of repair or replacement. Other damages to facilities not attributed to competing schools could be a legitimate playoff expense and deducted from playoff receipts.

## TICKETS

### DISTRICT XI / REGIONAL CONTESTS:

Players, coaches, trainer, equipment manager, etc., will be admitted without tickets. This number may not exceed 55, and they are to be identified by the coach upon arrival.

Varsity football cheerleaders in uniform will be admitted free of charge.  
Chaperone/coach will be admitted with the cheerleaders.

Each participating school will be given 20 complimentary tickets.

Participating schools will be given tickets for pre-game sale at their respective schools.  
**Money and unsold tickets are to be checked with the game manager one hour prior to the game.**

### ADMISSION PRICES: DISTRICT XI / REGIONAL GAMES

<b><u>Pregame</u></b> – Adults -- \$6.00	<b><u>Students/Senior Citizens</u></b> -- \$3.00 (Senior Citizens = AGE 62+)
<b><u>General Admission</u></b> – All Tickets = \$6.00	

## DISTRIBUTION OF RECEIPTS

### DISTRICT XI / REGIONAL CONTESTS:

The home site will pay all game expenses except for the seven officials, three chain crew, the District event manager and the Officials' evaluator as assigned by the District Committee. Their share of the gate will be 40%, the visiting school will receive 30% of the gate, and 30% will go towards District expenses (awards, officials, etc.). If the game has to be played at a neutral site, the gate will be 30% to each school and 40% will be shared equally between the involved District Committees—the District Committee will handle all expenses.

## GAME BALLS

**The approved ball for interdistrict and regional games is the Wilson GST103 . P.I.A.A. will provide two (2) GST 1003 for all District and State Games.**

**Participating schools may provide a Wilson F1005 football during the game when a down involving a free kick or long snap is used.**

A school 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.

### **EXCHANGE OF CONTEST FILM**

The Principal and athletic Director 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.

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.

### **TIE-BREAKER**

**The National Federation Ten (10) Yard Line Over-Time Procedure** will be the procedure for determining a winner when a District XI Football Championship playoff game ends regulation with the score tied.

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