

# 2009-2010 WPIAL 7<sup>TH</sup>/8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE FOOTBALL

February 18, 2009 **Updated #1 (9-13-09)**

First Practice Date	August 20, 2009	Maximum Scrimmages ~ 1
First Scrimmage Date	September 2, 2009	Maximum Contests ~ 8 Team
First Play Date	September 9, 2009	

**A copy of this schedule must be given to your coach.** Competition for WPIAL 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade football will begin on Wednesday, September 16, 2009, and the schedule must be followed accordingly. Please check your section carefully and advise the WPIAL office (412-921-7181 or 1-800-297-9553) if errors are discovered.

**Schools affiliated with Tri-CADA, SHASDA, Mac and other locally scheduled teams will not be reflected on this schedule.**

**All games must comply with National Federation rules for Junior High football.**

1. **Junior or middle schools that sponsor interscholastic football are permitted to wear helmets and should pads only on the first three (3) days of football practice August 20, 21, 22, 2009.** The earliest date for a regularly scheduled 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade game will be Wednesday, September 9, 2008.
2. No contest shall be played with a non-PIAA member school unless the eligibility rules for both school and contestant meet the requirements of the PIAA. Post season or play-off games are prohibited.
3. Only PIAA approved football officials can be hired. The WPIAL recommends the use of three officials for each game.
4. Games shall consist of four **eight-minute periods**. Shortened periods must be agreed upon in advance by both principals. It is recommended that all afternoon contests start at 3:30 PM unless the competing school principals agree to another starting time.
5. When a school has more than one team competing in the junior high program, no player shall be permitted to play for both teams. An eligibility sheet for **each** team must be prepared prior to the season. No changing over is permitted.
6. **A fifth period scrimmage after regular games is prohibited.** Principals and coaches should note that the PIAA does not sanction this under any circumstances.

## **SECTION ALIGNMENT – 47 TEAMS**

### **SECTION 1**

Franklin Regional  
Greensburg CC  
Hempfield (*Wendover*)  
Indiana  
Latrobe  
Norwin

### **SECTION 2**

Apollo Ridge  
Burrell  
Deer Lakes  
Freeport  
Hampton  
Leechburg  
West Shamokin

### **SECTION 3**

Highlands  
Knoch  
Mars  
North Allegheny (*Marshall*)  
New Castle  
Pine Richland  
Seneca Valley (*Black*)

### **SECTION 4**

Butler  
Canon McMillan  
North Allegheny (*Carson*)  
North Allegheny (*Ingormar*)  
North Hills  
Shaler  
Seneca Valley (*Blue*)  
Trinity

### **SECTION 5**

Greensburg Salem  
Hempfield (*Harrold*)  
Hempfield (*West*)  
Penn Trafford  
Southmoreland  
Yough

### **SECTION 6**

Clairton  
Duquesne  
East Allegheny  
Riverview  
South Allegheny  
Springdale  
Wilkesburg

### **SECTION 7**

Gateway  
Fox Chapel  
Kiski  
McKeesport  
Penn Hills  
Plum

### **NOTES:**

**Team Added**  
Duquesne

**Team Dropped**  
Derry

**Team Moved**  
GCC from 6 to 1