

2009-2010 WPIAL JUNIOR HIGH FOOTBALL

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February 18, 2009

First Practice Date	August 20, 2009	Maximum Scrimmages ~ 1
First Scrimmage Date	September 3, 2009	Maximum Contests ~ 10
First Play Date	September 10, 2009	

Please make sure your coach has a copy of the schedule. The WPIAL Junior High football competition is scheduled to begin on Thursday, September 17, 2009 and must be completed according to the schedule. All games are scheduled on Thursday with the option to reschedule if mutually agreeable. The assigned date will be "official" if both schools do not agree to an adjusted date. Please check your placement and opponents for the accuracy of the schedule. Please call the League office with any questions or problems at 412-921-7181 or 800-297-9553.

SCHOOLS MUST FOLLOW THE NATIONAL FEDERATION RULES FOR JUNIOR HIGH FOOTBALL.

GUIDELINES FOR WPIAL JUNIOR HIGH FOOTBALL

1. *Junior or middle schools that sponsor interscholastic football are permitted to wear helmets and shoulder pads only on the first three (3) days of football practice August 20, 21, 22, 2009.* The earliest date for a regularly scheduled junior high game will be Thursday, September 10, 2009.
2. Only one pre-season scrimmage is permitted.
3. 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.
4. Only PIAA approved football officials can be hired. The WPIAL recommends the use of three officials for each game.
5. Games shall consist of four ten-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.
6. 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.
7. **A fifth period scrimmage after regular games is prohibited.** Principals and coaches should note that the PIAA does not sanction this under any circumstances.
8. No overtimes are permitted in junior high football.

JUNIOR HIGH FOOTBALL ALIGNMENT – 53 TEAMS

SECTION 1

Derry
Franklin Regional
Greensburg Salem
Hempfield
Latrobe
Norwin
Penn Trafford

SECTION 2

Butler
North Allegheny
North Hills
Pine Richland
Seneca Valley
Shaler

SECTION 3

Central Catholic
Gateway
McKeesport
Penn Hills (*Linton*)
Plum
Woodland Hills

SECTION 4

Baldwin
Bethel Park
Canon McMillan
Mt Lebanon
Peters Twp
Upper St Clair

SECTION 5

Albert Gallatin
Belle Vernon (*Gold*)
Brownsville
Connellsville
Laurel Highlands
Mt Pleasant
Uniontown
Waynesburg

SECTION 6

Deer Lakes
Hampton
Highlands
Freeport
Knoch
Mars

SECTION 7

Belle Vernon (*White*)
Chartiers Valley
Elizabeth Forward
McGuffey
Ringgold
Thomas Jefferson
Trinity
West Mifflin

SECTION 8

Burrell
Ford City
Indiana
Kiski
Kittanning
Valley

Teams Dropped

Frazier

1 Team Added

Derry

1 Move

Connellsville from 1 to 5