

2021 - 2022 WPIAL TRACK & FIELD SCHEDULE

April 26, 2021

First Practice Date: March 7, 2022
First Scrimmage Date: March 12, 2022
First Play Date: March 25, 2022

Maximum Competitions ~ 16 Teams
Maximum Scrimmages ~ 2

WPIAL Track & Field competition begins **March 29, 2022**. Please check your schedule carefully and notify the League Office of any errors at (412) 921-7181. **A copy of this document must be given to your coach.**

Coaches are advised that the PIAA By-Laws Article XIV, Section 3 requires that the head coach attend a minimum of one PIAA mandatory rules interpretation prior to each season. Mandatory rules meeting dates and times are available on the PIAA website. www.piaa.org

The WPIAL team track program for the 2021 - 2022 season will follow the PIAA classification levels with few exceptions. Wherein the classifications of the boys and girls' teams are different, those teams will still be sectioned together to permit the boys and girls teams to run together. **Individual competitors will continue to qualify for the state championship on a basis of AAA or AA classification. The top two teams from each AAA section will enter WPIAL team championship play. In Class AA the top two AA teams in each section will qualify for the AA Team Championships. The AAA teams assigned to an AA section MUST WIN THE SECTION TO QUALIFY FOR THE AAA TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS. The AA teams assigned to a AAA section must finish in top three to qualify for the AA TEAM championship. In the event of a tie for a place in the team tournament head to head competition will be the determining factor regarding tournament entry.** Multiple way ties will be broken in the following manner:

- a) Section records of the tied teams will be compiled.
- b) The team with the best numerical record among the tied teams will be the qualifier.
- c) If the tie cannot clearly be broken, all will enter post-season play.

NOTE: ALL WPIAL SCHEDULED SECTION DUAL MEETS MUST BE COMPLETED BY Wednesday, April 27, 2022. The first round of the team track tournament play will be conducted by the designated host teams without benefit of track steering committee management or financing by the League.

UNIFORM RULE – The PIAA has adopted the NFHS Uniform Rule 4-3.

1. The schedule combines boys' and girls' competition on the same day and is a dual meet schedule. The schedule may be altered by mutual consent of the participating teams. If schools feel the need to combine section meets, the only requirement is that each team establishes a score against each other section rival and that all section meets be completed by the date specified. Adjustments may also be made to accommodate conflicts. Please be flexible on this point. It is recommended that all afternoon contests do not start **before 3:30 PM** unless the competing school principals agree.
2. All multiple team meets scheduled in regular or post-season play will be scored as individual dual meets (e.g. each team competes against all the others).
3. **A tiebreaker system for dual meet regular season and dual meet postseason meets has been established. Ties are broken by the following:**
 - a) **Sportsmanship: Team with fewest number of athlete and coach ejections.**
 - b) **Greater number of first place winners.**
 - c) **Greater number of second place winners.**
 - d) **Greater number of third place winners.**

NOTE: Both coaches must agree to the final score prior to leaving the field. The PIAA meet Official must sign off on and certify the final score.

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When 3 teams are scheduled in regular or post-season play, each will be scored as an individual dual meet. If each team earns one win and one loss in the double scoring method, **the first step of the tie breaker will be total score for the day**. If a tie persists, the regular steps of first, second and third place finishers will be applied.

4. When four or more teams compete, the first tiebreaker among tied teams is head-to-head competition.
5. If the outcome cannot be resolved by head-to-head, it will be broken by the following:
 - a) Sportsmanship: Team with fewest number of athlete and coach ejections.
 - b) Total score for the day against all schools
 - c) Greater number of first place winners including relays
 - d) Greater number of second place winners excluding relays
 - e) Greater number of third place winners excluding relays
6. **The 2021-2022 WPIAL Team Track and Field Championships will be held at a site TBD on Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at 3:00 PM. The Pole Vault will begin promptly at 3:00 no warm-ups will be permitted after 3:00.**
7. **The 2021–2022 WPIAL Individual Track and Field Championship will be held at a site TBD on MAY 18 or 19, 2022.** The top 24 AAA and top 16 AA athletes in each event will be entered into the championship meet based on times / distances achieved throughout the 2021 – 2022 regular season. The entry deadline for entering results is 8:00 PM Thursday, May 12, 2022. A MAXIMUM of 24 AAA and 16 AA athletes will be entered, and ALL TIES will be eliminated. THIS IS A NO SCRATCH MEET.