

# WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC LEAGUE

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## WPIAL Policy for Schools Failing to Adhere to Registration Deadlines

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In an effort to encourage all schools to adhere to deadlines established by the WPIAL to register student-athletes into individual participation sports (Tennis, Golf, Cross Country, Wrestling, Gymnastics, Swimming & Diving, Rifle, Track), and to account for administrative efforts associated with failures to adhere to established deadlines, the following policy has been adopted by the WPIAL's Board of Directors:

1. WPIAL will make known deadlines for registration to the Athletic Directors through email communication as well as deadlines listed in sport specific Cover Page Documents.
2. As a general rule, the deadline to register an individual for competition during the regular season will be through the applicable Google Form by the "First Play Date" for that season.
3. WPIAL will also list specific deadlines on the general calendar available on the WPIAL Website.
4. Schools should make a concerted effort to gather information **in advance** of a deadline by way of school announcements and/or review previous participation records, and then submit the names of student-athlete(s) and approved coaches as directed.
5. In the event a school misses the established deadline, said student(s) will only be accepted if adequate time and space allow for registration into an event. Whether adequate time and space exist shall be determined by the WPIAL in its sole and absolute discretion.
6. If a school misses the deadline, but the WPIAL is still able to accept the student-athlete into an event, a \$100.00 fine will be assessed against the school for lack of adherence to deadlines. Repeated failures to follow registration deadlines may result in increased fines and/or other penalties as determined by the WPIAL's Board of Directors in its sole and absolute discretion.
7. All proceeds from fines will be deposited into the WPIAL/James Collins Scholarship Fund.
8. This Policy is promulgated under and shall be enforced in accordance with Article IX of the PIAA Constitution and/or Article XIII of the PIAA By-Laws.

While this policy pertains specifically to deadlines set for registering individuals for participation in the season as well as possible "section qualifying" tournaments, the same policy may apply to those schools failing to accurately and completely register individuals into championship events with additional requirements such as Cross Country, Swimming & Diving and Track & Field. All decisions on entry shall be determined by the WPIAL in its sole and absolute discretion.