



DIAA Fall Sports Tournament Manual 2020

TO: Member School Administrators and Athletic Directors; Field Hockey, Boys' Soccer, Football, Flag Football, Girls' Volleyball, and Cross Country Coaches and Officials; and Members of the Media

Colleagues:

The 2020 Fall Sports State Tournament Manual is intended to provide you with detailed information concerning the organization and administration of the DIAA Fall Sport State Championships.

A thorough review of the general information pertinent to all of the tournaments and the specific information for each sport should familiarize you with these events.

The rules and procedures contained in this manual are applicable only to the 2020 DIAA Fall State Tournaments and are not intended to govern subsequent championships or to be binding on future committees.

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The Committees sincerely hope that each of the 2020 DIAA Fall State Championships will be a tremendous success in all respects.

For updated information, please consult the DIAA website.

Thank you,
Cross Country Committee
Field Hockey Committee
Football Committee
Boys' Soccer Committee
Volleyball Committee
Unified Sports Committee

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Cardinal Athletic Principles

In order to be of maximum effectiveness the athletic program will:

1. Be closely coordinated with the general instructional program and properly articulated with other departments of the school.
2. Be sure that the number of students accommodated and the educational aims achieved justify the use of tax funds for its support and also justify use of other sources of income provided the time and attention which is given to the collection of such funds is not such as to interfere with the efficiency of the athletic program or of any other department of the school.
3. Be based on the spirit of non-professionalism so that participation is regarded as a privilege to be won by training and proficiency and to be valued highly enough to eliminate any need for excessive use of adulatory demonstrations or of expensive prizes or awards.
4. Confine the school athletic activity to events which are sponsored and supervised by the proper school authorities so that exploitation or improper use of prestige built up by the school teams or members of such teams may be avoided.
5. Be planned so as to result in opportunity for many individuals to explore a wide variety of sports and in reasonable season limits for each sport.
6. Be controlled so as to avoid elements of professionalism and commercialism which tend to grow up in connection with widely publicized “bowl” contests, barnstorming trips and interstate or intersectional contests which require excessive travel expense or loss of school time or which are bracketed with educational travel claims in an attempt to justify privileges for a few at the expense of decreased opportunity for many.
7. Be kept free from the type of contests which involve a gathering of so-called “all stars” from different schools to participate in contests which may be used as a gathering place for representatives of certain colleges or professional organizations who are interested in soliciting athletic talent.
8. Include training in conduct and game ethics to reach all non-participating students and community followers of the school teams in order to insure a proper understanding and appreciation of the sports skills and of the need for adherence to principles of fair play and right prejudices.
9. Encourage a balanced program of intramural activity in grades below the ninth to make it unnecessary to sponsor contests of a championship nature in these grades.
10. Engender respect for the local, state, and national rules and policies under which the school program is conducted.

*As set forth in the handbook of the
National Federation of State High School Associations*



General Information

The following items are applicable to each of the 2020 Fall Sport State Tournaments. Items specific to the organization and administration of the Field Hockey, Boys' Soccer, Football, Girls' Volleyball, and Cross Country State Championships are located in separate sections of this manual.

Item 1. Authorization

- A. The Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association authorized state tournament competition in boys' soccer (May 28, 1970), football (May 27, 1971), field hockey (May 24, 1973), girls' volleyball (May 22, 1975), and unified flag football (November 10, 2016) by voting for approval on the dates indicated.

Item 2. Management

- A. The tournaments will be managed by special committees appointed by the DIAA Chairperson and the Executive Director.
- B. The committees are authorized to resolve any situation not covered by the regulations in the General Information or specific information sections of this manual.
- C. Changes in tournament format or the criteria and procedures for selecting and seeding the participating teams/individuals are subject to the approval of the DIAA Board of Directors.

Item 3. Sponsorship

- A. DIAA will organize, conduct, and underwrite the costs of the tournaments and will receive all proceeds.
- B. All expenditures must be approved by the DIAA Executive Director.
 - 1. No vouchers will be approved unless an itemized statement of cost accompanies the request for payment.
 - a. Vouchers will not be processed until unsold tickets have been returned to the DIAA Office and the required deposit of ticket and program sales proceeds has been verified.
 - 2. No vouchers received after the end of the fiscal year (June 30, 2020) will be paid.

Item 4. Eligibility

- A. Eligibility rules as stipulated in the current version of the DIAA Official Handbook will be strictly enforced.

Item 5. Contest Rules

- A. DIAA is affiliated with the National Federation of State High School Associations. The playing rules promulgated by the NFHS for field hockey, soccer, football, girls' volleyball and cross country, except as modified by the DIAA Board of Directors, will be in effect for all tournament contests.

Item 6. Classification (Division I and II)

- A. The Field Hockey, Football, Soccer and Cross Country Tournaments crown Division I and Division II Champions. DIAA classifies all schools in Division I that have a DOE certified enrollment count of grades 9 through 12 equal to or greater than the school with the smallest enrollment in either the Blue Hen Conference Flight A or the Henlopen Conference North Division. That number for the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school year is 1045. This count consists of all students who, if eligible, would participate at that school, including special needs students. Single gender schools have their total enrollment doubled to determine their final enrollment number. All other schools are classified as Division II.

The Division I schools for the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years are as follows:

Appoquinimink, Cape Henlopen, Caesar Rodney, Charter School of Wilmington, Concord, Delcastle, Dover, Hodgson, Middletown, Mt. Pleasant, Milford, Padua (girls), Polytech, Salesianum (boys), Smyrna, St. George's, Sussex Central, Sussex Tech, William Penn

Item 7. Sportsmanship and Spectator Conduct

- A. Member schools are required to conduct all of their athletic affairs in a spirit of good sportsmanship.
- B. The administrators, athletic directors, and coaches of the participating schools are expected to: actively promote good sportsmanship and appropriate crowd behavior, stress the importance of demonstrating respect for the contest officials and the opposing team, and emphasize the need for proper conduct by spectators at all venues. School administrators are expected to be proactive in preventing unsportsmanlike behavior and to deal with it promptly and decisively if it occurs at the contest.
- C. The coaches and athletes of the participating schools are expected to observe the highest standards of sportsmanship and ethical behavior.
- D. Spectator Guidelines and Conduct:
 - 1. Spectator policies will be at the discretion of DIAA and will follow all capacity limits established by DPH.

2. Drones, banners, flags, and **signs** are prohibited at all tournament contests. Other decorations that do not block spectator, press or team sightlines may be used with permission of and at the discretion of the Committee.
3. Streamers, confetti, and other paper debris are discouraged.
4. Sirens, horns, bells, buzzers, whistles or any other artificial or mechanical noise-making devices are strictly forbidden at all **indoor** events.
5. The use of any noise making device that simulates game controls devices (whistles, air horns etc.) is strictly forbidden at **all** contests.
5. All cheers should stress the spirit of good sportsmanship. Use only positive cheers that encourage your team. Profane, derogatory or obscene chants and taunting will not be tolerated
6. Behavior such as fans reading newspapers or turning their backs during player introductions, spectators yelling and waving their arms to distract an opponent, booing or heckling the contest officials, and being disrespectful to the opposing cheerleaders is unsportsmanlike behavior and is discouraged.
7. Face paint is permitted, but body paint is not. A shirt, top, etc. must be worn at all times.
8. Spectators must remain in the assigned seating section. Spectators are not permitted on the playing surface at any time.

Item 8. Soliciting, Promotional Activities, and Merchandising

- A. Soliciting and promotional activities; e.g., public address announcements, signs, banners, display or sign-up tables, and the distribution of printed materials are prohibited at all tournament playing sites without the consent of DIAA Executive Director.
- B. Only vendors authorized by DIAA Executive Director will be permitted to sell merchandise at tournament playing sites.

Item 9. Raffles and 50/50 Drawings

- A. Raffles, 50/50 drawings, and other games of chance are prohibited at all tournament playing sites without the consent of DIAA Executive Director.

Item 10. Bench and Sideline Personnel

- A. DIAA requires that all school personnel on the sidelines or in the team bench area be in the sixth grade or older and approved as members of the official team party. This includes anyone acting as a ball-runner or team manager. Certain sports require sideline personnel or volunteers to be of high school age. See specific sport sections for details.

Item 11. Media Policy for State Tournament Events

- A. Media Email List: Media personnel wishing to receive press releases and information regarding DIAA events must submit their name, media outlet, phone number and email address to DIAA Executive Director Donna Polk at diaa@doe.k12.de.us
- B. Tournament Media Credentials
 1. Media personnel wishing to cover DIAA events must request working credentials from the DIAA Office. DIAA credentials are only valid for DIAA State Tournament Events. **Individual member schools are responsible for issuing credentials for regular season events.**
 2. DIAA will provide credentials to representatives of an accredited media organization recognized by DIAA for the sole purpose of providing access to cover a DIAA Tournament Event. Because of demand, credentials will be issued on a priority system. Facility size is a determining factor. All requests may not be honored. To request credentials, complete the form on the DIAA website (<https://www.doe.k12.de.us/Page/3401>).
 3. DIAA credentialing is for use solely in connection to news and editorial coverage of the event. Any non-editorial, commercial or other unauthorized use of any transmission, picture, film, videotape, audiotape, writing, drawing or other depiction of any game, game action, game information, player interview or other stadium activity, and any non-editorial or commercial use of the DIAA mark or logo is prohibited without prior specific approval of the DIAA Executive Director.
 4. The DIAA may deny or revoke credentials for noncompliance with DIAA policies; and for conduct for which there are reasonable grounds to believe violate state or federal law, or constitute a breach of professional ethics.
- C. Broadcasting/Photographing
 1. DIAA retains exclusive rights to the permission to broadcast and photograph all tournament games and no party may do so without the consent of the DIAA Executive Director. The DIAA must be contacted, in writing or by e-mail, for permission to cablecast, telecast, web cast (video stream) live or on a delayed basis, or photograph a State Tournament Event or any part of a State Tournament Event.
 2. Broadcast agreements are available upon request and will be awarded to those companies that meet DIAA State Tournament broadcast criteria. Questions or concerns can be directed to the DIAA Executive Director 302-857-3365.
 3. All broadcasting/photography must be in accordance with current NFHS Rules for that sport. All access to the field, course, and court area for the purposes of videotaping or photography will be conducted according to the current NFHS rules for that sport. Persons photographing or videotaping a State Tournament Event, and stations cable casting, telecasting, or web casting (video streaming) a State Tournament Event must remain in the areas that have been designated for spectators, sports photographers, schools, cable/television stations, or Internet video broadcasters. If that area is not known to them, they must seek out a DIAA Tournament Committee member to be shown the designated area.
 4. Persons cable casting, telecasting, photographing, videotaping, or web casting (video streaming) a State Tournament

Event shall not stand on any unsafe or potentially hazardous physical object or facility.

5. Persons cable casting, telecasting, photographing, videotaping, or web casting (video streaming) a State Tournament Event shall not interfere with the visibility and comfort of spectators, shall not present a safety hazard to spectators, and shall not disrupt, disturb, or interfere with the competition or with an individual competitor

D. Photograph Reproduction

1. Credentialed media personnel may not sell photos and/or video from state tournaments, except by bona fide newspaper offices (or the official website of the newspapers).
2. Spectators are permitted to photograph and/or video contests for personal use only. No image of any contest may be reproduced without the written consent of the student-athlete being photographed. Photographs and/or videos taken by spectators may not be sold.
3. School personnel may photograph and/or video contests for school use only in publications such as yearbooks, school websites, school newsletters, etc. provided they have received permission from the DIAA Executive Director.
4. Freelance photographers who are not affiliated with a bona fide media outlet will not be credentialed for state tournament contests.
5. All other photography of DIAA tournament games is strictly for the purpose of news and editorial coverage of the event. No other photographs or any other visual material taken at a DIAA event may be sold without express written consent of the DIAA.

E. Media Entrance: Members of the media must display current DIAA Media credentials to gain access to all State Tournament Events. Bags and equipment may be inspected for security purposes.

F. Press Area: A designated press area will be made available for members of the media to view and report on State Tournament Events when available or possible. Members of the media should contact the site coordinator prior to an event for access to phone lines, Ethernet or wireless access. The DIAA will do its best to provide this when available.

Item 12. Video by Spectators

- A. Spectator are permitted to video contest for personal use only. The reproduction, distribution and sale of spectator video is prohibited without the consent of DIAA Executive Director
- B. Videos may be used in accordance with current NFHS Rules for that sport.
- C. Spectators will be allowed to video a game in their seat provided they use hand held camcorders and do not block the view of other spectators or interfere with the game. Tripods are only permitted in the top row of the bleachers.
- D. Neither DIAA nor the host site will be liable for theft or damage to spectator videotaping equipment or injury due to the use of such equipment.
- E. The host site is not obligated to provide power for spectator videotaping equipment.

Item 13. Prohibiting the Use of Drones (Unmanned Aircraft Systems or UAS's)

- A. Unless granted special permission by the DIAA Executive Director, the use of drones (UAS), for any purpose, is not permitted at any DIAA State Tournament Event. This prohibition applies to all fields of play, courts, arena, mats, gym floor or pool, and covers a ban on the entire facility being used as part of the DIAA event, including the spectator stands and parking areas.

Item 14. Transportation Reimbursement, Parking and Spectator Buses

- A. Each participating school may be reimbursed at a rate of 75¢ per mile for one bus. Reimbursements will be made only for actual mileage traveled; no reimbursement will be made for band and spectator buses or for team meals and lodging. The school must submit a voucher to DIAA to be reimbursed for transportation. DIAA will not process any vouchers DIAA receives after the end of the fiscal year (June 1, 2021).
- B. Whenever practical, participating schools should transport their spectators to the tournament by bus. This practice will reduce the amount of traffic in the vicinity of the playing site and alleviate parking problems.

Item 15. Comments and Recommendations

- A. The committees are genuinely interested in the comments and/or recommendations of member schools concerning all aspects of the tournaments. Please submit any comments and/or suggestions in writing to the appropriate committee chairperson.

FIELD HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

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Specific Information

Item 1. Tournament Dates

- A. The 2020 DIAA Field Hockey State Tournament will be held on the following dates.

Round	Division I	Division 2
Round One	N/A	Tuesday, December 1
Quarterfinals	Thursday, December 3	Saturday, December 5
Semifinals	Tuesday, December 8	Wednesday, December 9
Finals	Friday, December 11 or Saturday, December 12	Friday, December 11 or Saturday, December 12

Tournament seeding meeting: November 29th

- B. If a game is rained out, it will be played the following day provided weather conditions permit and umpires are available. The field must be approved by the Committee. See Item 20 for information regarding interrupted and/or suspended games.

Item 2. Tournament Sites

- A. Game sites for all rounds of the tournament will be chosen by the Committee.
 1. First round games may be played over two days due to the availability of umpires and fields.

Item 3. Starting Times

- A. The Committee will determine the starting time for all games.
 B. The Committee will not accept requests for preferred or alternate starting times.

Item 4. Tournament Field

- A. The 2020 DIAA Field Hockey State Championship consists of a Division I tournament and a Division II tournament.
 1. The school classifications can be found in General Item #6 (page 3).
 Division I will be comprised of 8 qualifying teams. Division II will be comprised of 12 qualifying teams. There will be NO automatic berths for conference champions.
- B. Eligible Teams:
- All teams must meet the criteria established by DIAA Regulation 1006.2.4 to be eligible for tournament consideration
 - All teams must play a minimum of 9 games at the varsity level in order to be considered for the state tournament. Teams may play a maximum of 12 games.
 - There is no team schedule "lock down" date due to COVID-19.
 - A game scheduled for the last day of competition that is cancelled due to weather related, unplayable conditions, natural causes, or legitimate circumstances beyond the control of the teams playing may be declared a no contest by the Executive Director and Tournament Chair, and the tournament index calculation will be adjusted.

- C. All teams will be selected according to their team index as determined by the procedure in Item 5, B.

Item 5. Tournament Seeding

- A. Team Report
 - 1. The last competition date for field hockey is Saturday, November 28th. It is the school's responsibility to verify that all results listed on their team's website4sports page are accurate and complete by the last date of competition or the team may not be considered for the tournament. Games played after 6 PM on the last date of competition will not be used to determine tournament selection unless approved by the committee chair.
- B. Index Calculations
 - 1. Team index will be calculated according to the following procedure:
 - a. The team's overall win-loss percentage will be calculated by adding 3 points for each win, 1 point for each tie, and 0 points for each loss and dividing this sum by the total number of possible points (number of games played multiplied by 3).
 - b. An opponents' win-loss percentage will be calculated using the same formula. The team's opponents' average win-loss percentage will be calculated by adding the calculated win-loss percentage of each opponent together and dividing by the number of opponents. Opponents played twice are counted twice.
 - c. The team's index will be determined by adding the team's win-loss percentage and the opponents' average win-loss percentage and dividing the total by 2.
- C. Tie-Breaking Procedures: If two or more teams are tied for any seed, the following tie-breaking criteria will be used in the order listed. Once a team is removed from the tie, the tie-breaker criteria will be reapplied sequentially to the teams that are still tied.
 - 1. Head to Head competition. If three or more teams are tied, they must all have played each other.
 - 2. Win-Loss Record of all common opponents
 - 3. Win-Loss Record of all opponents
 - 4. Overall Win-Loss Record of the teams
 - 5. Draw conducted by committee
- D. Seeding: All of the qualifying teams will be seeded according to their calculated index and placed into a bracket accordingly.
 - 1. If a team withdraws from the tournament after the field has been selected, that team will not be replaced and its scheduled opponent will receive a forfeit win into the next round of play. Such a withdrawal/forfeit may subject the school to disciplinary action by the DIAA Board of Directors.

Item 6. Tournament Program

- A. DIAA will prepare an official tournament program which will contain team pictures, team rosters, tournament pairings and other related information and will be sold at all tournament playing sites. Schools will not receive complimentary programs at the conclusion of the tournament.
- B. Team Photograph, Roster and Program Information. Team information for the tournament program must be on the school's website4sports site by Friday, November 20th. The team photo must be a digital print of no less than 300 DPI in a jpeg or tiff format. Electronic submission is required; hard copies will not be accepted.
 - 1. Schools should assume that their team is going to make the tournament and submit a roster and team photo. Program information MUST be submitted for coaches to receive a complimentary Tournament Pass. (See Item 7. B. 2)

Item 7. Admission Policies

- A. Student (grades K-12) and adult admission will be \$5 for the opening rounds and quarterfinals, \$6 for semifinals, and \$7 for the championship game.
 - 1. Participating schools will receive complimentary admission for all those members of the Official School Party listed on the official roster found in the 2020 DIAA State Tournament Program. The official school party is defined as players (maximum of 22), coaches, managers, scorers/statisticians, trainer, and administrators. All of these individuals should assemble together outside of the venue entrance and be admitted together as one group.
 - a. A maximum of 22 players in uniform are permitted as part of the official school party.
 - b. All other school personnel must pay the regular admission fee if they wish to enter the contest. Spouses of administrators and coaches are similarly obligated. No complimentary tickets will be issued to schools.
- C. Media representatives who are covering the tournament will be admitted upon presentation of proper credentials and will be given a complimentary tournament program.
 - 1. **Media/photographers may stand where permitted by game manager and site director. Generally this is anywhere on the spectator side of the field, allowing enough room for the officials, players and ball girls, depending on space and field set-up. On the team side of the field they may be positioned from the 25 yd. line to the end line at each end of field. They may not be positioned in front of or behind the team benches or the official score table. No one may stand on the end lines of the field. [NFHS Rule 12-2-1]**

Item 8. Game Manager

- A. A member of the Committee will be appointed to serve as the Game Manager, who will serve as a liaison between the Committee, the host school and the participating schools. It is the Game Manager's responsibility to ensure compliance with the policies and procedures established by the DIAA Field Hockey Committee. The Game Manager will have the specific responsibilities listed below.
 1. Provide the following items:
 - a. Official score book.
 - b. Game balls.
 2. Oversee the pre-game on field practice.
 3. Collect the score book and balls after the game has been completed.
 4. In the event of a serious accident or injury to a coach, athlete, official, spectator, or game worker, notify the injured party's athletic director and the Executive Director as soon as possible.
 5. In the event of a serious sportsmanship related incident, contact the Executive Director as soon as possible.

Item 9. Responsibilities of Host School

- A. Member schools agree to host events for the Tournament.
- B. Each host school designates and supervises the individuals who serve as the Site Director and support personnel. The number of support and police personnel **MUST** be approved by DIAA's Executive Director prior to the start of the event.
 1. Support personnel may include:
 - a. Ticket seller(s);
 - b. Program seller(s);
 - c. Ticket taker(s);
 - d. Security (an individual who monitors the crowd but is not a law enforcement officer);
 - e. Scoreboard Operator/Announcer; and
 - f. NATA-certified trainer or school nurse unless both participating schools will be accompanied by a trainer.
- C. The Site Director's responsibilities include:
 1. Provide seating for the game officials and players of both teams on the same side of the field and wherever space permits, on the opposite side of the field from the spectators.
 - a. The field should be lined according to current NFHS specifications.
 - b. Seating should be arranged for the players, coaches, managers, statisticians, and trainers.
 - c. Seating should be arranged for the official timer and scorers - **2 tables and four chairs** at the 50-yard line for the official score table; in addition, at least two chairs should be placed in the official score table area for suspended players.
 - d. A rope or restraining line should be placed parallel to and at least 10 yards from each sideline. The purpose of the rope or restraining line is to prevent spectators from interfering with play.
 2. Provide safe passage for the officials to and from the playing area.
 3. If possible, provide dressing room and bathroom facilities for the participating schools.
 4. Provide parking facilities for buses and spectators.
 5. Provide seating arrangements for spectators.
 6. Contact the Game Manager three hours prior to game time if the field is not in playable condition.
 7. Be in attendance and work closely with the Game Manager.
 8. Clear with the Game Manager matters of policy or procedure.
 9. Provide an official scorer and timer unless assigned a person is assigned by the Field Hockey Committee and supplied by the Officials' Association.
 10. Ensure that the complimentary admission policy for all schools is followed (Item 7).
 11. Charge admission until there are 15 minutes remaining in the second half.
 12. Establish a procedure for assisting disabled spectators and review the procedure with the appropriate personnel.
 13. Review the emergency action plan with the appropriate personnel.
 14. Any additional responsibilities as determined by the host school.
- D. The host school must consult with the DIAA office concerning security and police personnel.
 1. Any expenses concerning security and police personnel must be pre-approved by DIAA's Executive Director.
 2. Police will be paid the game fee or hourly rate customarily paid at the game locale. The bill should be sent to DIAA.
- E. The host school is responsible for returning any unsold tickets and reporting programs sales to the DIAA Office.
- F. Public Address System
 1. The host school will make every effort to provide a public address system and designate and supervise a responsible adult to serve as an announcer. Every effort should be made to have an announcer familiar with field hockey.
 2. The public address system, if used, will be operated by a responsible/ adult representative of the host school.
 - a. Any announcements not directly related to the game/tournament or not of an emergency nature must be approved by the Game Manager or the Executive Director.
 - b. The public address announcer must be a responsible individual who will remain impartial at all times. He/she must never question or criticize the coaches or officials during the game.

- c. Introduce the players and coaches on each team beginning with the non-starters of the away team, then starters and coaches, and then the home team.

Item 10. Responsibilities of Participating Schools

- A. Provide the Site Director with a typed list of players and their positions, designating non-starters and starters, and coaches. Include the team's win-loss record and place in the conference standings. The Site Director will use this information for the pre-game introductions.
- B. **Championship Game only:** provide a typed list of players (22 maximum) in the order they are to be introduced to receive medals at the awards ceremony.
- C. Provide the following volunteers:
 1. One individual to assist with scorekeeping.
 2. Two individuals of at least high school age or older to serve as ball retrievers. Ball retrievers may wear gloves and should use every effort to use a stick to place ball back on sideline. Ball retrievers should make very effort not to touch the balls.
- D. Provide a timing device for the official score table.
- E. Arrive on time at the game site. If a late arrival is anticipated, the host school should be contacted immediately.
- F. Administration
 1. A school administrator and/or athletic director must be in attendance at tournament games, and upon entry should notify the Game Manager as to where they will be located during the contest.
 2. The school administrator/AD in attendance is responsible for assisting the committee with enforcement of good sportsmanship conduct as described in General Information Section Item 7, pages 3-4.

Item 11. Officials

- A. The Delaware Field Hockey Umpires Association (DFHUA) and the Southern Delaware Field Hockey Officials Association (SDFHOA) will provide officials for the 2020 State Tournament.
- B. The Field Hockey Committee will assign all officials for all rounds of the tournament. The officials will be chosen by the method established by the Committee with approval of DIAA.
- C. A four-person officiating crew (2 on-field, one alternate and one timer) will be used for all tournament games. All umpires, including the alternate, must be in uniform. An additional umpire may be used at a scorer at the discretion of the Committee.
- D. Officials' Fees: Officials assigned to the 2020 State Tournament will be paid according to the Officials Associations – DIAA Agreement for the 2020-2021 School Year.

Item 12. Uniforms

- A. The home team, higher seeded, will wear white tops with white knee socks/sock guards. The visiting team will wear dark-colored tops with dark-colored knee socks/sock guards. (As per NFHS guidelines and regulations Rule 1-5)
- B. If the participating teams have similar uniforms, vests will be used. Both teams should bring a set of vests to the game. The team with the incorrect uniform will be required to wear the vests.

Item 13. Dressing Rooms and Facilities

- A. The championship will follow the host site facility plan.

Item 14. Contest Procedures, Equipment, Special Events

- A. Pre-Game Warm-Up
 1. Teams may begin their warm-up on the game field 45 minutes prior to the scheduled starting time of the contest. They must conclude their warm-up 10 minutes prior to game time. Consequently, teams will have no more than 35 minutes of practice time on the game field. Stretching on the field prior to the official practice time is permitted when there is not enough space off the field to do so, and providing no sticks and balls are on the field until the official practice time begins.
- B. Musical Entertainment
 1. The Committee will allow recorded music to be played prior to the start of the game, pending approval by the Site Director and Game Manager. No music is allowed during times-out, halftime or during the game.
- C. Game Balls and Score Books
 1. The Committee will furnish game balls and a scorebook for the official scorer.
- D. Special Events
 1. Special events will be confined to the official pre-match activities and the awards presentation after the championship match. The pre-match ceremonies may include:
 - a. National Anthem - All players, coaches, game officials, and school personnel are expected to stand attentively during the presentation of the American flag and the playing of the national anthem.
 - b. Introduction of team members, coaches, and officials.
 - c. Other VIPs in attendance will be recognized by asking them to stand momentarily at their seats.
 2. The Field Hockey Committee is authorized to modify the program of special events however it deems appropriate.
 3. No school will be permitted to conduct its own program of special events

4. No school will be permitted to bring its band or other musical group. School bands will not be allowed to perform even if the members of the band provide their own transportation and purchase tickets for the game.
5. The Committee is authorized to modify the pre-game or post-game activities however it deems appropriate.

Item 15. Awards

- A. The following awards will be presented:
 1. Team: Trophies and a game ball will be presented to the Champion and Runner-Up Teams.
 2. Individual: Gold medals (22) will be presented to the champions and silver medals (22) will be presented to the runners-up.
- B. No awards other than those authorized by the Committee will be presented at any time during the tournament.

Item 16. Player Bench Area Occupants and Bench Assignments

- A. Teams will be allowed a maximum of twenty-two (22) players in uniform on the bench.
 1. If a team has more than the maximum 22 in uniform, admission will be charged for the extra players.
 2. The extra players must sit on the spectator side of the field.
- B. During a contest, the player bench area may include a maximum of 34 members of the official school party. This number includes the 22 players in uniform, Board approved coaches, managers, scorers, timers, statisticians, trainers and two (2) ball girls (not in uniform). DIAA liability insurance mandates that all bench occupants be of the age of a 6th grader or older.
- C. Videotaping from the bench areas will not be permitted.
- D. Coaches will remain off the playing field near the side line adjacent to their team's assigned bench and will not pass in front of the scorer's table.
 1. If an injury time-out is called, a coach may attend to the injured player. However, neither coach may utilize this time to give instructions to players officially entered in the game.
- E. Bench designations.
 1. At neutral sites, the Committee will determine bench assignments: the higher seeded team will be the home team and sit to the right of the scorer's table as the teams face the field.

Item 17. Mercy Rule

- A. The Mercy Rule will be in effect during all rounds of the tournament. This applies to the second half only with a 5 goal differential.

Item 18. Tie-Breaking Procedures

- A. During the overtime periods, all game rules, including those pertaining to substitutions, will apply except as stipulated below:
 1. There will be no time-outs during the overtime period(s).
 2. Only four players, including the goalkeeper, will be allowed behind the end line during penalty corners.
 3. A player who receives a red card during the regulation game may not participate in any of the overtime periods and her team will play short for all overtime periods.
 4. The first overtime period will begin with seven players unless either team is playing shorthanded due to suspension or ejection. If a player receives a red card during any of the overtime periods, her team will play short for the remainder of the game.
 5. A player who is serving a green or yellow card suspension when the regulation game ends must serve the remainder of her suspension during the first overtime period. She may not enter the game until her suspension has been completed. Her team will begin the overtime with less than seven players.
 6. A player who receives a green or yellow card during any of the overtime periods may not be replaced. She may not return during that overtime period or any subsequent overtime period until her suspension time has been completed.
 7. A player who has not completed her suspension when the second overtime period ends is ineligible to participate in the one-on-one competition.
- B. Reduced Player Overtime Periods
 1. There will be a five-minute intermission between the end of the second half and the first overtime period.
 2. First Overtime Period
 - a. The first overtime period will be no longer than 15 minutes in duration. The visiting team will call the coin toss and the winner will choose either possession of the ball or goal to defend. Each team will reduce to a goalkeeper and six field players unless either team is playing short-handed due to suspension or ejection. The overtime period will end as soon as one team scores (sudden victory).
 3. Second Overtime Period
 - a. If the score is still tied after the first overtime period, a second overtime period of not more than 15 minutes will be played. A five-minute intermission will precede the second overtime period. The teams will change ends of the field and the team not in possession of the ball at the start of the first overtime period will take possession for the second overtime. This overtime period will end as soon as one team scores (sudden victory).
 4. Summary

- a. The overtime shall be played in accordance with the procedure approved by the DIAA Board except as noted in this section.
- b. Substitutions may be made prior to and during any overtime period.
- c. Possession of the ball at the start of each overtime period will alternate and will initially be determined by a coin toss at the start of the first overtime period.
- d. There will be a five-minute intermission between overtime periods.
- e. The teams will reduce to seven players or less if playing short-handed due to an incomplete suspension or ejection.

C. One-on-One Competition

1. **If the game is still tied at the end of the second overtime period, the winner will be determined by One-on-One: a series of five shots on goal shall be taken by individual players in a one-on-one situation.**
 - a. **No suspended or disqualified player may participate in the one-on-one competition.**
 - b. **There is no substitution of any player during the one-on-one except for injury to a player or suspension of the defending goalkeeper.**
2. The Committee representative(s) will ensure that the one-on-ones are taken according to the following procedures:
 - a. The umpires will review the one-on-one procedures with the coach and the team captains.
 - b. A coin toss will determine which team will take the first attack. The visiting team will call the coin toss and the winner will choose to either attack or defend the goal first.
 - c. The coaches and eligible substitutes/remaining players will be allowed on the field behind the 25-yard line. The officials and Committee representative(s) will designate the area.
 - d. Each coach will present a list (name and number) of five players to the officials. The players **MUST** attack in the order listed. If a player participates out of order, her attempt is over and no goal is awarded.
 - e. The five players listed for each team will attempt the shots on goal on an alternate basis and the team scoring the most goals is declared the winner.
 - f. A player may be suspended by a yellow or red card, but not a green card, during the one-on-one competition.
 - i. If a goalkeeper is suspended, she may not take further part in that competition, but can be replaced by any eligible player from the team. The replacement goalkeeper is allowed reasonable time to put on protective equipment.
 - ii. If an attacker is suspended during the competition, there is no replacement allowed. Any further attacks the player was entitled to take counts as no goal.
 - g. If the score remains tied after the first set of one-on-one, a second set will be sudden victory. The five players listed for each team will attempt "sudden victory" shots on an alternating basis. This procedure will continue until the tie is broken. The order of players may be changed at this time. The team not starting the first one-on-one will start the sudden victory set.
3. **Taking the One-On-One**
 - a. **The goalkeeper/defender starts on or behind the goal line between the posts.**
 - b. **The ball is placed on the nearest 25 yard line opposite the center of the goal.**
 - c. **The attacker stands outside the 25 yard line near the ball.**
 - d. **The umpire blows the whistle to signal the start of the play. The attacker and the goalkeeper may then move in any direction.**
4. **The One-On-One is complete under the following conditions:**
 - a. **8 seconds has elapsed**
 - b. **the attacker scores a goal**
 - c. **the attacker commits an offense**
 - d. **the goalkeeper commits an unintentional offense (redo the attack)**
 - e. **the goalkeeper commits an intentional offense (PS awarded)**
 - f. **the ball goes out of play over the end line, side line, or outside the circle**
 - g. **If a penalty stroke is awarded, any eligible player on the official roster may take the penalty stroke.**

Item 19. Championship Game Tie-Breaker

- A. If the championship game is tied at the end of regulation, the teams will play **three** 15-minute reduced player sudden victory periods until a winner is determined. If the score is still tied after three 15-minute sudden victory periods, one-on-one competition as described in Item 18.C above will determine the winner.

Item 20. Procedures for Termination of Play Before Winner Is Determined

- A. Any tournament game interrupted due to circumstances beyond the control of the responsible administrative authorities will be completed or replayed as follows:
 1. If interrupted during the first half of play, the game shall resume at the point of interruption.
 2. If interrupted after the completion of the first half or after the start of the second half, the game will either resume from the point of interruption or, by mutual agreement of the competing schools and the Committee representative(s), it will be considered a completed game.
 3. If interrupted during the overtime periods or on-on-one competition, the game will either resume from the point of interruption or, by mutual agreement of the competing schools and the Committee representative(s), it will be considered a completed game.

4. All records, goals, penalties, warnings, suspensions, etc. will be carried over from previous play.
5. The Committee will determine the date, starting time, and site at which the interrupted game will be completed or replayed.

Item 21. Site Selection

- A. The Field Hockey Committee will use the following criteria and procedures to select game sites for the 2020 tournament:
 1. Fields should be 100 X 60 yards.
 2. NFHS guidelines will be followed with an emphasis on SAFETY. The following criteria, while not all inclusive, will serve as a basis for the evaluation of fields:
 - a. The lines must be clear.
 - b. Field markings, especially the circle areas, must be lined as diagrammed in the 2020 NFHS Field Hockey Rules Book.
 - c. Circles need to be level and free of ruts, clumps, holes etc.
 3. Goals must have top and legal facing boards and must be in good condition without sharp edges.
 4. Goal nets must be free of holes and securely fastened to the goals.
 5. Provided all other conditions are equal, preference will be given to a site where the team benches are located on the opposite side of the field from the spectators.
 6. Parking facilities and spectator seating will be taken into consideration.

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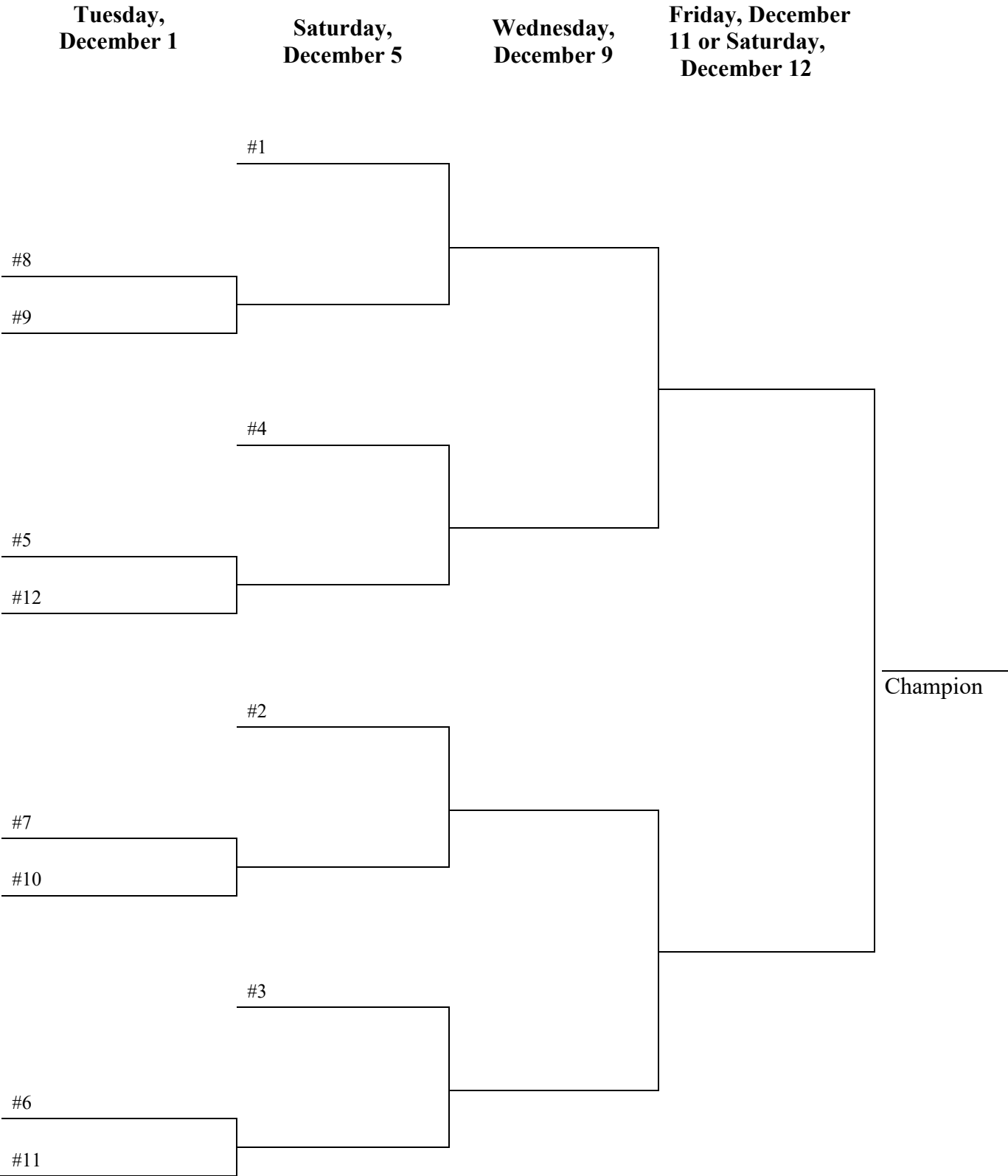
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Specific Information

Item 1. Tournament Dates

1. The 2020 DIAA Boys' Soccer State Tournament will be held for each Division on the following dates.

Round	Division I	Division II
Round One	N/A	December 1 and/or December 2
Quarterfinals	December 5	December 5
Semifinals	December 9	December 9
Finals	December 12	December 12

Item 2. Tournament Sites

- A. The game sites will be determined by the committee.
- B. The committee will not accept requests for preferred or alternate starting times

Item 3. Starting Times

- A. The starting times will be determined by the Committee.

Item 4. Tournament Field

- A. The 2020 DIAA Soccer State Championships will consists of a Division I tournament and a Division II tournament.
 2. The Division I tournament field will be comprised of the qualifying Blue Hen Flight A Champion, the Henlopen North Champion, and six (6) at-large teams or more if needed to fill out the 8 team bracket.
 3. The Division II tournament field will be comprised of the qualifying Blue Hen Flight B Champion, Henlopen South Champion, Independent Champion, Diamond State Champion and eight (8) at-large teams or more if needed to fill out the 12 team bracket.
 4. The school classifications can be found in General Item #6 page 3.
 5. The Boys Soccer committee will determine the tournament field if the aforementioned criteria if affected by COVID-19.
- B. Eligible Teams:
 1. All teams must meet the criteria established by DIAA Regulation 1006.2.4 to be eligible for Tournament consideration.
 2. A team must play a minimum of nine (9) games at the varsity level in order to be considered for the tournament. Only those opponents who played a minimum of 9 games at the varsity level will be included in a team's index calculation and record.
 - a. There will not be a "lock down" date for the 2020 season.
- C. Conference Champions: Each conference will determine their champion. The Diamond State Conference will forfeit their automatic berth if The Charter School of Wilmington wins the conference. If a conference qualifier chooses not to participate in the tournament, that berth will be awarded to another at-large team.
- D. At-Large teams will be selected according to their team index as determined by the procedure in 5.B.

Item 5. Tournament Seeding

- A. Team Report
 1. The last competition date for soccer is Saturday, November 28, 2020. It is the school's responsibility to verify that all

results listed on their team's website4sports page are accurate and complete by the last date of competition or the team may not be considered for the tournament. Games played after the last date of competition will not be used to determine tournament selection unless approved by the committee chair.

2. It is each school's responsibility to send all Out-of-State opponent's contact information to the committee.

B. Tournament Index Calculation

2. The team's win-loss percentage will be determined by adding 3 points for each win, 1 point for each tie, and 0 points for each loss divided by the total number of possible points (number of games played multiplied by 3).
 3. An opponents' win-loss percentage will be calculated using the same formula. The team's opponent's average win-loss percentage will be calculated by adding the calculated win-loss percentage of each opponent together and dividing by the number of opponents. Opponents played twice are counted twice.
 4. The team's index will be determined by adding the team's win-loss percentage and the opponents' average win-loss percentage and dividing the total by 2.
- C. Tie-Breaking Procedures:** If two or more teams are tied for any seed, the following tie-breaking criteria will be used in the order listed. Once a team is removed from the tie, the tie-breaker criteria will be reapplied sequentially to the teams that are still tied.

1. head-to-head competition during the regular season
2. the teams' win-loss percentage as calculated above
3. the team's opponents' average win-loss percentage as calculated above.
4. Most wins
5. Win-loss percentage against common opponents
6. Draw by the Committee

D. Seeding

1. The teams in each division will be seeded according to their calculated index. The top eight (8) teams in Division I and the top twelve (12) teams in Division II will be identified and placed into the bracket accordingly.
2. If a team withdraws from the tournament after the field has been selected, that team will not be replaced and its scheduled opponent will receive a forfeit win into the next round of play. Such a withdrawal/forfeit may subject the school to disciplinary action by the DIAA board of directors.

Item 6. Tournament Program

- A. The Committee will prepare an official tournament program which will contain team pictures, team rosters, tournament pairings and other related information which will be available online prior to the start of the tournament and will be sold at all tournament playing sites. Schools will not receive complimentary paper programs at the conclusion of the tournament.
- B. Team Photograph, Roster and Program Information. Team information for the tournament program must be on the school's website4sports site by Friday, November 20, 2020. The team photo must be a digital print of no less than 300 DPI in a jpeg or tifi format. Electronic submission is required; hard copies will not be accepted.
 1. Schools should assume that their team is going to make the tournament and submit a roster and team photo.
 2. Program information MUST be submitted for Coaches to receive a complimentary Tournament Pass. (See Item 7. B. 2)

Item 7. Admission Policies

- A. Student (grades K-12) and adult admission will be \$5 for the opening round and quarterfinals, \$6 for semifinals, and \$7 for the championship game.
- B. Complimentary Admission
 1. Participating schools will receive complimentary admission for all those members of the Official School Party listed on the official roster found in the 2020 DIAA State Tournament Program. The official school party is defined as players (maximum of 22), coaches, managers, scorers/statisticians, trainer, and administrators. All of these individuals should assemble together outside of the venue entrance and be admitted together as one group.
 - a. A maximum of 22 players in uniform are permitted as part of the official school party.
 - b. All other school personnel must pay the regular admission fee if they wish to enter the contest. Spouses of administrators and coaches are similarly obligated. No complimentary tickets will be issued to schools.
 3. The pep bands (maximum of 15 students) of the two schools competing in the championship game will be allowed to play and will be admitted without charge provided they are accompanied by an adult band director. Pep bands will be granted free admission and will be allowed to play only at the championship game.
- C. Media representatives who are covering the tournament will be admitted upon presentation of proper credentials. See General Item #11.

Item 8. Game Manager

- A. A member of the committee will be appointed to serve as the Game Manager. He/she will serve as liaison between the committee, the host school and the participating schools. The Game Manager is responsible for ensuring compliance with the policies and procedures established by the DIAA Boys' Soccer Committee.
- B. The Game Manager will contact the Site Director prior to the game to ensure that all preparations are taking place on schedule.

- C. The Game Manager or his/her designee will meet each of the participating teams and escort them to their locker room and/or bench area. He/she will answer any questions the participating teams may have concerning pregame or postgame activities.
- D. The Game Manager will provide the following items:
 - 1. Official DIAA Game Report Sheet [Score Sheet]
 - 2. Official Game Balls
- E. The Game Manager will collect the game balls and unsold programs at the conclusion of the game and will present the losing team a game ball (Quarterfinal round on).
- F. In the event of a serious accident or injury to a coach, athlete, official, spectator, or game worker, the Game Manager should notify the injured party's athletic director and the Executive Director as soon as possible.
- G. In the event of a serious sportsmanship related incident, the Game Manager should contact the Executive Director as soon as possible.

Item 9. Responsibilities of Host School

- A. Member schools agree to host events for the Tournament.
- B. Each host school designates and supervises the individuals who serve as the Site Director and support personnel. The number of support and police personnel **MUST** be approved by DIAA's Executive Director prior to the start of the event.
 - 1. Support personnel may include:
 - a. Ticket seller(s);
 - b. Program seller(s);
 - c. Ticket taker(s);
 - d. Security (an individual who monitors the crowd but is not a law enforcement officer);
 - e. Scoreboard Operator/Announcer; and
 - f. NATA-certified trainer or school nurse unless both participating schools will be accompanied by a trainer.
- C. The Site Director's responsibilities include:
 - 1. Provide seating for the game officials and players of both teams on the same side of the field and wherever space permits, on the opposite side of the field from the spectators.
 - a. The field should be lined according to current NFHS specifications.
 - b. Seating should be arranged for the players, coaches, managers, statisticians, and trainers.
 - c. Seating should be arranged for the official timer and scorers (a table and at least four chairs should be placed at the 50-yard line for the official score table)
 - 2. Provide safe passage for the officials to and from the playing area.
 - 3. If possible, provide dressing room and bathroom facilities for the participating schools.
 - 4. Provide parking facilities for buses and spectators.
 - 5. If possible, provide seating arrangements for spectators.
 - 6. Contact the Game Manager three hours prior to game time if the field is not in playable condition.
 - 7. Be in attendance and work closely with the Game Manager.
 - 8. Clear with the Game Manager matters of policy or procedure.
 - 9. Provide a scoreboard operator unless assigned by the Soccer Committee and supplied by the Officials' Association.
 - 10. Ensure that the complimentary admission policy for all schools is followed (Item 7).
 - 11. Charge admission until there are 20 minutes remaining in the last game of the day.
 - 12. Establish a procedure for assisting disabled spectators and review the procedure with the appropriate personnel.
 - 13. Review the emergency action plan with the appropriate personnel.
 - 14. Any additional responsibilities as determined by the host school.
- E. The host school must consult with the DIAA office concerning security and police personnel.
 - 1. Any expenses concerning security and police personnel must be pre-approved by DIAA's Executive Director.
 - 2. Police will be paid the game fee or hourly rate customarily paid at the game locale. The bill should be sent to DIAA.
- E. The host school is responsible for returning any unsold tickets and reporting program sales to the DIAA Office.
- F. Public Address System
 - 1. The host school will make every effort to provide a public address system and designate and supervise a responsible adult to serve as an announcer. Every effort should be made to have an announcer familiar with soccer.
 - 2. The public address system, if used, will be operated by a responsible/ adult representative of the host school.
 - a. Any announcements not directly related to the game/tournament or not of an emergency nature must be approved by the Game Manager or the Executive Director.
 - b. The public address announcer must be a responsible individual who will remain impartial at all times. He/she must never question or criticize the coaches or officials during the game.
 - c. Introduce the players and coaches on each team beginning with the non-starters of the away team, then starters and coaches, and then the home team.

Item 10. Responsibilities of Participating Schools

- A. Teams must arrive at the game site at least 45 minutes prior to game time.
- B. Provide the Site Director with four (4) neatly printed copies of the game roster which must include

1. the name, position and grade of each player,
2. the names of coaches, managers, trainers and other official team personnel
3. the current team won-loss record and the team's finish in their conference if applicable.

This information is necessary for pre-game introductions and the official DIAA score sheet. Copies are needed for the referee, opposing coach, PA announcer and official scorekeeper.

- C. Provide one individual to assist the official scorekeeper in identifying players who score goals, assists on goals and/or receive cautions or ejections.
- D. Provide two or three ball holders for each soccer contest during the tournament.
 1. Ball holders are under the direct supervision of the officials whom they assist by carrying an extra game ball and retrieving balls which cross boundary touchlines.
 2. Ball holders must be in the 6th grade or older, they shall wear 'pinnies' provided by the schools in a color that contrasts with those of the opposing teams. 'Pinnies' are to be worn at all times during the match.
 3. Ball Holders must meet with the referee fifteen (15) minutes prior to the start of the game.

Item 11. Officials

- A. The Delaware Soccer Officials' Association (DSOA) and the Diamond State Soccer Officials' Association (DSSOA) will provide officials for the 2020 State Tournament.
 1. DSOA will provide the officiating crew for the Division I State Championship Game in even numbered years and for the Division II Championship Game in odd numbered years.
 2. DSSOA will provide the officiating crew for Division I in odd numbered years and for Division II in even numbered years
- B. The Boys' Soccer Committee will assign all officials for all rounds of the tournament.
- C. A four-person officiating crew will be used for all tournament games. Three officials will be on-field and the fourth official will assist the referee and act as the official DIAA scorekeeper with duties as assigned by the committee per NFHS Rule 5.3.3.
- D. Officials' Fees: Officials assigned to the 2020 State Tournament will be paid according to the Officials Associations – DIAA Agreement for the 2020-2021 School Year.

Item 12. Home Team and Uniforms

- A. The higher seeded team will be designated as the home team and wear dark jerseys and dark socks. The visiting team will wear solid white jerseys and solid white socks. [NFHS Soccer Rule 4-1-1A]
- B. Players from each team will wear the legal uniform designated by 2020-21 NFHS Soccer Rule Book.
 1. When an illegally uniformed team is unable to correct the situation the coach will be issued a yellow card to start the game. The school will be required to appear before the DIAA Sportsmanship Committee.

Item 13. Dressing Rooms and Facilities

- A. The championship will follow the host site facility plan.
 1. The coaching staff is responsible for supervising the locker room and offending schools will be held accountable for any theft or damage.

Item 14. Contest Procedures, Equipment and Facilities

- A. Game Balls
 1. The committee will provide a minimum of three game balls with the required NFHS authenticating mark for each contest. The **Wilson Veza [WTE9705XB]** will be the official game ball.
 2. The eight teams that advance to the quarterfinals will each receive a game ball.
- B. Special Events
 1. The national anthem will be played prior to all games unless it is the second game of a double header.
 2. Special events will be confined to the opening ceremonies before the championship game and the presentation of awards after the championship game.
 3. The opening ceremonies may include the following:
 - a. national anthem
 - b. introduction of DIAA Executive Director, Soccer Committee Chairperson and Soccer Committee Members
 - c. Introduction of other special guests
 - d. Introduction of players, coaches, administrators, and game officials
4. The committee is authorized to modify the pre-game and post-game activities however it deems appropriate.

Item 15. Awards

- A. The following awards will be presented:
 1. Team: Trophies and a game ball will be presented to the Champion and Runner-Up Teams.
 2. Individual: Gold medals (22) will be presented to the champions and silver medals (22) will be presented to the runners-up.
 3. No awards other than those authorized by the Committee will be presented at any time during the tournament

Item 16. Player Bench Occupants and Bench Assignment/Warm-Up

- A. The home team, the higher seeded team, will sit to the right of the scorer's table as the teams face the playing field.
- B. During a game, only administrators, board approved coaches, eligible substitutes, and bona fide team managers, statisticians, and medical personnel may occupy the player bench area. All team personnel must be listed on the game roster to be eligible to be in the team bench area. All personnel are under the authority of the game referee, subject to his/her rulings and must comply with his/her directions and decisions.
- C. The teams will warm up on the half of the field that corresponds to their player bench assignment. Only players in uniform, bona fide coaches and team managers are allowed on the field for warm-ups.
- D. The on-field warm-up with the use of balls will be a maximum of 30 minutes prior to the start of the contest, unless approved by the Game Manager and the participating teams.

Item 17. Practice Sessions

- A. No team will be permitted to practice at a tournament-playing site unless that site is its home field.

Item 18. Game Tie-Breaking Procedure

- A. If a regulation game ends in a tie, the teams will play a maximum of (2) sudden victory 10-minute overtime periods.
- B. If the score is still tied at the end of the second sudden victory overtime period, the game will be decided by alternating penalty shots.
 - 1. Each team will select five players as shooters. No substitutions will be permitted at this time.
 - 2. The penalty shots will be taken alternately at the same goal as chosen by the officials. The officials will conduct a coin toss to determine which team will take the first penalty shot. The visiting team will call the coin toss and the winner will choose to either shoot or defend the goal first.
 - 3. The penalty shots will end as soon as one team has a goal advantage that cannot be overcome by the opposing team.
 - 4. If the score remains tied after the first set of penalty shots, a second set will be taken. The team not starting the first set of penalty shots will start the second set. The same five players who shot in the first set must shoot in the second set and in the same order.
 - 5. If the tie is not broken after the second set of penalty shots, the third set will be sudden death. The first team to score more goals than its opponent, after an equal number of shots, will be declared the winner. The team starting the first set of penalty shots will begin the third set. The same five shooters who shot in the second set must shoot again and in the same order.
 - 6. If the goalkeeper is injured and is unable to play or he receives a red card, he may be replaced by any eligible player in uniform. The injured or disqualified goalkeeper may not return to the game.
 - 7. If the goalkeeper receives a yellow card, he must be replaced for at least the next shot. They may be replaced by any eligible player in uniform and may reenter the game at any time after the next shot.
 - 8. If a shooter is injured and is unable to play or he receives a red card, he must be replaced by a player who was on the field at the end of the last overtime period. The injured or disqualified shooter may not return to the game.
 - 9. If a shooter receives a yellow card, he must be replaced for at least his next shot in the rotation. He must be replaced by a player who was on the field at the end of the last overtime period. He may reenter the game at any time after his next shot in the rotation.

Item 19. Interrupted Game

- A. Any tournament game interrupted due to circumstances beyond the control of the committee and the responsible administrative authorities will be completed or replayed according to the following guidelines:
 - 1. After waiting a reasonable period of time and after consulting with the game officials and the other committee members in attendance, the Game Manager will order that play either be resumed or terminated.
 - 2. If the decision is made to terminate play and the game was interrupted during the first half, the entire game will be replayed.
 - 3. If the decision is made to terminate play and the game was interrupted after the completion of the first half, the game will resume from the point of interruption, unless by mutual agreement of the competing schools and the Game Manager, it is to be considered a completed game.
 - 4. All records, goals, penalties, warnings, suspensions, etc. will be carried over from the interrupted game if it is to be completed.
 - 5. The committee will determine the date, starting time, and site at which the interrupted game will be completed or replayed in its entirety.

Item 20. Site Selection Procedures

- A. The Boys' Soccer Committee will give preference to all weather turf fields for site selection when selecting sites for the 2020 tournament using the following criteria:
 - 1. The field must meet all NFHS specifics per the 2020-21 NFHS Soccer Rule Book.
 - 2. Goals must meet or exceed NFHS guidelines and must be in good condition without sharp edges.
 - 3. The stadium should be enclosed by a fence and have proper lighting for night games.
 - 4. Parking facilities and spectator seating areas are conducive to the anticipated attendance.

5. The stadium should also have a concession stand and a public address system available for use.
 6. Locker rooms should be available for use during doubleheaders and in case of inclement weather.
- B. All game sites will be chosen by the committee based upon availability, field conditions, geographic location, and the seeding of the participating teams.



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Specific Information

Item 1. Tournament Dates

- A. The 2020 DIAA Football State Tournament will be held for each Division on the following dates:

Round	Division I	Division II
Semifinals	December 11 an/or 12	December 11 an/or 12
Finals	December 18 &/or December 19	December 18 &/or December 19

- B. The Committee reserves the right to make changes due to weather or other circumstances that would prevent playing the games as originally scheduled.
 C. The Committee reserves the right to make any scheduling adjustments it deems appropriate
 D. The Committee will not accept requests for alternate dates due to a conflict with the SAT. It is incumbent on all schools to inform their players that registering to take the SAT on the weekend of the Championship Games will conflict with their participation in the championship game.

Item 2. Game Sites

- A. The game sites will be determined by the committee.
 B. Operations will be based on the host site facility plan.
 C. The Committee will select the site for the Championship game in each division. This may be played as a doubleheader.
 D. The Committee reserves the right to select the site and determine the starting time for all tournament games.

Item 3. Starting Times

- A. The starting times for all rounds of the tournament will be determined by the committee and announced no later than the Monday preceding the games, unless there are extreme extenuating circumstances beyond the control of the committee.
 B. The committee will not accept requests for alternate starting times due to a conflict with the SAT. It is incumbent on all schools to inform their players that registering to take the SAT on the weekend of the Championship Games will conflict with their participation in the championship game.

Item 4. Tournament Field

- A. The 2020 DIAA Football State Championships will consist of a Division I tournament and a Division II tournament.
 1. The Division I tournament field will be comprised of the Blue Hen Flight A Champion, the Henlopen North Champion, and two (2) at-large teams or more if needed to fill the bracket.
 2. The Division II tournament field will be comprised of the Blue Hen Flight B Champion, Henlopen South Champion, and two (2) at-large teams or more if needed to fill the bracket.
 3. Division Champions need to have a win-loss percentage of above .500 to be considered an automatic bid to the tournament Division. At-large teams with the next highest index will be used to complete the bracket if needed.
 4. The school classifications can be found in General Item #6.

B Eligible Teams:

1. All teams must meet the criteria established by DIAA Regulation 1006.2.4 to be eligible for Tournament consideration.
 2. A team must play a minimum of five (5) games at the varsity level in order to be considered for the tournament. Forfeits will count toward satisfying this requirement. Only those opponents who have played a minimum of a five game varsity schedule will be included in a team's record. Forfeits will count toward satisfying this requirement. Games cancellations due to COVID-19 will be considered No Contest.
 3. Any school which does not wish to be considered for the tournament must notify the Football Committee Chair by December 5th, 2020 so as not to be considered for seeding. Once the committee seeds the tournament, any team that withdraws will be subject to DIAA disciplinary action and that tournament berth will not be filled.
 4. For the DIAA state football tournament, the regular season is defined as a school's first seven (7) regular season varsity football games and they must be completed by Saturday, December 5, 2020. This includes in state and out-of-state school teams.
 5. Due to COVID - 19 procedures, the committee recognizes a need to be flexible with schedules for the 2020 football season. Any team that has a schedule change due to COVID-19 game cancellations must petition the Football Committee to recognize the circumstances beyond their control. The DIAA Director and football committee reserve the right to validate the reason for the schedule change.
- C. Conference Champions: Each conference is responsible for selecting its playoff representative and for making such scheduling adjustments as are necessary so that its champion is available for the playoffs. In the event that a conference champion is not eligible to participate in the tournament or a conference chooses not to send its champion, the committee will use the at-large point index system to choose another team. The conference must notify the Football Committee Chair by December 5, 2020 if their champion will not participate.
- D. The teams in each division with the highest point indices, as calculated in 5.B, who are not the conference champions will be the at-large representatives.

Item 5. Tournament Seeding

A. COVID-19

- a. The football committee recognizes the need to adapt to changing conditions this fall. We support DIAA recommendations to play high school sports for the opportunity for our student-athletes to compete. We reserve the right to meet and revise the seeding procedure if conditions in Delaware make seeding a tournament unfair and not representative of the best teams in each division

B. Team Report

1. The last competition date for football is Saturday, December 5, 2020. It is the school's responsibility to verify that all results listed on their team's website4sports page are accurate and complete by midnight on the last date of competition [Saturday, December 5, 2020 or the team may not be considered for the tournament .

B. Out of State Opponents:

1. A member of the Committee will be responsible for contacting the out-of-state opponents of each school in contention for a tournament berth and obtaining their state Benchmark date enrollment. Schools that play out-of-state opponents need to send that school's contact information to the Football Chairperson, Jim Comegys, by October 31, 2020 (james.comegys@colonial.k12.de.us)
2. For out-of-state opponents, the first 7 regular season games that they play in the 2020 season will constitute their 7 game schedule for the purposes of their final record. This may include playoff or tournament games.
3. Any out-of-state opponent whose building houses grades 9-12 (boys and girls) and whose enrollment on September 30, 2018 is equal to or exceeds the 1045 enrollment number (boys and girls in grades 9-12) will be classified as Division I. All other out-of-state opponents whose building houses grades 9-12 will be classified as Division II. This is in effect for school years 2019-2020 and 2020-2021.
4. A single gender, out-of-state opponent will be classified by doubling their enrollment as of September 30, 2018. If the figure when doubled is equal to or greater than 1045 that school is classified as Division I. Schools with a doubled enrollment count less than 1045 will be classified as Division II.
5. Regardless of when a contract is/was signed the September 30, 2020 enrollment count will be used to determine classification for all schools, in state or out of state.

B. Index Calculation

1. A school's point index is determined by adding together the total number of points accumulated and then dividing by the number of games played.
2. Points are awarded for wins, ties and losses as follows:

Game Result	Division I Opponent	Division II Opponent
Win	6	4
Tie	3	2
Loss	1	0

3. One point is awarded for each opponent that won five (5) games during their regular season regardless of which team won.
4. An additional point is awarded for each opponent that won six (6) or seven (7) games during their regular season regardless of which team won.
- C. Tie-Breaking Procedures: If two or more teams are tied for any seed, the following tie-breaking criteria will be used in the order listed. Once a team is removed from the tie, the tie-breaker criteria will be reapplied sequentially to the teams that are still tied.
 1. Head to Head Competition
 2. The team whose opponents have the most victories in regular season play will qualify for the playoffs.
 3. The team whose opponents have the fewest defeats in regular season play will qualify for the playoffs.
 4. The team who had the fewest points allowed
 5. If a tie still exists, the committee will choose the at-large team(s) by vote.
- D. Seeding: Qualifying teams will be seeded according to their calculated index and placed into a bracket accordingly.
 1. Division One and Two: Teams are seeded in places 1 to 4.. The team seeded 1 will play the team seeded 4, and the team seeded 2 will play the team seeded 3.
 2. If a team withdraws from the tournament after the field is selected, that team will not be replaced and its scheduled opponent will receive a forfeit win into the next round of play. Such a withdrawal/forfeit may subject the school to disciplinary action by the DIAA board of directors.

Item 6. Official Program

- A. DIAA will prepare an official tournament program which will contain team pictures, team rosters, tournament pairings and other related information and will be sold at all tournament playing sites. Schools will not receive complimentary programs at the conclusion of the tournament.
- B. Team Photograph, Roster and Program Information. Team information for the tournament program must be on the school's website4sports site by November 20, 2020. The team photo must be a digital print of no less than 300 DPI in a jpeg or ttf format. Electronic submission is required; hard copies will not be accepted.
 - i. Schools should assume that their team is going to make the tournament and submit a roster and team photo. Program information MUST be submitted for Coaches to receive a complimentary Tournament Pass. (See Item 7. C)

Item 7. Admission Policies

- A. Student (grades K-12) and adult admission will be \$5 for opening round games, \$6 for semifinal games, and \$7 for the championship games.
 1. Tickets purchased but unused will not be refunded.
- B. Complimentary Admission
 1. Participating schools will receive complimentary admission for all those members of the Official School Party listed on the official roster found in the 2020 DIAA State Tournament Program. The official school party is defined as players, coaches, managers, scorers/statisticians, trainer, and administrators. All of these individuals should assemble together outside of the venue entrance and be admitted together as one group.
 - a. A maximum of 60 players in uniform are permitted as part of the official school party.
 - b. All other school personnel must pay the regular admission fee if they wish to enter the contest. Spouses of administrators and coaches are similarly obligated. No complimentary tickets will be issued to schools.
 2. A maximum of 23 cheerleaders in uniform and one adult sponsor who must have attended the 2020 DIAA Spirit Rules Clinic will receive complimentary admission. Additional cheerleaders and/or adults must purchase a ticket or make arrangements in advance to have their school billed for any admission in excess of 23 cheerleaders and one adult.
 - a. No mini-trampolines or basket tosses will be permitted. Stunts will be allowed if performed in accordance with the 2020 NFHS Spirit Rules Book.
- B. Media representatives who are covering the tournament will be admitted upon presentation of proper credentials. See General Item #11.

Item 8. Game Manager

- A. A member of the Committee will be appointed to serve as the Game Manager. He will serve as a liaison between the Committee, the host school and the participating schools. The Game Manager is responsible for ensuring compliance with the policies and procedures established by the DIAA Football Committee. The Game Manager will have the specific responsibilities listed below.
 1. Provide the following items:
 - a. Game balls.
 2. Collect the game balls after the game has been completed.
 3. In the event of a serious accident or injury to a coach, athlete, official, spectator, or game worker, notify the injured party's athletic director and the Executive Director as soon as possible.

4. In the event of a serious sportsmanship related incident, contact the Executive Director as soon as possible.

Item 9. Responsibilities of Host School (Host site must follow approved DPH facility plan.)

- A. Member schools agree to host events for the Tournament
- B. Each host school designates and supervises the individuals who serve as the Site Director and support personnel. The number of support and police personnel **MUST** be approved by DIAA's Executive Director prior to the start of the event.
 1. Support personnel may include:
 - a. Ticket seller(s);
 - b. Program seller(s);
 - c. Ticket taker(s);
 - d. Security (an individual who monitors the crowd but is not a law enforcement officer);
 - e. Scoreboard Operator/Announcer; and
 - f. NATA-certified trainer or school nurse unless both participating schools will be accompanied by a trainer.
- C. The Site Director's responsibilities include:
 1. Set up the field and bench areas according to current NFHS specifications.
 - a. The field should be lined according to current NFHS specifications.
 2. If possible, provide dressing room and bathroom facilities for the participating schools.
 3. Provide safe passage for the officials to and from the playing area.
 4. Provide parking facilities for buses and spectators.
 5. If possible, provide seating arrangements for spectators.
 6. Contact the Game Manager three hours prior to game time if the field is not in playable condition.
 7. Be in attendance and work closely with the Game Manager.
 8. Clear with the Game Manager matters of policy or procedure.
 9. Provide a scoreboard operator unless assigned by the Football Committee and supplied by the Officials' Association.
 10. Ensure that the complimentary admission policy for all schools is followed (Item 7).
 11. Charge admission until the start of the fourth quarter.
 12. Establish a procedure for assisting disabled spectators and review the procedure with the appropriate personnel.
 13. Review the emergency action plan with the appropriate personnel.
 14. Any additional responsibilities as determined by the host school.
- D. The host school must consult with the DIAA office concerning security and police personnel.
 1. Any expenses concerning security and police personnel must be pre-approved by DIAA's Executive Director.
 2. Police will be paid the game fee or hourly rate customarily paid at the game locale. The bill should be sent to DIAA.
- E. The host school is responsible for returning any unsold tickets and reporting program sales to the DIAA Office.
- F. Public Address System
 1. The host school will make every effort to provide a public address system and designate and supervise a responsible adult to serve as an announcer. Every effort should be made to have an announcer familiar with football.
 2. The public address system, if used, will be operated by a responsible/ adult representative of the host school.
 - a. Any announcements not directly related to the game/tournament or not of an emergency nature must be approved by the Game Manager or the Executive Director.
 - b. The public address announcer must be a responsible individual who will remain impartial at all times. He/she must never question or criticize the coaches or officials during the game.
 - c. Introduce the players and coaches on each team beginning with the non-starters of the away team, then starters and coaches, and then the home team.
- G. Concessions
 1. With the exception of games at Baynard Stadium, Alumni Stadium, or Raymond Stadium, all food and drink concessions will be operated by the host school and all proceeds will be retained by that school.

Item 10. Responsibilities of Participating Schools

- A. Each team's School/Athletic Administration is responsible for assisting DIAA in safeguarding the playing field before, during and especially after all tournament games. A member of the School/Athletic Administration must report to the Game Manager so as to coordinate game ending security procedures. Failure to comply with this provision may result in referral to the DIAA Sportsmanship Committee and further disciplinary actions that are not limited to but may include future prohibition from Tournament eligibility, forfeiture of future contests, fines and probation.

Item 11. Officials

- A. The Delmarva Football Officials Association (DFOA) and the Northern Delaware Football Officials' Association (NDFOA) will provide officials for all rounds of the tournament.
- B. Assignments to the championship games will be done on a rotating basis.
 1. The NDFOA will work the Division I Championship in 2020.
 2. The DFOA will work the Division II Championship in 2020.
- C. The Football Committee will assign all officials for all rounds of the tournament.

- D. A seven person on-field crew and a three person chain crew will be used for all tournament games. If the scoreboard clock is official, the officials' association will also provide a qualified Electronic Clock Operator.
- E. Officials' Fees: Officials assigned to the 2020 State Tournament will be paid according to the Officials Associations – DIAA Agreement for the 2020-2021 School Year.

Item 12. Uniforms and Bench Assignments

- A. Players from each team will wear the legal jersey designated by NFHS Football Rule 1-5-1 [2019 NFHS Football Rule Book]
- B. If a game is played at a neutral site, the higher seeded team will be designated as the home team on the scoreboard, and will occupy the bench area assigned to them by the Football Committee. The lower seeded team will be designated as the visiting team on the scoreboard and occupy the bench area designated to them by the Football Committee.
- C. For the Championship Game, the team that is the highest seed will be designated as the home team and wear their dark jerseys. Bench assignments for the Championship Game are at the discretion of the committee.

Item 13. Dressing Rooms and Facilities

- A. Facility Operations will be based on the host site facility plan.
- B. Officials – Officials should arrive to the field dressed as locker room space will not be provided.

Item 14. Contest Procedures, Equipment, Special Events

- A. Official Game Ball
 - 1. The committee will provide a minimum of three **Wilson GTS [WTF1003]** DIAA logo footballs for each game. These footballs and only these footballs will be the official game balls.
- B. Tournament Game Schedule
 - 1. Teams are not to arrive at the tournament game site more than two (2) hours before the scheduled kick-off time.
 - 2. On field pre-game practice will begin one hour and forty-five minutes before kickoff and teams are limited to seventy-five minutes practice time on the field. All team personnel must be off of the playing field 30 minutes before the scheduled kick-off time unless otherwise notified by the Game Manager.
 - 3. Teams may not practice at the Championship site at any time other than on the time designated by the committee on the day of the Championship Game.
- C. Halftime Intermission
 - 1. The halftime intermission will be 20 minutes in length unless shortened by mutual agreement of the opposing coaches and the Game Manager. Following the halftime intermission, there will be a mandatory three-minute warm up prior to the second-half kickoff.
- D. Overtime
 - 1. No tournament game will be permitted to end in a tie. The ten-yard line overtime procedure described in the 2020 NFHS Football Rules Book [pages 86-87] will be used to determine the winner of any tournament game which is tied at the end of regulation play.
- E. Bands
 - 1. Musical entertainment will be provided by high school bands only. Band members must be in their school uniforms and accompanied by the school band director. The band will be limited to the number of students who ordinarily performed at games during the regular season.
 - 2. The Committee Chairperson must be notified at least 48 hours in advance of the game if a participating school band desires to perform.
 - 3. For the First and Semifinal Rounds:
 - a. The designated visiting team band will take the field 20 minutes prior to the scheduled start of the game. They will be allowed 15 minutes to perform and should be in position to play the national anthem five minutes prior to the opening kick-off., unless other arrangements are made by the two bands and the Football Committee. The designated home team band will be given 15 minutes to perform at halftime.
 - 4. Band procedures for the Championship Game will be set by the Football Committee.
 - 5. The field clock will be used to determine the start and finish of the band performances.
 - 6. The Committee will assign seating areas to the participating school bands. Whenever possible, the bands will be seated in the permanent stands.
 - a. It is the responsibility of the band sponsors to arrive at the game site in sufficient time to prevent spectators from sitting in the seats reserved for the band.
 - b. Parents assisting with band equipment must wear appropriate identification in order to receive free admission. The number of band volunteers receiving free admission will be limited to the number of individuals who ordinarily performed such duties at games during the regular season.

Item 15. Awards

- A. The following awards will be presented:
 - 1. Team: A trophy, game ball and autograph ball will be awarded to each Championship team. A trophy and game ball will be awarded to each runner-up team.

2. Individual: Gold medals (46) will be presented to the champions. Silver medals (46) will be presented to the runners-up.
3. Participation certificates will be forwarded to the players, managers, and statisticians listed on the roster of each participating team at the conclusion of the tournament.
3. No awards other than those authorized by the Committee will be presented at any time during the tournament.

Item 16. Sideline Personnel and Player Bench Occupants

- A. Only members of the official school party will be permitted on the sideline.
 1. The official school party is defined as players, coaches (approved by the local board or governing body), managers, scorers/statisticians, team medical personnel, and school administrators.
 2. All occupants of the sideline/team bench area must be in the sixth grade or older.
- B. For the Championship Game, each team will be issued 18 sideline passes. All team personnel on the sideline during the Championship Game must be wearing the sideline pass. Committee members are authorized to spot-check any and all sideline personnel for compliance. If a team is found in violation, the individuals will be removed from the sideline and possibly the stadium.
 1. Unauthorized duplication or counterfeiting of DIAA sidelines passes will be deemed a major infraction of the sportsmanship code and the school will be referred to the DIAA sportsmanship committee for disciplinary action.

Item 17. Press Box

- A. Press box occupants should include media representatives and the official statisticians. The top of the press box, if possible, will be available for team spotters and video operators.

Item 18. Publicity

- A. All notices and releases to the media will be the responsibility of the DIAA Executive Director.

Item 19. Radio and Television

- A. Broadcast privileges will be awarded according to the following criteria and procedures:
 1. The local (same county as participating school) radio station that regularly broadcasts the games of a potential playoff team may receive exclusive privileges to broadcast that team's first and second round games by submitting a written [email note is acceptable] request and a \$100.00 fee.
 2. If no local radio station regularly broadcasts the games of a potential playoff team but a local station broadcasts a "game of the week", that station may receive rights to broadcast the aforementioned team's first and/or second round game by submitting a written [email note is acceptable] request and a \$100.00 fee. If two local stations broadcast a "game of the week", both stations may broadcast the aforementioned team's first and/or second round game provided the host school's press box can accommodate both broadcast crews. If the host school's press box cannot accommodate both crews, the DIAA Football Committee will determine which radio station will receive broadcast privileges.
 3. If no local radio station regularly broadcasts the games of a potential playoff team and no local station broadcasts a "game of the week", the station in closest proximity to the aforementioned school may receive the broadcast privileges by submitting a written [email note is acceptable] request and a \$100.00 fee.
 4. The written [email note is acceptable] request and \$100.00 fee must be received in the DIAA office by Monday, December 7, 2020 for the Semi Final round. The \$100.00 fee will be refunded if the team whose game the local radio station has expressed an interest in broadcasting does not qualify for the playoffs. If a local station that broadcasts a "game of the week" submits a written [email note is acceptable] request and \$200.00 in fees to broadcast the first and/or semi round games of two potential playoff teams, \$100.00 will be refunded if those teams play each other.
 - a. Submit request to: Executive Director, DIAA
Email: diaa@doe.k12.de.us
 5. The same criteria and procedures that were used for the first two round games will be used for the championship games. However, the written [email note is acceptable] request must be received by 12:00 noon on Monday, December 14, 2020 and the broadcast fee, which may be submitted separately from the written request, will be \$250.00.
- B. Live telecasts or web streaming of playoff games will not be permitted. All games must be telecast on a minimum 48-hour delayed basis. The telecast fees will be \$100 for a first and semifinal round game and \$250 for a championship game.
- C. All radio and television stations must indicate in their written requests that no commercials associated with the use of alcoholic beverages or tobacco products will be aired. And that ample time for DIAA advertisements and public-service announcements will be allotted.

Item 20. Cheerleading

- A. Cheerleading squads will only be permitted to be in attendance on the sidelines if the Head Coach has completed the 2020 DIAA Spirit Rules Clinic.
- B. Only cheerleaders in uniform and a mascot in costume will be permitted on the sideline. The cheerleading squad will be limited to those cheerleaders who ordinarily performed at varsity games during the regular season.
- C. No mini-trampolines or basket tosses will be permitted. Stunts will be allowed if performed in accordance with the 2020 NFHS Spirit Rules Book.

Item 21. Mercy Rule

- A. The following “mercy rule” was approved by the DIAA Board of Directors and will be in effect for all tournament games:
 - 1. If, at any time during the second half, one team is leading its opponent by 35 or more points, the timing procedures will be modified as listed below.
 - a. The clock will be stopped only in the following situations:
 - i. A charged time-out.
 - ii. An officials’ time-out for safety reasons, i.e. player appears to be injured, unusual heat or humidity creates health risk for players, player needs equipment repair, non-participant enters playing field, or other situations deemed to be safety related.
 - iii. An official’s time-out to administer a penalty.
 - iv. A one-minute intermission between the third and fourth periods.
 - b. If the differential is reduced to fewer than 35 points, regular timing procedures will again be used.

Item 22. Site Selection

- A. Field Condition
 - 1. The field should be in good condition with grass covering the entire playing surface.
 - 2. The field shall be lined in accordance with the regulations set forth in the 2020 NFHS Football Rules Book.
- B. Facilities
 - 1. The football field should be separated from the bleachers by a fence and the entire stadium complex should be surrounded by a fence to facilitate game management and crowd control.
 - 2. Adequate locker room facilities should be available for both teams and separate facilities should be available for the game officials.
 - 3. Seating capacity on both sides of the field should be sufficient to accommodate the anticipated crowd.
 - 4. Adequate restroom facilities should be available to accommodate the anticipated crowd.
 - 5. Having adequate parking facilities for the anticipated crowd will be taken into consideration.
 - 6. Concession stand capabilities may be a consideration.

2020 DIAA Football State Tournament

Saturday, December 12

Saturday , December 19

Semifinals

Championship

Division One

1

Game #3
 Lowest Remaining Seed

Highest Remaining Seed

2

Game #4
 Highest Remaining Seed

Lowest Remaining Seed

Champion

Division Two

Highest Remaining Seed

Game #5
 Lowest Remaining Seed

Highest Remaining Seed

Lowest Remaining Seed

Champion

2nd Highest Remaining Seed

Game #6
 2nd Lowest Remaining Seed

The higher seeded team will be listed on the top of the bracket and will be the home/host team for the first two rounds unless their home field site is deemed unplayable/unusable by the State Football Committee

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Specific Information

Item 1. Governing Rules

- A. The rules as stipulated in the 2020 Special Olympics Delaware Unified Flag Football rules book and DIAA regulations.

Tournament Dates

- A. The 2020 SODE/DIAA Unified Flag Football State Tournament will be held for each Section on the following dates:

Round	North Section	South Section
Semifinals	December 12	
Championship	December 18 or 19th	

- B. The Committee along with the participating schools reserves the right to make changes due to weather or other circumstances that would prevent playing the games as originally scheduled.
- C. The Committee reserves the right to make any scheduling adjustments it deems appropriate
- D. The Committee will not accept requests for alternate dates due to a conflict with the SAT. It is incumbent on all schools to inform their players that registering to take the SAT on the weekend of the Championship Games will conflict with their participation in the championship game.

Item 3. Game Sites

- A. The quarterfinal and semifinal round games will be played on the home field of the highest seeded teams in each division. (lowest number seed) If the field and/or facilities of the higher seeded team are deemed unsuitable for tournament competition, the Committee will select an appropriate game site which could be the home field of the lower seeded team.
- B. The Unified Sports Committee reserves the right to select the site and determine the starting time for all tournament games.

Item 4. Starting Times

- A. The starting times for all rounds of the tournament will be determined by the Committee along with the participating schools and announced no later than the Friday preceding the games, unless there are extreme extenuating circumstances beyond the control of the Committee.
- B. The Committee will not accept requests for alternate starting times due to a conflict with the SAT. It is incumbent on all schools to inform their players that registering to take the SAT on the weekend of the Championship Games will conflict with their participation in the championship game.

Item 5. Tournament Field

- A. The 2020 SODE/DIAA Unified Flag Football State Championship will consists of nine (9) teams: four (4) teams from the North section and four (4) teams from the South section. This may change if any team(s) do not meet requirements for eligibility.
- B. Eligible Teams:
1. All teams must meet the criteria established by DIAA Regulation 1006.2.4 to be eligible for Tournament consideration.
 2. The following schools make up the 2020 SODE/DIAA Unified Flag Football participants:

NORTH SECTION

Appoquinimink HS
McKean HS
Mt. Pleasant HS
Middletown HS

SOUTH SECTION

Caesar Rodney HS
Dover HS
Cape Henlopen HS
Woodbridge HS
Smyrna HS

3. The SODE/DIAA Unified Flag Football regular season consists of four (4) minimum and six (6) maximum regular season games and must be completed by November 28, 2020. A team must play in all regular season league contests in order to be considered for the tournament.
4. Any school which does not wish to be considered for the tournament must notify the Unified Sports Committee Chair by November 28, 2020, so as not to be considered for seeding. Once the Committee seeds the tournament any team that withdraws will be subject to DIAA disciplinary action and that tournament berth will not be filled.

Item 6. Tournament Seeding

- A. Team Report: The last competition date for flag football is November 28, 2020. It is the school's responsibility to verify that all results listed on their team's website4sports page are accurate and complete by the last date of competition November 28, 2020.
- B. Team Ranking
 1. Teams will be ranked within each section from 1-4 based on the following:
 - a. Overall Record
 - b. Head to Head Competition
 - c. Points Against
 - d. If a tie still exists, the Committee will select the order by vote
- C. Seeding
 1. Qualifying teams will be seeded according to their calculated index and placed into a bracket accordingly.
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- A. DIAA will prepare an official Football Tournament Program which will contain team pictures, team rosters, tournament pairings and other related information. This program will be available on the DIAA website. Due to COVID-19, there will be no printed programs. Team Photograph, Roster and Program Information. Team information for the tournament program must be on the school's website4sports site by November 20, 2020. The team photo must be a digital print of no less than 300 DPI in a jpeg or tifi format. Electronic submission is required; hard copies will not be accepted.
 1. Schools should assume that their team is going to make the tournament and submit a roster and team photo. Program information MUST be submitted for Coaches to receive a complimentary Tournament Pass. (See Item 7. C)

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- A. Admission is only charged at the Championship game. Student (grades K-12) and adult admission is \$7 for the championship game. Preschool children will be admitted without charge to all games.
 1. Tickets purchased but unused will not be refunded.
 2. Any games played at Baynard Stadium, the University of Delaware, Delaware State University or any other high cost facility will increase the ticket price by one dollar for that round of play.
- B. Complimentary Admission
 1. Participating schools will receive complimentary admission for all those members of the Official School Party listed on the official roster found in the 2020 DIAA State Tournament Program. The official school party is defined as players, coaches, managers, scorers/statisticians, trainer, and administrators. All of these individuals should assemble together outside of the venue entrance and be admitted together as one group.
 - a. A maximum of 15 players in uniform are permitted as part of the official school party.
 - b. All other school personnel must pay the regular admission fee if they wish to enter the contest. Spouses of administrators and coaches are similarly obligated. No complimentary tickets will be issued to schools.
 - c. One (1) bus driver will be admitted free of charge upon presentation of identification as the team's driver.
 2. A maximum of 23 cheerleaders in uniform and one adult sponsor who must have attended the 2020 DIAA Spirit Rules Clinic will receive complimentary admission. Additional cheerleaders and/or adults must purchase a ticket or make arrangements in advance to have their school billed for any admission in excess of 23 cheerleaders and one adult.
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- A. A member of the Committee will be appointed to serve as the Game Manager. He/she will serve as a liaison between the Committee, the host school and the participating schools. The Game Manager is responsible for ensuring compliance with the policies and procedures established by the Unified Sports Committee. The Game Manager will have the specific responsibilities listed below.
1. Provide the following items:
 - a. Game balls.
 2. Collect the game balls after the game has been completed.
 3. In the event of a serious accident or injury to a coach, athlete, official, spectator, or game worker, notify the injured party's athletic director and the Executive Director as soon as possible.
 4. In the event of a serious sportsmanship related incident, contact the Executive Director as soon as possible.

Item 10. Responsibilities of Host School

- A. Member schools agree to host events for the Tournament.
- B. Each host school designates and supervises the individuals who serve as the Site Director and support personnel. The number of support and police personnel MUST be approved by DIAA's Executive Director prior to the start of the event.
- C. The Site Director's responsibilities include:
1. Set up the field and bench areas according to current Unified Flag Football specifications.
 - a. The field should be lined according to current Unified Flag Football specifications.
 2. If possible, provide dressing room and bathroom facilities for the participating schools.
 3. Provide parking facilities for buses and spectators.
 4. Provide safe passage for the officials to and from the playing area
 5. If possible, provide seating arrangements for spectators.
 6. Contact the Game Manager three hours prior to game time if the field is not in playable condition.
 7. Be in attendance and work closely with the Game Manager.
 8. Clear with the Game Manager matters of policy or procedure.
 9. Provide a scoreboard operator unless assigned by the Committee and supplied by the Officials' Association.
 10. Ensure that the complimentary admission policy for all schools is followed (Item 7).
 11. Charge admission until the start of the fourth quarter (where applicable).
 12. Establish a procedure for assisting disabled spectators and review the procedure with the appropriate personnel.
 13. Review the emergency action plan with the appropriate personnel.
 14. Any additional responsibilities as determined by the host school.
- D. The host school must consult with the DIAA office concerning security and police personnel.
1. Any expenses concerning security and police personnel must be pre-approved by DIAA's Executive Director.
 2. Police will be paid the game fee or hourly rate customarily paid at the game locale. The bill should be sent to DIAA.
- E. Public Address System
1. The host school will make every effort to provide a public address system and designate and supervise a responsible adult to serve as an announcer. Every effort should be made to have an announcer familiar with football.
 2. The public address system, if used, will be operated by a responsible/ adult representative of the host school.
 - a. Any announcements not directly related to the game/tournament or not of an emergency nature must be approved by the Game Manager or the Executive Director.
 - b. The public address announcer must be a responsible individual who will remain impartial at all times. He/she must never question or criticize the coaches or officials during the game.
 - c. Introduce the players and coaches on each team beginning with the non-starters of the away team, then starters and coaches, and then the home team.
- F. Concessions
1. With the exception of games at Baynard Stadium, Alumni Stadium, or Raymond Stadium, all food and drink concessions will be operated by the host school and all proceeds will be retained by that school.

Item 11. Responsibilities of Participating Schools

- A. Each team's School/Athletic Administration is responsible for assisting DIAA in safeguarding the playing field before, during and especially after all tournament games. A member of the School/Athletic Administration must report to the Game Manager so as to coordinate game ending security procedures. Failure to comply with this provision may result in referral to the DIAA Sportsmanship Committee and further disciplinary actions that are not limited to but may include future prohibition from Tournament eligibility, forfeiture of future contests, fines and probation.

Item 12. Officials

- A. The Delmarva Football Officials Association (DFOA) and the Northern Delaware Football Officials' Association (NDFOA) will provide officials for all rounds of the tournament.
- B. Assignments will be done on a rotating basis.
 - 1. The DFOA will work the South Section in 2020.
 - 2. The NDFOA will work the North Section in 2020.
- C. The Unified Sports Committee will assign all officials for all rounds of the tournament.
- D. A crew of up to 4 person on-field and a 1 person down marker will be used for all tournament games. The down marker will be the responsibility of the home team except for the State Championship game. If the scoreboard clock is official, the host school/committee will also provide a qualified Electronic Clock Operator.
- E. All officials will be paid according to the rates set by the SODE/DIAA Partnership with the Officials' Association as determined by the Unified Sports Committee.

Item 13. Uniforms and Bench Assignments

- A. Players from each team will wear the legal uniform approved by the Unified Sports Committee. (Review 2020 Special Olympics Delaware Unified Flag Football rules book.)
- B. If a game is played at a neutral site, the higher seeded team will be designated as the home team on the scoreboard, and will occupy the bench area assigned to them by the Committee. The lower seeded team will be designated as the visiting team on the scoreboard and occupy the bench area designated to them by the Committee.
- C. For the Championship Game, the team that is the highest seed (lowest seed number) will be designated as the home team and wear their dark jerseys. Bench assignments for the Championship Game are at the discretion of the Committee.

Item 14. Contest Procedures, Equipment, Special Events

- A. Official Game Ball
 - 1. Balls are provided at the start of the season to each school. These footballs and only these footballs will be the official game ball
- B. Tournament Game Schedule
 - 1. Teams are not to arrive at the tournament game site more than two (2) hours before the scheduled kick-off time.
 - 2. For the State Championship game: On field pre-game practice will begin after the conclusion of the DIAA State Championship game preceding the Unified Flag Football State Championship Game.
 - 3. Teams may not practice at the Championship site at any time other than on the time designated by the Committee on the day of the Championship Game.
- C. Halftime Intermission
 - 1. The halftime intermission will be 5 minutes in length unless changed by mutual agreement of the opposing coaches and the Game Manager. Following the halftime intermission, there will be a three-minute warm up prior to the second-half beginning.
- D. Overtime
 - 1. No tournament game will be permitted to end in a tie. Unified Flag Football Rules on overtime will govern all overtime situations.
- E. Bands
 - 1. Musical entertainment will be provided by high school bands only. Band members must be in their school uniforms and accompanied by the school band director. The band will be limited to the number of students who ordinarily performed at games during the regular season.
 - 2. Band procedures for the Championship Game will be set by the Committee.
 - 3. The Committee will assign seating areas to the participating school bands. Whenever possible, the bands will be seated in the permanent stands.
 - a. It is the responsibility of the band sponsors to arrive at the game site in sufficient time to prevent spectators from sitting in the seats reserved for the band.
 - b. Parents assisting with band equipment must wear appropriate identification in order to receive free admission. The number of band volunteers receiving free admission will be limited to the number of individuals who ordinarily performed such duties at games during the regular season.

Item 14. Awards

- A. The following awards will be presented:
 - 1. Team: A trophy, game ball and autograph ball will be awarded to each Championship team. A trophy and game ball will be awarded to each runner-up team.
 - 2. Individual: Gold medals will be presented to the champions. Silver medals will be presented to the runners-up.
 - 3. Participation certificates will be forwarded to the players, managers, and statisticians listed on the roster of each participating team at the conclusion of the tournament.
 - 4. No awards other than those authorized by the Committee will be presented at any time during the tournament.

Item 15. Sideline Personnel and Player Bench Occupants

- A. Only members of the official school party will be permitted on the sideline.
 - 1. The official school party is defined as players, coaches (approved by the local board or governing body), managers, scorers/statisticians, team medical personnel, and school administrators.
 - 2. All occupants of the sideline/team bench area must be in the sixth grade or older.
- B. For the Championship Game, each team will be issued 5 sideline passes. All team personnel on the sideline during the Championship Game must be wearing the sideline pass. Committee members are authorized to spot-check any and all sideline personnel for compliance. If a team is found in violation, the individuals will be removed from the sideline and possibly the stadium.
 - 1. Unauthorized duplication or counterfeiting of DIAA sidelines passes will be deemed a major infraction of the sportsmanship code and the school will be referred to the DIAA sportsmanship committee for disciplinary action.

Item 16. Press Box

- A. Press box occupants should include media representatives and the official statisticians. The top of the press box, if possible, will be available for team spotters and video operators.

Item 17. Publicity

- A. All notices and releases to the media will be the responsibility of the DIAA Executive Director and Special Olympics Delaware.

Item 18. Cheerleading

- A. Cheerleading squads will only be permitted to be in attendance on the sidelines if the Head Coach has completed the 2019 DIAA Spirit Rules Clinic.
- B. Only cheerleaders in uniform and a mascot in costume will be permitted on the sideline. The cheerleading squad will be limited to those cheerleaders who ordinarily performed at varsity games during the regular season.
- C. No mini-trampolines or basket tosses will be permitted. Stunts will be allowed if performed in accordance with the 2019 NFHS Spirit Rules Book.

Item 19. Site Selection

- A. Field Condition
 - 1. The field should be in good condition with grass covering the entire playing surface.
 - 2. The field shall be lined in accordance with the regulations set forth in the 2020 Unified Flag Football Rules Book.

Facilities

- 1. The football field should be separated from the bleachers by a fence and the entire stadium complex should be surrounded by a fence to facilitate game management and crowd control.
- 2. Adequate locker room facilities should be available for both teams and separate facilities should be available for the game officials (where applicable).
- 3. Seating capacity on both sides of the field should be sufficient to accommodate the anticipated crowd.
- 4. Adequate restroom facilities should be available to accommodate the anticipated crowd.
- 5. Having adequate parking facilities for the anticipated crowd will be taken into consideration.

2020 SODE/ DIAA Unified Flag Football State Tournament

Saturday,
December 12
Semifinals

Saturday,
December 19
Championship

North Section

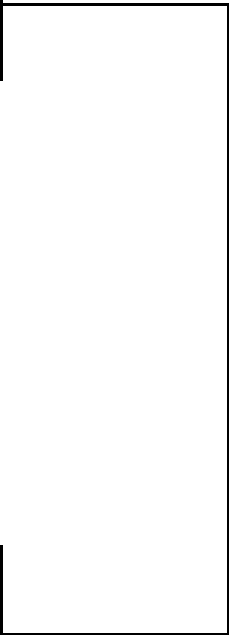
Highest Remaining
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South Section

Highest Remaining
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Lowest Remaining
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Specific Information

Item 1. Tournament Dates

- A. The 2020 Volleyball Tournament will be held on the following dates:

Round	Date
Round One	December 2 and 3
Round Two	December 5
Quarterfinals	December 8
Semifinals	December 10
Finals	December 12

Item 2. Tournament Sites

- A. All tournament sites will be determined by the Volleyball Committee based on availability, geographic location, seating capacity, parking facilities, gymnasium condition, and the seeding of teams.

Item 3. Starting Times

- A. All starting times will be determined by the Volleyball Committee. The championship match will start 30 minutes after the conclusion of the consolation match.

Item 4. Tournament Field

- A. The tournament field will be comprised of the following teams:
1. The qualifying champions from Blue Hen Flight A, Blue Hen Flight B, Independent Conference, Henlopen North, Henlopen South, and the Diamond State Conference and eighteen at-large teams, or more if needed to fill out the 24 team bracket.
- B. Eligible Teams:
1. All teams must meet the criteria established by DIAA Regulation 1006.2.4 to be eligible for tournament consideration
 2. A team must play a minimum of nine (9) matches at the varsity level to be eligible for tournament consideration. Due to COVID-19 for the 2020 season, there will be no restrictions on the number of matches an opponent must play in order to be included in a team's win loss record and index calculation.
 - a. Only the results of matches that consist of the best three out of five 25-point games (no cap) rally scoring or the best two out of three 15-point games side out scoring if played out of state will be used to determine tournament berths or seed the qualifying teams.
 3. Team schedules will "lock down" on the first allowable date of competition (October 19, 2020.). Any changes made to a schedule after that date must be approved by the Executive Director and Tournament Chair. Otherwise, the team index will be determined by the number of games on the schedule on the lock down date.
 4. A match scheduled for the last day of competition that is cancelled due to weather related, unplayable conditions, natural causes, or legitimate circumstances beyond the control of the teams playing may be declared a no contest by the Executive Director and Tournament Chair and the game will not be included in the index calculation.

5. No points or bonus points will be awarded to a team that forfeits a match. However, the opponent will be awarded points and bonus points
- C. Conference/Flight/Division Champions must meet following qualifying criteria to earn the guaranteed berth.
 1. The champion must possess an overall record of .500 or better.
 2. The champion must be in the top 50% of the eligible teams in the state.
 3. The conference/flight/division must determine their champion by the end of the day on the last date of competition. If a conference qualifier chooses not to participate in the tournament, that berth will be awarded to another at-large team.
- D. At-Large teams will be selected according to their team index as determined by the procedure in 5.B.

Item 5. Tournament Seeding

- A. Team Report:
 1. The last competition date for volleyball is November 28, 2020. It is the school's responsibility to verify that all results listed on their team's website4sports page are accurate and complete by 10 pm on the last date of competition or the team may not be considered for the tournament. Games played after the last date of competition will not be used to determine tournament selection unless approved by the committee chair.
- B. Index Calculation:
 1. A team will receive two (2) points for each regular season win.
 2. A team will receive one (1) bonus point for playing an opponent with a win-loss record of .501 or better regardless of which team won. Bonus points are not awarded for the third contest against a specific team in the season.
 3. A team will receive one (1) additional bonus point for playing an opponent with a win-loss record of .701 or better regardless of which team won. Bonus points are not awarded if a team is played more than two times.
 4. The point index will be determined by dividing the total points accumulated by the number of matches played.
 5. Pool play will count as one match played with no points earned if a team fails to advance to the next round of the tournament.
- C. Tie-Breaking Procedures: If two or more teams are tied for any seed, the following tie-breaking criteria will be used in the order listed. Once a team is removed from the tie, the tie-breaker criteria will be reapplied sequentially to the teams that are still tied.
 1. Head-to head competition. If three or more teams are tied, they must all have played each other.
 2. Win-loss percentage against common opponents. All games against common opponents count in percentage.
 3. Highest bonus point percentage (total bonus points divided by matches played)
 4. Committee draw
- D. Tournament Seeding:
 1. Qualifying teams will be seeded according to their calculated index and placed into a bracket accordingly. The top eight seeds will receive a bye in the first round.
 2. If a team withdraws from the tournament after the field has been selected, that team will not be replaced and its scheduled opponent will receive a forfeit win into the next round of play. Such a withdrawal/forfeit may subject the school to disciplinary action by the DIAA Board of Directors.

Item 6. Tournament Program

- A. The Committee will prepare an official tournament program which will contain team pictures, team rosters, tournament pairings and other related information and will be sold at all tournament playing sites. Schools will not receive complimentary programs at the conclusion of the tournament.
- B. Team Photograph, Roster and Program Information: Team information for the tournament program must be on the school's website4sports site by November 20, 2020. The team photo must be a digital print of no less than 300 DPI in a jpeg or tifi format. Electronic submission is required; hard copies will not be accepted.
 - a. Schools should assume that their team is going to make the tournament and submit a roster and team photo. Program information MUST be submitted for Coaches to receive a complimentary Tournament Pass. (See Item 7.B.2)

Item 7. Admission Policies

- A. Student (grades K-12) and adult admission will be \$5 for the opening and quarterfinal rounds, \$6 for semi-finals, and \$8 for the consolation and championship matches.
- B. Complimentary Admission
 1. Participating schools will receive complimentary admission for all those members of the Official School Party listed on the official roster found in the 2020 DIAA State Tournament Program. The official school party is defined as players, coaches, managers, scorers/statisticians, trainer, and administrators. All of these individuals should assemble together outside of the venue entrance and be admitted together as one group.
 - a. A maximum of 15 players in uniform are permitted as part of the official school party.
 - b. All other school personnel must pay the regular admission fee if they wish to enter the contest. Spouses of administrators and coaches are similarly obligated. No complimentary tickets will be issued to schools.

3. A maximum of 23 cheerleaders in uniform and one adult sponsor will receive complimentary admission. Additional cheerleaders must purchase a ticket or make arrangements in advance to have their school billed for any admission in excess of 23 cheerleaders and one adult.
 - a. The adult sponsor must have completed the 2020 DIAA Spirit Rules Clinic.
 - b. No mini-trampolines or basket tosses will be permitted. Stunts will be allowed if performed in accordance with the 2020 NFHS Spirit Rules Book.
 - c. No more than 23 cheerleaders will be allowed on the court at one time.
- C. Media representatives who are covering the tournament will be admitted upon presentation of proper credentials. See General Item #11.

Item 8. Game Manager

- A. A member of the Committee will be appointed to serve as the Game Manager. They will serve as a liaison between the Committee, the host school and the participating schools. It is the Game Manager's responsibility to ensure compliance with the policies and procedures established by the DIAA Volleyball Committee.
- B. They will also be responsible for meeting the teams when they arrive and escorting them to their locker rooms. They will inform the coaches of the pre-match procedures and, if applicable, post-match awards presentation.
- C. In addition, the Game Manager will have the specific responsibilities listed below.
 1. Provide the following items:
 - a. Game ball.
 - b. Scoring sheets [DIAA generated]
 2. Present the game ball to the losing team after each match has been completed.
 3. In the event of a serious accident or injury to a coach, athlete, official, spectator, or game worker, notify the injured party's athletic director and the Executive Director as soon as possible.
 4. In the event of a serious sportsmanship related incident, contact the Executive Director as soon as possible.

Item 9. Responsibilities of Host School

- A. Member schools agree to host events for the Tournament.
- B. Each host school designates and supervises the individuals who serve as the Site Director and support personnel. The number of support and police personnel MUST be approved by DIAA's Executive Director prior to the start of the event.
 1. Support personnel may include:
 - a. Ticket seller(s);
 - b. Program seller(s);
 - c. Ticket taker(s);
 - d. Security (an individual who monitors the crowd but is not a law enforcement officer);
 - e. Scoreboard Operator/Announcer; and
 - f. NATA-certified trainer or school nurse unless both participating schools will be accompanied by a trainer.
- C. The Site Director's responsibilities include:
 1. Assuring the court and bench areas are set up according to NFHS specifications.
 - a. The first three rows in the bleachers will be designated for team use only.
 2. If possible, provide dressing room and bathroom facilities for the participating schools.
 3. Provide safe passage for the officials to and from the playing area.
 4. Provide parking facilities for buses and spectators.
 5. If possible, provide seating arrangements for spectators. No front row seating by spectators.
 6. Contact the Game Manager three hours prior to game time if the site is not playable.
 7. Be in attendance and work closely with the Game Manager.
 8. Clear with the Game Manager matters of policy or procedure.
 9. Provide score table personnel unless assigned by the Volleyball Committee and supplied by the Officials' Association.
 10. Ensure that the complimentary admission policy for all schools is followed (Item 7).
 11. Ensure music played during contest is approved and appropriate.
 12. Charge admission through the third set of the final match.
 13. Establish a procedure for assisting disabled spectators and review the procedure with the appropriate personnel.
 14. Review the emergency action plan with the appropriate personnel.
 15. Any additional responsibilities as determined by the host school.
- D. The host school must consult with the DIAA office concerning security and police personnel.
 1. Any expenses concerning security and police personnel must be pre-approved by DIAA's Executive Director.
 2. Police will be paid the game fee or hourly rate customarily paid at the game locale. The bill should be sent to DIAA.
- E. The host school is responsible for returning any unsold tickets and reporting program sales to the DIAA Office.
- F. Public Address System
 1. The host school will make every effort to provide a public address system and designate and supervise a responsible adult to serve as an announcer. Every effort should be made to have an announcer familiar with volleyball.
 2. The public address system, if used, will be operated by a responsible/ adult representative of the host school.

- a. Any announcements not directly related to the game/tournament or not of an emergency nature must be approved by the Game Manager or the Executive Director.
- b. The public address announcer must be a responsible individual who will remain impartial at all times. He/she must never question or criticize the coaches or officials during the game.
- c. Introduce the players and coaches on each team beginning with the non-starters of the away team, then starters and coaches, and then the home team.

Item 10. Officials

- A. The Delaware Volleyball Officials Association (DVOA) will provide all officials for the 2020 State Tournament.
- B. The Volleyball Committee will assign all officials for all rounds of the tournament.
- C. The officiating crew will consist of the following officials for all Tournament matches; R1, R2, 2 Line Judges, scorer and libero tracker.
- D. Officials' Fees: Officials assigned to the 2020 State Tournament will be paid according to the DIAA – Officials Association 2020-2021 School Year Agreement.
- E. Officials' Table: The following priority list will determine seating at the officials' table:
 1. Scoreboard Operator/Announcer
 2. Official Scorer.
 3. Libero Tracker
 4. Scorer from each participating team.

Item 11. Uniforms

- A. Team Uniforms will meet all requirements of the NFHS 2020-21 Volleyball Rules Book.

Item 12. Dressing Rooms and Facilities

- A. Operations will be based on the host site's DPH facility plan.

Item 13. Contest procedures, Equipment, Special Events

- A. All Tournament matches will be played using the 2020-21 NFHS Volleyball Rules, and any adoptions approved by DIAA
 - i. The 3rd place Match will be played using a best two out of three format as allowed by the NFHS 2020-21 Volleyball Rulebook, Rule 1-2, Notes.
- B. Practice Sessions
 1. No team will be permitted to practice or scrimmage at a tournament playing site unless that site is its home court.
- C. Pre-Match Warm Up Session
 1. A maximum of 15 players in full uniform may participate in the warm up.
 2. The participating teams must provide their own balls for the warm up session.
 3. Teams may begin warming up with balls on their side of the net thirty (30) minutes prior to the start of the match for a single match or for the first match of a double header. For the second match of a double header teams may begin warming up with balls on their side of the net as soon as the floor is cleared.
 4. The official warm-up session will begin after the pre-game conference which is 25 minutes before the start of the match.
 5. The official warm-up session will consist of five (5) minutes of combined passing followed by six (6) minutes of each team's court time which includes serving. The home team (higher seed) will have the court for the first six minute session.
 5. While a team is on the court, the opposing team may run a controlled drill (3 balls or less) in a safe, unused area of the gym. It is imperative that players and the balls not interfere with the on court team's six minute session.
- D. Pre-Match Conference
 1. The pre-match conference will be conducted 25 minutes prior to the scheduled start of the first match.
 - a. The visiting team will call the coin toss.
 - b. The winner of the coin toss may choose to serve first or to receive serve. If a fifth game is necessary, another coin toss will be conducted with the home team calling the toss.
- E. Game Balls and Scorebooks
 1. The Committee will furnish game balls and an official scorebook for each match. Participating schools must provide scorebooks for their own scorekeepers.
 2. The Committee will provide Spalding TF VB5 game balls for all tournament matches.
- F. Special Events
 1. Special events will be confined to the official pre-match activities and the awards presentation after the championship match.
 2. The pre-match ceremonies may include:
 - a. National Anthem - All players, coaches, game officials, and school personnel are expected to stand attentively during the presentation of the American flag and the playing of the national anthem.
 - b. Introduction of team members (15 players in uniform), coaches, and officials.
 - c. Other VIPs in attendance will be recognized by asking them to stand momentarily at their seats.
 3. The Volleyball Committee is authorized to modify the program of special events however it deems appropriate.

4. No school will be permitted to conduct its own program of special events.
- G. Host Site Floors: In respecting the host site floors, coaches are not permitted to wear high heel shoes on the court or on the sideline in all rounds of the tournament.

Item 14. Awards

- A. The following awards will be presented:
 1. Team: Trophies will be presented to the Championship team, the Runner-Up team and the Third-Place team.
 2. Individual: Gold medallions (15) will be presented to the champions. Silver medallions (15) will be presented to the runners-up.
 3. Game Ball: Each participating team will receive a game ball.
 3. No awards other than those authorized by the Committee will be presented at any time during the tournament.

Item 15. Player Bench Occupants and Bench Assignments

- A. During a match, the player bench may be occupied by a maximum of 17 members of the official school party as defined in Item 7.B.1.
- B. For scoring purposes, the higher seeded team will be designated as the home team and shall select their team bench.

Item 16. Paint, Glitter, and Temporary Tattoos on Players

- A. The players of the participating teams will not be permitted to wear any temporary decorations such as face/hair/body paint, glitter, tattoos, etc. due to the possibility of these substances getting on the ball or floor.

Item 17. Music and Noisemakers

- A. The Volleyball Committee will allow the playing of recorded music at an appropriate volume if approved by the site director. Bands or musical groups with one or more instruments, sirens, horns, bells, buzzers, whistles, and other artificial or mechanical noisemakers are prohibited. It is the responsibility of the principal and athletic director of each participating school to inform their student body and community of this regulation

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Round 1
December 2

Round 2
December 3

Quarterfinals
December 8

Semifinals
December 10

Final
December 12



DIAA BOYS' AND GIRLS' CROSS COUNTRY STATE MEET

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PLEASE READ CAREFULLY:

Due to the current Covid-19 guidelines that are in place, there are several changes to the format of the 2020 D.I.A.A. state championship meet. In order to comply with the Governors mandates and the Department of Public Health restrictions the following changes have been made:

1. The 2020 championship meet will be a No Spectator Event.
2. Four separate events will be contested at 90 minute intervals. Athletes and coaches will be asked to leave the area after each race has been completed. Failure to follow these guidelines will lead to the State Park rangers shutting down the event until the size of the crowd is reduced.
3. Face masks must be worn by all coaches, meet personnel and meet helpers at all times. Athletes must wear masks prior to the race and at the start of the race until they are 6 feet away from other runners. Masks must be back on immediately after crossing the finish line. Coaches are asked to please have extra face masks available in case a runner loses their mask during the competition.
4. Wave start procedure will be in place with a maximum of 25 athletes in each wave. Waves will follow at 2 minute intervals. All athletes must start with their assigned wave. Wave #1 will be comprised of the twenty-five (25) athletes with the fastest seed times. Wave #2 will be comprised of the twenty-five (25) athletes with the next fastest seed times, etc. If an athlete misses their assigned wave, they will be reassigned to the last wave of that race. Athletes who run in the incorrect wave will be disqualified from the meet.
5. It is recommended that all athletes travel as a team on the team bus or van to and from the meet.
6. There will be no "Good Luck" handshakes at the starting line and no congratulatory high fives at the conclusion of the race.
7. Upon entry to the park, busses and vans will need to identify which division they are competing in and will be directed to the appropriate parking lot. They should remain in that area of the park until 30 minutes prior to their race and then proceed to the main event area for their race. (This is the responsibility of each schools coaching staff.
After crossing the finish line, all athletes are asked to keep running through the finish area and proceed to clear the area as quickly as possible to avoid social gathering. There will not be a food concession at the 2020 meet.

Item 1. Meet Date

- A. The 2020 Boys' and Girls' Cross Country State Championships will be held on Saturday, December 5, 2020.
- B. Meet Director: Ray Parker

Item 2. Meet Location

- A. The 2020 Boys' and Girls' Cross Country State Championships is scheduled to be contested on the five kilometer course at **Killens Pond State Park (Felton, DE)**. The committee reserves the right to change the course location site if necessary.

Item 3. Meet Times

- A. The meet times are as follows:

Division II	Girls	10:30 am
Division I	Boys	12:00 noon
Division II	Girls	1:30 pm
Division I	Boys	3:00 pm

Item 4. Classification

- A. See General Item #6 (page 3) for a listing of Division I schools for the 2019-2020 school year.

The following schools are listed as Division I for the 2020-2021 school year: Appoquinimink, Cape Henlopen, Caesar Rodney, Charter School of Wilmington, Concord, Delcastle, Dover, Hodgson, Middletown, Milford, Mount Pleasant, Padua, Polytech, Salesianum, Smyrna, St. Georges, Sussex Central, Sussex Tech, William Penn.

All other schools will compete as members of Division II.

Item 5. Entry Requirements

- A. Each school may enter a maximum of seven contestants who must be on the starting line when the starting pistol is fired.
B. All contestants must be entered as members of a school-sponsored team. A team must compete in a minimum of three regular season meets in order to be eligible to participate in the state meet.

Item 6. Entry Procedures and Fees

1. Entry fees for the 2020 DIAA Cross Country State Championship Meet are \$50.00 per boys' team and \$50.00 per girls' team. Entry fees are to be paid by the school with their 2020-2021 Member Dues.
2. All teams must register online at milesplit.com. Coaches must include a seed time for each entered runner. Seed times must be times from the 2020 season and must be from a verifiable 5.000 meter course. Coaches are to use their school's milesplit usernames and passwords for access to the milesplit registration page. If assistance is needed, contact John Amery at jamerusp@aol.com or telephone at (302) 559- 3829.
3. Coaches are required to enter times from all regular season meets milesplitDE website or on the D.I.A.A. 5K submission data base page for verification purposes.
4. Each team may register a maximum of seven (7) runners. Any changes beyond the seven pre-registered runners must be made during "check in" on the day of the meet.

5. Online entry must be completed by **6:00 p.m. Monday, November 30, 2020**. Late entries cannot be done online, but may be e-mailed to John Amery at jamesrusp@aol.com. A \$20 late fee must be paid to the DIAA office before 12:00 noon Friday, December 4, 2020 for the late entry to be entered. If you still have questions please contact George Pepper (coachgpepper@gmail.com) or call (302-228-1643)

Item 7. Race Rules

1. Starting positions will be determined by seed times that are submitted with entries.
 - 1.1. Each starting wave will be limited to a maximum of 25 athletes. Race bibs will be color coded for each separate wave.
 - 1.2. Each wave will be started two (2) minutes after the previous wave. Each athletes actual race time will be calculated based on the time gap between waves.
 - 1.3. All timing will be Fully Automatic (FAT) Chip timed. Upon crossing the finish line, each athlete will be encouraged to leave the race area as quickly as possible to aid in social distancing. Bib tags will not be removed after the finish and a finish chute will not be necessary.
 - 1.4. Contestants must pass all course stakes/flags on the correct side.
 - 1.4.1. Upon verification, a runner will be disqualified for running off the course or failing to pass the stakes/flags on the correct side.
 - 1.5. Regulation 1010 Article 5.6.1.3 states: Student athletes may remove their face coverings when active on the course if they are not in close or direct contact with another person, but they must wear face coverings at all other times, including at the start of the race.
2. Scoring will be in accordance with the 2020 NFHS Track and Field and Cross Country Rules Book.
 - 2.1. If a team has fewer than five runners who finish, the team will be given no team score.

Item 8. Admission Policy

- A. The DIAA Cross Country Committee may set an admission price for cars entering the course area which would be in addition to the State Department of Natural Resources charging their standard park entry fee.

Item 9. Awards - Due to the State of Delaware Covid-19 regulations, all awards will be sent to the schools following the conclusion of the meet.

- A. The following awards will be presented:
1. Team: Trophies will be presented to the Champion and Runner-Up Teams in each boys' and girls' divisions.
 2. Individual: Individual medals will be presented to the seven members of the champion and runner-up teams.
 3. Individual medals will be presented to the first fifteen (15) finishers in each boys' and girls' division.
 4. No awards other than those authorized by the Committee will be presented at any time during the tournament

Item 10. Prohibited Practices

- A. Banners, flags, and signs are prohibited anywhere in the spectator area or on the course. Flags, banners and signs with team names and/or mascot only are permitted in the team area.
- B. Large music players or speaker systems are not permitted. Only small, personal music players with headphones are allowed.
- C. The use of outdoor grills in the team areas is not permitted.
- D. Footballs, soccer balls, Frisbees, etc. are not permitted in the starting, finishing, or spectator viewing areas of the course.
- E. Non-participating athletes and spectators must keep the off the course.
- F. Any pets in the spectator area must be on a leash.
- G. All State park regulations are in effect and must be followed. Killens Pond State Park is a Carry In/Carry Out park. Please clean up your team area and take any trash with you.