



## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **IMMEDIATE CHANGES TO PIAA BY-LAWS**

At its meeting of Saturday, January 29, 2005, the PIAA Board of Directors approved two changes that implicate the PIAA By-Laws, **both effective immediately.**

The first immediate change comes under **Article IX, Representation, Section 4.** The Board of Directors unanimously voted to suspend the application of Article IX, Representation, Section 4, Multiple Teams at the Same Level of Competition, as it pertains to the 2005 Spring Sports of Boys' Tennis and Track and Field. This suspension of application for the 2005 season of Boys' Tennis and Track and Field was implemented to permit member(s) of a team to represent the school in competing in one Contest while the rest of the team competes, on the same day, in another Contest. This is intended to address situations where some top athletes may choose to participate in a Contest involving more elite athletes while the rest of the team competes in another Contest.

The second immediate change was made to **Article XVI, Season and Out-of-Season Rules and Regulations, Interpretation.** Previously, a school receiving a forfeit due to a work stoppage was permitted to schedule a new Contest. Pursuant to the revision, a school receiving a forfeit for any reason shall be permitted to schedule another Regular Season Contest. The new Interpretation makes clear that, if the school does schedule another Regular Season Contest, then the results from the played Contest, rather than the forfeit, shall count towards that school's record. The school that forfeited shall still record a loss by forfeit.

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