

**TO:** Principals/Athletic Directors  
**FROM:** Thomas J. Kakabar, District 6 Basketball Tournament Director  
**SUBJECT:** 2010 PIAA District 6 Basketball Tournament  
**DATE:** February 8, 2010

**Conditions of Entry into the District Basketball Tournament:** District 6 member schools are not required to enter the Basketball Tournament. Entry and participation in the 2010 District PIAA District 6 Basketball Tournament is voluntary. Entry of a team into the Tournament signifies that the member school accepts the conditions and provisions that are described below. Further, a member school accepts the condition that the District 6 Committee reserves the right to make changes in the dates of the game location, location of game sites, management, operation, and schedule of the 2010 District 6 Basketball Tournament if, in their judgment, it becomes necessary to do so.

**Financial Report:** You must account for all tickets, which will be sent to you by courier or through the mail. The District 6 Auditors have recommended the same procedure to be used for ticket accounting. Specifically the beginning and ending ticket of each ticket roll must be attached to your blue advanced ticket sales form. Please present your financial report with cash or a check and unused tickets to the game manager one-hour before the game. Checks are to be made payable to **PIAA District 6**. No contest will be allowed to begin until both schools have properly settled with the game manager. If your team wins, be sure to see the game manager immediately following the game to secure your tickets for the next game.

**Admission Prices:**

Student Tickets

Colors Pre-Sale Preliminary, Semifinal, and Championship (Girls Games = Yellow or Orange Tickets; Boys Games = Red or Tan Tickets)	\$3.00
At the Gate Preliminary, Semifinal, and Championship	\$6.00

Adult Tickets

Colors Pre-Sale: Girls Games = Green Tickets; Boys Games = Blue	\$6.00
At the Gate Preliminary, Semifinal, and Championship	\$6.00

**Complimentary Tickets:** Each school will be given 10 complimentary tickets. The following people do not need tickets.

1. Players, coaches, and managers - not to exceed 20 people. Any more than 20 will need tickets to be admitted.
2. Varsity Cheerleaders Only - not to exceed 20 people.
  - A. Must be in uniform
  - B. Must present proper identification from school officials to game manager.
  - C. An advisor must be present to supervise the students.

**Awards:** The District Champion in each class will receive the District 6 trophy for that class. There will be 20 individual awards presented to team members, coaches, etc., as designated by the principal of the championship team. A District 6 runner-up trophy will be presented to the second place team; there are no individual awards for the runner-up.

**Reimbursement to Schools:** The District 6 Committee makes no commitment on reimbursement for team travel. The decision on reimbursement will be made after the District 6 Committee evaluates the success or failure of the Tournament. At the end of the tournament, the District 6 Committee may reimburse each school \$1.00 for every Pre-Sale Ticket sold by the school during the tournament depending on the success of the tournament.

**Merchandise Sale:** District 6 Championship programs and t-shirts will be available for purchase by contestants, coaches, and spectators during the tournament. There is a limited supply of championship t-shirts, and they will not be available at all sites.

**Game Managers:** Game managers have been designated by the Tournament Director. Ten (10) minutes before each game, the game manager will meet at the scorers' table with:

1. The administrator or athletic director in charge of each school.
2. Both **head** coaches
3. Game officials

The game manager will review:

1. Each school's responsibility for crowd control
2. PIAA Basketball Coaching Rule.
3. Restriction on Cheerleading Activities (see game conduct)

**Game Sites:** All game sites are subject to change at any time. The District Committee is requesting that schools that will be playing for the first time on a certain gym floor not request permission from the athletic director to practice on that floor prior to their scheduled district play-off game. No team will be permitted on the floor until **20** minutes prior to the start of the first game. "Shooting practice" at half time intermission by teams scheduled to play at a later starting time shall be prohibited.

**Official Timer and Scorer:** A neutral timer and scorer will be appointed by the tournament director/game manager for each game. The school scorer from each school is invited to sit with and assist the official game scorer. Ten minutes prior to the scheduled starting time, each team must supply the official scorer with the names and number of each squad member participating and designate the five starting players.

**Official Game Ball:** The game site manager will provide the game ball for all District 6 Basketball Games. The official game ball for all games played in the Basketball Tournament will be the **Baden SB6E-15** for Girls and the **Baden SB7E-07** for boys.

**Championship Nets:** Nets will not be cut down after the championship games this year due to safety concerns, liability, and individual game site policies. The net will be awarded to the championship school at the trophy presentation after the game.

**Home and Visiting Teams:** The team listed at the top of each bracket will always be listed as the **Home** Team and will wear the white jerseys. The **bottom** team in each bracket will always be listed as the **Visiting** Team and will wear dark jerseys. The game manager will assign the bench area for each team. Each team's basket for practice before the game and to shoot at for the first half shall be the one farther from its bench.

**Game Conduct:** In all games conducted under the jurisdiction of the District 6 Committee, the following will not be tolerated:

1. Throwing confetti, toilet paper rolls, or other objects.
2. Waving streamers to distract players
3. Unsportsmanlike antics or stunts
4. Sirens, whistles, artificial noise makers, megaphones, towels, balloons, laser pointers, pom-poms, shakers, banners or portable listening devices without earphones.
5. Unsportsmanlike actions and gestures by groups toward opposing players or officials.
6. Any bands or organized instrumental groups will not be permitted to play.
7. Spectators seated behind the free throw lanes are prohibited from disconcerting the free thrower.
8. Cheerleaders are permitted to use pom-poms, shakers and signs as part of their uniform and routine. **However, the cheerleaders are not permitted to perform group stunts, pyramids or any type of toss on, at or above shoulder level.**

9. **Student sections will be permitted to stand during games if the playing site permits. The final decision will be made by the game manager. Schools that have student sections that like to stand should contact the game manager prior to the contest to determine if standing is permissible.**

Please publicize and stress these standards of conduct to faculty, managers, cheerleaders, boosters' groups, and the student body. Good sportsmanship means cheering for your team, not against your opponent.

Any violation of the conduct standard could result in the District 6 Committee dropping the offending school from further participation in the District 6 Basketball playoffs.

**Responsibility of Principals and Athletic Directors for Crowd Control:** The principal and the athletic director of each participating school, along with the site game manager, the site liaison person and site security, are responsible for crowd control as it pertains to representatives of their school and spectators from their school community.

**Supervision:** Principals, athletic directors, head basketball coaches and cheerleading advisors are responsible for supervising members of their teams and cheerleading squads, respectively, at all times, both at and away from the game site. Misconduct by players, team personnel, coaches and/or other persons affiliated with the team, cheerleaders and mascots will not be tolerated. Persons who engage in unacceptable behavior are subject to expulsion from the game site and disqualification from the District 6 Tournament.

**No Protest Rule:** PIAA rules and bylaws do not allow for any protest of games as referred to below;

*"The Board of Control and District Committees will not consider any protests in athletic contests, which are based on play situations or officials' decisions involving interpretation or judgment of plays."*

*"In no case will the results of a contest be reversed nor will a contest be ordered or permitted to be replayed."*

*"Questions regarding interpretation of rules or judgment of officials should be submitted, in writing, to the PIAA Executive Director."*

**Officials:** All officials for the Basketball Tournament are assigned by the District 6 Basketball Officials Assignment Committee. The officials were chosen from the pool of recommended officials from the various District 6 Basketball Official Chapters and the participating schools in the tournament.

**Photographing, Filming, and Videotaping:** PIAA rules and regulations do not prohibit schools, spectators, and/or media from photographing, filming, or videotaping the District 6 Basketball Tournament. However, photographing, filming, or videotaping at District 6 Basketball Tournaments shall be subject to the following restrictions:

1. Photographing, filming, or videotaping for the purpose of **review during competition** will be prohibited.
2. **Two (2) persons** from each school will be admitted free to photograph, film, or videotape these games. All others are required to purchase an admission ticket.
3. Persons filming or videotaping must report to the game manager a minimum of 15 minutes prior to the start of the game.
4. Persons filming or videotaping must remain in the areas that have been designated for that purpose by the **game manager**.
5. Persons filming or videotaping shall not stand on any unsafe or potentially hazardous physical objects or facilities.
6. Persons filming or videotaping shall not interfere with the visibility and comfort of other spectators, nor shall they present a safety hazard to other spectators.

**Restriction of Use of Tobacco Products:** PIAA Board of Control policy prohibits the use of tobacco products by participating or non-participating team personnel, including coaches, during any interscholastic athletic contest at any level of interscholastic athletic competition. The use of tobacco products by team members/personnel and coaches is prohibited during pre-game, game, and post-game activities in the locker rooms and in the vicinity of the gymnasium.

**Disqualification of Coach or Contestant from Next Contest:** Any coach or contestant ejected from an interscholastic athletic contest by a PIAA-registered official in that sport for unsportsmanlike conduct or flagrant misconduct shall be disqualified from coaching or participating in the next contest at the same level.

**PIAA Post-Game Interview of Coaches and Team Personnel:** Following completion of the game, coaches, other school personnel and persons affiliated with the team shall not allow or participate in any interviews with the electronic and/or print media or other persons until both teams have completed the congratulatory handshake ceremony, gathered their personal and/or team belongings, departed the competition surface, and returned to the team locker room.

**Completion of Tournament:** The PIAA requires all District Tournaments to be completed by February 28, 2009.

**PIAA State Tournament:** Play-in games are scheduled for Tuesday, March 9, 2010. The PIAA State Tournament will start on Friday, March 12, 2010 for A Boys, AAA Boys, AA Girls, and AAAA Girls and on Saturday, March 13, 2010, for AA Boys, AAAA Boys, A Girls and AAA Girls. Listed below are the pairings for the play-in and first round of the State PIAA Tournament. The pairings are listed under Home and Away for each. This means that the qualifier listed under Home will be playing the first round at a site in District 6. Those qualifiers listed, as Away will be traveling to the district of their opponent. The first number of pairing designates the district of the opponent. Please refer to the PIAA website for complete brackets.

**Recognizing a Player Accomplishment:** If any team has a player that could possibly reach 1000 or 2000 points during the District 6 playoffs, the following procedures should be used:

1. The coach or athletic director of the player's team should contact the opposing team prior to the night of the game to discuss the situation.
2. The opposing team's coach has to agree to stop the game, if not; the player's team must use a time-out to recognize the accomplishment.
3. If the opposing team agrees to stop the game, it should occur at the time of the next dead ball.
4. The recognition **should not** interrupt the flow of the game; this is **most** important.
5. The recognition should be brief and **no** game ball shall be awarded by District 6.
6. The game manager, officials and game announcer should be notified during the pre-game discussion.

Tuesday, March 9, 2010 (play-in games)

HOME

AA Girls 6-3 vs. 5-2

AA Boys 6-3 vs. 5-2

AWAY

AAAA Girls 7-5 vs. 6-2

AAAA Boys 7-5 vs. 6-2

Friday, March 12, 2010

HOME

A Boys 6-1 vs. 10-2

A Boys 6-2 vs. 3-3

AA Girls 6-1 vs. 7-7

AAA Boys 6-1 vs. 3-6

AAAA Girls 6-1 vs. 7-3 or 10-2

AWAY

A Boys 7-2 vs. 6-3

A Boys 3-1 vs. 6-4

AA Girls 7-3 vs. 6-2

AAA Boys 7-2 vs. 6-2

Saturday, March 13, 2010

HOME

A Girls 6-1 vs. 10-2

A Girls 6-2 vs. 3-3

AA Boys 6-1 vs. 7-7

AAA Girls 6-1 vs. 3-6

AAAA Boys 6-1 vs. 7-3 or 10-2

AWAY

A Girls 7-2 vs. 6-3

A Girls 3-1 vs. 6-4

AA Boys 7-3 vs. 6-2

AAA Girls 7-2 vs. 6-2

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