

Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association, Inc.

# 2015/16 Officials Bulletin I



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## HOW TO FIND CHAPTER MEETINGS

A new option/link has been added to the PIAA website. This link enables you to locate chapter meetings for a particular sport. To find chapter meetings:

- Go to [www.piaa.org](http://www.piaa.org)
- Sign in with your access code (the first 4 letters of your last name in CAPS followed by the last 4 digits of your social security number)
- In the Account Center, click on FIND CHAPTER MEETINGS
- Use the drop down arrow to select the sport
- If you want to see the chapter meetings for additional districts, then you would click on the box titled "Include All Districts"

## BACKGROUND CLEARANCE INFORMATION

PA State Law is now requiring ALL registered officials to have specific clearances completed within the past five years. These clearances need to be renewed every five years. Because PIAA-registered officials are independent contractors to schools whose Contests they officiate, the officials are required to comply with the requirements for background certifications as set forth in the Public School Code and the recent revisions to the Child Protective Services Law (adopted July 1, 2015), as follows:

### **CURRENTLY REGISTERED OFFICIALS**

All current PIAA-registered officials who have not yet submitted to PIAA the certifications identified below are required to obtain and submit them to PIAA on or before January 1, 2016. The failure to submit such certifications shall result in suspension of registration until the certifications are submitted.

When you have obtained all of the required clearances, you will be exporting them to a portal in the PIAA website. This portal is in the process of being developed and is expected to be available in mid-September. Please keep checking the PIAA website for notification of the portal along with instructions on how to export those clearances.

To find out additional information on the clearance process and what is required, please go to [www.piaa.org](http://www.piaa.org). On the main page, click on Background Clearances for Officials (underneath the large photo). There you will find frequently asked questions and direct links to obtain these clearances.

PIAA chapters need to take a leadership role in assisting its membership in obtaining and submitting the required clearances.

**CHAPTER SECRETARY INFORMATION**

Below are some guidelines to help chapter secretaries within their role.

- Chapters are required to schedule a minimum of 8 chapter meetings (PIAA Officials Manual, Article IX: p. 17).
- The mandatory Rules Interpretation and chapter meeting cannot be held on the same date (PIAA Officials Manual, Article IX: p. 17).
- Voting for Officials Representatives will only be conducted electronically. No paper ballots will be accepted (PIAA Officials Manual, Article XIII: p. 19).
- Attendance for the mandatory Rules Interpretation meeting and chapter meetings is now to be completed electronically. Please follow the instructions that were emailed to you. Paper copies of attendance forms are no longer accepted at the PIAA office.

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