



## **LVSOA/PIAA – Playoff recommendation procedure 2007**

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### **Purpose**

Provide the District XI Officials' Representatives with the best information possible regarding LVSOA/PIAA officials.

In accordance with PIAA procedures, this information is provided when the District XI Officials' Representatives request assistance from LVSOA/PIAA in selecting:

- Recommended officials for PIAA state playoff consideration.
- Assigning officials to District XI playoff matches.

### **Goals of the nomination procedure**

Implement a peer recommendation system where all active LVSOA/PIAA members recommend fellow officials who are best suited to represent LVSOA/PIAA in postseason assignments.

- The system should be broad in scope and should consider all LVSOA/PIAA officials.
- The system should seek input from only those individuals who have seen a given official work a varsity match.
- The system should have a broad enough statistical sample to produce valid results.

### **Nomination procedure**

At each season's playoff nomination meeting:

- A list of all active LVSOA officials is provided to the active members in attendance at the meeting. Members must be present to participate; there is no "absentee ballot" provision.
- Each member rates each official that he/she has worked with or seen work at the varsity level.
  - There is no limit on how recently the official has observed each of his/her peers.
  - One of the following recommendations may be made:
    - The official is capable of working a PIAA state playoff match.
    - The official is capable of working a District XI playoff match.
    - The official is capable of working during the regular season.
  - If a member has not worked with a given official or seen him/her work a varsity game, the member does not provide a recommendation for that official.

### **Tabulation of results**

Due to the size of the LVSOA/PIAA membership, it is not possible to tabulate and certify the results at the playoff nomination meeting.

- The Recording Secretary will report the results to the membership as soon as possible after the playoff nomination meeting.
- The results will be independently verified.

The officials will be ranked based on the average of their peer recommendations.

- The following point system will be used to compute the average:
  - 5 points = PIAA state playoff recommendation
  - 3 points = District XI playoff recommendation
  - 1 point = Regular season recommendation
- An official will be included in the rankings only if he/she receives a recommendation on 25% of the ballots.

An official's position in the rankings does not necessarily guarantee or eliminate the official from postseason assignments.

- The District XI Officials Representatives may impose additional requirements.
- Officials' availability to work games at specific locations and times may also be a factor.

**Recommendation and tabulation of results – example**

The following example illustrates the recommendation procedure and the tabulation of results. In this example, several officials are considering the capabilities of John Doe.

Official A worked as John Doe’s partner two years ago, and believes that John is capable of working a District XI playoff game.

		5 = PIAA	3 = D-11	1 - Reg season
DOE	John		×	

Official B is a new official who has not seen John Doe work. He leaves all three recommendation choices blank on the nomination ballot.

		5 = PIAA	3 = D-11	1 - Reg season
DOE	John			

Official C watched John Doe work a tough game last year, and believes that John is one of our top officials. He recommends that John be considered for PIAA state playoff games.

		5 = PIAA	3 = D-11	1 - Reg season
DOE	John	×		

Official D worked with John Doe last year. He believes that John Doe can no longer keep up with a high-speed and high-intensity playoff game. He recommends that John stick to the regular season.

		5 = PIAA	3 = D-11	1 - Reg season
DOE	John			×

Official E calls a different style of game than John Doe, and it sometimes creates problems when the officials work together on regular season games. Nevertheless, he knows that John is capable of working in the postseason, and recommends that John be considered for District XI playoff games.

			5 = PIAA	
			3 = D-11	
				1 - Reg season
DOE	John		X	

Official F has heard a lot of good things about John Doe – especially in informal discussions with other officials. He has been assigned to JV games on days when John is working the varsity game, arriving a few minutes before the varsity game ended. Nevertheless, he knows he’s never worked with John or actually seen him work more than just a few minutes of a couple of games, so he has no choice but to abstain from a recommendation for John.

			5 = PIAA	
			3 = D-11	
				1 - Reg season
DOE	John			

Tabulation of results for John Doe:

- o 1 PIAA state playoff recommendation = 5 points
- o 2 District XI playoff recommendations = 6 points
- o 1 Regular season recommendations = 1 point
- o 2 Abstentions
  
- o John’s average score is 3.0 (12 points in 4 recommendations)
- o John was recommended on 67% of the lists (4 out of 6), therefore we have enough data to include John in the rankings list.