



2010 Pennsylvania Passing League



"I just wanted to congratulate you all on a job well done on every aspect of the Army Challenge. You had every detail covered, you were organized, and obviously worked very hard at preparing everything. It was a once in a lifetime experience, and it was one that we all will remember and cherish. Please thank everyone on behalf of all of us for making a dream come true."

-Manheim Township Head Football Coach Mike Melnyk on the Blue Streaks participation in the PPL Championship Game @ Heinz Field.

TSF Radio Network
2010 Pennsylvania Passing League
Executive Summary

Overview

TSF Radio Network's Pennsylvania Passing League (PPL) presented by the U.S. Army is a 7-on-7 football competition, featuring student-athletes from 32 high schools throughout the Keystone State.

What is a passing league?

As the name implies, a passing league highlights only the passing game. There are no running plays, the games are played on a shortened field, and there is no tackling in the traditional sense since players are tagged down. Passing leagues are gaining in popularity as a fun method of sharpening skills and maintaining conditioning in the off season.

Eligible Participants, Teams

PPL teams consist of high school student-athletes between the ages of 13-17 who have not yet graduated from high school. The teams must be associated with their high school football program. No club teams or all-star teams are allowed to participate.

Logo Development

Our design team worked on the logo identity for the campaign, coming up with several possible alternatives before deciding on the muscled, "Keystone" character logo.

Direct Mail

TSF Radio Network mailed an introductory letter, registration forms, and a flyer to high school athletic directors and football coaches throughout Pennsylvania. All schools received regular follow up via e-mail. Targeted schools also received a follow up phone call.

Radio Advertising

We included information about the PPL during our "Sports Flash" reports on our network affiliates throughout the state.

Earned Media

Press releases were distributed to the statewide media, targeting media local to the participating teams, earning significant media coverage for the PPL, including coverage in the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review; Post-Gazette; and PennLive.com.

PPL West Division – Gateway High School

Gateway High School hosted the PPL West Division event on Sunday, June 6. Sixteen teams participated in the event, with Gateway winning the event with a dramatic 12-7 win over Clairton.

PPL East Division – Susquehanna Township

On July 24, Susquehanna Township hosted the PPL East Division event, featuring 16 registered teams with one team withdrawing the day of the event due to injury. Manheim Township won the PPL East.

PPL FINAL – Heinz Field @ Pittsburgh Steelers Halftime

On August 14, the National Football League's Pittsburgh Steelers hosted the PPL Division Champions for an exhibition at halftime of their preseason opener at Heinz Field.



Pennsylvania Passing League 2010

Overview

The Pennsylvania Passing League (PPL) was an opportunity for high school football teams throughout the state to engage in a leadership-developing, team-building, skill-enhancing competition during the summer. For the Harrisburg Recruiting Battalion, this was an opportunity for recruiters to build relationships with targeted high schools throughout the battalion's recruiting territory.

What is a passing league?

Passing league football is a non-contact 7-on-7 game played on a shortened field that features only the passing game. With many state associations prohibiting contact during off-season drills, passing leagues are very popular with high school football teams as a method of keeping their team in shape during the summer.

Organization of Pennsylvania Passing League

The 2010 Pennsylvania Passing League (PPL) consisted of 32 teams playing in two (2) 16-team divisions – PPL East & PPL West. Each division event consisted of pool play to determine the seeding for the single-elimination tournament. Each team was guaranteed four games during the division play, with a minimum of three games in pool play and a first-round game in the single-elimination round. After pool play, all 16 teams were seeded for the single-elimination championship round.

Harrisburg Battalion leveraged their sponsorship contract with the National Football League's Pittsburgh Steelers to showcase the Pennsylvania Passing League at halftime of the Steeler's preseason opener against the Detroit Lions on August 14 at Heinz Field. The PPL's divisional champions – Gateway (PPL West) and Manheim Township (PPL East) – would play an exhibition at halftime of the Steeler's preseason opener.

Pennsylvania Passing League – Logo Development

Our design team worked to create a logo identity for the Pennsylvania Passing League. The logo had to convey a vigorously athletic message that would appeal to our target audience. Ultimately, the final design featured an animated, muscular “Keystone” character surrounded by the gold, black U.S. Army colors and the Army’s “star” logo.

The logo was used in all materials for the campaign, including tee-shirts, trophies, press releases, web site, etc. Here are a few of the finalists for the Pennsylvania Passing League logo:



Under the direction of the Harrisburg Recruiting Battalion, "The Sports Flash" (TSF) Radio Network managed all aspects of the Pennsylvania Passing League. TSF Radio Network's duties included the following:

- logo development;
- securing host sites;
- contacting, securing participating teams;
- developing school database;
- drafting of PPL rules;
- media relations;
- developing media database;
- writing and distributing press releases;
- writing and distributing direct mail; and
- event management.

Securing Host Sites

TSF Radio Network secured the host sites for the PPL East (Susquehanna Township) and the PPL West (Gateway) event, targeting the battalion's must-win schools. Throughout the campaign, the goal was to not only generate leads, but to help recruiters build relationships with the targeted schools.

Geographically, TSF Radio Network sought host sites that were somewhat centralized to ensure reasonable travel for the participating teams. The PPL West was played in suburban Pittsburgh at Gateway High School while the PPL East was played outside of Harrisburg at Susquehanna Township.

Each potential host site received an application to host a PPL event. We established minimum requirements for a school to host a PPL event, including:

- two (2) 100-yard fields;
- one (1) 100-yard field (artificial surface);
- registration tables;
- a field house/locker room facilities;
- restrooms;
- concessions;
- public address system;
- scoreboard; and
- stadium lights.

Fields

PPL events are played on 40-yard fields. The requirement of two (2), 100-yard fields enables four games to be played simultaneously, which ensures pool play and the single-elimination tournament play for a 16-team tournament can be reasonably completed in a single day.

Of the two, 100-yard fields, it is required that at least one of the fields have an artificial surface. In the event of inclement weather, the tournament would be played exclusively on the artificial surface. The artificial turf requirement ensures that the tournament can be played even in the event of inclement weather.

At the PPL West event at Gateway High School, heavy thunderstorms the night before the event made the secondary fields unplayable. The entire 16-team PPL West event was played on Gateway's artificial turf field. With the move, the games were reduced in length by five minutes

from 25 to 20 minutes and the time between games dropped from five minutes to three minutes, which ensured that the event was completed less than two hours behind schedule.

Field House, Locker Room

The access to the field house, locker room is for PPL game management staff, game officials, and medical staff. Participating teams are not necessarily granted access to the field house, locker rooms. With 16-teams, it is impossible to accommodate all of the participating schools.

Restrooms

The restroom facilities need to be open, available to the public throughout the day.

Concessions

Each PPL event is an opportunity for the school's athletic booster club to raise money for the football program through concession sales. In fact, at the Gateway event, the concession staff ran out of food during the event and had to make a grocery store run to restock on food.

At Susquehanna Township, the athletic department contracted with a vendor to provide concessions throughout the day.

Concessions are an opportunity for the high school's athletic department or the booster club to use the PPL event as a fundraising opportunity.



Public Address System

A public address system is required for all host sites. The PA system ensures the timely communication between game management and all participating teams and fans in attendance at the event. This is also a safety issue in regards to quickly communicating with those on site during an occurrence of inclement weather.

The use of the wireless microphone is helpful when planning on-field presentations or any kind of opening ceremonies for the event. The wireless microphone is not required, but highly recommended. At the PPL East event, TSF Radio Network rented a wireless microphone for the event.

At both Pennsylvania Passing League events, U.S. Army Harrisburg Recruiting Battalion Commanding Officer Lieutenant Colonel Stephen Lockridge addressed all of the participating teams during the event's opening ceremonies. This was a more informal introduction during the

PPL West Division at Gateway High School. At Susquehanna Township, the opening ceremonies included a U.S. Army color guard, a national anthem singer, and LTC Lockridge's talk to the participating teams.

Scoreboard

A working scoreboard is extremely helpful, but not necessary. Since the scores of each game are kept at each field, the scoreboard is for the timing of the event only. The PPL West was played with one scoreboard while the games of the PPL East were timed at each field. The PPL West was ideal in that each game of the event started, ended at the same time under one timing device.

During the PPL East event, with four fields in play without one scoreboard, four different games were being played simultaneously with no uniform time being kept. On that day it was not a problem, but it could easily become a problem a problem, resulting in delays and an unnecessary lengthening of the event.

Stadium Lights

In the unlikely event that the games run beyond daylight hours, then stadium lights would be necessary to complete the event. The host site must have at least one field with lights.



Army: Host Site Requirements

Each host school was also required to provide the U.S. Army with the following:

- exhibit area for Army recruiting assets (Humvee, football toss, pull-up bar, etc.);
- booth space for the distribution of U.S. Army information;
- conference room, locker room for Army presentation; and
- high-profile signage locations throughout facility.

TSF Radio Network negotiated with each host school to determine the cost to rent the facility for the day, including the cost for security, medical personnel, and custodial assistance for cleanup after the event.

In securing the host sites for the PPL East & PPL West Division, TSF Radio Network worked out monetary arrangements with each host school, including:

- renting of the facility;
- securing, compensating on-site medical personnel for event;
- securing, compensating on-site security, if necessary;
- compensating the game officials; and
- renting any necessary game-management equipment.

In addition, TSF Radio Network provided game-day management of the event while the U.S. Army provided manpower to assist in the management of the event. Recruiters worked as game managers, field managers, and team liaisons. After securing the host sites for the PPL East, PPL West Divisions, TSF Radio Network started the process of securing schools to participate.

Participating Teams

The Pennsylvania Passing League targeted high schools in the Harrisburg Battalion's recruiting territory. All schools in the recruiting territory were eligible to participate, but TSF Radio Network specifically targeted the battalion's must-win, must-keep schools to serve as host sites for the passing league.

During the process of securing the participating teams, TSF Radio Network created a database of all of the schools in the Harrisburg Battalion, including contact information for school administrators, athletic directors, and coaches.

In securing the participating teams for the Pennsylvania Passing League, TSF Radio Network engaged head football coaches, athletic directors, and principals in a variety of methods, including:

- letter introducing the PPL;
- press releases, notices sent via e-mail;
- faxed flyer introducing the PPL; and
- follow up via telephone.

In addition, after securing the PPL host sites, the coaches, athletic directors at both Gateway and Susquehanna Township were very helpful in securing additional schools to participate, using their coaching contacts to encourage participation.

Often, teams pay \$250-\$400 to participate in an event like the Pennsylvania Passing League. TSF Radio Network and the Harrisburg Battalion worked hard to keep costs down to ensure that teams would not be charged to participate in the event.

Direct Mail

TSF Radio Network drafted, distributed an introductory letter, a flyer, and a registration form that was distributed to all high school football coaches, athletic directors in the recruiting territory. Information about the PPL was also faxed to each school in the recruiting territory.

Phone Calls

For the battalion's targeted schools, TSF Radio Network followed up the direct mail and fax with a phone call to the head football coach, athletic director, encouraging participating in the PPL. The phone calls are an extremely effective method of gauging interest or determining why there is a lack of interest in participating. This is an opportunity to sell the Pennsylvania Passing League.



April 19, 2010

I'm writing to introduce you to the Pennsylvania Passing League, a 7-on-7 passing tournament that will feature high school football players from throughout the Keystone State. "The Sports Flash" (TSF) Radio Network and the U.S. Army Harrisburg Recruiting Battalion created the PPL as an opportunity for your school to engage in a leadership-developing, team-building, skill-enhancing competition this summer.

Right now, we're offering FREE registration to the first 16 teams who register to participate in the Pennsylvania Passing League. The registration fee is \$20 per player and with a 12-player roster maximum; you're saving your players as much as \$220. Although you can register multiple teams for each school, the free registration offer is limited to just one team per school. We're expecting strong interest in the tournament, so register your team now to ensure that your team can participate at no cost.

Each team that participates in the Pennsylvania Passing League is assured of playing a minimum of three games and each player will receive a PPL tee-shirt. The PPL's structure consists of pool play to determine qualifiers for a 16-team, single-elimination championship round.

The tentative date of the Pennsylvania Passing League Championship is the weekend of June 11-12. If necessary, depending upon the level of interest, we may push the PPL State Championship Event until the end of the month. The sites are to be determined. If you're interested in hosting an event, let us know. Additional info about hosting is available on our web site, at www.TheSportsFlash.com.

For additional information about the Pennsylvania Passing League, go online to www.TheSportsFlash.com and click on the PPL logo or call TSF Radio Network's Mike Sinnott at (517) 927-4570. Fax in your team registration to (517) 655-1761 or e-mail the registration to ArmySTRONG.PA@TheSportsFlash.com or TheSportsFlash@aol.com.

We welcome your participation in the Pennsylvania Passing League. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Thanks for your time,

Mike Sinnott
"The Sports Flash" Radio Network

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Pennsylvania Passing League

FREE registration is now available for the first 16 schools that participate in the PPL.

The U.S. Army Harrisburg Recruiting Battalion and "The Sports Flash" (TSF) Radio Network are teaming up for the 2010 Pennsylvania Passing League. This 7-on-7 passing tournament will feature high school football players from across the Keystone State.

Registration is now underway and we're offering free registration to the first 16 teams that register for the PPL. The registration fee is \$20 per player with a 10-player minimum, 12-player maximum roster. That'll save your players as much as \$220. Although you can register multiple teams per school, the free registration offer is good for just one team per school.

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Download the OFFICIAL RULES, TEAM REGISTRATION, and RELEASES online at www.TheSportsFlash.com/PPL. Fax your team registration and other materials to (517) 655-1761.

If you have any questions, please contact Mike Sinnott at (517) 927-4570 or send an e-mail to ArmySTRONG.PA@TheSportsFlash.com.

Register now – for FREE – for the 2010 Pennsylvania Passing League!



Drafting PPL Rules

TSF Radio Network drafted the rules of the Pennsylvania Passing League, based on a composite of several different passing leagues from throughout the country. During the process, our goal was to draft rules that ensured a fair, safe competition for the participating student-athletes while setting a high standard of sportsmanship among the competitors that aligned itself with Army values.

After the initial draft, TSF Radio Network sought feedback on the rules from several head football coaches in Pennsylvania, including: Gateway's Terry Smith; Susquehanna Township's Joe Headen; Danville's Jim Kaeser; and Trinity's Ed Dalton. The coaches made suggested rule changes that were implemented into the official PPL rules of play.

In addition, there were a few rules changes between the playing of the PPL West Division event at Gateway in June and July's PPL East Division event at Susquehanna. Those changes addressed mostly safety concerns, which included the use of helmets at the PPL East Division event. The scoring of both PPL events differed as well with teams being able to score for defensive stands (1 point) and interceptions (1 point) at the PPL East event.

TSF Radio Network distributed the rules to all of the participating schools via e-mail and made the rules available for download at the "official" PPL web site.

All PPL games were officiated certified by the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association. Depending upon the arrangement with the host school, TSF Radio Network paid for or shared the responsibility for paying the game officials.



Pennsylvania Passing League – Rules Overview

1. Field is 40-yards (1.a); a first-down is 20-yards and two first-downs without a penalty results in a touchdown for the offense (5.b).
2. All offensive plays must be forward passes. No shovel passes; no double passes; and no tailback screens (5.a). No running plays are allowed.
3. The quarterback must release the ball in four (4) seconds, or the play would be blown dead, resulting in an incomplete pass (5.f.1-5.f.2).
4. On each down, seven players per team; on offense, a center, quarterback, and five eligible receivers; on defense, seven defenders for each down. (2.f – 2.f.1b)
5. One hand or two-hand touch required to “tackle” the ball carrier. (6.a)
6. No blocking. (5.i)
7. All games are 25-minutes with a running clock. (3.a)
8. Six (6) points are scored on a touchdown. (9.a)
9. Point After Attempt is a PASSING PLAY, no kicking. (9.a) One (1) point is scored on a PAT from the 5-yard-line and two (2) points scored on a PAT from the 10-yard-line. (9.b.1-9.b.2). An intercepted pass during a PAT is a dead ball and no points are scored.
10. Teams receive one (1) point for a defensive stop that results in a turnover on downs. (9.d)
11. Three points are scored for each non-scoring interception. (9.e) An interception returned by the defense beyond the 40-yard-line is a touchdown (6) with the extra-point to follow. (7.c.2 – 7.c.3) SEE ALSO (9.e – 9.d.2)
12. A safety is recorded when a legal pass is completed to an eligible receiver and the defensive player “tackles” the ball carrier behind the 40-yard-line. Two points awarded to the defensive team, and the defensive team will take possession at the 40-yard-line. (9.c)
13. Overtime is three plays from the 15-yard-line (9.f.2) and teams are required to go for two-points on all conversions in overtime (9.f.4).
14. Fumbles which hit the ground are dead balls at the spot of the fumble. (8.a) Muffed snap that hits the ground is a dead ball and a loss of down. (8.c) Fumbles may be recovered in the air before the ball hits the ground. (8.a.1)



Pennsylvania Passing League – Penalties

1. Defensive pass interference is an automatic first-down at the spot of the foul. (7.a)
2. Offensive pass interference is a five-yard penalty and a loss of down. (7.b)
3. Defensive holding is a 10-yard penalty and repeat the down.
4. Taunting or “trash talking” will not be tolerated. First unsportsmanlike offense is a five (5) yard penalty; second offense is 15-yards and automatic first down; and third unsportsmanlike penalty results in the automatic ejection from the game. (10.j – 10.k.2)
5. Unnecessary roughness or excessive force by shoving, pushing, or striking a blow is a penalty, resulting in an automatic first-down at the spot of the foul. (6.a.1) Officials have the discretion to eject any player from the game. Decision to eject a player is entirely at the discretion of the game official and cannot be appealed (6.a.2)
6. Illegal procedure results in a five-yard penalty (5.j)
7. No offensive foul can take the ball beyond the 40-yard-line.
8. Offense has 25 seconds to put the ball in play once it has been marked for play. Failure to snap the ball in 25-seconds is a 5-yard delay of game penalty with two delay of game penalties on the same possession resulting in a turnover with no points awarded to the defense. (3.i – 3.i.2)



Event Management

TSF Radio Network along with each host school provided the game management for each PPL event. The event management included:

- registering teams upon arrival;
- setting up, breaking down of tables, tents, chairs;
- providing water for all competitors;
- coordinating with food vendor, concessions staff;
- assigning officiating crews to particular games;
- interpreting rules;
- scheduling of games;
- ensuring a high-level of sportsmanship, fair play; and
- providing security for the venue, along with a variety of other duties.

Recruiters from the Harrisburg Battalion were assigned to a variety of duties during the game day for each event, serving as field managers, game managers, and school liaisons.

Field Manager

The field manager was responsible for managing one field or two simultaneous games and coordinated with the officials of keeping the proper time and score for each game. In addition, the field manager fields all questions and concerns and communicated those with game-day management. The field managers were also responsible for reporting the official final score to the tournament directors and public address announcer.

Game Manager

The game manager was responsible for managing the time, score for one game and helping field questions, concerns from the coaches, staff, and student-athletes.



“Would it be possible for the Army representative who spent the day with us on Saturday as our guide in the 110-degree heat to attend the Steelers game with us? He was a great help and I would like for him to ride with us. I think it would be a nice gesture for all of his help.”

-Manheim Township Head Football Coach Mike Melnyk, requesting SSG Masterangelo to join his team for the Pittsburgh Steelers' exhibition.

School Liaisons

One recruiter was assigned to each participating school at each PPL event, serving as a school liaison. This was an opportunity for the recruiter to develop a bond with the head coach, staff, and student-athletes of each school. This is another opportunity for the recruiters to position themselves as a vital resource for the school, rather than a salesman for the Army.

In addition, the recruiters were given the opportunity to give each team a 15-20 minute presentation about the U.S. Army during the day. At that time, the recruiters had the opportunity to conduct a presentation about a career in the U.S. Army, distribute information, and encourage the student-athletes to sign lead cards, requesting additional information about a career in the U.S. Army.

The recruiters were assigned to the participating teams based on their area of responsibility in an effort to build the relationships between the recruiters and the high schools. From the feedback that we received from the coaches and student-athletes, the recruiters of the Harrisburg Recruiting Battalion did an outstanding job of laying the groundwork for relationships that would bring dividends during their recruiting efforts.

PPL East Division @ Susquehanna Township

- Brockway
- Coatesville
- Dallastown
- Danville Area
- Harrisburg
- Loyalsock
- Manheim Central
- Manheim Township
- Mechanicsburg
- Milton Hershey
- Northeastern
- Red Land
- Steelton-Highspire
- Susquenita
- Susquehanna Township
- William Penn (York)



Manheim Township streaks to PPL East Division title

The Blue Streaks of Manheim Township blasted Coatesville, 40-8, to win the Pennsylvania Passing League East Division title at Susquehanna Township High School. Manheim Township went 6-0 during the event and handed Coatesville their only loss of the event in the championship game.

PPL West Division @ Gateway High School

- Baldwin
- Bethel Park
- Clairton
- Friendly
- Gateway
- Greensburg Central Catholic
- Montour
- Penn Hills
- Perry Traditional Academy
- Pine Richland
- Pittsburgh Central Catholic
- Richland
- South Allegheny
- South Fayette
- Trinity Area
- Valley



Gateway Gators win PPL West Championship

The Gateway Gators won the Pennsylvania Passing League West Division title with a 12-7 win over Clairton in the championship game of the 16-team tournament. Gateway went 6-1 in winning the PPL West, losing to South Fayette in pool play. During the single-elimination round the Gators knocked off Bethel Park (12-7), rallied past Pittsburgh Central Catholic in the quarterfinals (19-7), and blanked Montour (12-0) in the semifinals.

PPL West: 125-57 record in 2010

In 2010, the PPL West was arguably one of the most competitive seven-on-seven passing league events in the state of Pennsylvania. During the 2010 regular-season, PPL West Division teams compiled a 125-57 record, winning 68.7-percent of its games. Clairton, finished second in the PPL West Division, but finished 2010 15-0 with their second-straight PIAA Class A State Championship. South Fayette finished 15-1 as the runner-up in the PIAA's Class AA classification.



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Media Relations

Throughout the campaign, TSF Radio Network worked to generate free media coverage of the Pennsylvania Passing League. TSF Radio Network drafted press releases and distributed the releases to the media throughout the battalion's recruiting territory.

TSF Radio Network kept the media informed as the Pennsylvania Passing League moved forward with each milestone of its inaugural season, including:

- formation of the Pennsylvania Passing League;
- decision on host sites, locations for the PPL East & PPL West Division;
- participating teams;
- adoption of the PPL's Official Rules;
- partnership with the Pittsburgh Steelers; and,
- recap of action at PPL East & PPL West Division events.

In addition to targeting all of the major media outlets in the recruiting territory, TSF Radio Network specifically targeted the community media outlets that covered each of the participating schools. TSF Radio Network sold the newspapers on stories related to the local team's off-season participation in the Pennsylvania Passing League.

Media advisories were distributed the week of each event; the day before each event; and the day of each PPL event. In addition, TSF Radio Network contacted media outlets during the day of the event to encourage TV stations to send out camera crews or newspapers to send out reporters to cover the event.

All of these efforts were successful in generating a tremendous amount of earned media coverage for the Pennsylvania Passing League, including:

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette;
Pittsburgh Tribune-Review;
The Patriot-News (Harrisburg);
York Daily Record;
Pottsville Republican-Herald;
PennLive.com;
South Hills Record;
Monroeville Times-Express;
Harrisburg's ABC 27; and
Harrisburg's Fox 43.



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Sixteen high school football programs converged on Susquehanna Twp. High School's Roscoe Warner Stadium on Saturday for the Pennsylvania Passing League East Division 7-on-7 tournament. Manheim Twp. beat Coatesville 40-8 in the final, earning a berth opposite West Division champ Gateway in an exhibition at halftime of the Pittsburgh-Detroit NFL preseason game Aug. 14 at Heinz Field.



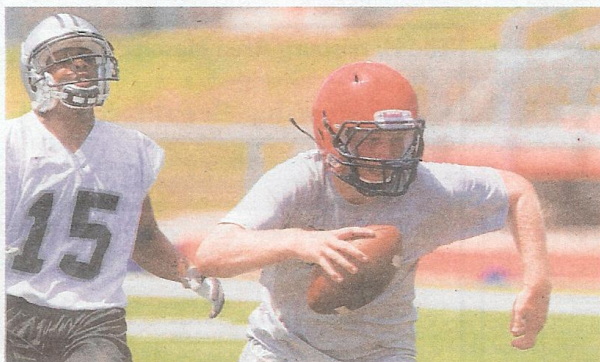
Susquehanna Twp. receiver Devon Gassert tries to elude Dave Naylor and Adam Lawici of Dallas-town in their pool-play matchup.



Susquehanna Twp.'s Colby Grant snags a touchdown pass.



LEFT: Quinton Sullivan of Harrisburg is shoved out of bounds at the 1 by a Red Land defender. The Cougars and Patriots reached the tournament semifinals before being eliminated. BELOW: Kori Stithe of Dallas-town gets held up by Philly Fiore of Susquehanna Twp.



Red Land's Ricky Kraynaic beats Darius Isom of Harrisburg to the end zone.





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Blue Streaks Win 7-on-7 Passing League Tournament

Staff reporter
11:14 PM EDT, July 24, 2010

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Blue Streaks Win 7-on-7 Passing League Tournament
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Susquehanna Twp., Dauphin County - Manheim Township's 7-on-7 Passing League Team has won the right to play a state championship game at halftime of the Pittsburgh Steelers preseason opener versus Detroit. The Blue Streaks beat Coatesville 40-8 in the finals at Susquehanna Township High School and will face Western Champion Gateway on August 14th at Heinz Field. Today's tournament decided the eastern champion from among 16 schools.

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The first official practice for high school football begins two days later on August 16th.

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Pictures: Bill Toth Shaves off His Hershey Bears Playoff Beard



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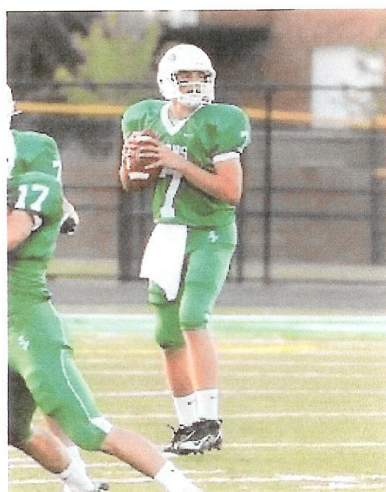
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The Varsity Letters

Observer-Reporter sports writer Mike Kovak's take on high school sports.

Saturday, June 5, 2010

Trinity, South Fayette to participate in Gateway Gators 7-on-7



Trinity and South Fayette are two of 16 schools to participate in the Gateway Gators 7-on-7, a tournament that begins Sunday morning at Gateway High School.

Each team gets three pool play games before being slotted into a tournament. The championship game will be played at 3:10 p.m.

Trinity competes in Pool B with Pittsburgh Central Catholic, Clairton and Richland (District 6). The Hillers play Richland at 9:10 a.m., Clairton at 10:30 and Pittsburgh Central Catholic at 11:50 in pool play.

South Fayette, led by quarterback Christian Brumbaugh (pictured), competes in Pool A with Gateway, Friendly (Md.) and Pine-Richland. The Lions play Pine-Richland at 9:10 a.m., Gateway at 10:30 and Friendly at 11:50.

The winner of the Pennsylvania Passing League-West Tournament will play the winner of the PPL-East Tournament in an exhibition at Heinz Field during halftime of the Steelers preseason opener against Detroit on Aug. 14. In addition, the winner of the PPL-West event will advance to the 7-on-7 National Championships.

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Gateway football claims title of 16-team 7-on-7 tournament

by Michael Love
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The Pennsylvania Passing League is in its first year as a 7-on-7 league for high school football players in the state of Pennsylvania.

The 2010 season kicked off Sunday at Gateway High School's Antimarino Stadium, as 16 Western Pennsylvania high school teams dodged rain showers for the right to be called a tournament champion.

Pool play and a 16-team bracketed playoff determined a champion.

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When the dust settled, Gateway came out on top by defeating Clairton, 12-7.

The Gators now will move on to face the winner of the PPL's eastern tournament—set for July 24 at Susquehanna Township High School near Harrisburg—at halftime of the Pittsburgh Steelers-Detroit Lions preseason game at Heinz Field on Aug. 14.

The winner of the East-West game at Heinz Field will advance to the 7-on-7 national championship tournament in Williamsburg, Va.

"This was a tremendous day with talent all over the field," Gateway head coach Terry Smith said.

"We had past WPIAL champions here, like Clairton, Bethel Park, Pine-Richland, Greensburg Central Catholic and Pittsburgh Central Catholic."

Also competing in the tournament were WPIAL Class AA power South Fayette and Gateway's local Quad A rival Penn Hills, as well as WPIAL teams Trinity, South Allegheny, Baldwin, Perry, Montour and Valley.

Friendly High School from Maryland and Richland, a Class AA school from Johnstown, also made the trip to Monroeville.

The 16 teams were broken down into four pools. Each team was guaranteed four games, starting with three games in pool play.

The teams then were seeded for the bracketed playoffs.

Gateway went 6-1 on the day. Its only loss was to South Fayette, 12-7, in pool play.

The Gators beat Bethel Park, 12-7, in the opening round of the playoffs; defeated Pittsburgh Central Catholic, 19-7, in the quarterfinals; and shut out Montour, 12-0, in the semifinals.

Each game was 20 minutes, with a running clock. On each possession, the offense had four plays to go from the 40 to the 20 for a first down.

If the offense achieved a first down, it had four more plays to get the ball in the end zone for six points, as in a regular football game.

Extra points were one point for a play run from the 5-yard line, while a two-point conversion was a play run from the 10.

The defense could earn points by taking an interception back for a touchdown.

"This is about developing your passing game and your pass defense," Smith said. "Obviously, there's no contact, but this is a first measuring tool to see what your young kids can do. It's a

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good thing for the kids to have until we get to August. Coaches just want to get good work in. They want to face good competition and get their teams better."

Smith said Gateway coaches and players plan to attend 7-on-7 passing competitions in Michigan and at the University of Pittsburgh the weekend of June 25 to 27.

They also plan to also compete in similar competitions in the month of July.

The Pennsylvania Passing League is co-sponsored by the Sportsflash Radio Network and the U.S. Army.

"We wanted to establish this passing league using Texas as a model," said Mike Sinnott, president of Sports Flash Radio Network.

"The passing leagues in Texas are so structured, with local and regional qualifying tournaments and a state championship. They've been doing it for years. We put that in a proposal to the U.S. Army Recruiting Battalion in Harrisburg, and they said to go for it."

Sinnott then got into contact with Smith and Gateway to get the ball rolling on the project.

"We helped Gateway with the cost of the officials, the T-shirts and the trophies. We had 20 to 25 Army recruiters out on the field, doing things like marking the ball and running the game clock. We all helped each other to put on a good event. We wanted this to be a way for the kids to come out and enjoy a day of competition."

Sinnott said they hope to do this every summer and possibly expand it to more teams and more championships competitions.

The Pennsylvania Passing League is part of the The U.S. Army Harrisburg Recruiting Battalion's 2010 Army STRONG Tour, which includes the Army Iron Man campaign, the Army Coach of the Year, the Army STRONG Wrestler of the Year and the Army Rivalry Tour.

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Sixteen high school football teams will compete in a Pennsylvania Passing League East Division 7-on-7 tournament at Susquehanna Twp. High School on Saturday.

The winner will play Gateway High School, the West champion, in an exhibition at halftime of the Pittsburgh Steelers' preseason game Aug. 14 against Detroit at Heinz Field.

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Each team will play three pool-play games Saturday morning to determine seeding for the afternoon single-elimination championship round.

Mid-Penn Conference teams competing are Harrisburg, Mechanicsburg, Milton Hershey, Red Land, Steel-High, Susquehanna Twp. and Susquehanna Twp.

Here is the pool play schedule:

9:30-9:55 a.m.: Brockway vs. Coatesville, Harrisburg vs. Loyalsock, Dallastown vs. Danville, Manheim Twp. vs. Northeastern.

10:05-10:30: Mechanicsburg vs. Susquehanna, Manheim Central vs. Red Land, Milton Hershey vs. Susquehanna Twp., Steel-High vs. York.

10:40-11:05: Susquehanna vs. Coatesville, Loyalsock vs. Red Land, Susquehanna Twp. vs. Danville, York vs. Northeastern.

11:15-11:40: Brockway vs. Mechanicsburg, Harrisburg vs. Manheim Central, Dallastown vs. Milton Hershey, Manheim Twp. vs. Steel-High.

11:50 a.m.-12:15 p.m.: Brockway vs. Susquehanna, Harrisburg vs. Red Land, Susquehanna Twp. vs. Dallastown, Manheim Twp. vs. York.

12:25-12:50: Coatesville vs. Mechanicsburg, Loyalsock vs. Manheim Central, Danville vs. Milton Hershey, Northeastern vs. Steel-High.

First-round championship tournament games will be played at 2:15 and 2:50, followed by the quarterfinals at 3:25, semifinals at 4 and finals from 4:35-5 p.m.

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The Harrisburg Recruiting Battalion included information about the Pennsylvania Passing League on the battalion's facebook page. The page included a link to the "official" PPL site at www.TheSportsFlash.com.

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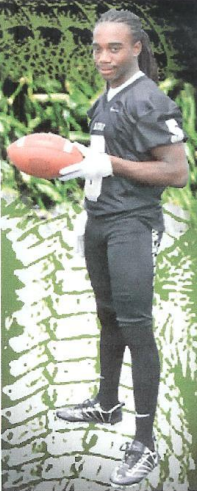
Many of the participating Pennsylvania Passing League schools included information about the PPL on their school web sites, athletic sites, or football booster club sites. The information appeared on many web sites, including:

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Gateway won the 16 team "West" tournament in a hard fought championship game against Clairton, 12-7, behind three interceptions by the Gator defense, including one to seal the victory on 4th & 17 from the 17 - last play of the game in extra time. The Gators will advance to play the "East" winner at Heinz Field on Saturday, August 14th, during halftime of the Steelers-Detroit Pre-season NFL game.

We'll have all the photos up on the site within the next day or two. For game-by-game scores, please visit our [Twitter page](#) below.

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2010 Gateway Football 7-on-7 event

The tournament is set - all slots have been filled. The 2010 Gateway Football 16 team 7-on-7 tournament will take place on Sunday, June 6, 2010.

The following teams have signed up:

- Greensburg Central Catholic
- Pittsburgh Central Catholic
- Bethel Park
- Clairton
- Pine Richland
- Baldwin
- Perry
- South Fayette
- Gateway
- Friendly (Maryland)
- Valley
- Montour
- Penn Hills
- Calvin Coolidge Washington DC
- South Allegheny
- Trinity

The event runs from 8am to 4pm and will take place at Gateway's Antimarino Stadium on the campus of Gateway High School.

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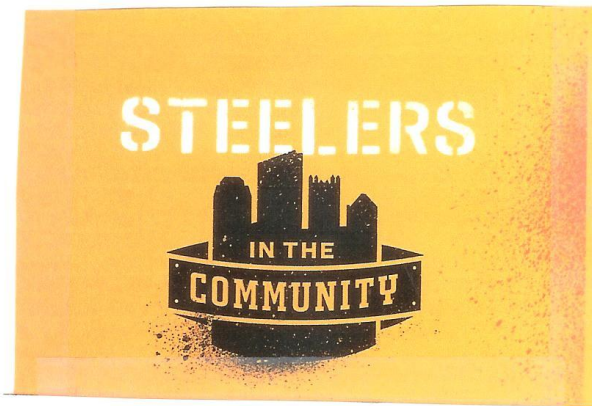
The Harrisburg Recruiting Battalion leveraged their existing sponsorship agreement with the Pittsburgh Steelers into a tremendous opportunity for the Pennsylvania Passing League. On August 14, at the Steelers preseason opener against the Detroit Lions at Heinz Field, the PPL East & PPL West Division champions were to play an exhibition at halftime.

Manheim Township and Gateway participated in pre-game activities as part of the scheduled PPL Finale. Both teams were able to watch the Steelers and Lions warm-up on the field before the game. In addition, during the Steelers pregame festivities, the team captains and head coaches participated in a coin toss to determine which team would have the first possession during the exhibition.

The Pittsburgh Steelers provided each team with tickets to the game for players, coaches, and staff, with all participants receiving a boxed lunch, a souvenir game program, and a Steelers "Terrible Towel." The PPL was featured in the Steelers GAMEDAY program, which included the PPL logo, a story about the Pennsylvania Passing League, and photos of the PPL East & PPL West Division champions.

It was a great event for both schools. Unfortunately, due to a severe thunderstorm that hit Pittsburgh just two minutes before the end of the first-half, the game – indeed, all halftime activities – were canceled as the game was stopped for the storm for nearly two hours.

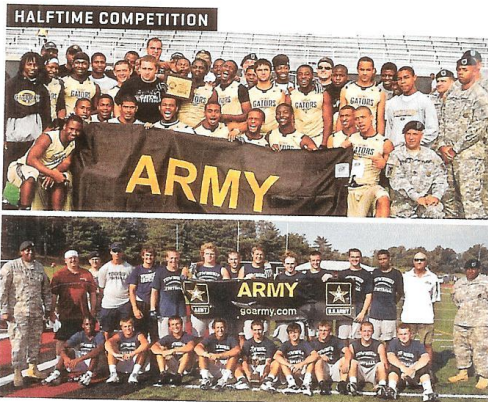




Celebrating Youth Football

The annual celebration of USA Football Month is taking place at Steelers preseason games this year. Tonight, local youth players will be part of the players' introduction tunnel and on the field for the coin toss. Each August, the NFL and its teams take part in USA Football's nationwide effort to inspire kids and parents to sign-up for youth football and celebrate the start of the season.

There will also be a high school 7-on-7 competition featuring The Army Strong PA Passing League Championship East vs. West at halftime. This summer, the U.S. Army conducted a passing league among high school football programs in Pennsylvania. Tonight's halftime will feature the two championship teams as they face off in an on-field game.



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Itching for the return of football season? Who isn't. But while high schoolers won't hit the gridiron for another few months, it's never too early to start thinking about who might be the teams to beat come the fall.

A pair of YAIAA Division I hopefuls, Dallastown and William Penn, will compete in the upcoming Pennsylvania Passing League (PPL) East Division event at Susquehanna Township High School on July 24. Included in the tournament's 16-team field are a slew of District 3 contenders, including defending AAA district champ Manheim Central, Harrisburg, Steel-High and Susquehanna Township.

The PPL uses a 7-on-7, touch football format (passing only, no runs) which is played on 40-yard fields. OK, so it's not exactly you'd typically see on a fall Friday night, but it's something. And there is quite the prize at stake, as well: The winner of the event gets to play PPL West Division champ Gateway at halftime of the Pittsburgh Steelers preseason opener Aug. 14 at Heinz Field.

William Penn started 6-0 last year, but was battered by injuries (including one to rising senior quarterback Kelvin Parker) and lost its final five games. Dallastown also finished 6-5, but returns a solid corps of players led by Pittsburgh commit Ben Kline.

Thirteen teams have committed to the event, meaning there are still three spots open. Maybe another YAIAA team will join the fray?

To check out the full PPL rules and all the details of the event, you can look at the event's website here. A full list of the thirteen committed participants is available after the jump.

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by Ray Fisher
Staff Writer
June 10, 2010

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Did you know that:

- Baldwin finished in the final four at the inaugural Pennsylvania Passing League West Division 7-on-7 [playoffs](#) at Gateway High School this past weekend?
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Hindes' teams were victorious 751 times during his sensational coaching career, and ended up on the short end of the score only 82 times.

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- The Baldwin boys' 1,600-meter relay unit was seeded No. 1 at the PIAA Class AAA [track and field](#) championships?
- Gateway, the host school, edged Clairton, 12-7, in the Pennsylvania Passing League West Division 7-on-7 championship game?
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Gateway defensive back Dondi Kirby received a scholarship offer from the troubled University of Southern California football program Thursday and said possible NCAA sanctions against the Trojans don't concern him.

"I'm not thinking about that," he said.

In fact, Kirby, a 6-foot-3, 200-pound senior-to-be, said USC would be among his favorite choices, "if I had to choose right now, at this very moment."

The others are Florida, Maryland, Louisville, Illinois, North Carolina and Iowa. He said he has offers from those schools, plus Pitt, Ohio State, West Virginia, Syracuse, North Carolina State, Virginia, Boston College, Marshall, Purdue, Minnesota, Indiana and Wisconsin.

Kirby said he plans to wait until after the football season before making a decision.

Meanwhile, Kirby helped Gateway win the Pennsylvania Passing League Western Division title last Sunday with a 12-7 victory against Clairton in a one-hand-touch tournament. Gateway was 6-1 in pool play, losing to South Fayette, 12-7. In the championship round, the Gators beat Bethel Park, 12-7, Central Catholic, 19-7, and Montour, 12-0.

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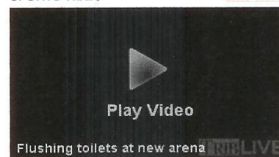
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Deer Lakes had record-breaking track season

By Bill Beckner Jr., VALLEY NEWS DISPATCH
Sunday, June 6, 2010

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Deer Lakes' track and field program had a record-breaking spring, as seven school records fell.

But the key to the trophy case containing the school records on plaques has been lost, so the records may have to wait to be posted.

"The kids are anxious to get that thing opened," Lancers coach Chris Snyder said. "I think they want to break in and change the names."

Junior Mitch Martin had a fine individual season to pace the boys team.

Martin, who had the 10th-best time in the state in the 200-meter dash, reached the PIAA semifinals in that race. He was fourth in the WPIAL in the 200 and seventh in the 100.

With his 200 time of 22.56 seconds in the state preliminaries, Martin broke Jake Colosimo's mark of 22.87 set in 2006.

Other records:

» The girls 400-meter relay team of Steph Schneider, Kayla Rodi, Lauren L'Herbier and Paige Prato broke the 2006 team's mark (51.8) with a time of 50.25 seconds.

» Two boys relays also ran to records. The 3,200 team of JD McCausland, Zach Wozniak, Zach Hall and Troy Szwaczkowski had a 8:22, shattering a long-standing mark of 8:25.18, held by the 1981 team.

Also, the 1,600 team of Mike Schultz, Hall, McCausland and Szwaczkowski ran a 3:28.66 to break the 2006 mark of 3:30.78.

» Szwaczkowski broke the 400 record with a 51.1. The previous best was 51.2 by Dustin McNich in 1995.

» McCausland broke Bill Holtz's triple jump mark from 2006 (42 feet, 4 inches) with his 42-10.

» Finally, Kristin Romutis broke her own record in the pole vault, at 9-6.

SEVEN UP

Valley will be one of 16 football teams competing in Gateway's 7-on-7 Pennsylvania Passing League event today at Gateway High School in Monroeville.

Pool play starts at 8 a.m., with the championship set for 3:10 p.m.

The winner will play a winner from the East at halftime of the Steelers-Detroit Lions preseason game Aug. 14 at Heinz Field.

The other teams are Baldwin, Bethel Park, Clairton, Friendly (Md.), Gateway, Greensburg Central Catholic, Montour, Penn Hills, Perry, Pine-Richland, Central Catholic, Richland, South Allegheny, South Fayette and Trinity.

ADAM BOMB

Last weekend at the PIAA track and field championships, junior Adam Tuzikow became the first Knoch boys medal winner since Nick Novotny in 2006 (long jump).

Tuzikow, who placed third in the Class AAA shot put with a career-best mark of 54 feet, has the second-best boys throw in school history. Mike Crouch threw 54-9 1/2 in 1985.

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About baseball teams that broke PIAA rules other notes and thoughts

By Mike White | Friday, June 4, 2010, 12:30 p.m.

In case you missed it in this morning's Post-Gazette, the Pine-Richland and Neshannock baseball teams are in hot water with the WPIAL and PIAA for **unknowingly breaking a rule** by allowing former players to throw batting practice recently.

Maybe the term "hot water" isn't appropriate. It's more like "warm water."

One of the possible penalties for breaking this rule is to strip Pine-Richland of its WPIAL Class AAAAA baseball championship. No way is that going to happen. The WPIAL Board of Control will meet later this month to decide penalties, and look for the board to simply put both teams on probation and give them the good of "public censure." What is public censure? No, the WPIAL doesn't take the offending parties into Market Square and have the public yell at them. It's simply a slap on the wrist. Probation isn't much more than a slap on the wrist, either.

But what should come out of this ordeal is this: Coaches, and especially athletic directors, need to know this rule, which came into effect only two years ago. Too many athletic directors are clueless with some PIAA and WPIAL rules like this and don't do a very good job of relaying the rules to the coaches. Sometimes, too, the PIAA doesn't do a good enough job relaying info on some new rules.

Anyway, Pine-Richland coach Kurt Wolfe and Neshannock coach Mike Kirkwood didn't know about the rule. That's why they volunteered information to newspaper reporters about how former players were used to pitch batting practice to get ready for playoff games. You think they would've said anything if they knew of the rule?

Certainly, this Pine-Richland and Neshannock case will open eyes of coaches across the state in every sport. I know of teams and coaches in many sports who used to have former players come to practice and work out with the high school team. I guarantee you it has happened with other baseball teams this spring than just Pine-Richland and Neshannock. That used to be OK, until the PIAA clarified the rule two years ago.

Call it the "Terrelle Pryor" rule. The PIAA has long had a rule saying postgraduates could not participate on high school teams. But they didn't say anything about "practicing." After Dunmore High School used a quarterback from Wilkes College in practice to get ready for Jeannette star QB Terrelle Pryor a few years ago, the PIAA then clarified the rule and put specific language in the rule to say postgraduates are prohibited from playing or "practicing" with a team, unless they are coaches or volunteer coaches who have been approved by the principal to be a coach.

There have been countless cases over the years where baseball coaches get someone to throw batting practice. In basketball, it happens all over the country where, on Christmas break, a few former players who are in college stop by practice and "get a run" against the high school team. They're just playing with some of their old buddies. It's a fun thing for everyone involved. Sorry, not allowed any more. If that happens in basketball, it must count against the high school team's allotment of scrimmages (two) or games (22).

Or how about the college wrestler who comes to a practice with his former high school team to get a workout, and also to give a high school wrestler some good competition? Sorry, forget it now.

It's kind of a shame that former players at a high school can't come and get a workout with the high school team. But you want to know the biggest reason the PIAA put in this rule? Liability. What if a college wrestler comes to his high school team's practice and hurts the high school wrestler. Or if a former high school pitcher beans a kid. In the society we live in today, many parents of the injured high school athlete would be on the phone with a lawyer the next day, ready to sue.

7 on 7 tournament

Get this: A 7 on 7 football East-West high school championship?

Sound strange? But it's here. There will be a 7 on 7 football tournament at Gateway Sunday with 16 teams, including 14 from the WPIAL. Gateway, Penn Hills, Central Catholic, Bethel Park and Clairton are just a few teams participating. The championship game will be at 3:10.

Then on July 24, another 7 on 7 tournament will be held for Eastern Pa. teams at Susquehanna Township High School. These two tournaments even have a name. They are part of the PPL - the Pennsylvania Passing League.

Then the winner of the Gateway site and the winner of the Susquehanna Township site will play in an exhibition at halftime of the Pittsburgh Steelers preseason opener against the Detroit Lions Aug. 14 at Heinz Field.

Hey, that's all fine. But here is what I want to know: Will there be contact at these tournaments?

A new PIAA rule allows helmets and shoulder pads to be worn for 7 on 7 scrimmages. However, only incidental contact is allowed and teams are allowed to practice only "form blocking" and "form tackling." Under what the rule states, defensive backs are not allowed to contact receivers at these camps, unless there is a shield in between them.

So, do you think on Sunday at Gateway that no defensive back will jam any receiver at the line of scrimmage? Remember, that's not allowed under the new rule unless there is a blocking shield.

Right.

New football coach at Canon-Mac

Canon-McMillan has hired Tim Sohyda as its new football coach. Sohyda is 35 and replaces Guy Montecalvo, who resigned in April, but is still the school's athletic director.



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Baldwin to play in 7-on-7 event

Members of the Baldwin football team will be competing this Sunday in the Gateway Gators 7-on-7 football tournament, presented by the Pennsylvania Passing League.

Baldwin and several other schools have registered to participate—Bethel Park, Clairton, Friendly (Md.), Gateway, Greensburg Central Catholic, Montour, Penn Hills, Perry Traditional Academy, Pine Richland, Central Catholic, South Allegheny, South Fayette, Trinity and Valley.

Teams that participate are guaranteed to play four games, with pool play determining the seeding for a single-elimination championship tournament.

Each participating player will receive a Pennsylvania Passing League T-shirt, the winning team will receive a trophy, and the top two teams will be invited to play an exhibition at halftime of the Pittsburgh Steelers' preseason opener.

Area football teams can register for this event by contacting Terry Smith at Gateway High School at 412-373-5750 or Mike Sinnott of "The Sports Flash" Radio Network at 517-927-4570.

TJ girls' volleyball camp June 14-18

The 2010 Thomas Jefferson girls' summer volleyball camp will be held June 14 to 18 at the high school gym.

Session 1 will run from 9 to 11:30 a.m. for girls entering sixth and seventh grade.

Session 2 will run from noon to 2:30 p.m. for girls entering eighth and ninth grade.

Participants will be taught basic individual skills such as passing, setting, serving, defense, hitting and blocking, as well as team concepts: multiple player drills, court positioning and game play.

The camp will be run by the TJ coaching staff, players, and alumni.

The registration fee is \$40, which will include a camp T-shirt.

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Seven-on-seven passing tournament to take place July 24 at Susquehanna Twp.

Jon Reddinger, July 21, 2010 2:31 p.m.

The U.S. Army Harrisburg Recruiting Battalion is proud to announce that 16 teams have committed to play in the Pennsylvania Passing League's East Division on July 24 at Susquehanna Township High School. The first game will be at 9:15 am. This is a free seven-on-seven passing tournament that will feature teams from throughout eastern Pennsylvania.

As of July 21, the following teams that have committed to participate in the PPL East Division:

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Gateway won the inaugural Pennsylvania Passing League West Division title with a 12-7 win over Clairton in the championship game of the 16-team Gateway Gators 7-on-7 on Sunday.

The Gators will now play the PPL East Division Champion in an exhibition at half-time of the Pittsburgh Steelers preseason opener against the Detroit Lions at Heinz Field on Saturday, August 14. The PPL East Division champion will be determined at Susquehanna Twp on Saturday, July 24.

Sixteen (16) teams participated in the Gateway Gators 7-on-7 presented by the Pennsylvania Passing League, including: Baldwin; Bethel Park; Clairton; Friendly (MD); Gateway; Greensburg Central Catholic; Montour; Penn Hills; Perry Traditional Academy; Pine Richland; Pittsburgh Central Catholic; Richland; South Allegheny; South Fayette; Trinity Area; and Valley.

Gateway went 6-1 in winning the PPL West, losing only to South Fayette (12-7) in pool play. In the single-elimination championship round, the Gators opened with a 12-7 win over Bethel Park, knocked off Pittsburgh Central Catholic in the quarter-finals (19-7), and shut out Montour (12-0) in the semi-finals.

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Sixteen high school football teams will compete in a Pennsylvania Passing League East Division 7-on-7 tournament at Susquehanna Twp. High School on Saturday.

The winner will play Gateway High School, the West champion, in an exhibition at halftime of the Pittsburgh Steelers' preseason game Aug. 14 against Detroit at Heinz Field.

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The WPIAL has played its baseball championship games almost exclusively at Consol Energy Park (formerly Falconi Field) since 2004, and executive director Tim O'Malley said he likes the arrangement his league has negotiated with the home of the Washington Wild Things.

"In Western Pennsylvania, minus PNC Park, this is probably the next best facility we have to use, and we are glad we can come here," he said.

The WPIAL played some title games at PNC Park in its first three years, but there are no plans to return. The Pirates can't guarantee two back-to-back dates, the league's preferred schedule.

- Two weeks after rehiring Phil Shar as girls varsity basketball coach, the West Mifflin School District has ousted him again. Superintendent Janet Sardon, persuaded by a teachers union grievance, has replaced Shar, a West Mifflin school board member, with Mindy McClelland, who coached the team last season when Shar was initially fired.

- The Central Catholic First Eight team won the silver medal — 2 seconds from the gold — in the Boys Senior Eight at the Scholastic Rowing Association of America's national championship regatta Saturday in Saratoga Springs, N.Y. Team members include Jonathan Dawson, Christian Wawrzonek, Justin O'Connor, Mike Williams, Andy Volosky, Gil Maher, Ryan Meder, Mike Monahan and Matt Clair.

- The Pennsylvania Passing League and Gateway High School will host 14 WPIAL football teams in a 7-on-7 one-hand-touch tournament, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Sunday. The schools are: Baldwin, Bethel Park, Clairton, Gateway, Greensburg Central Catholic, Montour, Penn Hills, Perry, Pine-Richland, Central Catholic, South Allegheny, South Fayette, Trinity and Valley. The PPL-West winner will play the PPL-East champion at halftime of the Steelers' preseason game Aug. 14 against the Detroit Lions at Heinz Field and will have chance to go to the USA Today touch football national championship June 26-27 in Williamsburg, Va.

- Gateway defensive back Dondi Kirby added an offer from Florida to his impressive list, coach Terry Smith said. He also is considering Pitt, Ohio State, North Carolina, Iowa, Illinois, West Virginia, Syracuse, Maryland, North Carolina State, Virginia and Boston College.

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L-L League facing cash woes

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Nike Gross, assistant sports editor of the *Lancaster Sunday News*, had a story this week about the financial state of the Lancaster-Lebanon League.

If you didn't see it, here is the complete article ...

The economic downturn has hit the Lancaster-Lebanon League hard.

The league is losing money at an alarming rate. Cutbacks are already in place, and league officials and member-school athletic directors are planning more.

For now and the foreseeable future, financial austerity will be a factor in everything the league does.

"I don't think people realize how serious it is," **Zac Kraft**, the athletic director at Conestoga Valley, said Tuesday. "Even most of the coaches, I don't think, really understand."

For the 2009-10 school year, the league spent \$189,095.41. Its revenues were \$156,196.73.

The difference, \$32,898.68, was covered by a reserve fund.

As recently as five years ago, the reserve fund was \$75,000. But **Dick Balderston**, the league's executive director, said last week he's had to dip into it regularly since to pay for essentials.

As of the end of June, the fund was down to \$2,016.56.

"The idea of the reserve fund was to not touch it unless we need it," **Balderston** said. "The last couple years, we've needed it."

Since tax dollars, state funding and school boards are not directly involved, the league's finances are relatively straightforward.

The 24 member schools pay dues, ranging from \$1,000 to \$2,500 per school, based on how many sports teams they sponsor.

The other major revenue source is the league playoffs in boys' and girls' basketball.

(In the past, if the league made a profit of \$100 or more on playoff games, that money was distributed among participating schools. The league has voted to eliminate that practice.)

League revenues are used:

- To pay **Balderston's** salary (\$22,769), and fees to each sport's assigning secretary, and game officials.
- To buy software each school uses to compile and publish its sports schedules.
- To buy trophies and medals.
- To buy office supplies, print tickets, etc.

The biggest problem on the revenue side is the league is losing money on playoffs.

In the 2008-09 school year, the basketball playoffs grossed about \$46,000. In 2009-10, despite two extra, section-title games, the playoffs took in about \$31,000.

"We're just not getting people to come to league playoffs," **Balderston** said. "And it's not so much the adult community. With the exception of 1-2 schools, we're finding that students aren't going to games."

The league held the final of its baseball playoffs at **Clipper Magazine Stadium** in May. According to **Balderston**, the rental fee for the ballpark was \$1,850. About 400 people showed up for the game, so the gate was about \$1,600.

After paying everybody, including umpires, a **Walner**, game officials, etc., the league lost about \$1,000.

"We'll probably go back to Epirata (to host the game) next year," **Balderston** said.

Last winter the league formed a Fiscal Responsibility Committee, composed of **Balderston**, **ADs Kraft**, **Dan Baughman** (Solanco), **Audrey Stoner** (Cocalico), **Steve**

Mummaw (Hempfield) and chairman **John Kosydar** (Warwick).

The committee's recommendations included:

- A dramatic reduction in league-provided trophies and medals, from eight to six individual medals per event in swimming, track and wrestling, and from the top 30 finishers to the top 10 in cross-country, bowling and golf.

Individual medals will no longer be given by the league for team sports, although schools may provide them.

The cost of trophies/awards will be reduced by using a new vendor, **Lancaster Awards and Apparel, Ltd.**, of Smoketown.

- In the past, profits from league-playoff games were divided among participating schools. The league is freezing those reimbursements for the next two-year cycle (2010-11, 2011-12).

Each sport's chairperson will determine sites for playoff games using the quotes as one factor.

- The league will seek sponsors for league playoff events.

The committee believes the above, if implemented, could save around \$30,000, which based on recent cost/revenue numbers would put the league back in the black.

Marketing of the league's marquee events might be a growth opportunity.

The L-L's only event sponsorship comes from the Red Rose Runners Club, which donates \$1,000 to the league cross-country meet.

Some of the league's schools already employ **Market Street Sports Group**, a Lancaster firm, to procure sponsorships and naming-rights fees for their sports teams, events and facilities.

MSSG clients include the **PIAA**, the **Big 33** game and the **Pennsylvania Farm Show**.

Jeff Bertoni, Market Street's president of sales, met with the Fiscal Responsibility Committee at Warwick in April.

"We let them know we'd be willing to help them any way we could," **Bertoni** said. "If we come across anything to throw their way we'd do it."

But **Bertoni** also said marketing a league is much different than a school or umbrella group like the PIAA.

"Working with a league, there are too many moving parts," **Bertoni** said. "We never know where the championships are going to fall or what schools would be involved. I told them we're offering our expertise, and we wouldn't take any money out because of their finances. We can help and we want to, but we're not the answer."

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Township streaks to 7-on-7 championship

July 25th, 2010 8:24 pm

Buoyed by rising sophomore quarterback Brennan Scott, Manheim Township walloped Coatesville 40-8 and won the Pennsylvania Passing League East Division 7-on-7

Tournament Saturday at Susquehanna Township High School in Harrisburg.

The Blue Streaks, who played Northeastern York, Steel-High and York High in Pool Play before dominating the Red Raiders later in the finals and finishing 6-0 in the tourney, will take on Gateway, the West Division champ, on Saturday, Aug. 14 at halftime of the Pittsburgh Steelers vs. Detroit Lions NFL preseason exhibition game at Heinz Field in

Pittsburgh.

There were 15 teams in Saturday's East Division Tournament, including Manheim Central, the reigning PIAA Triple-A state runner-up. The Barons played Red Land, Harrisburg and Loyalsock in Pool Play, but did not advance to the final. Brockway was entered but pulled out because of an injury.

Scott is poised to replace Jon Yuko as Manheim Township's starting QB this coming season. In spot duty last fall, Scott completed 15-of-28 passes for 183 yards and a touchdown (plus two picks) in the Streaks' 'Razorback' offensive package.

From all indications, the 'Razorback' is in good hands with Scott calling signals.

L-L League football media day is set for Friday, Aug. 13, one day before Manheim Township heads to Pittsburgh for the Passing League finale. The first day of fall practice is Monday, Aug. 16. Season openers are Friday, Sept. 3.

TV report from Saturday's 7-on-7 competition, including Manheim Township interviews, right [here](#).

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PIAA venues: baseball, softball to Penn State

July 23rd, 2010 2:40 pm

[Rodrisco.com](#) is reporting that PIAA championship games for baseball and softball will be contested at Penn State University through 2014.

The baseball finals had been contested at Blair County Ballpark in Altoona and the softball finals had been contested at Shippensburg University's Robb Field.

The PIAA approved the move at a board meeting on Friday.

The baseball championship games will be played at [Medlar Field at Lubrano Park](#), which is right next to Beaver Stadium, and the softball championship games will be played at

[Penn State's new softball complex](#).

No other major PIAA venue changes to report, but check out the report from [Rodrisco.com](#) for more details [here](#).

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7-on-7 tourney Saturday in Harrisburg

July 22nd, 2010 6:36 pm

Football Fever?

Soothe the burn Saturday at Susquehanna Township High School in Harrisburg, where a pair of L-L League teams - Manheim Township and reigning Triple-A state runner-up

Manheim Central - will participate in the [Pennsylvania Passing League East Division 7-on-7 Tournament](#).

Pool play (each team gets three games) begins at 9:30 a.m. and admission is \$3.

Sixteen (16) teams are in the field, including Brockway, which features record-setting QB [Derek Buganza](#), who passed for a single-season state record 3,824 yards last season -

including one game when he passed for (gulp) 594 yards.

The winner of the East Division 7-on-7 Tournament will take on West champ Gateway on Aug. 14 at halftime of the Pittsburgh Steelers pre-season game against the Detroit

Lions at Heinz Field in Pittsburgh.

Here are Manheim Township's and Manheim Central's schedules, if you're interested ...

9:30 a.m. - Manheim Township vs. Northeastern York.

10:05 a.m. - Manheim Central vs. Red Land.

11:15 a.m. - Manheim Central vs. Harrisburg.

11:15 a.m. - Manheim Township vs. Steel-High.

11:50 a.m. - Manheim Township vs. York High.

12:25 p.m. - Manheim Central vs. Loyalsock.

Loyalsock - that's the team Lancaster Catholic bumped off in the snow in the state Double-A quarterfinals last season.

Post pool-play first-round action is at 2:15 p.m. and 2:50 p.m.

The quarterfinals are at 3:25 p.m.

The semifinals are at 4 p.m.

The championship is at 4:35 p.m.

Football ... in July. Dig it.

ZWEIZIG MAKES ESPN LIST - You know ESPN is big on lists. And an L-L League QB has made one of them. Wilson rising senior [Zach Zweizig](#) is No. 5 on the *ESPN Rise* list of top prep quarterbacks in Pennsylvania. The 6-4, 185-pounder completed 163-of-280 passes for 2,383 yards and 22 touchdowns last fall for the Bulldogs, who went 11-2 overall before bowing out in the District 3 Quad-A semifinals. He was the seventh-ranked passer in the L-L League, and will be part of a huge returning nucleus for the Bulldogs this season. Zweizig was named Honorable Mention All-State by PA Football News and Eastern PA Football last season. ... Another District 3 QB sits atop the *ESPN Rise* list: Bishop McDevitt rising senior [Matt Johnson](#), a Bowling Green recruit, is No. 1. St. Joe's Prep's [Skyler Mornhinweg](#), son of Philadelphia Eagles coordinator Marty Mornhinweg and a Stanford recruit, is No. 2, and Buganza is No. 12 on the list, which you can find right [here](#).

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Pequea Valley hoops set to tab Twardowski

July 22nd, 2010 2:33 pm

The final L-L League boys' basketball coaching vacancy is set to be filled.

Pending school board approval, [Steve Twardowski](#) will be Pequea Valley's next head boys' varsity basketball coach.

Twardowski is familiar with the Braves' boys' hoops program; he's served as Pequea Valley's junior high coach the last several years.

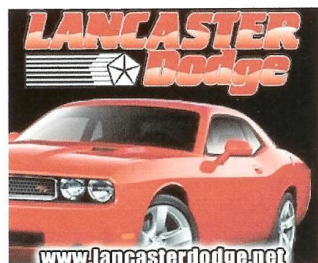
A.J. Beamer coached the Braves last season, when Pequea Valley went 4-12 in section play and 5-18 overall. [Beamer resigned his post](#) after just one season, and Pequea Valley

approved former Penn Manor standout [Brian Carson](#) as its [next head coach](#) earlier this spring. But [Carson resigned his post abruptly](#) and the position was opened again.

According to Pequea Valley athletic director Greg Fantazzi, Twardowski's name will go before the school board.

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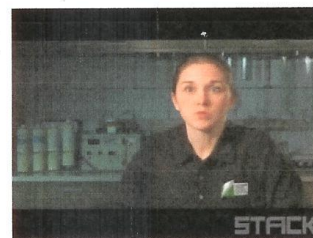
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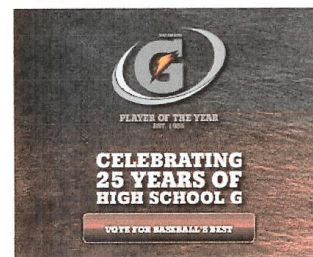
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PR to Participate in Gateway Gators 7-on-7

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- Central Catholic
- Richland
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- South Fayette
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- Valley

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U.S. Army & "The Sports Flash" Radio Network teaming up on 7-on-7 passing league

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Depending upon the level of interest and the number of participating teams, the Pennsylvania Passing League may be a single-day state championship event; two regional events (East & West) with teams qualifying for a single-day or weekend state championship tournament; or series of state qualifying tournaments throughout the state with teams qualifying for the single-day state championship event. The tentative date for the Pennsylvania Passing League Championship is the weekend of June 11-12. If enough teams participate, regional qualifiers would be held during the weekend of June 5. The site is to be determined.

The structure of Pennsylvania Passing League (PPL) Tournaments will consist of pool play to determine the qualifiers for the single-elimination championship round. For example, with a 16-team PPL tournament, the teams will be broken down into four pools of four teams each. Each team is guaranteed to play three games, with the top two teams from each pool advancing to an eight-team single-elimination tournament.

The official rules of play for the Pennsylvania Passing League are available for download at www.TheSportsFlash.com/PPL. Entry forms and releases are also available for download at the web site.

A school can enter multiple teams in the tournament. The cost of the entry fee covers the cost of an official PPL tee-shirt to be worn by all competitors, referees, facility rental, and insurance. Trophies will be awarded to the winning teams as well as the Pennsylvania Passing League Most Valuable Player. A Pennsylvania Passing League All-Star team will also be selected.

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Gateway Gators 7-on-7 presented by Pennsylvania Passing League to host 16 teams

16 teams vie for PPL West Championship on Sunday, June 6 at Gateway High School

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Susquehanna Twp. to host Pennsylvania Passing League's East Division

PPL East will compete at Roscoe Warner Stadium on July 24; winner plays at Heinz Field

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HARRISBURG, PA – The U.S. Army Harrisburg Recruiting Battalion is proud to announce a partnership between the Pennsylvania Passing League (PPL) and Susquehanna Township High School for the PPL East Division tournament on July 24 at Roscoe Warner Stadium. The seven-on-seven passing tournament will feature teams from throughout eastern Pennsylvania. The PPL East champion will play the PPL West champion in an exhibition at halftime of the Pittsburgh Steelers preseason opener against the Detroit Lion on August 14 at Heinz Field. The PPL West Division will compete at Gateway High School on Sunday, June 6 and will feature 16 teams from throughout western Pennsylvania.

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Field set for PPL East Division event at Susquehanna Twp on July 24

PPL East champ will play Gateway in exhibition at halftime of Pittsburgh Steelers preseason opener

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HARRISBURG, PA – The U.S. Army Harrisburg Recruiting Battalion is proud to announce the 16-team field for the Pennsylvania Passing League's East Division on July 24 at Susquehanna Township High School. The teams will each play three pool games to determine the seeding for the 16-team single-elimination championship round. The schedule will be announced on Thursday. The PPL East champion will play the Gateway Gators, the PPL West champion, in an exhibition at halftime of the Pittsburgh Steelers preseason opener against the Detroit Lions at Heinz Field on August 14.

The PPL East Division will consist of the following teams:

- Brockway
- Coatesville
- Dallastown
- Danville Area
- Harrisburg
- Loyalsock
- Manheim Central
- Manheim Township
- Mechanicsburg
- Milton Hershey
- Northeastern
- Red Land
- Steelfton-Highspire
- Susquenita
- Susquehanna Township
- William Penn (York)

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Gateway won the PPL-West, beating Clairton in the title game, of the 16-team Gateway Gators 7-on-7 presented by the Pennsylvania Passing League. Gateway will play the PPL East champion in an exhibition at halftime of the Pittsburgh Steelers preseason opener against the Detroit Lions on Saturday, August 14.

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Manheim Township beats Coatesville for Pennsylvania Passing League East title

Manheim Twp. to play Gateway in exhibition at Heinz Field on August 14

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HARRISBURG, PA – Manheim Township earned the Pennsylvania Passing League East Division title with a 40-8 win over Coatesville in the championship game of the 16-team Northeastern Elite 7-on-7 at Susquehanna Township High School. Manheim Township handed Coatesville their only loss of the tournament in the championship game. Manheim Township went 6-0 in earning a trip to Heinz Field to play PPL West Champion Gateway in an exhibition at halftime of the Steelers preseason opener on Saturday, August 14.

Fifteen teams participated in the Pennsylvania Passing League East Division, including: Coatesville; Dallastown; Danville Area; Harrisburg; Loyalsock; Manheim Central; Manheim Township; Mechanicsburg; Milton Hershey; Northeastern; Red Land; Steelton-Highspire; Susquehanna; Susquehanna Township; and William Penn (York). Brockway had committed to play in the PPL East, but withdrew after an injury to the team's starting quarterback during practice on Friday evening.

Sixteen teams participated in the Gateway Gators 7-on-7 presented by the Pennsylvania Passing League at Gateway High School on June 6, including: Baldwin; Bethel Park; Clairton; Friendly (MD); Gateway; Greensburg Central Catholic; Montour; Penn Hills; Perry Traditional Academy; Pine Richland; Pittsburgh Central Catholic; Richland; South Allegheny; South Fayette; Trinity Area; and Valley. Gateway went 6-1 in winning the PPL West, losing only to South Fayette (12-7) in pool play. In the single-elimination championship round, the Gators opened with a 12-7 win over Bethel Park, knocked off Pittsburgh Central Catholic in the quarter-finals (19-7), and shut out Montour (12-0) in the semi-finals.

The Pennsylvania Passing League is in its first season as a seven-on-seven passing league for high school student-athletes throughout the Keystone State. In 2010, 31 teams participated in the PPL, with more than 600 student-athletes participating in the event.

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Gateway, Manheim Township to play in Pennsylvania Passing League Final

PPL East, PPL West champions will play exhibition at halftime of Steelers preseason opener

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
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HARRISBURG, PA – The U.S. Army Harrisburg Recruiting Battalion's Pennsylvania Passing League will end its inaugural season with an exhibition at halftime of the Pittsburgh Steelers preseason opener at Heinz Field against the Detroit Lions on August 14. The exhibition will feature PPL East Champion Manheim Township against PPL West Champion Gateway.

The Pennsylvania Passing League consisted of 32 teams that competed in two, 16-team tournaments. On June 6, Gateway won the PPL West with a 12-7 win over Clairton. Sixteen teams participated in the Gateway Gators 7-on-7 presented by the Pennsylvania Passing League, including: Baldwin; Bethel Park; Clairton; Friendly (MD); Gateway; Greensburg Central Catholic; Montour; Penn Hills; Perry Traditional Academy; Pine Richland; Pittsburgh Central Catholic; Richland; South Allegheny; South Fayette; Trinity Area; and Valley.

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The Pittsburgh Steelers are the fifth-oldest franchise in the National Football League, and have one of the most storied histories in professional sports. Founded and still operated by the Rooney Family, the Steelers have set the bar as winners of an unprecedented 6 Super Bowl victories.

The Steelers Youth Football programs are designed to promote the great game of football to boys and girls ages 6-18 through camps, clinics, television shows, fundraising opportunities and more. In addition, the Steelers provide coaching education to youth and high school coaches to instill proper technique and safe play.

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PPL Rules of Play & Release Forms



OFFICIAL RULES of the PENNSYLVANIA PASSING LEAGUE

- UPDATED & FINAL -

12 August 2010

1. Field Dimensions

- 1.a - Field Length – 40 Yards
- 1.b - Field Width – 160 feet (60 to the hash mark) (40 feet between the hash marks)
- 1.c - End Zone – 10 yards deep
- 1.d - On a 100-yard field, with a 40-yard field of play, this enables two games to be played at once, between the 40s is a 20-yard buffer between games.
- 1.e - The field is marked at 20-yard intervals with cones.

2. Participants/Teams

- 2.a - Pennsylvania Passing League (PPL) must receive a signed ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT and PHYSICIAN RELEASE form from each participant. The release form must be signed by the participant's parent/legal guardian and on file with the Pennsylvania Passing League. Without the signed release, participant will not be allowed to compete.

2.b - Participation is restricted to rising high school freshman through rising high school seniors. No middle school players and no players who have already graduated from their respective high school may participate in the PPL. Participants must have at least one year of high school eligibility remaining. Teams must consist of members from the same school. Select teams are not eligible to participate in the PPL.

2.b.1 – Teams with players participating in violation of Rule 2.b will be immediately disqualified from participation in the PPL without possibility of appeal.

2.b.2 – Teams with players participating in violation of Rule 2.b and have already participated in PPL games will be immediately disqualified and will forfeit all contests.

2.b.2.a – In the event of team disqualification, wins will be awarded to any team that may have lost to team that was in violation of rules 2.b, 2.b.1, and 2.b.2 and will advance in the tournament following standard tournament procedures.

2.c - Participants are not to wear football jerseys during competition. Tee-shirts, form-fitting performance athletic apparel, and sleeveless shirts are acceptable forms of clothing.

2.c.1 – Shirts are to be worn at all times during competition. No shirtless participants.

2.c.2 – Teams are asked to bring white/gray/light colored tee shirts to be worn during competition when designated as the “visiting” team. Team (i.e. school) tee-shirts are recommended as long as they conform to the proper colors for the “visiting” team.

2.c.2.a – PPL has the right to restrict any tee-shirt worn by the participant to exclude any tee-shirt that is determined to be offensive, indecent, or not conforming to the spirit of competition.

2.d - Participants must wear mouth pieces at all times during competition.

2.d.1 – First offense of not wearing mouthpiece will result in a verbal warning to player and team.

2.d.2 – Second offense of failure to wear mouthpiece during play is an automatic 1st-down, a 15-yard penalty.

2.d.3 – Third offense of failure to wear mouthpiece during play will result in immediate disqualification from competition.

2.e – Schools can enter multiple teams into the tournament.

2.e.1 – Schools with multiple teams will be designated as separate teams and will compete as separate teams with separate rosters.

2.f – Teams can have a maximum of 20 players.

2.f.1 – Seven players are on the field per team.

2.f.1.a - On each down, the offense has a center, quarterback, and five eligible receivers.

2.f.1.b – On each down, the defense has seven defenders.

3. Timing of Game

3.a – Each game will be 25 minutes long.

3.b – During competition, the clock runs continuously

3b.1 – Teams cannot call time outs.

3b.2 – If there is an injury, the games on that field will be halted and clock stopped until the injured player can be removed safely from field of play.

3.c – There will be 10-minute break between games.

3.d – PPL games start/end at the same time.

3.e – The clock will begin running at the designated start time for the game.

3.e.1 – If team(s) are late, play will begin with whatever time is remaining on the game clock, not to exceed 10 minutes.

3.e2 – Late team will forfeit game after 10 minutes have passed on the game clock.

3.g – If possible, the scoreboard at the site will be used to time all games in progress. If the scoreboard is not available for the keeping of the time, a time keeper will be designated for each game. The designated time keeper will announce the time remaining at the 10-minute, 5-minute, and 2-minute mark of each half.

3.h – The quarterback has four (4) seconds to release the football after he has gained possession of the ball. The penalty for a violation of the four (4) second release rule is detailed in Rule 5.f – 5.f.3.

3.i – Each team will have 25 seconds to snap the ball once it has been marked for play.

3.i.1 – Failure to snap the ball in the 25 seconds results in a 5-yard delay of game penalty.

3.i.2 – Two delay of game penalties on the same possession results in a turnover, but the defense will not be awarded one (1) point for a defensive hold.

4. Starting the Game

4.a There will be a coin toss to determine which team will have the first possession of the game.

4.b The ball is placed in the middle of the field at the 40-yard-line to begin play. The offense always moves in the same direction.

5. Moving the Ball

5.a All offensive plays must be forward passes. No shovel passes or tailback screens.

5.b In the PPL, a first-down is 20-yards and two (2) first-downs without a penalty would result in a touchdown for the offense.

5.c The team has four (4) downs to move the ball 20-yards for a first-down. If the offense team does not move the ball 20-yards in four downs, it is a turnover and possession will change to the defense. Teams will change possession and the next series will begin at the middle of the field on the 40-yard line.

5.d All passes must be forward. A pass can be caught behind the line-of-scrimmage, but the pass must be forward pass.

5.e After a pass is thrown forward, a lateral or a backward pass is not allowed.

5.f Once the quarterback has possession of the ball, he has four (4) seconds to release the ball.

5.f.1 – If QB releases the football in less than four (4) seconds, play continues.

5.f.2 – If QB releases the football in more than four (4) seconds the play will be blown dead. Essentially, a violation of the four (4) second rule is treated as an incomplete pass.

5.f.3 – Unsportsmanlike or other dead ball fouls can be called after a violation of the four (4) second rule, but no other subsequent penalties may be called after a violation of the four (4) second rule. No pass interference or other penalty may be called after an offense violation of the four (4) second rule.

5.g – Offense is responsible for retrieving and returning the ball to the previous spot or the new line of scrimmage. Failure to do so will result in a delay of game penalty.

5.h – Each team must have an offensive center.

5.h.a – The offensive center must snap the ball from the ground between the center's legs.

5h.a.1 – Quarterback may be under center; or

5.h.a.2 – Quarterback may be in shotgun formation.

5.h.b – The offensive center is not an eligible receiver.

5.h.c – Offensive center is responsible for setting or re-positioning the referee's bean bag at the new line of scrimmage.

5.h.d – A three-yard tackle box extends to the right, left of the center and extends three yards deep into the back field. No eligible receiver may align inside the "center" box.

5.h.d.1 – Lining up inside the "center" box is an illegal procedure penalty and the offensive team is penalized five (5) yards.

5.i – NO BLOCKING at anytime.

5.i.1 – BLOCKING is defined as the use of arms to impede defensive players.

5.i.1.a – Shielding or mirroring the defensive player is permitted

5.i.2 - Blocking will result in a dead ball at the spot of the foul.

5.j – Any false start, illegal shift, or illegal motion by the offense is a five (5) yard penalty.

6. Stopping the Ball Carrier

6.a – The receiver, ball carrier is legally down when touched with one or both hands.

6.a.1 – Excessive force by shoving, pushing, or striking a blow is a penalty, resulting in an automatic first-down at the spot of the foul.

6.a.2 – Excessive force that is flagrant and rises to the level of unsportsmanlike behavior will result in the ejection of the player from the game. Decision to eject a player is entirely at the discretion of the game official and cannot be appealed.

6.a.2.a – Any player ejected from a game will be automatically suspended for the next game.

6.a.2.b – After any ejection, tournament directors, administrators, team coach, and officials will confer to determine if ejected player should be disqualified from further participation in the tournament.

7. Offensive, Defensive Pass Interference

7.a - Defensive pass interference will be an automatic first-down at the spot of the foul.

7.b - Offensive pass interference is a 5-yard penalty and a loss of down;

7.c – Intercepted passes may be returned by the defense

7.c.1 – NO blocking rule applies to intercepted passes.

7.c.1.a – After pass is intercepted, teammates may trail the ball carrier, but may not block for the runner.

7.c.1.b – Teammates trailing the ball carrier may receive a lateral from the ball carrier.

7.c.2 – If interception is returned to the 40-yard-line (offensive origination point), then the defense has scored a touchdown. After a defensive score, the possession of the football will change as is customary after a scoring play immediately after the extra-point attempt.

7.c.3 – If interception does not result in a touchdown, then the team will be awarded three (3) points and will retain possession, with the team that intercepted the ball taking over on a change of possession with a first-down at the 40-yard-line.

8. Fumbles

8.a – Fumbles which hit the ground are dead balls at the spot of the fumble.

8.a.1 – Fumbles may only be recovered in the air before the ball hits the ground. Once the ball hits the ground, the play is dead.

8.a.1.a – If a fumble is recovered before it hits the ground, then the defense team can return the fumble. If fumble is returned to the 40-yard-line, then the defense has scored a touchdown. After a defensive score, the possession of the football will change as is customary after a scoring play immediately after the extra-point attempt.

8.a.1.b – If the fumble return does not result in a touchdown, then the team will retain possession, with the offense taking over at the 40-yard-line.

8.b – The last team in possession of the football RETAINS possession of the ball at the spot of the fumble or if it is a turnover for the defense, the ball will be spotted at the 40-yard line as a change of possession.

8.c – A muffed snap is a dead ball if the ball hits the ground. The play is ruled dead and there will be a loss of down with the offense taking the next snap at the previous line of scrimmage.

9. Scoring

9.a – Six (6) points are scored on a touchdown.

9.b – Point After Attempt is a PASSING PLAY, no kicking.

9.b.1 – One (1) point is scored on a PAT from the 5-yard-line.

9.b.2 – Two (2) points scored on a PAT from the 10-yard-line.

9.c – If a legal pass is completed to an eligible receiver and the defensive player tags the ball carrier behind the 40-yard line, it is a safety. Two points are awarded to the defensive team, and the defensive team will take possession at the 40-yard line.

9.d – A team receives one (1) point for a defensive stop that results in a turnover on downs.

9.e – Three (3) points are scored for each non-scoring interception.

9.e.1 – If interception is returned to the 40-yard-line (offensive origination point), then the defense has scored a touchdown. After a defensive score, the possession of the football will change as is customary after a scoring play immediately after the extra-point attempt.

9.e.2 – If interception does not result in a touchdown, then the team will be awarded three (3) points and will retain possession, with the team that intercepted the ball taking over on a change of possession with a first-down at the 40-yard-line.

9.f – Designated time/scorekeeper/game manager and will keep the “official” for the game will keep the “official” score of the game.

9.g – The score will be posted, announced before each offensive possession.

9.h – When score is tied at the end of regulation, an overtime period will be played to determine the winner.

9.h.1 – The team that wins a coin toss preceding the overtime period will have a choice to play offense or defense first during overtime.

9.h.1.a – If second overtime is necessary, then the team that did not win the coin toss will have the choice to play offense or defense.

9.h.2.b – Teams will alternate possession for each subsequent overtime.

9.h.2 – Football placed in the middle of the (15) yard line and has 3 downs to score.

9.h.3 – A winner is determined when one team scores during its possession and the other team does not score.

9.h.4 – Teams are required to go for two-points on all conversions in overtime.

10. Penalties/Fouls

10.a – Improper Equipment – See 2.c – 2.c.4

10.b – Mouthpieces – See 2.d – 2.d.3

10.c – Forfeiture of Game – See 3.f.2

10.d – Violation of Four-Second Rule – See 5.f – 5.f.3

10.e – Violation of 25-second clock – See 3.1 – 3.i.2

10.f – Illegal Procedure (5.j), “Center” Box Violation – See 5.h.d.1

10.g – Excessive Force when Tackling – See 6.a – 6.a.2b

10.h – Pass Interference – See 7.a – 7.c

10.i – Blocking – See 5.i – 5.i.2

10.j – Unsportsmanlike conduct, taunting, or “trash talking” will not be tolerated.

10.j.1 – First unsportsmanlike offense will result in a five (5) yard penalty;

10.j.2 – Second unsportsmanlike penalty by the same team will result in an automatic first down, and a fifteen (15) yard penalty;

10.j.2.a – After the second unsportsmanlike penalty by the same team, any subsequent penalty will result in an automatic first down and a fifteen (15) yard penalty.

10.j.3 – Third unsportsmanlike penalty committed by the same individual results in immediate ejection.

10.j.3.a – Any player ejected from a game will be automatically suspended for the next game.

10.j.3.b – After any ejection, tournament directors, administrators, team coach, and officials will confer to determine if ejected player should be disqualified from further participation in the tournament.

10.k – Fighting will not be tolerated.

10.k.1 – All players involved in a fight will be immediately ejected from the game and further participation in the PPL.

10.k.2 – In the event of a team fight, all players from both teams will be ejected and banned from further participation in the PPL.

11. Officials

11.a – The PPL officiating crew will consist of two (2) PIAA certified officials.

11.b – A designated official will keep the clock for the 4-second rule.

11.c – Officials will keep the “official” score.

11.d – If scoreboard clock is not available, the PPL site administrator will keep the official time and announced the time remaining in each half at the time intervals of 10-minutes remaining,

6-minutes remaining, and 2-minutes remaining.

12. Tournament Tiebreakers

12.a – Head to Head, Points Scored, Points Allowed will determine the pool winner or teams to advance to the championship round.

12.b – In a three-way tie, once a winner has been declared, the remaining two teams will revert back to head-to-head, points scored, points allowed to break the remaining tie.

12.c – A forfeit will be treated the same as a qualifying team in the bracket. A victory will be awarded to the teams who receive a forfeit.

12.c.1 – A forfeit will not be used to determine Head to Head, Points Scored, or Points Allowed.

12.c.2 – A bracket with a qualifying team or a forfeiting team become a three-team bracket. For example, if one team has qualified to advance and the remaining teams are tied to advance, then the results against the qualifying team are tossed out, then the remaining teams are matched up Head to Head, Points Scored, or Points Allowed to determine the team that advances.



**Pennsylvania Passing League
Tournament Registration**

High School: _____

Team Name: _____

Teams must provide their own “road” tee-shirts that are gray or white in color. For the “home” team, PPL will provide you with a “home” team tee-shirt to be worn when you’re designated as the “home” team. Please select ONE tee-shirt color for your “home” team tee-shirt:

RED - NAVY - KELLY GREEN - ORANGE

Coach: _____

Coach Cell: _____ **Coach Fax:** _____

Coach E-Mail: _____

Team Members (Please Print Names):

1. _____ Tee-Shirt Size: S M L XL

2. _____ Tee-Shirt Size: S M L XL

3. _____ Tee-Shirt Size: S M L XL

4. _____ Tee-Shirt Size: S M L XL

5. _____ Tee-Shirt Size: S M L XL

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12. _____ Tee-Shirt Size: S M L XL

Registration Fee: \$20.00 per player. A team must have a minimum of 10 players to participate in the Pennsylvania Passing League, with a maximum of 12 players.

Registration fee must be received before any team participates in the tournament. To confirm your registration, please mail your check or money order to the following address:

**TSF Radio Network
Attn: Pennsylvania Passing League
1516 Lytell Johnes Path
Williamston, MI 48895**

Make Checks Payable to: TSF Radio Network.

In addition to the registration fee, all participants in the Pennsylvania Passing League must submit the following information:

- (a) Assumption of Risk & Physician Release Agreement;**
- (b) Release of Liability; and**
- (c) Signed Code of Conduct for Participants.**

If you have any questions, please contact "The Sports Flash" Radio Network's Mike Sinnott at (517) 927-4570 or e-mail us at ArmySTRONG.PA@TheSportsFlash.com.



**Pennsylvania Passing League
Assumption of Risk Agreement
Physician Release**

I, the undersigned parent/legal guardian of _____ authorize said child's full participation in the Pennsylvania Passing League, including all related activities. It is my understanding that participation in activities that make up the Pennsylvania Passing League is not without some inherent risk of injury. As such, in consideration of my child's participation in the Pennsylvania Passing League, I covenant not to sue the league, its' financial sponsors, TSF Radio Network, U.S. Army, (NAME OF SCHOOL WHERE EVENT IS BEING HELD), their officers, servants, agents or employees and release, waive, and discharge said parties from any and all liability, claims demands, action, and causes of action whatsoever arising out of or related to any loss, damage, or injury, including death, that may be sustained by my child, whether caused by the negligence of the releases, or otherwise while participating in such activity, or while in, or upon the premises where the activity is being conducted. I also give my permission for any emergency medical care or treatment by a physician, surgeon, hospital, or medical care facility that may be required, including transportation and accept responsibility for the cost.

Without the signature of the parent/legal guardian, the individual named above will not be allowed to participate in any Pennsylvania Passing League event.

PRINT PARTICIPANTS NAME: _____

DATE: _____

PERSONAL INSURANCE & POLICY NUMBER _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT PHONE NUMBER: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE _____

I, as a participant, agree to follow all instructions and procedures in order of maintain a maximum level of safety for myself, my teammates, and the other participants.

SIGNATURE of PARTICIPANT _____

DATE: _____



Pennsylvania Passing League Requirements for Hosting PPL Events

1. State Qualifying Events

If there is enough interest from teams in the state, the Pennsylvania Passing League will establish regional qualifying tournaments at sites throughout the state. Teams compete in the state qualifiers to advance to the state championship tournament.

We recommend that the state qualifying events include no more than 16 teams at a regional site, with no more than four regional sites: NORTH; SOUTH; EAST; WEST. The top four teams will advance to a 16-team state championship event.

If the interest in the PPL exceeds 64 teams, then we will consider revising the format and structure of the PPL qualifying events and the state tournament format.

With enough teams participating in the Pennsylvania Passing League, we will establish regional qualifying tournaments, with teams advancing from those events to a state championship event.

2. Fields

Pennsylvania Passing League games can be played on either field-turf or natural grass surfaces. This should help expand the number of available fields for each tournament site.

To host a sixteen-team tournament, two (2) 100-yard fields are needed, which enables four games to be played simultaneously. The fields are marked with two cones at the 45-yard line, 30-yard-line, 15-yard-line, goal-line, and end-line. For a sixteen-team tournament, you will need 40 cones. Orange is the preferable cone color, so that it is easily recognizable to the competitors and officials.

For larger tournaments, of course, more cones will be required. The rule of thumb is 10 cones per field, so with six fields, you'll need 60 cones and so forth.

We would recommend setting up a practice area where teams could warm up for the event. This need not necessarily be a large area, but an area where players can warm up before playing.

In addition, your stadium will need lights and the ability to turn on the lights should the event run late. The event is designed to be played without lights, during the day, but should the event run late due to unforeseen circumstances, we do need the option of finishing the event under the lights.

3. Registration Table

A registration table is necessary at each tournament site. Participating teams are required to check-in at the registration table before the start of the tournament. Teams are required to submit their rosters and liability releases before the start of the tournament to participate. At registration, the rosters are checked against the signed releases. At that time, the teams are given their "visiting" teams PPL tee-shirts.

Before the start of the team's first-game of the tournament, a roster roll-call will be given for each game. This is to ensure that all of those participating have signed the required releases to participate in the tournament.

In addition, teams will be given a bracket with field designations and pool play schedule at registration.

All team fees should be paid before the start of the tournament, so there is no need for money to be collected at the tournament site.

The registration table should be manned by 2-4 people, depending upon the number of participating teams.

4. Concessions

An operating concession stand is not a requirement to host the event, but it is strongly recommended. A concession stand that serves a variety of food items throughout the day would be a good fundraising opportunity for your booster club.

We would even recommend a concession stand operation throughout the day that would be able to serve coffee, pastries in the morning with typical concession stand type fare throughout the remainder of the day, including hot dogs, hamburgers, etc. This is a tremendous fundraising opportunity for your booster club. The host school's booster club will keep all revenue generated from the concession stand.

5. Restroom Facilities

Restroom facilities must be available to the public. The PPL prefers a site that has access to permanent restroom facilities during the tournament, but temporary restroom facilities can be used, when absolutely necessary. The PPL anticipates that each tournament site will require custodial services to clean up the facilities after the event. PPL agrees to pay the cost for the custodial services as long as the payment terms are agreed to prior to the event.

If restroom facilities are not easily accessible, we recommend one portable toilet per field.

6. Field House

We prefer a site with access to a field house. We would restrict field house access to authorized personnel only (tournament management, game officials) and would restrict access based on your requirements.

7. Public Address System

To ensure communication with all participants, access to a public address system is required. The PA system will be used to communicate to all teams, participants at the event.

8. Scoreboard

The main scoreboard will be used as the main clock for all games. All tournament games must begin at the same time on all fields. Based on the official PPL rules, the clock will run to indicate the timing of the games, half-time, and the time between games. The public address system will announce time intervals at the 10, 5, and 2 minute mark of each half.

If the secondary fields are not within visual range of the scoreboard or audible range of the public address system, then the time and score will need to be kept separately at those fields. The timing of the game will be kept on a stop watch at the secondary field and a megaphone will be used to announce the time intervals of 10, 5, and 2 during each half. An air horn will be used to start and end each half and each game.

9. Trainers

PPL is committed to ensuring the safety of all of the competitors. Each PPL event should be staffed with certified trainers and/or emergency medical first responders who can address any injuries that occur during competition. If possible, we prefer that the medical staff have access to the athletic training facilities at each event. The trainers and first responders are responsible for responding to injuries incurred during competition. Individual teams are responsible for their own training needs such as ankle taping, etc.

10. Officials

In an effort to encourage fair play and sportsmanship among the competitors, we will require only one official per field per game. The competitors are expected to honor the game and their fellow competitors by playing the game in a sporting manner as detailed in the PPL rules. We will work with the schools to schedule the officials for each game. The PPL will pay \$15 per official per game. PPL will be responsible for paying the game officials.

11. Field Manager, Game Manager

Each field will have a field manager, an individual responsible for ensuring the timely flow of the teams on and off the field. The field manager will be responsible for the timing of the event and the proper reporting, recording of the game score. The field manager must also be familiar with the PPL Official Rules to assist the official with any questions that may arise in regards to the rules of play.

12. Water Coolers

Hydration is a key element in ensuring that the competitors remain healthy during the competition. The host site is responsible for providing the competitors with a source of clean, fresh water. We recommend making water available throughout the facility at clearly marked areas. In addition, each field of play should have two water coolers filled with cups and cups. The coolers need to be checked and filled periodically throughout the competition as necessary. For a 16-team tournament, with two fields of play, eight water coolers are needed.

13. Trash Cans

Each field of play should have at least one trash can available for cups, tape, and other trash items. Although the players will be responsible for cleaning up after themselves during competition and at the end of the day, the PPL again will assume any custodial fees necessary for the cleanup of the facility after the event.

14. Game Balls

The host site is responsible for providing the game balls for competition. For a 16-team tournament, with two fields, that means four games will be played at the same time, requiring four game balls. Teams can use their own game balls if the game balls are regulation size and in good condition.

The official game ball must meet National Federation of State High School Association standards. An example of an acceptable football for competition is the Wilson F1716 TDS composite leather high school football. The ball is approved by the NFHS.

The host site is not responsible for providing teams with balls for warming up in the practice area. Teams should bring their own footballs for this purpose.

List of requirements to host a Pennsylvania Passing League event:

- (1) For a 16-team tournament, two (2) 100-yard fields, which enables four games to be played simultaneously.
- (2) Registration Table and/or Registration Tent (staffed by 2-4)
- (3) Concessions (Booster Club Fundraiser)
- (4) Restroom Facilities (Access for public/competitors)
- (5) Access to Field House (Restricted Access to Tournament Staff, Game Officials)
- (6) Public Address System
- (7) Training Staff - Medical First Responder (2)
- (8) Officials – One official per game for 31 games with a 16-team tournament
- (9) Field Managers and/or Game Managers (4)
- (10) Eight water coolers for a 16-team tournament on two fields.
- (11) Four trash cans minimum or one for each field of play in a 16-team tournament.
- (14) Four to eight NFHS approved game balls.
- (15) Orange cones not less than 40 for a sixteen-team tournament
- (16) Eight stop watches, two for each field of play in a 16-team tournament.

If you have any questions about hosting a PPL event at your school, please contact "The Sports Flash" Radio Network's Mike Sinnott at (517) 927-4570.



Host Site Application

Name of School: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Contact: _____

Cell Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Name of Facility: _____

Facility Address (if different from school address): _____

Will the PPL have access to the following during the event:

- Two (2) 100-yard fields	_____ Yes	_____ No
- One (1) 100-yard field (artificial surface)	_____ Yes	_____ No
-Registration Table	_____ Yes	_____ No
-Field House	_____ Yes	_____ No
-Restrooms	_____ Yes	_____ No
-Concessions	_____ Yes	_____ No
-Public Address System	_____ Yes	_____ No
-Scoreboard	_____ Yes	_____ No
-Stadium Lights	_____ Yes	_____ No
-Is there a facility rental fee?	_____ Yes _____ No	

If YES, then how much is the rental fee? _____

Does another individual or organization (i.e. principal, athletic director, or school board) need to approve the use of the facility? _____ Yes _____ No

If YES, then which organization must approve facility use? _____

Briefly describe the approval process: _____

Are there other fees associated with facility rental? _____ Yes _____ No

If YES, then please describe: _____

Will you have staff/volunteers to assist in tournament management? ____ Yes ____ No

If YES, how many for each of the following may you have available:

-Field Managers/Game Managers _____

-Registration Staff _____

-Concessions _____

-Trainers _____

-Medical First Responder _____

If YES, how many do you anticipate assisting during the tournament? _____

Are you capable of providing the following at the event?

-Water Coolers (8) ____ Yes ____ No

-Trash Cans (4) ____ Yes ____ No

-Game Balls (8) ____ Yes ____ No

-Stopwatches (8) ____ Yes ____ No

In the space below, please provide us with any information that is relevant to your application to host a PPL event:

If you have any questions, please contact "The Sports Flash" Radio Network's Mike Sinnott at (517) 927-4570. Please submit your complete application by mail, fax, or e-mail to the following:

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