

PIAA DISTRICT XI FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS
presented by St. Luke's University Health Network
2026

DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP PLAY DATES:

November 5, 6, or 7	2A & 5A Semifinals 3A, 4A, & 6A Quarterfinals 1A DXI Semifinals or DII/DXI Subregion Semifinals
November 12, 13, or 14	2A & 5A Championship Finals 3A, 4A, & 6A Semifinals 1A DXI Championship Final or DII/DXI Subregion Final**
November 19, 20, or 21	3A, 4A, & 6A Championship Final

**In the 1A Bracket ONLY, if exactly two District XI teams and/or two District II teams qualify for the Semifinal Round, teams from the same District will play each other for their respective District Championship regardless of seed and those winners will meet the following week to determine who enters the State Tournament. Bracketing for all other qualifier scenarios in 1A will be based on straight power ranking.

Game dates / times will be determined by the District XI Football Chairperson. Any potential school/facility related conflict with game dates or times must be communicated to the District XI Football Chairman by **Monday, October 12, 2026**.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE PERSON IN CHARGE OF CHAMPIONSHIP:

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METHOD OF SEEDING & BRACKETING

- A. Only games scheduled **prior** to the beginning of the football season will be considered.
- B. It is expected that all schools that qualify for the playoffs will participate. Schools who do not wish to participate will be expected to notify, in writing, the District XI Football Chairperson by **Monday, October 12, 2026**.
- C. Entry of a team into the Football Playoffs/Championships signifies that the member schools accept the conditions and provisions that are described below. Furthermore, a member school accepts the fact that the PIAA District XI Committee reserves the right to make changes in the management, schedule, location of game sites, and operation of the District XI Football Playoffs if, in their judgment, it becomes necessary to do so.
- D. 3A, 4A, & 6A Tournament
 - a. Top 8 District XI Teams Qualify.
 - b. Tournament play will be a standard 8 team bracket with 1v8, 2v7, 3v6, 4v5 seeding.
- E. 1A Tournament (Subregion with District II)
 - a. Top 4 Teams Qualify regardless of District using the District XI Power Rating System.
 - b. Tournament play will be a standard 4 team bracket with 1v4, 2v3 seeding. The only exception is if exactly 2 qualifiers are from District XI and 2 qualifiers are from District II. See ** scenario above.
 - c. A consolation final will NOT be played to determine the District XI Champion. The District XI Team that advances the furthest in the sub-regional tournament will be the District XI Champion.
- F. 2A & 5A Tournament
 - a. 4 District XI teams qualify in each class

- b. Tournament play will be a standard 4 team bracket with 1v4, 2v3
- G. The District XI Power Rating System will be used to seed teams in ALL Classifications. Tournament Brackets and times will be posted by NOON on **Sunday, November 1, 2026** on the District XI website.
- H. All classes will utilize the PIAA District XI Power Rating System detailed in the District XI Power Rating section of the website.

GAME LOCATIONS: All Quarterfinal & Semifinal Games will be played on the home field of the higher-seeded team. All Championship Final Games will be held at a neutral site to be determined by PIAA District XI. For the **2026** Season, the 1A Sub-Regional Championship Final will be contested at the site of the higher seeded team if NOT a District XI vs. District XI Final. An all-District XI 1A Final will be contested at a neutral site. The HIGHER seeded team will be the HOME Team and should wear their DARK jersey throughout the tournament. The LOWER seeded team will be the VISITING Team and should wear their WHITE jerseys throughout the tournament. The higher seeded team will be the home team, regardless of their position in the bracket.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

A. OFFICIAL GAME BALL

- a. The official game ball of the PIAA District XI Football Playoffs is the Wilson GST-WTF1003. Each participating school will be required to use the PIAA-provided Wilson GST-WTF1003 Football and/or the participating school-provided Wilson GST1003 Footballs or the Wilson GST Prime for the duration of the PIAA District XI playoffs.
- b. Each qualifying team will receive one game ball at the beginning of the playoffs. Each winning team will receive another game ball at the conclusion of the contest played.

B. Bands

- a. Procedures for pre and half-time activities will be determined by the participating schools with the approval of the District XI Committee's Game Manager.
- b. School bands are prohibited from performing at PIAA District and Inter-District Championship contests whenever the opposing schools football team is in a scrimmage or scrimmage kick formation.
- c. Principals are requested to inform the Band Director of their school's band concerning the procedures and policies described above.

C. Ball Holders

- a. Each team will be responsible for providing two (2) ball holders (twelve (12) years of age or older) with a sufficient supply of drying towels for use by the crew of Officials working the contest, first round to final, inclusive. They will remain with the chain crew.

D. Exchange of Contest Film

- a. The Principal, Athletic Director, or Head Coach of each school participating in each round of the District XI / PIAA Football championships should arrange to exchange via HUDL with their opponent school, recordings of at least the two (2) most recent football contests played by that school.
- b. If disputes or disagreements occur, the Principal can request that the District XI Chairman, or the District XI Chairman's designee, review the matter provided that the Principal contacts the District XI Chairman, or the District XI Chairman's designee, a minimum of four (4) days prior to the date of the contest.

IMPORTANT FOOTBALL DATES:

PIAA First Round Date(s)	November 20 & 21, 2026
PIAA Quarterfinal Round Date(s)	November 27 & 28, 2026
PIAA Semifinal Round Date(s)	December 4 & 5, 2026
PIAA Championship Round Date(s)	December 10, 11, & 12, 2026