Purpose: The Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association (DIAA) was established in 2002. The DIAA’s purpose is to preserve and promote the educational significance of interscholastic athletics; ensure that interscholastic sports remains compatible with the educational mission of the member schools; provide for fair competition between member schools; promote sportsmanship and ethical behavior; establish and enforce standards of conduct for athletes, coaches, administrators, officials and spectators; protect the physical well-being of athletes; and promote healthy adolescent lifestyles.

The General Assembly intends for the DIAA to work in consultation and cooperation with the Delaware Department of Education (DOE) to implement this charge.

Rules and Regulations: The DIAA, in consultation and cooperation with the DOE, develops rules and regulations relating to secondary and middle school interscholastic athletics for all Delaware public schools, and such Delaware private schools that elect to become members of DIAA.

The following changes were made to the regulations during 2020:

- In 14 Del. Admin. C. § 1006-1.2, the terms “legally in attendance” and “school day” were stricken from the definitions section because the terms did not appear in the body of the regulation;
- In 14 Del. Admin. C. § 1006-9.0, changes were made to clarify existing rules of practice and procedure concerning waiver requests and to create a panel of Board members to conduct hearings;
- Three defined terms were added to 14 Del. Admin. C. § 1008-1.1 and six defined terms were added to 14 Del. Admin. C. § 1009-1.1;
- Subsection 1.2.1.2 was added to 14 Del. Admin. C. §§ 1008 and 1009 to clarify that the playing rules of the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) and US Lacrosse are adopted, except as modified by the DIAA Board of Directors, for girls’ lacrosse;
- Subsection 1.4 in 14 Del. Admin. C. §§ 1008 and 1009 was amended to clarify that DIAA may consider an appeal for a forfeit of a game that is not played but it does not resolve contractual disputes;
- Subsection 1.5.7 was added to 14 Del. Admin. C. §§ 1008 and 1009, which limits teams to three scrimmages and play days total on three competition dates each season;
- 14 Del. Admin. C. § 1008-2.2.1.4 and 14 Del. Admin. C. §1009-2.2.1.5 were revised to be consistent with 14 Del. C. § 607;
- Subsection 8.3.1 was amended in 14 Del. Admin. C. §§ 1008 and 1009 to add the requirement that officials complete the NFHS’ “Concussion in Sports” course every two years;
- The fees for officiating regular season contests and competitions were amended (14 Del. Admin. Code §§ 1008 and 1009-8.4.1);
- Section 9.0 of 14 Del. Admin. C. §§ 1008 and 1009 was amended to increase the aggregate retail value of permissible awards;
- Unified sports were added to 14 Del. Admin. C. § 1009;
- Nonsubstantive changes to correct technical errors were made throughout 14 Del. Admin. C. §§ 1008 and 1009;

- 14 Del. Admin. C. § 1010 was adopted as an emergency regulation to protect the physical well-being of student athletes and promote healthy adolescent lifestyles during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

- 14 Del. Admin. C. § 1011 replaced the emergency regulation (14 Del. Admin. C. § 1010). The regulation includes pre-participation physical examination requirements, addresses when interscholastic athletic activities are suspended, provides four Return to Play Stages, specifies the dates for fall, winter and spring sport seasons during the 2020-2021 school year, and sets forth the sports specific requirements that are designed to protect the physical well-being of student athletes during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Links to the regulations are available on the DIAA website at: https://www.doe.k12.de.us/Page/1670 and Regulation 1011 is available on the DIAA website at: https://www.doe.k12.de.us/Page/4227.

In accordance with the requirements of 14 Del. C. § 303(b), DIAA has not approved a regulation that denies a student the right to try out for, practice with, or participate in games on a non-school team similar to the school team on which the student is a member with the authorized written consent of the student’s parent, custodian or guardian.

**Duties, Powers and Authority:** The DIAA has the authority to establish annual dues for its members, establish standing committees, monitor and interpret its rules and regulations, investigate violations to its regulations, conduct hearings and take action on requests for a waiver of the rules and regulations and establish fees for officiating contests and competitions.

**Membership & Participation:** Membership in DIAA continues to prove to be a worthwhile investment for Delaware schools. DIAA’s education-based interscholastic athletics mission is in harmony with the mission of its member schools. When DIAA was formed in July of 2002, it had 71 members consisting of 48 high schools and 23 middle schools. For the 2020-21 school year, membership in DIAA now stands at 117 – 62 high schools and 55 middle schools. DIAA lost a member school due to school closure in June 2020, lost 1 member school which opted not to renew their DIAA membership and 3 member schools opted not to offer interscholastic sports for the 2020-2021 school year.

Participation in interscholastic athletics represents an important part of the educational experience of Delaware middle and high school students. During the 2019-2020 school year, 28,909 students participated in interscholastic athletics at the high school level. Interscholastic athletics represents the single largest extracurricular activity at DIAA member schools. This includes 16,076 males and 12,833 females (includes non-sponsored sport participation). The rate of participation by females stands at 44% and 56% by males. Participation in interscholastic athletics is judged by many educators to be a prime motivator for many students to stay in school, achieve academic success and learn life skills.

Boys’ and girls’ soccer are the male and female sports with the largest participation with 1944 boys and 1613 girls participating in the sport of soccer. Football remains the male sport with the greatest number of male participants at 2,784. Girls’ volleyball is the girls’ sport with the greatest number of participants
at 1,550. The full listing of participants by sport and gender and the number of schools sponsoring at least one team in that sport is shown below.

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*DIAA Non-Recognized Sport

**National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Membership:** DIAA has been a member of the NFHS since it was created in 2002. The NFHS serves its member associations, related professional organizations, and students by providing leadership for the administration of education-based interscholastic activities that support academic achievement, good citizenship and equitable opportunities. NFHS is the nationally recognized expert in the area of writing the playing rules for most interscholastic sports and it is recognized as the leader in research and policy advocacy in the area of sport safety for interscholastic athletes.
Meetings of the Association: The DIAA Board of Directors meetings are scheduled for the second Thursday of each month. The one exception is the Annual Meeting of the entire DIAA, which is held on the third Thursday of the month of January. During 2020, DIAA Board of Directors rescheduled its July meeting to the fourth Thursday to align with receiving information due to the State of Emergency and its November meeting to the first Thursday to align with State Board of Education’s meeting schedule. DIAA Board of Directors held four additional meetings in 2020 (March, June, September and October) to address and manage COVID-19 pandemic impacts to interscholastic athletics. Agendas and minutes of all Board meetings are posted on the State of Delaware Public Meeting Calendar (https://publicmeetings.delaware.gov/) and the DIAA web page (https://www.doe.k12.de.us/domain/350).

Composition of the DIAA Board/Staff: The DIAA Board consists of 19 voting members and one non-voting member as follows:

1) Two school district superintendents / assistant superintendents who shall be residents of different counties.
2) Three representatives of school district boards of education who shall be residents of different counties.
3) Three public school principals/assistant principals, one of which shall be from each county.
4) Two public school athletic directors/coaches who shall be from different counties.
5) Two non-public representatives of which one shall be a secondary school administrator and one shall either be a secondary school athletic director or coach.
6) One Department of Education representative, who shall be a nonvoting member.
7) Six public members of which two shall be from each county
8) One DE certified physician who shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

The Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, appoints all voting members.

During the 2020 year, there have been no replacements or new appointments to the Board. All board members with expiring terms have been held over until their replacement is named or they are reappointed. The following Board members’ terms have expired: 2018 – Dr. Kevin Fitzgerald; 2019 – Robert Cilento, Dr. Matt Donovan, Jeremy Jeanne, Vetra Evans-Gunter, Dr. Bradley Layfield, Stan Waterman, and Robert Watson; 2020 – Dr. Evelyn Edney, Mike Hart, Douglas Thompson, and Bruce Harris. There are two vacant positions on the Board - a superintendent position, which became vacant in 2018, and a Kent County public member position, which became vacant 2019. The Board re-elected Dr. Layfield as the Board’s Chairperson and Dr. Donovan as the Board’s Vice Chairperson.
The current DIAA Board of Directors:

**DIAA Board of Directors, 2020-21 School Year**

**OFFICERS**
Chairperson – Dr. Bradley Layfield/ Vice Chairperson – Matthew Donovan

**PUBLIC SCHOOL MEMBERS**

**NEW CASTLE COUNTY**

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<td>W.T. [Ted] Laws</td>
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<td>Dr. Kevin Fitzgerald</td>
<td>Superintendent, Caesar Rodney School District</td>
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<td>Vetra Evans-Gunter</td>
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<td>Dr. Bradley Layfield</td>
<td>Principal, Sussex Central High School</td>
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<td>Bob Cilento</td>
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<td>Dean, Sanford School</td>
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<td>Mike Hart</td>
<td>Athletic Director (Emeritus), Salesianum School</td>
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**PUBLIC MEMBERS**

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**MEDICAL MEMBER**

Dr. Bradley Bley (Indefinite)

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

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<td>Mr. Michael Rodriguez</td>
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In January 2020, the DIAA Staff consisted of Ms. Donna Polk, Coordinator of Interscholastic Athletics, Ms. Amoscita Rodriguez, Administrative Secretary, and Mr. Kevin Charles, DIAA Consultant. On February 2, 2020, Ms. Donna Polk was hired as DIAA’s Executive Director. Mr. Charles ended his services in April 2020. DIAA hired Ms. Stephanie Mark as DIAA Coordinator of Athletics in June 2020. Associate Secretary of Education Michael Rodriguez is the Department of Education representative on the Board and provides administrative oversight of DIAA staff on behalf of the Department of Education. Laura Makransky, Deputy Attorney General, is assigned to represent the Board.

DIAA has experienced staff turnover over the last year and half but continues to be a resource for member schools.
**DIAA Office Location:** The DIAA office is located at the John W. Collette Education Resource Center in Enterprise Business Park, 35 Commerce Way, Suite 1, Dover, DE 19904. The DIAA Main office phone number is (302) 857-3365.

**Standing Committees:** The DIAA has a total of 24 committees. Approximately 300 volunteers, without whom DIAA could not accomplish its mission, staff these committees. There are standing committees for Rules and Regulations, Sportmanship, Officials, Unified Sports and Sports Medicine as well as 17 sport specific committees. These standing committees operate under the Freedom of Information Act. There were two standing committees and a subcommittee added during 2020, Student-Athlete Development Committee and Scheduling Committee and Student-Athlete Advisory Subcommittee. The Student-Athlete Development Committee was formed to coordinate education and training for student-athletes in the areas of academic achievement, leadership development, career development and community service. The Student-Athlete Advisory Subcommittee was formed to provide a voice for student-athletes participating in DIAA sponsored programs and provide insight on the student-athlete experience. The Scheduling Committee will provide support to the DIAA office developing annual season sport date calendar, championship calendar and reclassification schedule.

The committees and their chairs are as follows:

- Sports Medicine Advisory Committee- Dr. Michael Axe
- Rules and Regulations Committee-Matt Donovan
- Sportmanship Committee- Bradley Layfield
- Officials Committee- Chris Muscara
- Unified Sports – Jon Buzby
- Student-Athlete Development Committee and Student-Athlete Advisory Subcommittee – Chairs TBD
- Scheduling - TBD
- Cross Country Committee- George Pepper
- Field Hockey Committee- Sharyn Wingate
- Football Committee- James Comegys
- Boys’ Soccer Committee- Bob Bussiere
- Girls’ Volleyball Committee- Nancy Griskowitz
- Boys’ Basketball Committee- Brian Fahey
- Girls’ Basketball Committee- Ruth Lajoie
- Swimming and Diving Committee- Mike Hart
- Track & Field Committee- Charlie Pollard
- Wrestling Committee- Buddy Lloyd
- Baseball Committee- Mike Hart
- Softball Committee- Greg Shivery
- Tennis Committee- John Taylor
- Golf Committee – Kathy Franklin
- Boys’ Lacrosse Committee- Vacant
- Girls’ Lacrosse Committee- Debbie Windett
- Girls’ Soccer Committee- Robert Beron
The major function of the sport committees includes the management of the DIAA state tournaments resulting in 32 State Championship titles awarded in 16 boys’, 13 girls’ and 3 Unified sports. Other functions include informing the DIAA Board of Directors of issues affecting each sport and related sports projects.

**Rules Interpreters:** DIAA appoints rules interpreters to assist member schools, coaches and officials in the proper interpretation and application of playing rules. The 2020 DIAA rules interpreters were:

- Baseball- Tom Disharoon
- Basketball- Layne Drexel
- Field Hockey- Vicki Rhodes
- Football- Andy Bero
- Golf- DSGA Staff
- Lacrosse, Boys’ - JP Bennett
- Lacrosse, Girls’ – Jill Fitzcharles
- Soccer- John Brady
- Softball- Diane Carden
- Swimming/Diving- Kent Steeves
- Tennis- vacant
- Track and Field/Cross Country- Ralph Heiss
- Volleyball- Kelly Callahan
- Wrestling- Joe Lobozzo
- Unified Football – Brian Contini

**Secondary Interscholastic Athletic Fund:** The primary source of revenue used to support DIAA is derived through ticket sales at state championship events (~85%). A special fund has been created at the Department of Education to receive and track revenue of the organization. All membership dues, sponsorship funds and revenues from DIAA championships are deposited into this account. The account is administered under the State of Delaware Accounting System (DFMS) in cooperation with the DOE Financial Office. DIAA’s lost revenue from the cancellation of 2020 winter basketball semifinals and finals and 2020 spring sports was $222,000. The cancellation of sports was due to the State of Emergency COVID-19 public health pandemic. DIAA estimates $200,000 in revenue was lost due to the State of Emergency COVID-19 public health pandemic from 2020 fall state championships. The revenue lost remains a major concern, as the available cash balance for DIAA to operate will be impacted. DIAA may need financial support for basic operations during the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

**Waiver Requests:** During calendar year 2020, the DIAA Board of Directors heard thirty-seven requests for waivers of their regulations. The Board approved all thirty-seven. Twenty-two of the thirty-seven waivers were temporary waivers granted by the Executive Director and approved by the Board.
Significant Initiatives and Events in 2020:

Managing Sports during the COVID-19 Health Pandemic – DIAA, in consultation with the State, Division of Public Health and DIAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee (DSMAC), provided mitigating strategies for member schools via the creation of Regulations 1010 and 1011. These resources assisted member schools during the 2020 fall sports season with managing interscholastic athletic activities. DIAA monitored member school activity through the use of surveys to gather needed information to determine successes and improvement areas. During the 2020 fall sports season, 75 games were cancelled for COVID-19-related reasons. This is about 5-6% of total games completed during the 2020 fall season from five different sports (boys’ soccer, cross country, field hockey, football and volleyball). DIAA completed the fall season with fall championships concluding December 19th. Winter sports practices started November 30th with competition halting on December 14th due to the State’s orders. DIAA will continue to collaborate with the State, DPH, and SMAC regarding 2020-21 winter sports and 2021 spring sports.

Unified Sports - DIAA continued its relationship with Special Olympics Delaware (SODE) for the seventh year. With the continued partnership, DIAA and SODE work closely to offer unified football, basketball and track programs.

Student Leadership Conferences - The NFHS sponsored a Virtual National Student Leadership Summit July 20th to 22nd. The summit was free to students and adult leaders. DIAA member schools registered over 100 students who attended the summit. The 2020 summit was held virtually due to the impacts of the COVID-19 health pandemic. The goal of the summit was to employ a “train the trainers” approach to instructing the DIAA representatives on topics such as leadership, team unity, sportsmanship, character and responsible use of social media. The DIAA team was then to share what they learned at the DIAA State Student Leadership Conference.

The 2020 DIAA Student Leadership Conference, which was scheduled to be held in August, was cancelled. The cost of the conference and safety precautions due to COVID-19 were the deciding factors to cancel the annual conference.

Legislative Action - DIAA was scheduled for review by the Joint Legislative Oversight and Sunset Committee during 2020. The scheduled presentation March 2020 was postponed due to the COVID-19 public health pandemic.

NFHS Network - DIAA continues to be a part of the NFHS Network. The Network is a partnership between the NFHS, NFHS state associations and PlayOn Sports. The Network web streams state championship games on the internet for a fee. Locally, 302 Sports has been contracted as the production company for all DIAA Tournament events.

Scholarship - The winners of the 2020 DIAA/Harry Roberts Senior Scholar-Athlete awards are listed below. The award is named in recognition and memory of Dr. Harry Roberts, former Superintendent of the Caesar Rodney School District who served DIAA on several committees, most notably as Chair of the DIAA Sportsmanship Committee for many years. The awards are presented annually by the DIAA based on a student’s academic, athletic and leadership achievements.
Females
First   ($2,000)    Katelyn Craft, Tower Hill School
Second  ($1,500)  Mara Abigail Agapito, Delmarva Christian High School
Third   ($1,000)   Kaylee Hall, Indian River High School

Males
First   ($2,000)    Sean Beberman, Tower Hill School
Second  ($1,500)  Andrew Workman, Delmarva Christian High School
Third   ($1,000)   Weston Marshall, Delaware Valley Classical School

**State Championships** - During calendar year 2020 the following schools won DIAA state championships in the sports as listed:

**Winter**
- **Indoor Track and Field**
  - Boys: Salesianum School
  - Girls: Padua Academy
- **Dual Team Wrestling**
  - Division I: Smyrna High School
  - Division II: Caravel Academy
- **Swimming and Diving**
  - Boys: Salesianum School
  - Girls: Tower Hill School
- **Basketball**
  - *Tournament Cancelled – COVID-19 no champion crowned*
  - Boys – awarded plaques (Sanford, Appo, St. Andrews, Dover)
  - Girls – awarded plaques (Conrad, St. Elizabeth, Cape, Sanford)
  - Unified - awarded co-champions (Dover, Caesar Rodney)

**Spring** - No Springs Sports COVID-19

**Fall**
- **Cross Country:**
  - Division I Boys: Cape Henlopen High School
  - Division I Girls: Padua Academy
  - Division II Boys: Tatnall School
  - Division II Girls: Ursuline Academy
- **Boys’ Soccer**
  - Division I: Appoquinimink High School
  - Division II: Indian River High School
- **Field Hockey**
  - Division I: Cape Henlopen High School
  - Division II: Delmar High School
- **Volleyball**
  - Girls: St. Mark’s High School
- **Football**
  - Division I: Sussex Central High School
  - Division II: Howard Vo-Tech High School
  - Unified: Dover High School

Individual champions were crowned in indoor track, individual wrestling, swimming and diving, and cross-country. Twenty team titles were awarded by DIAA in 2020. Fifteen different schools won at least one team state championship. The Henlopen Athletic Conference won the most team titles at six. A complete listing of team champions can be found at [https://www.doe.k12.de.us/](https://www.doe.k12.de.us/). Select “DIAA”, then “Sports”. 

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Sportsmanship - DIAA offers an annual statewide award in sportsmanship. The member schools compete against a set of ten standards, not against other schools. Member schools submit an extensive portfolio that is judged by the Sportsmanship Committee to determine if each school has successfully met the standards. The award is named in honor of former DSSAA Executive Director Dale Famer. The sixteen winning schools are listed below. Thirty-five different member schools have now won this Award at least once in the twenty-three year history of the Award.

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Partnerships and Outreach:

In 2020, the DIAA partnered with Delaware based Marketing Special Promotions (MSP) to provide championship apparel for students and spectators of DIAA State Championship events. As part of the MSP agreement, tee shirts for the Student Leadership Conference are donated by MSP.

DIAA collaborated with the Delaware Chapter of the American Lung Association in a $5,000 grant to promote a message of anti-tobacco use and healthy adolescent lifestyles. The message was delivered via public service announcements, program ads and scoreboard messages at all DIAA State Championship tournaments.

DIAA had sponsorship agreements with Wilson (football, basketball, baseball, soccer, and tennis) and Spalding/Dudley (volleyball and softball) to provide game balls at no expense to DIAA for DIAA state championship events.

DIAA partnered with the Mid-Atlantic Milk Marketing Agency via their “REFUEL, got Chocolate Milk” campaign.

DIAA worked in cooperation with the University of Delaware to host DIAA state championship tournament games. The University hosted swimming during winter 2020.


Killens Pond State Park hosted the cross-country championship meet.
**Fiscal Concerns** - State tournament revenue is the primary source of income for DIAA. Due to the COVID-19 public health pandemic, state tournament attendance declined due to spectator limits allowed. There is concern for the available cash balance for FY 2021 and 2022.

**Budget** - The DIAA Board of Directors established a FY20 budget of $950,000. DIAA does not receive appropriations from the General Fund so they are authorized to carry over revenues. Because the organization does not receive start up funds, it must rely on carry over funds for operational expenses in the next fiscal year. DIAA ended FY19 with a loss of $186,540. The Board has established a goal of 50% of the annual budget to be kept in reserve for carry over funds. The FY20 carry over balance exceeded that goal; however, the concern FY21 and beyond will not meet the goal due to impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Representation on National Committees** - DIAA and our member schools continue to support and provide expertise to NFHS national committees. With the exception of the Football Rules Committee, all associated expenses for participation on these Committees are paid by the NFHS.

The following Delawareans served on NFHS Committees in 2020:

- James Connor (St. Georges), National Coaches Advisory
- Layne Drexel (IAABO #11) NFHS Basketball Rules
- Robert Gilmore (Polytech), NFHS Boys Lacrosse Rules
- JP Bennett (DIAA State Interpreter), Boys Lacrosse Rules
- Andrew Bero (DIAA State Interpreter), NFHS Football Rules
- Donna Polk (DIAA), NFHS Technology Committee

If there are any questions regarding this report or any other interest in the business of DIAA, please contact me during business hours at 302-934-3166.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Bradley Layfield, Ed.D.*

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