

ARTICLE XIX
JUNIOR HIGH / MIDDLE SCHOOLS
Junior High/Middle School
7th, 8th, and 9th Grade Competition Wherever Housed)
Preamble

The entire Constitution and Bylaws, Policies and Procedures and Rules and Regulations of PIAA govern both senior and junior high/middle schools. However, this ARTICLE XIX sets forth additional provisions which apply to junior high/middle schools only.

Interscholastic competition at the junior high/middle school level of competition is intended by PIAA to be directed toward development of general athletic and sport specific skills, as well as exposing students to proper concepts of teamwork, sportsmanship, and the long term benefits to individuals of participation in athletic activities. Accordingly, playoffs and the holding of championship Contests are discouraged.

Section 1. Age.

- A. A student of a junior high/middle school wherein interscholastic athletic competition is limited to grades seven and eight is ineligible to compete in an Inter-School Practice, Scrimmage, or Contest upon attaining the age of fifteen years, with the following exceptions:
 - 1. If the age of 15 is attained on or after July 1, the student is eligible, age-wise, to compete through that school year.
 - 2. If the age of 16 is attained on or after July 1, the student is eligible, age-wise, to compete with students in the ninth grade.

- B. A student of a junior high/middle school embracing the 7th, 8th and 9th grades is ineligible to compete in an InterSchool Practice, Scrimmage, or Contest upon attaining the age of sixteen years; except, if the age of 16 is attained on or after July 1, the student is eligible, age-wise, to compete through that school year