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The PIAA recently issued a ruling regarding extended eligibility for spring sports athletes that graduated in 2020 and were also affected by the COVID-19 cancellation of PIAA's spring sports seasons.

These athletes will hereby be granted one (1) additional year of eligibility for all PIAA approved spring sports. Eligibility MUST be used the 2022 spring sports season.

This offer applies only to the spring 2022 sports season and NO athletes will be granted eligibility beyond the 2022 spring sports season.

The plan is voluntary for all PIAA member schools but has been approved by TASD and posted on the school's website.

"We are excited to offer this opportunity to our student-athletes from the Class of 2020. We wish them all success on the playing field this spring," said Tyrone Athletic Director Luke Rhoades.

Allowing voluntary participation to these students at PIAA member schools as early as April 1, 2022 is a significant move which will allow these student-athletes to reclaim their lost 2020 seasons.

"We are very appreciative and supportive of the public for input and discussion of the plan to open eligibility to 2020 graduates for voluntary workouts and activities, leading to full participation in the 2022 sports season to those who qualify," said Rhoades.

The approval of the Athletics, Health and Safety Plan by the school governing body and posting of the plan to the schools' website will allow the graduates of 2020 to begin in-season activities.

We urge everyone to "play by the rules" to keep students eligible, to promote optimal health conditions and to prevent any setbacks that may jeopardize the starting of spring sports. Good luck to all our spring sports athletes!