

**ORANGE COUNTY INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION  
ATHLETIC DIRECTORS WORKSHOP**

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 28, 2014 - 9:30 A.M.**

**C.J. Hooker Middle School, Goshen, NY – Auditorium**

All members were present except: Mr. Adam Kless, Burke Catholic  
Mr. Bill Spanjer, Chapel Field  
Mr. Fred Ahart, Roscoe

Guests Present: Mr. Dennis Burkett, MHAL Coordinator/Section IX Negotiator  
Mr. Tyler Terbush, Tri-Valley Administrative Intern

The OCIAA Athletic Directors Workshop was called to order at 9:32 a.m.

1. Approval of Minutes of last meeting on June 17, 2014.  
Motion to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2014 Athletic Directors Workshop was made by Mr. Tim Bult (Minisink) second by Ms. Jolene Porter (Eldred). All were in favor. Motion carried.
  
2. OCIAA Report – Mr. John Landro, OCIAA Vice President  
Mr. Landro, OCIAA Vice President (Tuxedo) explained Mr. Doug Murphy will no longer serve as OCIAA President because he has taken a new position in his school district. Mr. Landro welcomed everyone back to the new school year and congratulated Mr. Chris Mayo, to his new position as Interscholastic Athletic Coordinator.
  - A. New League President  
Mr. David Coates, OCIAA Nominating Committee Chairperson (Middletown) made a motion to nominate and approve Mr. Michael Bellarosa, Athletic Director at Valley Central, as the OCIAA President. Mr. Ron Montalto (Monroe-Woodbury) seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.
  
  - B. Section IX Report  
Mr. James Osborne, Section IX Secretary/Treasurer, stated the new Athletic Directors in the OCIAA are: Mr. Rolando Aguilar at Chester Union Free School District; Mr. Adam Larson at Livingston Manor Central School District; Mr. James Ryan at Monticello Central School District; and Mr. Jason Semo at Newburgh City School District.

Motion to approve West Point Middle School to continue as Friend and Neighbor to Section IX Athletics was made by Mr. Michael Kroemer (Cornwall) second by Mrs. Debra Crowe (O'Neill). All in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Osborne requested athletic directors to complete and turn in the NYSAAA membership form included in the folder to the Athletic Coordinator's office.

3. NYSPHSAA Summer Meeting Report–Mr. James Osborne, Section IX Secretary/Treasurer  
Mr. Osborne reviewed the reports from the NYSPHSAA Central Committee Meeting that was held July 29-31, 2014. Reports include:
  - New York State Coaching Requirements – Courses are becoming available online or as blended for partial classroom session and online session.
  - Memorandum in support of NYS Department of Health to compile data and publish the best practices for the management and treatment of concussions and mild traumatic brain injuries.
  - NYSED Physical Education, Health Education and Athletics Update
  - NYSPHSAA Handbook Committee Report
  - Championship Advisory Committee Report
  - Unified Sports as an Official Program
  - Safety Committee Report – Baseline test for ImPact
  - Modified Sports Promotion Rule Proposal
  - Modified Sports Tryout Rule Proposal
  - Mixed Competition Guidelines Proposal (further discussion will take place at Section IX Meeting on Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>)
  - Modified Football Changes-Pilot Program (Approved by Section IX)  
Combined Modified Football Bylaws are in effect for OCIAA and MHAL. The Modified Football Rules Meeting will review the Bylaws on September 9<sup>th</sup> at Middletown High School Library at 6:30 p.m.
  - Competitive Cheerleading –2014-2015 winter season, Regulations and Eligibility information is explained in report.  
The OCIAA Cheerleading Competition date is being discussed.
  - NYSPHSAA Physician Release Form for Wrestlers
  - NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Report
  - List of action items that were approved and/or discussed at the NYSPHSAA Central Committee Meeting
  
4. OCIAA Athletic Coordinator Report – Mr. Chris Mayo  
Mr. Chris Mayo, OCIAA Athletic Coordinator, reported the Carl P. Onken Conference Room is not available on April 28, 2015 for the OCIAA Athletic Directors Workshop and asked if the meeting may be moved to Thursday, April 30, 2015 at the Orange-Ulster BOCES, Carl P. Onken Conference Center, Room B/C. Motion to approve the date change was made by Mr. John Landro (Tuxedo) second by Mr. Tim Bult (Minisink). All were in favor. Motion carried. An updated calendar to reflect the meeting date change will follow.
  - A. Spectator Code of Conduct  
Discussion was made to edit #9 item to state: There will be no ringing of bells, sounding of horns, or other noise makers at indoor contests. Outdoor use will be at the discretion of the site personnel. This does not apply to spirit groups including pep bands or cheerleaders. Mr. Mayo stated after final approval with corrections, schools should display posters listing the Spectator Code of Conduct rules. Approval will be voted on by both leagues and Section IX.
  
  - B. OCIAA Bylaws update – Boys and Girls Soccer Bylaws were discussed for unsportsmanlike conduct revision which states to refer to NYSPHSAA Handbook,

Sportsmanship Standard #27. There is no appeal to a player's ejection. The official's decision is final and includes the procedure to notify the Athletic Coordinator prior to 12:00 p.m. the following day. The coach of the player must report the ejection to their Athletic Administrator who must report the ejection to the Athletic Coordinator's office.

Motion to approve the Bylaws revision as stated above for Boys and Girls Soccer and to include the unsportsmanlike conduct revision in all other sports Bylaws was made by Mr. Tim Bult (Minisink) second by Mr. Rob Gravelle (Seward). All in favor. Motion carried.

C. Modified Bylaws – OCIAA/MHAL

Mr. Christopher Mayo explained the Girls and Boys Modified Sports Committees will be contacted to review the combining of OCIAA/MHAL Modified Sports Bylaws and present to the athletic directors the changes for approval.

D. Neutral Sites for Section IX Championships

Motion was read: The Section IX Executive Director, with input from the sport chairperson, will be responsible for determining where the Section IX Tournament Finals will be played in the event of a host team conflict at a designated site. The Executive Director will get involved with neutrality issues only when a particular sport's championship venue is formally called into question based on a host team's involvement in the finals. Motion made by Mr. Michael Bellarosa (Valley Central) second by Mr. John Landro (Tuxedo) to accept the neutral sites for Section IX Championships as stated. Discussion was made. Mr. Ron Montalto (Monroe-Woodbury) asked the question that if in a football situation should the number one seed be in question, how is the neutrality site determined. Mr. Mayo explained that the motion covers the finals and the Section IX Executive Director would make the decision. All were in favor of the motion except Minisink opposed. The motion carried.

E. Fall Changes for 2014

Dropped teams were discussed. Fallsburg has dropped varsity girls' tennis. The R.O.I.A will send a list of byes in the JV boys and girls soccer schedules to use as a guide to schedule teams that have been lost.

F. OCIAA Events Risk & Emergency Plan – Mr. Tim Bult

Mr. Tim Bult, OCIAA Safety Committee Chairperson (Minisink) reported corrections have been made for contact information. Motion to approve the OCIAA Events Risk & Emergency Plan was made by Mr. Greg Voloshin (Goshen) second by Mrs. Debra Crowe (O'Neill). All in favor. Motion carried.

G. Fall 2014 Rules Interpretations Meetings (review)

All Fall Sports – Sunday, August 17, 2014 at Goshen High School (sign-in sheets included in folder)

OCIAA Sport Chairpersons reported on the meeting:

Soccer – Mr. Scott Courter (Washingtonville) 2014-2015 soccer rules changes were discussed. Comments were made not to hold the meeting on a Sunday night.

Cross-Country – Mr. Derek Adams (Tri-Valley) The State Championship will be at a new site.

Volleyball – Mrs. Debra Crowe (O'Neill) Rule changes were made this year and discussed by the coaches.

Girls Swimming – Mr. Greg Voloshin (Goshen) Discussion was made to hold separate swim and dive meets.

Girls Tennis – Mr. Ron Semerano (Port Jervis) Discussion on number of tournaments. No Saturdays are feasible.

Football (Varsity/JV) – Mr. David Coates (Middletown) The meeting was held on June 16<sup>th</sup> at Middletown High School. Mr. Coates stated the meeting was well attended by the coaches. Any rules changes that occur prior to the start of the football season are followed up by the Rules Interpreter. The Modified Football Rules Interpretations Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2014 at Middletown High School Library at 6:30 p.m.

Cheerleading – Mr. Harold Fried (Fallsburg) Requirements for Competition Cheer were requested by coaches to be stated on the website. Mr. Fried asked to include the information on language for mixed competition in Cheerleading in the OCIAA Bylaws.

H. Fall Officials Fees

2014 fall officials' fees are included in folder.

I. Fall Coaching Courses

Fall and winter coaching courses are included in the folder and posted on the website. If any additional courses are needed please notify the R.O.I.A. A list of dates for the DASA training held at Orange-Ulster BOCES through spring 2015 is also included in the folder. DASA training registration is done on the Orange-Ulster BOCES website through My Learning Plan.

J. Spring Schedules 2015

Motion made by Mr. Rob Gravelle (Seward) second by Mr. John Landro (Tuxedo) to approve the OCIAA 2015 spring sports schedules. All in favor. Motion carried.

K. BEDS Report 2014-2015

Mr. Chris Mayo, OCIAA Athletic Coordinator, stated athletic directors should make sure their teams are listed in the right classifications for 2014-2015.

L. 2013-2014 School Year Statistics

Refer to report in folder for the 2013-2014 statistics of the OCIAA services to schools.

5. Old Business

None was reported.

6. New Business

Discussion was made that coaches are now recognized as mandated reporters.

Mr. Michael Bellarosa stated Valley Central will have a female on the JV football team.

Mr. Ron Montalto (Monroe-Woodbury) made a motion to approve the 19<sup>th</sup> game for boys and girls varsity basketball, second by Mr. Rob Gravelle (Seward). Discussion was made. Mr. Jason Semo (Newburgh) stated this is an opportunity as a proactive approach to begin to get more games back. Mr. Chris Mayo, OCIAA Athletic Coordinator, stated the MHAL did not approve the added game at this time. Mr. Mayo recommended discussing the additional game with Superintendents. Mr. Michael Kroemer (Cornwall) stated he would like time to discuss this with his Superintendent prior to voting on it.

Mr. Montalto tabled his motion until Superintendents are informed. Mr. Chris Mayo explained that a ballot for the vote on the added 19<sup>th</sup> game for boys and girls varsity basketball will be emailed after athletic directors have discussed it with their Superintendent of Schools.

Mr. Chris Mayo asked athletic directors to email or send in sporting event pictures to feature on the website.

Additional handouts in folder include:

- 2014-2015 Soccer Rules Changes, Editorial Changes and Points of Emphasis
- Parent/Student Concussion Information
- Protect Your Eligibility - Answers to questions concerning eligibility that parents may ask
- 2014-2015 OCIAA Sports Committee Chairpersons – contact information
- Coaching Certificates

7. Next Athletic Directors Workshop – Tuesday, September 23, 2014 at 9:30 a.m.  
At Orange-Ulster BOCES, Carl P. Onken Conference Center, Room B & C

Next Section IX Meeting – Tuesday, September 16, 2014 at 9:30 a.m.  
At Wallkill High School, Auditorium

\* NYSPHSAA Mandated Athletic Directors Workshop to follow Section IX Meeting

8. Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. John Landro (Tuxedo) second by Mr. Ron Semerano (Port Jervis). All were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Christopher P. Mayo  
Interscholastic Athletic Coordinator

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