

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 2015 - 9:30 A.M.

ORANGE-ULSTER BOCES, CARL P. ONKEN CONFERENCE CENTER, ROOM A

All members were present except: Mr. Rolando Aguilar, Chester Academy
Mr. Glen Maisch, Kingston
Mr. Jason Semo, Newburgh
Ms. Wendy Crandall, Pine Bush

Guests Present: Mr. Chris Radon, Greenwood Lake Middle School

The OCIAA Athletic Directors Workshop was called to order at 9:37 a.m.

1. Approval of Minutes of last meeting on December 16, 2014
Motion to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2014 OCIAA Athletic Directors Workshop was made by Mr. Michael Kroemer second by Mr. Greg Voloshin. All in favor. Motion carried.

2. OCIAA President's Report – Mr. Michael Bellarosa

Welcome Mr. Gary Vyskocil, Athletic Director at Washingtonville

Mr. Bellarosa, OCIAA President (Valley Central) reported on Section IX Athletics items.

- A. Softball Tie Breaker – International Tie Breaker Rules – Proposal is to abolish international tie breaker rules in the State Semi-Finals and Finals. The MHAL voted not to abolish. Motion to keep the tie breaker rules was made by Mr. Rob Gravelle (Seward) second by Ms. Jolene Porter (Eldred). All in favor. Motion carried.
- B. Golf – allow (2) 9 hole matches on a non-school day. Counts as two matches. Motion to approve by Mr. Michael Kroemer (Cornwall) second by Mr. Tim Bult (Minisink). All in favor. Motion carried.
- C. Helmets – Proposal – Mandatory helmets to wear for base coaches in Softball. No motion was made.

Section IX 2015-2016 Budget

Mr. Bellarosa stated there is a 10% decrease in Section IX dues due to sponsorships. Motion to approve the Section IX Budget was made by Mr. Tim Bult (Minisink) second by Mr. Greg Voloshin (Goshen). All in favor. Motion carried.

3. OCIAA Athletic Coordinator Report – Mr. Christopher Mayo
Items of Concern:

A. Mergers for 2015-2016
Fallsburg and Tri-Valley (Boys and Girls Tennis, Alpine Skiing)

Liberty, Fallsburg and Eldred (Varsity and Modified Wrestling)

O'Neill and Haldane (Boys Modified Lacrosse in Section I)

Roscoe and Downsville (all Fall and Spring Sports)

* Mount Academy and Kingston (all sports except Cross Country and Boys Varsity Soccer)

Motion to approve the mergers except for Mount Academy and Kingston was made by Mr. Kurt Buddenhagen (Liberty) second by Mr. Fred Ahart (Roscoe). All in favor. Motion carried. Mount Academy and Kingston mergers were tabled until next meeting for Mount Academy to gather some information.

Mr. Bellarosa discussed shadowing versus merging with another team particularly with Mt. Academy and Kingston.

Discussion was made by Mr. Greg Voloshin to call the school name by both schools in a merged program. The host school is named in the Sportspak program. Ms. Jolene Porter (Eldred) stated parents need to be informed to look up the schedule by the host school in that merged sport. Mr. Michael Kroemer (Cornwall) asked if all schools can be listed to show up in Sportspak. Discussion was made for merged teams to get recognition by the names of all the merged schools. Motion to list all teams as the merged team name was made by Mr. Greg Voloshin, second by Mr. Michael Bellarosa. All in favor. Motion carried. Mr. Mayo stated he will work with programmer to have this put in place in the program.

B. Fall Schedules 2015

Mr. Mayo will send an email out when schedules are completed to view the fall schedules online.

Proposal for Cross Country Scheduling changes were discussed by Mr. Derek Adams, Cross Country Chairperson (Tri-Valley). The committee devised recommendations to address all concerns. The elimination of the Divisional Championship meets as the determinate for each division champion and to use the best divisional record. The division meets determine the Division Champion (best divisional record.) Mr. Kirk Wareham (Mount Academy) stated it is a good proposal. Mr. Greg Sirico stated Warwick coaches are in favor of the changes. Mr. Michael Kroemer (Cornwall) asked to table the vote until later in the meeting so he can discuss it with his coaches.

C. Section IX Football Schedules

2015 Section IX Football Classifications and teams were discussed. Pine Plains and Rhinebeck may merge in Football.

Mr. David Coates, Section IX Football Co-Chairperson (Middletown) stated Mr. Mayo, Interscholastic Athletic Coordinator, needs the flexibility to make adjustments since we are changing the playoff procedure for the first year. The tie breaker was explained. Mr. Coates discussed higher seed placement. Motion to approve Mr. Coates' playoff proposal was made by Mr. Tim Bult (Minisink) second by Mr. Ron Montalto (Monroe-Woodbury). All in favor. Motion carried. Mr. Coates stated this is the best playoff proposal that the Committee reviewed.

Mr. Mayo asked if the Athletic Directors could email him their school starting dates for the Athletic Coordinator's Office to make schedules for the first available starting date

and scrimmages. The Orange-Ulster BOCES Student Calendar 2015-2016 is included in folder.

D. Scholar Athlete Form (Breakfast April 23, 2015)

The Senior Scholar Athlete Breakfast will be held at Kuhl's Highland House, Middletown, New York on April 23, 2015. The Scholar Athlete recipient forms are due by the Athletic Directors Workshop on March 24, 2015.

E. OCIAA Cheerleading Competition – March 7, 2015 at Kingston High School
Registration forms have been sent out and are also on line.

F. Ejection Policy Review

Situations have occurred where unfair ejections have taken place. The current policy of sitting out an additional game when it was determined afterwards of a wrong judgment call was reviewed. Mr. Mayo discussed the possibility of an appeals committee with the athletic directors. Mr. Tim Bult (Minisink) asked if officials could review the call with the other official before an ejection is made. Discussion was made by Mr. Michael Kroemer (Cornwall) on video reviews for potential appeal and how to warrant requests if a situation can be reviewed. Mr. Mayo stated he will follow up by writing a letter to each Officials' Association for their members to review the ejection procedure. Mr. Mayo asked to keep this topic open for further discussion in the future.

Ms. Jolene Porter (Eldred) discussed officials have not called half times at four quarter games and are calling shorter warm up times to move up the start time of the second game. Mr. Rob Gravelle (Seward) stated parents have complained that they arrive after the game starts to see their kids play. He suggested it may be necessary to tweak the start time if possible.

G. Security at Interscholastic Athletic Contests

Mr. Mayo reviewed a situation that had occurred at Goshen High School with a Poughkeepsie coach and an official. Security protocols and police presence was discussed. Mr. Ron Montalto (Monroe-Woodbury) suggested schools to bring their own security personnel to away games since they know their own crowds.

H. Athletic Placement Process (Selection Classification)

The new procedure will be in place for fall 2015. Mr. Mayo stated a time line needs to be established for testing. Mr. Mayo will keep athletic directors updated.

I. ROIA Budget 2015-2016

All expenses are being reviewed. The ROIA budget has not been finalized. Mr. Mayo will email athletic directors once the budget is adopted.

Old Business

Mr. David Coates (Middletown) stated Modified Football injuries are being compiled from last season. Please submit your school injury information on the form. The pilot program will continue two more years.

4. New Business

Mr. Ron Montalto announced that fall-winter-spring in 2015-2016 there will be two teams for modified sports in Monroe-Woodbury.

Mr. Tim Bult (Minisink) stated if the number of hours that coaches work including substituting equals 30 hours per week or 130 hours per month that could constitute the minimum requirement for the Affordable Care Act.

Mr. Bult (Minisink) asked if any school has modified cheerleading. Discussion was made concerning JV Cheerleading.

Mr. Kroemer discussed there is a significant price increase this year for a case of baseballs. Mr. Kroemer asked if this could be a reason for a waiver to use another brand ball. Mr. Mayo stated he will discuss the situation of the increased price for baseballs with Mr. T.D. Mills, Section IX Baseball Chairperson.

Mr. Derek Adams, OCIAA Cross Country Chairperson (Tri-Valley) made a motion to approve the Cross Country Scheduling Proposal, second by Mr. Michael Kroemer (Cornwall). All in favor. Motion carried. Mr. Christopher Mayo will prepare the Cross Country schedules using the new scheduling procedure.

Additional Items in Folder:

- Orange-Ulster BOCES Student Calendar 2015-2016 used for scheduling
- Section IX Unsportsmanlike Conduct Rule
- Monroe-Woodbury Jr. Crusader Relays Invitational
- Tri Valley Modified Track Invitational
- 2015 Tri-Valley Invitational – Varsity-Frosh-Soph
- Coaching Course Certificates
- Billing Memorandums

5. Next Athletic Directors Workshop – Tuesday, February 24, 2015 at 9:30 a.m.
At Orange-Ulster BOCES, Carl P. Onken Conference Center, Room B & C

Next Section IX Meeting – Tuesday, March 10, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. at John A. Coleman Catholic High School. (Parking in back of high school)

6. Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Tim Bult (Minisink) second by Mrs. Debra Crowe (O'Neill). All in favor. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Christopher P. Mayo
Interscholastic Athletic Coordinator

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