

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

TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2015 - 9:30 A.M.

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

All members were present except: Mr. Adam Kless, Burke Catholic
 Mr. James Ryan, Monticello
 Mr. Greg Sirico, Warwick

Guests Present: Mr. Dennis Burkett, MHAL Athletic Coordinator
 Mr. J.J. Gass, Eldred Administrator and Coach

The OCIAA Athletic Directors Workshop was called to order at 9:35 a.m.

1. Approval of Minutes of last meeting on April 15, 2015
Motion to approve the minutes of the April 15, OCIAA Athletic Directors Workshop was made by Mr. Michael Kroemer (Cornwall) second by Mr. Tim Bult (Minisink). All in favor. Motion carried.

2. OCIAA President's Report – Mr. Michael Bellarosa
Section IX Report
 - a. Ice Hockey – Increase to 22 games
Motion to approve made by Mr. Ron Montalto (Monroe-Woodbury) second by Mr. David Coates (Middletown). All in favor. Motion carried.

 - b. Classification Change for Boys Lacrosse
If an even split in classification is done Warwick would move from a Class B to A, New Paltz from Class C to B. The proposal by NYSPHSAA is to go to 4 classifications. Mr. Bob Slate, Boys Lacrosse Chairperson, is in favor of 3 classes. Motion to remain in 3 classifications was made by Mr. Gary Vyskocil (Washingtonville) second by Mr. Michael Kroemer. All in favor. Motion carried.

 - c. Reduction in Football Practices
Individual practices would be reduced from 11 to 10 for scrimmages and 15 to 14 for contests. Motion to approve the reduction in football practices made by Mr. David Coates, Section IX Football Co-Chairperson, (Middletown) second by Mr. Tim Bult (Minisink). All in favor. Motion carried.

 - d. Adult Base Coaches – Safety Committee – Require hard shell helmets
Mr. Bellarosa, OCIAA President, stated this was previously discussed. The Softball Committee is not in favor. The Baseball Committee would be in favor if no ear piece is required. Currently hard shell helmets are only used if desired. Further discussion will

continue at the next Athletic Directors Workshop on June 16th. Athletic Directors should speak to their softball and baseball coaches.

- e. Added language to Sportsmanship Standard
Discussion was made for added language to the NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Standard #27 to extend the penalty of ejection for unsportsmanlike conduct for both coach and player based on an extenuating situation if warranted. This will be an action item at the next NYSPHSAA Central Committee Meeting. Discussion was made on the possibility of anyone challenging the decision and/or giving the Section the ability to act on a decision above the Athletic Director. Mr. Glen Maisch, Sportsmanship Chairperson (Kingston) stated he will get further clarification from Mr. Todd Nelson, Assistant Director at NYSPHSAA.
- f. Modified Cross Country Spikes
Mr. Michael Bellarosa discussed allowing modified cross country players to wear spikes. Mr. Jim Glover, Section IX Cross Country Chairperson, is in favor of this. Motion to approve modified cross country spikes was made by Mr. Michael Kroemer (Cornwall) second by Tim Bult (Minisink). All in favor. Motion carried.
- g. Modified Start Dates Proposal
This proposal is for future consideration to abide by the standard calendar of weeks. This would affect the fall start date by being a week earlier. Mr. Chris Mayo, Interscholastic Athletic Coordinator, explained the way modified start dates are decided at present should remain. Mr. Michael Bellarosa, OCIAA President, stated to leave as is. No Motion was made.
- h. Non-Public Schools Multiplier Proposal
To use a 1.5 multiplier as a classification tool for non-public and private schools. Mr. Mayo stated Section IX has a committee that handles non-public classifications. Mr. Mayo stated he sees no reason to change it. Mr. Fred Ahart, Section IX Boys Basketball Chairperson (Roscoe) discussed how the C/D schools are affected in NYSPHSAA Basketball competitions when playing against stronger non-public schools. Mr. Kroemer discussed this would be limited to 1.5 if used. Mr. Rob Gravelle discussed moving a school up another class such as Chapel Field. No motion was made.
- i. Add 2nd Relay Team Indoor Track
Mr. Bellarosa stated Mr. Mike White, Indoor Track Chairperson, and the Indoor Track coaches are in favor of this. Motion to approve a 2nd relay team was made by Mr. Michael Kroemer (Cornwall) second by Dave Coates (Middletown). All in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Bellarosa discussed the Cheerleading season is in Winter and the competitive squad would stunt and tumble during the winter, Mr. Bellarosa has asked if the fall spirit squads have to comply with what NYSPHSAA says a spirit squad can or cannot do. Mr. Bellarosa stated he is seeking to get a clarification in writing from Mr. Todd Nelson at NYSPHSAA. Mr. Dennis Burkett, MHAL Coordinator, discussed the squad coach must be certified if they are stunting. Mr. Bellarosa stated NYSPHSAA has allowed each Section to decide which season they would like to use as their competitive season. Section IX has decided that the winter season is the competitive season.

3. OCIAA Athletic Coordinator Report – Mr. Christopher Mayo

Mr. Chris Mayo stated he would like to move the order of agenda items to begin with the Combining of Teams (mergers) for 2015-2016. Combining of teams requests are included in the folder to vote on the mergers presented. Mr. Mayo spoke of the need to review the combining of teams process this summer and that some of these mergers have been going on for years. Mr. Mayo stated that changing the philosophy now after schools have already approved these mergers could be problematic. Mr. Dennis Burkett, MHAL Coordinator, echoed that sentiment and also stated that he was hopeful that the prior mergers would be approved since budgets have already been approved for the next school year. Mr. Michael Bellarosa also spoke about the need to look at the process and present changes to schools before changing the process of mergers. Mr. Dennis Burkett discussed that there are several ways in which the merger process can be tweaked, including term limits for merged schools, including the reasons for merging in the request form application, and separating schools that are merged once the post season begins. Mr. Tim Bult (Minisink) stated if there is no shadowing opportunity and no athletic advantage is involved then there is no concern in a merger such as Lacrosse. Mr. Mayo then called for a vote on mergers.

Highland (Host School) and Marlboro (Combining School) 2015-2016 - Boys Lacrosse
Motion to approve by Mr. Tim Bult (Minisink) second by Mr. Kirk Wareham (Mount Academy). Roll call vote. Motion Approved.

Webutuck (Host School) Pine Plains (Combining School) 2015-2016-Boys Golf (fall)
Motion to approve by Mr. Kirk Wareham (Mount Academy) second by Mr. Rob Gravelle (Seward). Roll call vote. Motion Approved.

Marlboro (Host School) FDR and Highland (Combining Schools) 2015-2016 – Boys Swim
Motion to approve by Mr. Glen Maisch (Kingston) second by Mr. Gary Vyskocil (Washingtonville). Roll call vote. Motion did not pass.

Kingston (Host School) Rondout (Combining School) 2015-2016 – Boys Swim
Motion to approve by Mr. Dave Franskevicz (Sullivan West) second by Mr. Glen Maisch (Kingston). Roll call vote. Motion did not pass.

Kingston (Host School) Rondout (Combining School) 2015-2016 – Girls Swim
Motion to approve by Ms. Jolene Porter (Eldred) second by Mr. Glen Maisch (Kingston). Roll call vote. Motion did not pass.

Kingston (Host School) New Paltz (Combining School) 2015-2016 – Gymnastics
Motion to approve by Mr. Dave Franskevicz (Sullivan West) second by Mr. Kirk Wareham (Mount Academy) Discussion was made on the uniqueness of this program and how a merger in this sport prevents the Section to not lose the sport entirely. Roll call vote was taken. Motion Approved.

Marlboro (Host School) Highland (Combining School) 2015-2016 – Girls Swim
Motion to approve by Mr. Kirk Wareham (Mount Academy) second by Mr. Dave Franskevicz (Sullivan West). Roll call vote – Motion did not pass.

FDR (Host School) Millbrook (Combining School) 2015-2016 – Girls Swim
Motion to approve by Mr. Kirk Wareham (Mount Academy) second by Ms. Jolene Porter (Eldred). Roll call vote – Motion did not pass.

Wrestling Merger for Liberty/Sullivan West/Eldred - Varsity and Modified – 2015-2016
Tabled until Sullivan West Board of Education approves.

Wrestling Merger for Fallsburg and Tri-Valley – Varsity and Modified – 2015-2016
Motion to approve by Mr. Kirk Wareham (Mount Academy) second Mr. Tim Bult (Minisink).
Roll call vote. Motion Approved.

Roscoe and Downsville Merger for all fall and spring sports (all levels) – 2015-2016
Motion to approve by Ms. Jolene Porter (Eldred) second by Mr. Adam Larsen (Livingston Manor). Roll call vote. Motion Approved.

Alpine Skiing Merger for Kingston and Rondout – 2015-2016
Motion to approve by Mr. Gary Vyskocil (Washingtonville) second by Mr. Glen Maisch (Kingston). Roll call vote. Motion Approved.

A. Football Classification Numbers

Mr. David Coates, Football Co-Chairperson (Middletown) reported that Mr. Greg Sirico, (Warwick) has been working with the Coaches Association in New York State regarding the classifications. Any changes will fall in line with the new football proposal in Section IX. Mr. Sirico will keep the Section posted.

B. Section IX Exceptional Senior Soccer Games

Motion to approve the Exceptional Senior Soccer Games was made by Mr. Jason Semo (Newburgh), second by Mr. Glen Maisch (Kingston). All in favor. Motion carried.

C. Section IX Representations – 2nd Vice President

Mr. Tim Bult, Section IX 1st Vice-President (Minisink) recommends Mr. John Landro (Tuxedo) continue on the Section IX Athletic Council as 2nd Vice-President beginning July 1, 2015. Motion to approve made by Mr. Tim Bult, second by Mr. Rob Gravelle (Seward). All in favor. Motion carried.

D. NYSPHSAA Spring Meeting

Mr. Mayo reviewed the NYSPHSAA Spring Meeting held on May 1, 2015. He reported Chester and Warwick classifications will not be adjusted this year for taking in Greenwood Lake students.

E. AED Response Time

Procedures were discussed. Mr. Mayo stated to make sure response time is within three minutes and for Cross Country to make sure the AED is mobile.

F. Combining of Teams 2015-2016 (mergers)

Discussion and voting results reported above.

G. OCIAA Senior Scholar Athlete

Mr. Chris Mayo, Interscholastic Athletic Coordinator, thanked Cornwall High School for providing the A Cappella singers and Washingtonville High School for providing the ROTC color guard. Mr. Mayo thanked all the Athletic Directors and also thanked Mr. Mike Kroemer for being the master of ceremonies. Mr. Ron Montalto (Monroe-Woodbury) stated the keynote speaker, Dr. Bryon Grigsby, President of Moravian College and a Monroe-Woodbury graduate, was a soccer goalie while he attended Moravian College and to inform student-athletes in your school district that Moravian College is an opportunity for student-athletes to consider attending. Mr. Mayo thanked Mr. Montalto for providing the speaker.

H. Jim Ross Service Award 2014-2015

Awards will be given at June 16th OCIAA Athletic Directors Workshop.

I. Unified Sports Discussion

Mr. Chris Mayo discussed the opportunity for special education and handicapped students to participate in sports. Mr. Mayo stated coaches must be certified to coach in the unified sports program. Mr. Jason Semo discussed the benefits of this program that Newburgh has participated in. Mr. Semo stated anything that can be done to get this program going is a very rewarding opportunity for athletes to get involved in playing with students with disabilities.

J. Spring 2015 OCIAA and Section IX Championships

OCIAA spring sports champions were discussed. Section IX competitions are underway.

K. Winter Schedules for 2015-2016 (vote)

Mr. Mayo reviewed the winter schedules for 2015-2016. Refer to scheduling information in folder. John S. Burke Catholic is in AA Boys Basketball and in B for Girls Basketball. No games are scheduled during Regents week. If your school allows you may schedule make-ups during that week. Six teams are in Freshman Boys Basketball. Modified Basketball is set up in four divisions. Mr. Mayo discussed the shortage of officials and he is working with the Officials Associations to request that new officials must work a minimum number of school games. Goshen will swim at Warwick's pool when Warwick is swimming away. Start times were discussed. Fallsburg and Tri-Valley have added a team for Modified Wrestling.

Motion to approve the OCIAA winter schedules for 2015-2016 was made by Mr. Michael Kroemer (Cornwall) second by Mr. Derek Adams (Tri-Valley). All in favor. Motion carried.

4. Old Business

John S. Burke Catholic has appealed the decision to NYSPHSAA for their penalty for recruiting in Boys Basketball.

Mr. Gary Vyskocil stated Washingtonville needs two Cheerleading Coaches and a Girls Diving Coach for Swimming.

Mr. Chris Mayo discussed Bowling and asked schools if they have interest in competing in that sport. Mr. David Coates stated Middletown may start a Bowling club.

5. New Business

Mr. Mayo discussed a proposal that was recently received from NYSPHSAA that proposes selectively classified students are subject to the Transfer Rule. Fred Ahart discussed this proposal and said his committee was unaware this would be voted on, that it was only a discussion item. After further discussion, Athletic Directors are not in support of this proposal. Section IX had voted no on this proposal years earlier. Mr. Mayo stated if more information is received he will send it out to be discussed at the next Athletic Directors Workshop.

Additional Items in Folder:

- Calendar and Meeting Dates
- Coaching Certificates
- Billing Memorandums
- Section IX Sports Dues Form
- Golf Outing Sign-up Sheet
- Form for coaches to login to Sportspak Online to check their coaches certifications and enter ratings
- Directory information to update
- Maximum number of games for next year

Mr. David Coates, Section IX Football Co-Chairperson, stated the clarification on the 90 minutes in football for full contact will be discussed at the Football Rules Interpretations meeting on Monday, June 15th at Middletown High School.

6. Next Athletic Directors Workshop – Tuesday, June 16, 2015 at 9:30 a.m.
at Orange-Ulster BOCES, Carl P. Onken Conference Center, Room B & C

Next Section IX Meeting – Thursday, June 11, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. at Apple Greens Golf Club

7. Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. David Coates (Middletown) second by Mr. Kirk Wareham (Mount Academy). All in favor. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Christopher P. Mayo
Interscholastic Athletic Coordinator

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