

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2014 - 9:30 A.M.

ORANGE-ULSTER BOCES, CARL P. ONKEN CONFERENCE CENTER, ROOM B/C

All members were present except: Mr. Adam Kless, John S. Burke Catholic
Mr. Bill Spanjer, Chapel Field
Mr. Rolando Aguilar, Chester

Guests Present: Mr. Dennis Burkett, MHAL Coordinator/Section IX Negotiator
Mr. Gary Vyskocil, Washingtonville

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

1. Approval of Minutes of last meeting on October 28, 2014
Motion to approve the minutes of the October 28, 2014 OCIAA Athletic Directors Workshop was made by Mr. Tim Bult (Minisink) second by Mr. Rob Gravelle (Seward). All in favor. Motion carried.
2. OCIAA President's Report – Mr. Michael Bellarosa
Mr. Bellarosa, OCIAA President (Valley Central) reported on Section IX Athletics items.
 - A. Section IX Softball Chairperson
The MHAL is putting forth a nomination of Tom Cassata and Steve Boucher to co-chair the position for this year. Mr. Bellarosa asked if there were any nominations from the OCIAA. None were put forward. He also stated that there may be a need for a school to host the AA and A Softball Championship, and to please inform the Athletic Coordinator if interested.
 - B. Reduction of Contests for Indoor Track and Gymnastics from 6 to 4.
Motion to approve the reduction of contests from 6 to 4 in Indoor Track, Alpine Ski and Gymnastics was made by Mr. Tim Bult (Minisink) second by Ms. Jolene Porter (Eldred). All in favor. Motion carried.
 - C. Cheerleading – Dual Season (Fall and Winter)
Mr. Bellarosa discussed mixed competition guidelines and how it applies to Cheerleading since Cheerleading is a girl's sport. A coed division in the Cheerleading Competition does not displace a girl from the team. Discussion was made on the number of offerings for girls and boys sports in the fall season and that having a dual season for Cheerleading would further add to the imbalance of Girls sports in the fall. If Cheerleading is kept as a single season sport in the winter, schools would still be able to have a spirit group in the fall. If the spirit group wants to tumble or stunt in the fall, they must have a certified coach in place. Mr. Harold Fried, OCIAA Cheerleading chairman stated that it was the feeling of the coaches to

remain as they are now – spirit group in the fall and Competitive Cheer in the winter season. The athletic directors are looking for clarification from the Section / State on Mixed competition as it relates to the Coed division.

Mr. Bellarosa discussed a modified wrestling proposal increasing the amount of points allowed per wrestler from 12-14 points. The increase in points would allow wrestlers to compete in more than two bouts in a day. Under the existing structure, wrestlers are charged 1 point for competing in one or two bouts, and 2 points for competing in 3 bouts in one day. The intent is not to add additional matches onto the schedules, but to increase the opportunities for athletes to wrestle in more bouts. The MHAL approved modified this motion in their meeting on November 17th. Motion made by Mr. Michael Bellarosa, OCIAA President, second by Mr. Michael Kroemer, OCIAA Wrestling Chairperson, (Cornwall) for the OCIAA to approve Modified Wrestling for two additional points without scheduling additional contests effective after June 30, 2015. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Bellarosa reported Mrs. Charlotte Zupetz, Certification Officer at Orange-Ulster BOCES, had asked for a clarification on the American Heart Association First Aid Courses accepted for Temporary Coaching License and was met with an unprofessional and terse response from NYSED. He stated that Mrs. Zupetz works hard to help districts get their coaches certified, and should not have been treated with such disrespect. Mr. Bellarosa asked if a letter could be addressed to Mr. Robert Zayas, Executive Director at NYSPHSAA and copied to Mr. Darryl Daily at NYSED, concerning this incident. Motion to approve the letter be sent on behalf of the OCIAA Athletic Directors be sent from the Athletic Coordinator, was made by Mr. Ron Montalto (Monroe-Woodbury) second by Mr. Glen Maisch (Kingston). All in favor. Motion carried.

3. OCIAA Athletic Coordinator Report – Mr. Christopher Mayo

A. Bullying / Hazing

Mr. Mayo explained the importance of making sure coaches are aware of DASA regulations as well as hazing issues. Mr. Mayo stated that it would be a good idea if Athletic Directors visited each team and addressed the coaches and players regarding hazing and bullying. Discussion was made on how in-services are done in the districts. Mr. Michael Kroemer explained Cornwall uses a PowerPoint demonstration that must be viewed by all teachers with a sign-in sheet to indicate their attendance. Mr. Ron Montalto (Monroe-Woodbury) discussed the importance of coaches to take the DASA course. Mr. Montalto stated that Ms. Theresa Reynolds of Orange Ulster BOCES is an excellent resource and was grateful for her work with his district. Mr. Scott Courter stated Washingtonville has discussed bullying and hazing at faculty meetings for training to teachers.

B. Finger Printing – Coaches, Officials and Teachers

Mr. Mayo stated as of July 1, 2015 it appears that regional BOCES will no longer be doing fingerprinting. Mr. Mayo explained that NYSED will hire an outside vendor that has various locations in New York State to conduct the finger printing. Teachers and coaches can use these locations. There is limited information available at this

time, and nothing is definite until we are directly informed. Mr. Mayo stated he will inform athletic directors as more information is available.

C. Winter OCIAA & Section IX Championship Dates/Sites

A schedule of winter championship dates and sites is included in the folder.

D. BEDS Report 2014-2015

Changes in classifications are highlighted in green. Mr. Mayo reviewed the changes some schools will move either up or down in competition.

E. NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete Team Award – December 5, 2014

F. Review of Winter Rules Interpretations Meetings – Sign-in sheets in folder

Wrestling – November 12, 2014

All Other Winter Sports – November 17, 2014

Mr. Mayo discussed the concerns that were raised by the coaches for the mergers that are taking place in swimming and how it effects their schedules.

Cheerleading had a very good meeting. Discussion was made on small and large divisions. The coaching certification credentials were reviewed now that Cheerleading has become a sport.

The IAABO instructions for basketball scorers, shot clock operators and timers was distributed.

G. 2015-2016 Sports Teams Alignments

Mr. Mayo discussed the structure in divisions for the sports teams in 2015-2016 based on the sports teams forms. Volleyball will become 3 divisions. Freshman Football is in question only Cornwall is having a team. Discussion was made if schedules could be made with Section I for Freshman Football. Poughkeepsie has added freshman boys' basketball which gives a total of 4 teams. Mr. Mayo explained changes in divisions that teams will compete in next year and asked Athletic Directors to review the 2015-2016 Sports Teams Alignments. A vote to approve the alignments will take place at the next Athletic Directors Workshop on December 16, 2014.

The Football Alignments for 2015 are based on BEDS numbers and discussion will be made with the football committee for approval of these football alignments.

H. Winter Coaching Courses – Online Update

Winter and Spring 2015 Coaching Courses are in the folder and posted on the ROIA website. Mr. Mayo stated to let him know of any coaches that need to register for the DASA course if the course is filled on My Learning Plan. Mrs. Terry Reynolds, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction at Orange-Ulster BOCES, can approve to increase the class size for the coach to be able to register and attend.

I. Update on Winter Schedules – Alpine Ski – Indoor Track

Division I and Division II schedules are now completed. Pine Bush will follow Fallsburg schedule for skiing. Kingston, Coleman and Rondout have requested to merge in Alpine Skiing. Motion to approve the mergers pending letters from the Boards of Education was made by Mr. Glen Maisch, second by Ms. Jolene Porter (Eldred). All in favor. Motion carried.

Old Business

Mr. David Coates reported the injury reports are due from OCIAA and MHAL for the modified football pilot program. Please forward reports to Middletown.

Ms. Jolene Porter, NYSAAA Awards Chairperson for Section IX (Eldred) reviewed the nominations for the NYSAAA Conference. The following nominations have been received:

Athletic Director Award - Mr. Doug Murphy, Monticello

Secretary Award - Mrs. Margie Bako, Cornwall

Distinguished Service – Mr. James Delmar, SUNY Ulster/Apple Greens Golf Course

Community Service – Hudson Valley Sports Dome; Nick Pizza, soccer site, field hockey site, lacrosse site and clinics

4. New Business

Mr. Mayo discussed the recommendations that are being proposed for fairness in high school athletic competition and balancing the maximum number of contests by the length of the sport season. Please review for next meeting in order to give Section IX direction to take to the State for their meeting on January 30, 2015.

Mr. Kroemer asked how likely is the reduction of contests to remain and not get the lost contests back. Mr. Dennis Burkett, MHAL Coordinator, stated the fairness proposal increases some sports contests while keeping others as they currently are. Mr. Mayo stated there are proposals coming out to keep the contests where they presently are. He will keep the athletic directors informed as more information is known.

Mr. John Landro announced Tuxedo may become a charter school and may have to apply to Section IX to become a member of the League.

The new Athletic Director at Washingtonville will be Mr. Gary Vyskocil. He will begin on January 5, 2015. Congratulations to Mr. Vyskocil on his new position.

Announcements:

Liberty will not have a JV girls' basketball team.

Livingston Manor may drop their JV girls' basketball program.

Sullivan West is looking for a varsity girls' basketball game.

Mr. Mayo reported Chapel Field will keep modified boys and girls basketball teams. They are looking to pick up boys JV basketball games. Mr. Mayo stated a list of byes for basketball will be sent to the athletic directors.

Additional Items in Folder:

- Stop Hazing Information
- Winter 2014-2015 OCIAA and Section IX Championship Dates
- Section IX BEDS information from enrollment reporting
- Sign-in sheets from Winter Rules Interpretations Meeting
- Proposed Alignments for 2015-2016
- Coaching Course Schedule for Winter and Spring 2015
- Fairness in High School Athletic Competition
- 2014-2015 Winter Officials Fees
- Updated Email and Cell Phone list
- Volunteer announcement for Women's PGA Championship
- IAABO Instructions for scorers, shot clock operators and timers for basketball
- Mixed Competition Guidelines
- Section IX Football Injury Report Form for Modified
- Coaching Course Certificates and Billing Memorandums

5. Next Athletic Directors Workshop – Tuesday, December 16, 2014 at 9:30 a.m.
At Orange-Ulster BOCES, Carl P. Onken Conference Center, Room B & C

Next Section IX Meeting – Tuesday, November 25, 2014 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 Mr. Rob Gravelle (Seward) All in favor. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Christopher P. Mayo
Interscholastic Athletic Coordinator

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