

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

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2014 - 9:30 A.M.**

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

All members were present except: Mr. Ron Montalto, Monroe-Woodbury  
Mr. Kirk Wareham, Mount Academy

Guests Present: Mr. Dennis Burkett, MHAL Coordinator/Section IX Negotiator  
Mr. Chris Radon, Athletic Director, Greenwood Lake Middle School  
Mr. Tyler Terbush, Tri-Valley Administrative Intern

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

1. Approval of Minutes of last meeting on August 28, 2014  
Motion to approve the minutes of the August 28, 2014 OCIAA Athletic Directors Workshop was made by Mr. Tim Bult (Minisink) second by Ms. Jolene Porter (Eldred). 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. Cheerleading Guidelines  
Mr. Bellarosa discussed Traditional Cheer versus Competitive Cheer and NYSED Regulations. Motion to adopt the Competitive Cheerleading Full Implementation for Winter 2014-2015 was made by Mr. Tim Bult (Minisink) second by Ms. Jolene Porter (Eldred). All in favor. Motion carried.
  
  - B. Eligibility – Elimination of Academic Advantage  
Motion to approve the elimination of the academic advantage waiver was made by Mr. Fred Ahart (Roscoe) second by Mr. Tim Bult (Minisink). Mr. Ahart, Eligibility Chairperson, stated this was previously discussed by the Leagues and Section IX. Mr. Adam Kless (Burke Catholic) stated this takes away the opportunity for students to play in the sport they participated in before the transfer but they would be allowed to play other sports. All in favor except Burke Catholic is opposed. Motion carried.

Mr. Bellarosa discussed the use of drones for filming football games and scrimmages. Mr. Robert Zayas, Executive Director, NYSPHSAA, has stated drones are allowed within two yards of the football field. Refer to letter in folder. Motion made by Mr. Michael Bellarosa, OCIAA President (Valley Central) that OCIAA will not allow drones at any athletic contests, second by Mr. Michael Kroemer (Cornwall). All in favor. Motion carried.
  
3. MHAL Report – MHAL Athletic Coordinator: Mr. Dennis Burkett  
Mr. Burkett stated he is excited about the new relationship with the Regional Office of Interscholastic Athletics.

4. OCIAA Athletic Coordinator Report – Mr. Christopher Mayo

A. 2014 OCIAA and Section IX Fall Championships

Mr. Mayo discussed the Fall 2014 Championships schedule and asked athletic directors to be aware of games approaching the seeding meeting date.

B. Modified Football Rules Interpretations Meeting - Tuesday, September 9, 2014 at Middletown High School – Mr. David Coates and Mr. Glenn Maisch, Section IX Football Co-Chairs conducted the meeting. Punting will be returning. The new pilot program was adopted. Formations and the kick off rule were discussed. Four and five quarter games were reviewed. Mr. Maisch stated the new Modified Football Bylaws were reviewed. Sign-in sheets are included in the folder. Mr. Mayo thanked Mr. Coates and Mr. Maisch for all the work they put into the workshop.

C. Mandated Workshop Review

Mr. Mayo discussed the NYSPHSAA mandated workshop and the timing of the workshop being held in September. It could be a problem for athletic directors and administrators to be away from the school district all day. Discussion was made on holding the workshop at a later date and possibly another site with better sound and internet capabilities.

D. Fall Teams Update

No further dropped teams were announced.

Poughkeepsie has a freshman boys' basketball team if anyone is interested.

Eldred is looking for openings in JV football on Wednesday please let her know. Mr. Mayo stated there is two nights rest in-between games.

E. BEDS Reporting Form 2014-2015

Please complete the form and return it by the OCIAA Athletic Directors Workshop on October 28th in order for the Regional Office of Interscholastic Athletics to get a start on alignments and schedules for next year.

F. NYSAAA Report: Mr. Michael Kroemer

Mr. Michael Kroemer (Cornwall) will be attending a NYSAAA meeting on October 5 and 6, 2014. If there is any Section IX or OCIAA news to bring to this meeting, please email it to Mr. Kroemer to get onto his report.

G. Indoor Track Dates

The first date for Indoor Track is Friday, December 12, 2014. As soon as the complete list of dates is confirmed with West Point it will be emailed to athletic directors.

H. 2015-2016 Sports Teams

Please complete the Sports Teams form included in the folder, for the sports you are having for next year and submit it by the next OCIAA Athletic Directors Workshop on October 28<sup>th</sup>. Discussion was made on scheduling options with MHAL schools.

I. Boys Lacrosse – Exceptional Senior Game  
Recommended by Mr. Bob Slate, Section IX Boys Lacrosse Chairman. Information is included in the folder. Mr. Christopher Mayo, Interscholastic Athletic Coordinator, stated that football has done an amazing job with a Football Exceptional Senior Game. Motion to accept the Boys Lacrosse Exceptional Senior Game and include a Girls Lacrosse Exceptional Senior Game was made by Mr. Greg Sirico (Warwick) second by Mr. David Coates (Middletown). All in favor. Motion carried.

J. Section IX Track and Field – Classification Numbers  
Mr. Matt Hemmer, Section IX Boys Track Chair, has proposed new classification numbers in order to even out some of the schools in each division for the Section IX Championships. Mr. Mayo asked athletic directors to discuss this with their track coaches and to prepare to vote at the October 28<sup>th</sup> OCIAA Athletic Directors Workshop.

5. Old Business

None was reported.

6. New Business

Mr. Rob Gravelle (Seward) announced there will be a Coaches vs. Cancer Tournament for Boys Basketball on January 3, 2015 at Mt. St. Mary College. An opening is available for any school who may be interested in getting into the tournament.

Primo Sports facility is available with no charge to schools if your practice can arrange to be done by 5:00 p.m. Please contact Primo Sports if you are interested in practicing at their facility.

Mr. Kroemer discussed proper training to run the score clock. Some score clocks differ from others. The official may keep the time on the field if he is a certified official timer. Mr. Mayo stated he will notify the football officials in this matter. Mr. Kroemer also discussed the internet availability at some school sites.

Ms. Jolene Porter discussed a Modified Cross Country Invitational will be held at Eldred on October 28, 2014. An information sheet for the Invitational was distributed. Ms. Porter asked for nominations for the NYSAAA Secretarial Award for this year at the NYSAAA Conference.

Film exchange was discussed by Mr. Adam Kless (Burke Catholic). Mr. Greg Sirico (Warwick) stated there is an unfair advantage in an exchange due to the quality of films by some schools and not everyone can film from the end zone. Discussion was made.

Wrestling was discussed. Information from Mr. Jeff Culty, Section IX Wrestling Chairperson, concerning Wrestling Championship dates and sites is included in the folder.

The Wrestling Rules Interpretations Meeting (all levels) will be held on Wednesday, November 12, 2014 at C.J. Hooker Middle School in Goshen at 5:00 p.m.

Please follow the schedule for weight assessments. Mr. Michael Bellarosa asked for snow date information for Section IX Wrestling Championships.

Letter from NYSPHSAA concerning the post-game hand shake by soccer officials. Mr. Robert Zayas, Executive Director, NYSPHSAA, has recommended after verifying the score, officials should leave the field immediately to avoid any issues. Refer to letter in folder. Mr. Adam Kless (Burke Catholic) discussed the possibility of a pre-game handshake. Mr. Christopher Mayo, Interscholastic Athletic Coordinator, asked athletic directors to give consideration to this and it will be further discussed at the next meeting.

Mr. Mayo announced that Mr. Bruce Guyette has given his resignation as Section IX Softball Chairperson. If anyone knows of an interested candidate please notify Section IX Athletics.

Additional handouts in folder include:

- Spectator Code of Conduct
- Updated OCIAA Calendar for 2014-2015
- Updated Email and Cell Phone List
- Coaching Certificates
- Rating Forms

7. Next Athletic Directors Workshop – Tuesday, October 28, 2014 at 9:30 a.m.  
At Orange-Ulster BOCES, Carl P. Onken Conference Center, Room B & C

Next Section IX Meeting – Tuesday, October 21, 2014 at 9:30 a.m.  
At Orange-Ulster BOCES, Carl P. Onken Conference Center, Room B & C

8. Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. John Landro (Tuxedo) second by Mr. Glen Maisch (Kingston). All in favor. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Christopher P. Mayo  
Interscholastic Athletic Coordinator

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