

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

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 2015 - 9:30 A.M.
Colonial Lanes, Chester, New York**

All members were present except: Mr. Glen Maisch, Kingston
Mr. David Coates, Middletown
Mr. Ron Montalto, Monroe-Woodbury
Mr. Jason Semo, Newburgh
Mr. Michael Bellarosa, Valley Central
Mr. Fred Ahart, Roscoe

Guests Present: Mr. Dennis Burkett, MHAL Athletic Coordinator
Mr. Greg Ransom, Int. Executive Director, Section IX Athletics
Mr. James Osborne, Secretary/Treasurer, Section IX Athletics

The OCIAA Athletic Directors Workshop was called to order at 9:40 a.m.

1. Approval of Minutes of last meeting on June 16, 2015
Motion to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2015 OCIAA Athletic Directors Workshop was made by Mr. Michael Kroemer (Cornwall) second by Ms. Suzanne Lenzian (Fallsburg). All in favor. Motion carried.
2. Section IX Executive Director - Mr. Greg Ransom
Mr. Ransom stated he will be attending OCIAA Athletic Directors Workshops throughout the school year.
3. OCIAA President's Report – Mr. Michael Bellarosa
Mr. Christopher Mayo, Interscholastic Athletic Coordinator, gave the OCIAA President's report in Mr. Bellarosa's absence.
 - A. Section IX Combining of Teams Application
Mr. Mayo reported committee members met to discuss some of the problems in combining of teams in the past and what could be changed. The application process for combining of teams was explained by Mr. Mayo. The approval process has changed for approval by the Leagues is made prior to the School District Board of Education approval. Mr. Mayo asked athletic directors to discuss this with their Superintendent. A vote to approve the Section IX Combining of Teams Application will take place at the next OCIAA Athletic Directors Workshop on September 22, 2015.
 - B. Highland Residential Center Application
Motion made by Mr. Kurt Buddenhagen (Liberty) second by Mr. Ron Semerano (Port Jervis) to approve Upton Lake Christian School as Friend and Neighbor to Section IX. All in favor. Motion carried.

Highland Residential Center has applied for NYSPHSAA membership. The MHAL has voted to approve them as Friend and Neighbor status only. Motion made by Mr. Michael Kroemer

(Cornwall) second by Mr. Gary Vyskocil (Washingtonville) for OCIAA to approve Highland Residential Center as Friend and Neighbor to Section IX. All in favor. Motion carried.

C. Coaching Certification Proposal

Refer to Proposal in folder. Mr. Greg Ransom, Section IX Executive Director, explained this proposal is for private and parochial schools to comply with all coaching certification requirements. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Tim Bult (Minisink) second by Mr. Ron Semerano (Port Jervis). All in favor. Motion carried.

D. 10th Football Game

A 10th football game has been approved by NYSPHSAA. Mr. Greg Ransom explained that this proposal had originated in Section I and must have Section approval for the 10th game to be played. Mr. Mayo explained the 10th game would be played at the discretion of individual school districts. Motion made by Mr. Greg Sirico (Warwick) second by Mr. Michael Kroemer (Cornwall) for Section IX to approve the 10th game. All in favor. Motion carried.

4. NYSPHSAA Summer Meeting Report – Mr. James Osborne, Section IX Secretary/Treasurer

Mr. James Osborne stated 2015-2016 Section IX Directory, admission passes and sample soccer balls are available for each school.

Mr. Osborne reviewed the NYSPHSAA Summer Meeting. (Refer to report in the folder.)

Highlights of the meeting include:

- ❖ Coaching Certification through National Federation (NFHS) as a pathway to coaching certification in New York State.
- ❖ APP and Mixed Competition (topic of discussion at NYSPHSAA Mandated Workshop on September 11th).
- ❖ Handbook Committee revision for Rule 39 in football.
- ❖ Hard shelled helmets approved in Baseball. Requirement not approved in Softball.
- ❖ NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Committee added language to Sportsmanship Standard #27. This was not approved by Section IX.
- ❖ Sports Reports from Committees

5. OCIAA Athletic Coordinator Report – Mr. Christopher Mayo

Mr. Mayo welcomed Annette King to the OCIAA staff. Annette will work as Account Clerk to the Regional Office of Interscholastic Athletics. Everyone introduced themselves to Annette King.

Mr. Mayo discussed the use of spikes for Modified Cross Country. Both Leagues had previously approved the proposal to allow a pilot program in New York State to allow use of spikes in Modified Cross Country. The Leagues then would decide whether to participate in the pilot program. If spikes are used it will require a report be made to NYSPHSAA if injuries occur. The MHAL voted not to use spikes for Modified Cross Country. No motion was made by OCIAA to approve the use of spikes in Modified Cross Country. The OCIAA will not use spikes in Modified Cross Country.

Mr. Greg Sirico, Executive Board NYSHSFCFA (Warwick) discussed the Percentages Proposal for Football. Mr. Sirico discussed this proposal suggests not to compete with a school more than 2 ½ times its size. Motion to approve support of the Football Proposal was made by Mr. Tim Bult (Minisink) second by Mr. Greg Sirico (Warwick). All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. John Landro (Tuxedo) second by Mr. Michael Kroemer (Cornwall) to accept the Section IX Athletic Agreement with Anaconda Sports/Lids East for the five-year period 2016-2021. All in favor. Motion carried.

Items of Concern:

A. OCIAA Bylaw's – Update – Boys/Girls Tennis

Refer to Tennis Proposal in folder. The coaches' proposal is for a change in set-up for percentage of wins to a lesser amount and changes in language from division to overall. The OCIAA proposal is for a change in language from division to overall and keeps the percentage of wins the same. Motion was made by Mr. Ron Semerano, OCIAA Girls Tennis Chair (Port Jervis) second by Mr. Kurt Buddenhagen, OCIAA Boys Tennis Chair (Liberty) to approve the OCIAA Proposal. Discussion was made. All in favor. Motion carried.

B. Fall Changes – Dropped Teams for 2015

Dropped teams due to low participation was discussed. Dropped teams in the schedule will result in a bye to the opposing team. A schedule of byes will be made for other schools to pick up games.

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

The OCIAA Events Risk & Emergency Plan was updated for 2015 listing the committee members that review the plan. Motion to accept the changes was made by Mr. Tim Bult (Minisink) second by Mr. Adam Larsen (Livingston Manor). All in favor. Motion carried.

D. Fall 2015 Rules Interpretations Meetings:

All Fall Sports – Thursday, September 3, 2015 at Goshen High School – 7:00 p.m.

Modified Football – Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2015 at Middletown High School Library 6:30 p.m.

E. Fall Officials Fees 2015

Refer to copy of fee schedule in the folder. Please give a copy to your school business office for their information on officials' fees for fall 2015.

F. Fall Coaching Courses

Early Fall 2015 Coaching Course schedule is included in the folder. A Philosophy & Principles blended class has been added beginning September 8th and will be held at John S. Burke Catholic High School.

G. OCIAA Chairpersons

Mr. J.J. Gass (Eldred) will be the OCIAA Softball Chairperson; Ms. Suzanne Lenzian (Fallsburg) will be the OCIAA Cheerleading Chairperson. The OCIAA will not hold a League Championship in 2016. A Cheerleading Invitational will be held instead. Details will be worked out with Ms. Cherie Ramsey, Section IX Cheerleading Chairperson. A Section IX Cheerleading Championship will be held. A list of OCIAA Sports Chairpersons is included in the folder.

H. Spring Schedules 2016

Motion made by Mr. Tim Bult (Minisink) second by Mr. Kurt Buddenhagen (Liberty) to approve the 2016 Spring Schedules. All in favor. Motion carried. Mr. Mayo stated if any changes need to be made to please let him know.

6. Old Business

The March 22, 2016 OCIAA Athletic Directors Workshop has moved to March 29th due to spring break week during March 21 to March 25th. The OCIAA Athletic Directors Workshop will be held at the same location at Orange-Ulster BOCES, Carl P. Onken Conference Center, Room B & C at 9:30 a.m.

7. New Business

Mr. Michael Kroemer, OCIAA Wrestling Chair (Cornwall) spoke on opportunities to purchase wrestling mats that are slightly used from championship events at a discount rate. If interested please email Mr. Kroemer at kroerm@cornwallschools.com

8. Next Athletic Directors Workshop – Tuesday, September 22, 2015 at 9:30 a.m.
At Orange-Ulster BOCES, Carl P. Onken Conference Center, Room B & C

NYS PHSAA Mandated Workshop - Tuesday, September 11, 2015 at 9:30 a.m.
At Wallkill High School, Auditorium

Next Section IX Meeting – Thursday, September 17, 2015 at Coleman High School at 9:30 a.m.

9. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. John Landro (Tuxedo) second by Mr. Greg Voloshin (Goshen). All in favor. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Christopher P. Mayo
Interscholastic Athletic Coordinator

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