

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

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2015- 9:30 A.M.
ORANGE-ULSTER BOCES, CARL P. ONKEN CONFERENCE CENTER
Room B & C**

All members present except: Mr. Bill Spanjer, Chapel Field Christian School
 Mr. Mike Kroemer, Cornwall
 Mr. Ron Semerano, Port Jervis
 Mr. Derek Adams, Tri-Valley

Guests Present: Mr. Chris Radon, Greenwood Lake
 Mr. Greg Ransom, Section IX Executive Director
 Mr. Dennis Burkett, MHAL Coordinator

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

1. Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2015 OCIAA Athletic Directors Workshop made by Mr. Tim Bult (Minisink) second by Ms. Suzanne Lenzian (Fallsburg). All in favor.
Motion carried.

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

A. Section IX Budget

Refer to copy in folder. Motion to approve the budget for 2016-2017 was made by Ms. Wendy Crandall (Pine Bush) second by Mrs. Debbie Crowe (O'Neill High School). All in favor.
Motion carried.

B. Cross Country – 5 Classes (discussion)

Mr. Bellarosa explained that Mr. Jim Glover, Section IX Boys Cross Country Chairperson, is not in favor of 5 classes due to 4 classes is an even 25%. The fifth class could possibly get watered down. Mr. Greg Ransom, Interim Executive Director of Section IX, said statewide schools feel there are enough participants to make 5 classes. Mr. Chris Mayo asked Athletic directors to talk with their coaches for a vote at the next meeting.

C. Modified Football Injury Report

Mr. David Coates, Section IX Football Co-Chairperson (Middletown) asked to forward your school Modified Football Injury Report to him so that he can forward them to NYSPHSAA.

D. 3 Point Shot Modified Basketball

Discussion was made by Mr. Gary Vyskocil (Washingtonville) that allowing the 3 point shot in modified basketball prepares students to practice shooting the ball properly to prepare them making it to the JV level. Discussion regarding the watering down of modified sports compared with youth and AAU clubs was made. The three point shot is allowed on those levels, and coaches should be able to maintain control over players taking that shot on the modified level. Schools will communicate whether or not their facility is able to accommodate a three point shot prior to the season start date. Motion to approve the 3 Point Shot in Modified Basketball if a

school has three point lines in their gym; beginning 2016-2017 was made by Mr. Vyskocil second by Ms. Wendy Crandall (Pine Bush). Two were opposed, the rest approved. Motion carried.

- E. Reduction in Required Practice Days for Modified
Modified level practice chart shows the present number of practices and an example of the proposed amount of practices. Mr. Glen Maisch, Section IX Sportsmanship Chairperson (Kingston) discussed the importance of safety and the requirement for number of practices provides safety measures as compared with outside youth league games. Discussion was made concerning practices for Modified Football and bringing that sport and level in line with the high school practice requirements. Mr. Chris Mayo asked Athletic Directors to review this chart and come back with any proposed changes.
- F. Softball Bat List
Refer to list of ASA non-approved bat list in folder and penalty for having unapproved bats.

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

- A. BEDS Report 2016-2017
The Section IX BEDS report in the folder state the enrollment numbers that were reported by the schools. Please review carefully. Athletic directors were asked to carefully look over their school's numbers and sport classifications. Volleyball has the most classification changes due to NYSPHSAA has changed the classification cut-off numbers. The BEDS numbers will not be final until NYSPHSAA approves the BEDS information.
- B. 2016-2017 Sports Teams Alignments
The sports teams alignments for next year are included in the packet. Athletic Directors are to review all sports divisions. This will be reviewed again at the next meeting. A vote to approve the Sports Teams Alignments for 2016-2017 will take place after NYSPHSAA approves the BEDS numbers.
- C. OCIAA Associate Members 2016-2017
Included in the folder is the OCIAA Associate Members for 2016-2017. Delaware Valley, PA has dropped as an associate member. Motion to approve the OCIAA Associate Members for 2016-2017 was made by Mr. Glen Maisch (Kingston) second by Mr. Mike Bellarosa (Valley Central). All in favor. Motion carried.
- D. Dropped Teams Winter Season
No dropped teams were mentioned. Mr. Jason Semo announced Newburgh is looking for JV girls basketball teams to play against the NFA girls basketball freshman team.
- E. NYSAAA Conference and Hotel Registration
Registration form is included in the folder.

- F. ROIA Budget 2016-2017
Mr. Chris Mayo, Interscholastic Athletic Coordinator, explained that the ROIA budget has not been completed. As soon as information becomes available for schools, they will be alerted.
- G. Scholar Athlete Breakfast – April 20, 2016
Mr. Mayo asked if anyone knows of a possible keynote speaker to please let him know.
- H. Winter Schedules – Alpine Ski – Indoor Track
Motion to approve the 2015-2016 Alpine Ski and Indoor Track schedules was made by Mrs. Debbie Crowe (O’Neill High School) second by Ms. Suzanne Lenzian (Fallsburg). All in favor. Motion carried.
- I. Belleayre – Skiing
Mr. Mayo announced that Athletic Directors should review the Alpine Ski Schedule and note that some alpine ski meets at Belleayre are held at 10:00 a.m. and to be sure your school district is informed in advance.
- J. Combining of Teams
The request for combining of schools for Ellenville and Wawarsing is being reviewed for more information. Mr. Mayo discussed the application must be submitted in a timely manner to be reviewed by the Sports Chairpersons and the Combining of Teams Committee. After which the Combining of Teams application will be presented to the Leagues. The School District Board of Education approval will take place after the Leagues approve the application. Mr. Tim Bult explained the importance of the letter of intent and that all information is included for review.

Mr. Greg Ransom, Section IX Executive Director, reviewed the definition of Athletic Advantage.

“The definition of advantage is a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position. The combining of teams inherently creates an advantage for the schools that have merged by simply drawing from the population of two or more schools. This is mitigated to some degree by having to combine the enrollment of the merged schools. NYSPHSAA has developed this process to provide opportunities for students to participate where there is an insufficient number of athletes to run a program, inadequate facilities to conduct the sport, or some other similar circumstance. It is the sections responsibility to ensure that any combined program does not reach the point of superiority over the other schools. Although the combining of two or more teams meets the definition of a favorable position, it does not reach the level of denying the application based on the guidelines of NYSPHSAA. Any recommendation to reject a combined team application must therefore reach the level of creating a superior position over the other schools for the combined team. The Section IX Combining of Teams Committee must make this determination and delineate the specific circumstance(s) that creates in their view the superior position and report this information to the leagues for discussion and a vote. The final decision will be made by the Section 9 Athletic Council.”

Mr. Chris Mayo stated the new application process will allow for a fair process for approval or denial of the merger. Discussion was made.

4. Old Business

Football Classifications was discussed by Mr. David Coates, Section IX Football Co-Chairperson. The New York State Football Committee discussed the Section IX proposal and

the 6 classes proposal. Mr. Greg Ransom explained the Championship Philosophy Committee met and defeated the 6 classes proposal. The current classification numbers will continue for one more year. Mr. Glen Maisch (Kingston) and Mr. David Coates (Middletown) Section IX Football Co-Chairpersons asked for consideration to the Section IX proposal for the differential to classes AA and D. Mr. Coates stated we are still waiting to see what happens. At this time schools can submit their rivals and requests for non-league games.

5. New Business

Mr. Michael Bellarosa discussed that Valley Central and Warwick have joined together to honor a Warwick High School senior who has a rare form of cancer by holding fundraiser games for varsity and JV Boys Basketball on Thursday, December 17th at Valley Central High School. Fans are encouraged to wear orange, the favorite color of this young man and the proceeds will go to the family. Mr. Greg Sirico thanked Valley Central for their willingness to help with this cause.

Mr. Chris Mayo, Interscholastic Athletic Coordinator, wished everyone a wonderful holiday season.

6. Next Athletic Directors Workshop – Tuesday, January 26, 2016 at 9:30 a.m.
Orange-Ulster BOCES, Carl P. Onken Conference Center, Room B & C

Section IX Meeting – Tuesday, January 5, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. at Orange-Ulster BOCES, Carl P. Onken Conference Center, Room B & C

7. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Tim Bult (Minisink) second by Mr. Glen Maisch (Kingston).
All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Christopher P. Mayo
Interscholastic Athletic Coordinator

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