

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

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2015 - 9:30 A.M.  
ORANGE-ULSTER BOCES, CARL P. ONKEN CONFERENCE CENTER  
Room B& C**

All members were present except:   Mr. Bill Spanjer, Chapel Field  
  Mr. Ron Montalto, Monroe-Woodbury  
  Mrs. Debra Crowe, O'Neill High School

Guests Present:           Mr. Chris Radon, Greenwood Lake  
                                  Mr. Dennis Burkett, MHAL Athletic Coordinator  
                                  Mr. Greg Ransom, Int. Executive Director, Section IX Athletics  
                                  Mr. Jim Osborne, Section IX Secretary

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

1.    Approval of Minutes of last meeting on August 27, 2015  
      Motion to approve the minutes of the August 27, 2015 OCIAA Athletic Directors Workshop was made by Mr. Michael Kroemer (Cornwall) second by Ms. Suzanne Lenzian (Fallsburg). All in favor. Motion carried.
  
2.    OCIAA President's Report – Mr. Michael Bellarosa
  - a.    Baseball – one day to two day format  
      Mr. Michael Bellarosa, OCIAA President, explained a two day format would consist of the semi-finals on day 1 and the finals to be held on day 2. He stated the state Baseball Committee unanimously approves the two day format. Motion to approve the Baseball two day format for school years 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 was made by Mr. Michael Kroemer (Cornwall) second by Mr. Tim Bult (Minisink). All in favor. Motion carried.
  
  - b.    Lacrosse – length of season  
      The rationale for the issue is to extend the season by one week from 13 weeks to 14 weeks with the Championship week being #49 instead of #48. The state Boys Lacrosse Committee and Section IX Boys Chairman are in favor. Discussion was made. Section IX Girls Lacrosse Chair person, Wendy Crandall, said there are unanswered questions from the girls side of things and therefore could not support this proposal without clarification of championship venues, etc. A question was raised on the issue of timing to enact this proposal this year. Motion to approve made by Mr. Greg Voloshin (Goshen) second by Mr. Gary Vyskocil (Washingtonville). The vote was 5 in favor, 4 opposed, the remainder of the group abstained. The motion did not pass.
  
  - c.    Hard shell helmets for softball coaches  
      Discussion was made. The MHAL voted to approve for softball. The Athletic Director's of the OCIAA are in favor of each coach deciding for themselves but did not want to mandate it. No motion was made by OCIAA to approve helmets for adult base coaches in Softball.
  
  - d.    Advanced Athletic Placement subject to Transfer Rule starting 2017

Discussion was made that playing time would follow transfers after 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are selectively classified. Schools will need to provide that documentation if a student transfer to a new school prior to entering 9<sup>th</sup> grade.

- e. Transgender Guidelines  
NYSPHSAA has established guidelines however schools can have their own policy. Discussion was made concerning mixed competition.
- f. Girls Track and Field Chairperson – Brian Halling (FDR)  
Motion to approve Mr. Brian Halling as Section IX Girls Track & Field Chairperson was made by Mr. Greg Voloshin (Goshen) second by Mr. David Coates (Middletown). All in favor.  
Motion carried.

3. OCIAA Athletic Coordinator Report – Mr. Christopher Mayo

Items of Concern:

A. 2015 OCIAA & Section IX Fall Championships  
Refer to championship dates in folder.

B. Modified Football – Rules Meeting

The Modified Football rules interpretations meeting was held at Middletown High School on September 8, 2015. Mr. David Coates, Football Co-Chairperson (Middletown) stated this is the second year of the merged Modified Football By-laws for OCIAA and MHAL. Mr. Coates stated schools that only have enough players for 4 quarters should notify the Athletic Coordinator’s Office in advance. The sign-in sheet from the rules meeting is included in the folder. Mr. Christopher Mayo explained that officials have access to “Hudl” which is a great teaching tool to use in their meetings.

C. Football Classification Numbers

Mr. David Coates discussed the NYSPHSAA Classification Proposal. Mr. Coates and Mr. Glen Maisch (Kingston), Section IX Football Co-Chairs, discussed the conference call they were on with the NYSPHSAA Football committee. They talked about the proposal sent from Section IX which addresses disparity in school enrollment for Class AA and D. No school would be in a classification with other schools that are more than 2 ½ times their size. State Football Chair, Gary Vanderzee then brought up a previously unseen proposal moving Football in NYS to six classifications. On the conference call, David and Glen voted no to that proposal as they were only prepared to vote on the proposal brought from Section IX. This proposal from Section IX was not voted on. The Section IX Football committee met via conference call and would be in favor of the 6 class proposal. Mr. Greg Sirico (Warwick) stated the 6 classifications would also solve the disparity of school size problem, just as the extremes proposal from Section IX would. Mr. Greg Ransom, Section IX Executive Director, spoke on the CAC’s position on this and stated 6 classifications may be favorable but may not be enough time for 2016 and may not be in the best interest of NYSPHSAA since they have no ideology on 6 classes in athletics. Motion made by Mr. David Coates, second by Mr. Tim Bult (Minisink) to support 6 classifications in Football starting in 2016-2017 school year with the caveat that if this is not passed at the state level, that we continue to support the original Section IX Proposal. All in favor except Valley Central opposed and Cornwall and Mount Academy abstained. The motion carried.

D. Mandated Workshop Review

A PowerPoint presentation of the NYSPHSAA Mandated Workshop was emailed to all Section IX Athletic Directors.

E. Fall Teams Update

Mr. Christopher Mayo explained many JV teams were dropped and to make up for an opponent that was lost you can contact the MHAL schools since they lost many JV teams also.

F. BEDS Reporting Form 2015-2016

Mr. Mayo stated athletic directors should work with their school's BEDS reporter to complete the OCIAA BEDS form. The OCIAA BEDS enrollment form is included in the folder and due back by October 27, 2015.

G. 2016-2017 Sports Teams

The 2016-2017 sports teams your school district will participate in is also due by October 27, 2015. A copy of the form is included in the folder.

H. Field Hockey – Exceptional Senior Game

Motion to approve an Exceptional Senior Game in Field Hockey was made by Mr. Glen Maisch (Kingston) second by Ms. Wendy Crandall (Pine Bush). All in favor. Motion carried.

I. Mergers – Alpine Ski, Girls Lacrosse

Combining of Teams Requests were submitted.

Rondout (host school) and Kingston (already approved) add to merger: F.D.R. and Coleman Catholic for Alpine Skiing 2015-2016. Motion to approve made by Mr. John Landro (Tuxedo) second by Mr. Glen Maisch (Kingston). All in favor. Motion carried.

Highland (host school) and Marlboro for Girls Lacrosse 2015-2016. Motion to approve made by Ms. Wendy Crandall (Pine Bush) second by Mr. Glen Maisch (Kingston). All in favor. Motion carried

J. Combining of Teams Process

Motion to approve the new process to begin next year was made by Mr. Tim Bult (Minisink) second by Mr. Michael Kroemer (Cornwall). All in favor. Motion carried.

K. Wrestling Rules Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 10, 2015 at Goshen Middle School Auditorium at 6:00 p.m. Wrestling coaches for varsity, JV and modified levels will meet to discuss rules interpretations. Please inform your wrestling coaches of the date.

All other winter sports coaches will meet on Monday, November 16, 2015 at Goshen High School at 7:30 p.m.

L. Winter Coaching Courses

Refer to course schedule in folder for winter 2015 dates. A Health Science hybrid course will also be given this winter. The dates of the Health Science course will follow.

M. Girls Lacrosse

Schedules were discussed by Mr. Christopher Mayo. JV Lacrosse openings will occur.

4. Old Business

Mr. Jason Semo (Newburgh) reported on Unified Sports for students with special needs for a basketball program in the spring. He explained that funding for Section IX may be available. A pilot program will

start at Newburgh regardless of funding. If anyone has questions please contact Mr. Semo at [jsemo@necsd.net](mailto:jsemo@necsd.net)

5. New Business

Additional Handouts in Folder:

- Section IX Volleyball Classifications 2015-2016
- Wrestling Weight Assessment dates and assignments
- Section IX Wrestling Duals schedule in folder
- Tennis Criteria Chart for OCIAA Qualification
- Cornwall Green Dragons Modified Cross Country Invitational

Mr. Christopher Mayo, Interscholastic Athletic Coordinator, reported on the Fall Sports Rules Interpretations Meeting held on September 3, 2015 at Goshen High School. Refer to sign-in sheets in folder. Mr. Mayo stated an OCIAA Cheerleading Invitational will be held in February at Kingston. Mr. Mayo stated schools must participate in two invitationals with certified officials to qualify for the NYSPHSAA Cheerleading Competition. More information will come from Ms. Cherie Ramsey, Section Cheerleading Chairperson.

Mr. Michael Kroemer (Cornwall) stated on September 17<sup>th</sup> the New York State Board of Regents passed a regulation that requires hands only CPR training in every school as a part of the curriculum. This regulation takes effect on October 7, 2015

Mr. Dennis Burkett, Section IX Negotiator, stated the officials' fees for cheerleading judges are being discussed.

Mr. Michael Kroemer stated he will be sending an email to all concerning information he will need for the NYSAAA meeting.

6. Next Athletic Directors Workshop – Tuesday, October 27, 2015 at 9:30 a.m.  
At Orange-Ulster BOCES, Carl P. Onken Conference Center, Room B & C

Next Section IX Meeting – Thursday, September 17, 2015 at 9:30 a.m.  
At Orange-Ulster BOCES, Carl P. Onken Conference Center, Room B & C

7. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Tim Bult (Minisink) 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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