

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

Tuesday, September 27 , 2016- 9:30 A.M.

Orange-Ulster BOCES, Carl P. Onken Conference Center, Room B & C

All members present except: Mr. Adam Kless, Burke Catholic
 Mr. Kirk Wareham, The Mount Academy

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

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

1. Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes of the August 25, 2016 OCIAA Athletic Directors Workshop made by Mr. Mike Kroemer (Cornwall) second by Mr. Tim Bult (Minisink) All in favor. Motion carried.

2. Section IX Report: Mr. James Osborne

- a. The Modified Committee is looking to allow 4 games per week starting in the Spring of 2017 with Sectional League approval.
- b. Baseball is looking to develop a pitch count for all levels starting in the Spring of 2017.
- c. Volleyball is looking for an extended period, from 2 – 3/5 to 6 games.
- d. Cold weather games (specifically Baseball) came up for discussion regarding a possible safety issue.
- e. Reminder: Please contact Todd Nelson to discuss a Concussion Management plan in order to reduce liability for your district.
- f. The Wet Bulb indicator was being looked at as a possibility in place of Weatherbug.
- g. Girls Lacrosse – There is discussion for the possibility of soft helmets to be worn during games and practice.

3. OCIAA President’s Report – Mr. Michael Bellarosa

Items of Concern:

A. Section IX Athletics:

a. Wrestling- 2- Division Dual Meet Championship

There is not enough information on the proposal. The proposal will be discussed at the CAC Meeting on 9/28 and an email vote will be submitted from the OCIAA.

b. Girls Golf- Expand State Tourney to include Teams

Teams compete in all Sectional Tournaments for a team title but do not have the opportunity to win a team championship with their teammates at the State Tournament. Girls golf would have the four division winners face off in a one day match and the winner would be the team representing Section IX in the State Tournament for the team championship.

Motion to approve by Mr. Fred Ahart, Second by Mr. Greg Voloshin. All in favor. Motion carried.

c. Boys and Girls Swim – Crown State Champion Team; Coaches Award

To allow coaches from New York State the opportunity to be eligible for the David H. Robertson Excellence in Coaching Award presented from the National Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association.

Motion to approve by Mr. Mike Kroemer, Second by Mr. Jason Semo. All in favor. Motion carried.

d. Boys and Girls Bowling – Expand to a 2 Division Format in State Play

To Expand the AState Championships by splitting the existing School Team Division into Division 1 and Division 2. The initial Division 1 enrollment number will be 600 and above. Motion to approve by Mr. Rick Cowles, Second by JJ Gass. All in favor. Motion passed.

e. Cheerleading: Video Replay / Safety Deduction

To implement replay for deduction/ safety at State level.

Motion to approve by Mr. Greg Sirico, second by Ms. Sue Lenzian. None in favor. Motion defeated.

To support no props to be used in competition, approve an extra Judge at State Championships, and approve the recommended Ruberics to be used for state competition.

Motion to approve by Ms. Sue Lenzian, Second by Mr. Tim Bult.

All in Favor. Motion carried.

f. Indoor Track- Relay 2nd Team

To qualify for the state meet an athlete must place in the top 2 or finish 3rd AND meet a state standard in an individual event to qualify to comete at the state championships.

Motion to approve by Mr. Greg Sirico, Second by Mr. Gary Vyskocil

g. Modified Basketball

Motion made to approve 3 point shot with Section / League approval at Modified level by Mr. Mike Kroemer, second by Ms. Suzanne Lenzian. Discussion was made concerning notifying each other before the games as to whether schools have the three point line in their gyms, and whether schools will be using it for the contests. All in favor. Motion carried.

h. Reminder: Advanced Placement 7th and 8th graders (subject to transfer rule starting 2017.

i. Unified Sports – Richard Silverstein was appointed as Chairperson. Schools were reminded to look into the program for their districts. It will be implemented this Spring 2017. Several schools in the OCIAA are planning on participating. Schools should work with their Special Education Department.

5. OCIAA Athletic Coordinators Report- Mr. Christopher Mayo

Mr. Mayo thanked Mr. Greg Ransom, and Mr. James Osborne for all of the effort they put into the section and for the information and insight they bring to OCIAA meetings.

Items of Concern:

A. 2016 OCIAA & Section IX Fall Championships

Review schedule – refer to handout in folder.

B. Coaching License Application Cover Sheer / Accepted Courses

Please refer to your approval list and forward to your coaches to avoid rejected applications. Greg Ransom spoke about the importance of encouraging coaches to take the approved and certified courses offered. Mr. Mayo recommended extending an invitation to Ms. Carol Marion to a meeting in order to answer any questions Athletic Directors have regarding the procedures.

C. Winter Coaching Courses

A winter coaching course schedule was handed out and is posted online. Please have your coaches attend the necessary courses they need. Please refer to handout in folder for dates that these courses will be offered for the Winter.

D. Modified Football Rules Meeting

Mr. David Coates discussed the importance of communication between the Athletic Directors, Coaches and Officials prior to a game in order to avoid unnecessary confusion on the field. Mr. Mayo thanked Mr. Coates for conducting the Football Rules Interpretation Meeting. Mr. Coates sent out Modified Football bylaws and documents needed for modified coaches. Mr. Mayo also posted those documents on the Football webpage.

E. Mandated Workshop Review

The NYSPHSAA Athletic Director's Mandatory workshop was held on September 20, 2016 at Wallkill High School.

F. Modified Sports Standards Chart

A new chart was handed out to Athletic Directors. New practice requirements were approved by NYSPHSAA over the summer. Please follow minimum requirements – refer to handout in folder.

G. BEDS Reporting Form 2016-2017

Please fill out BEDS Reporting Form (provided) and return prior to the next OCIAA meeting on Tuesday, October 25, 2016.

H. 2016-2017 Sports Teams

Please fill out 2016-2017 Sports Teams Form (provided) and return prior to the next OCIAA meeting on Tuesday, October 25, 2016.

I. Combining of Teams

Mr. Tim Bult reported that the state is looking at a possible recommendation of changing to percentages used in calculated enrollment for merged programs. Mr. Bult also spoke about the Section IX Combining of Teams Application and process being used as a potential model for the state. Discussion was made concerning Boys Swimming. FDR has been accepted by Marlboro to shadow Marlboro's schedule. Highland currently has an independent team with their own schedule. Highland is still trying to find a solution to the issue of expenses and coaching that they face as a result of the breakup of the three team merger of FDR/ Highland and Marlboro. Mr. Dennis Burkett will bring it up for discussion at his next meeting.

J. Wrestling Rules Meeting 11/9 @ Goshen Middle School Auditorium – 6pm

This meeting was recently added to the calendar. It is separate from the main rules interpretation meeting.

K. OCIAA Swimming Championships / Alignments

Discussion of site change was made due to the increased number of swimmers in the Championship. The capacity of Washingtonville's pool can no longer accommodate the Championships. Next year it is proposed that the OCIAA Championship be split into Division championships with multiple sites. Swim coaches wanted the change for this year, but due to the increased expense and short window for change as well as officials availability, Mr. Mayo suggested that change be put off until next school year when it can be smoothly implemented and well thought out. Mr. Mayo and Greg Voloshin, OCIAA Swim Chairperson, will work together to find a facility suitable to hold the championships this year and keep them whole.

5. Old Business – None

6. New Business –

A. Mr. James Ryan notified the OCIAA that Monticello has dropped its Girls JV Soccer and that he is having transportation issues.

B. Mr. Mayo introduced Mr. Rick Cowles, Athletic Director of Kingston, who discussed the benefit of leasing buses and potentially training school personnel to be drivers in order to solve his transportation issues and ultimately save money on transportation costs.

- C. West Point has new entry procedures in place for Athletes, Coaches and Parents. Mr. Mayo will attend a meeting on October 6, 2016 to discuss the new procedures and will provide information to all Athletic Directors as soon as it becomes available.
- D. Mr. David Coates discussed point differential in regard to football forfeits, which needs to be addressed by the Committee.

7. Next Athletic Directors Workshop – Tuesday, October 25, 2016 at 9:30 a.m.
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Section IX Meeting – Tuesday, October 18, 2016 at 9:30 am
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8. Motion to adjourn – Mrs. Debbie Crowe, second Mr. Tim Bult . All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Christopher P. Mayo
Interscholastic Athletic Coordinator

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