

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

Tuesday, March 20, 2018- 9:30 A.M.

All members present except: Mr. Adam Kless, Burke Catholic
 Mr. Bill Spanjer, Jr., Chapel Field
 Mr. J.J. Gass, Eldred
 Mr. Matthew O'Brien, Goshen
 Mr. Kirk Wareham, Mount Academy
 Mr. Ron Montalto, Newburgh
 Mr. Al Holtzer, Port Jervis
 Mr. Fred Ahart, Roscoe
 Mr. William Miller, Valley Central

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

The OCIAA Athletic Directors Workshop was called to order at 9:38 a.m.

1. Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2018, OCIAA Athletic Directors Workshop made by Ms. Suzanne Lenzian (Fallsburg) and seconded by Mr. Michael Kroemer (Cornwall). All in favor. Motion carried.

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

a. Modified Committee Items

Modified games

There has been consideration for extending play time, increasing number of games, and rebranding to MS Athletics for the Modified teams in 2018-19. While trying to deflect losing so many players to AAU and Tournament teams, some foreseen issues would include cost for officials, scheduling, and bussing. Many of those in attendance of today's meeting strongly believe the focus may be best placed on reviewing and revising the rules, rather than the above-mentioned.

b. Items from Section IX Meeting

i. Emerging Sport – Girls Wrestling

Mr. Kroemer (Cornwall), OCIAA Wrestling Chairman, is continuing to gather statewide information regarding participation in Girls Wrestling for the purpose of determining if it will become a sport to stand on its own. Please note the modified level is not included in these statewide numbers, so be sure to send Mr. Kroemer an email indicating your district's number of female wrestlers at the this level. A full report of this information can be expected in April 2018.

ii. Cheerleading

Mr. Robert Zayas, Executive Director of the NYSPHSAA, is looking for a whole new format. There has been discussion about competitive vs. game day events, as well as utilizing a score sheet vs. the rubric. Currently, this is all in the planning stages.

iii. Representation Rule Proposal

Please see attached. Athletic Directors were in favor of the proposed Representation rule change, but included in the motion to add Girls Wrestling to the Representation Rule. Motion made by Mr. Tim Bult (Minisink) and seconded by Mr. Kroemer (Cornwall). All in favor. Motion carried.

iv. 8-Man Football Proposal

Please see attached proposing to allow sections to play 8-man Football with an alternate field dimension from NFHS Rules with Section/League approval. League body was in favor.

v. Unified Sports Proposal

Please see attached proposal to have NYSPHSAA Staff meet with SED to consider allowing a waiver of the Age and Duration of Competition based on process listed on handout.

There was also discussion regarding Skills Challenges for those students who may not be age eligible for Unified Sports.

Motion for Unified Sports Proposal made by Mr. Rich Silverstein (Monticello) and seconded by Mr. Kroemer (Cornwall). All in favor. Motion carried.

vi. Honor Weigh-ins Email

Please see attached. This item has been tabled until more information is received. Apparently this is an issue in Section 8. Section IX has no issues with the current process.

vii. Baseball Tie-Breaker System

Please see attached. Mr. Mike Gillespie (Pine Bush) informed us that the tie breaker system for determining Regional winners is currently not in the Baseball Handbook. Motion to add tie breaker system to the handbook made by Mr. Gillespie (Pine Bush) and seconded by Mr. Bult (Minisink). All in favor. Motion carried.

viii. Volleyball Proposal

Please see attached. Motion to avoid automatic bids made by Ms. Debbie Crowe (O'Neill) and seconded by Mr. Bult (Minisink).

ix. Community Service Challenge Proposal

Please see attached. Motion to approve made by Mr. David Coates (Middletown) and seconded by Ms. Lori Hock (Monroe-Woodbury).

x. Standard of Care

Make sure AED's are accessible for all sporting events.

xi. Narcam Policy

Make sure you know the process and policy your schools have in place.

xii. Stop the Bleed Training

Check policies and know the rules.

xiii. PE Plans

Are your plans in compliance? Mr. Chris Mayo will email templates.

3. OCIAA Athletic Coordinator's Report – Mr. Christopher P. Mayo

a. OCIAA 2018-2019 Athletic Calendar - Vote

Please refer to your handout. Motion to approve made by Ms. Lenzian (Fallsburg) and seconded by Mr. Kroemer (Cornwall). All in favor. Motion carried.

b. Dropped Teams

Please refer to the attached list.

c. Fall Schedules 2018

Scheduling sheets were provided in the handouts, and the schedules are expected to be available after spring break. Pages were reviewed at this meeting and a few minor changes were made.

d. Football – Mr. David Coates

i. USA Football Event

The USA Football Heads Up Clinic and the Rules Interpretation meeting are expected to be held during the week sometime between June 12-21, hopefully at Monroe-Woodbury CSD. Mr. Coates (Middletown) is working with Eli Hodges, Assistant, Community Relations and Youth Football, New York Jets, in setting up the clinic.

ii. Football Schedules

Schedules for 11-Man are done; 8-Man is complete.

e. OCIAA Scholar Athlete Breakfast – May 22, 2018

i. Reservation form is included in handouts.

ii. We are looking for a guest speaker. Please share your suggestions.

iii. Biographical Sketch is due by April 24, 2018, firm deadline, so booklet can be arranged and sent out for printing.

iv. Tyler Muise Award – no applications have been received to-date. Please submit your nominations ASAP. The student does not have to be a senior.

f. Heat Index Procedures and Thunder & Lightning Policy

This information is included in your handouts for your reference. Please be sure to share with your coaches.

g. Combining of Teams – Mr. Tim Bult

Rhinebeck combining teams with Red Hook for Modified Baseball. Motion to approve made by Mr. Kroemer (Cornwall) and seconded by Mr. Rob Gravelle (Florida/Seward). All in favor. Motion carried.

h. Spring Rules Interpretation Meeting

All seemed to go well. Mr. Mayo thanked all chairpersons. The new chairperson for Girls Lacrosse is Tom Cunningham. Girls Soccer and Boys & Girls Swimming both have open positions for new chairpersons.

i. Summer Coaching Courses

The schedule is currently being worked on, but please know, we are not planning to add many extra courses due to budgetary status.

j. NYSAAA Conference Review – Mr. Mike Kroemer

Mr. Kroemer (Cornwall) first thanked Section IX for the hospitality room at the conference, as it was greatly appreciated. He thanked Ms. Lenzian (Fallsburg) for her help with the awards. He said the dinner honoring Mr. Fred Ahart (Roscoe), recipient of the Athletic Administrator Award, for his 49 years of service was very nice. Ms. Heather Walsh was presented with her plaque for the NYSAAA Award for Distinguished Service. Lastly, Mr. Kroemer (Cornwall) encouraged all to attend the conference in the years to come, as it provides a great opportunity to talk, share, and network across the state. He nominated Mr. Kermit Moyer (Ellenville) to be the representative for Membership. There are also openings for Hall of Fame and Veteran Athletic Directors representatives.

4. Old Business

None.

5. New Business

Ms. Lori Hock (Monroe-Woodbury) informed all of a Department of Transportation project currently underway near the M-W HS, MS, and Central Valley ES, which is affecting parking in these areas. If you call ahead concerning an event, they will give the best guidance possible regarding the parking.

Mr. Mayo thanked all for their hard work thus far. He informed them that the R.O.I.A. office was here to help in any way possible during the Spring season, which may present many challenges due to the weather.

Mr. Mayo recognized his staff for the heroic actions taken to save the life of an official. Mr. Mayo thanked the BOCES Administration for their support, as well as the Goshen School District for their actions during that event.

3. Next Athletic Directors Workshop – Tuesday, April 24, 2018, at 9:30 a.m.
Orange-Ulster BOCES, Carl P. Onken Conference Center, Room B & C

4. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Bult (Minisink) and seconded by Mr. Coates (Middletown). All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Christopher P. Mayo
Interscholastic Athletic Coordinator

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