

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

TUESDAY, November 21, 2017- 9:30 A.M.

All members present except: Gerard Gass, Eldred
Matt O'Brien, Goshen
Kurt Buddenhagen, Liberty

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

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

1. Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes of the October 24, 2017, OCIAA Athletic Directors Workshop made by Ms. Sue Lenzian (Fallsburg) second by Mr. Mike Kroemer (Cornwall) All in favor. Motion carried.

2. OCIAA President's Report- Mr. Greg Ransom

a. Softball 3 games in 1 day- Invitational Tournament, bracketed with a declared champion.

Mr. Greg Ransom discussed the way this policy works and asked if the league would like to change it. There was no interest in changing this.

b. Neutral Site Policy- any possibility of the Leagues waiving this policy due to securing Venues.

Pete Ferguson, Boys Soccer Chairman, requested that Mr. Ransom approach the leagues about changing the neutral site policy to allow a team to play a Section IX championship game at their home site, as long as the committee reserves the site in advance. Mr. Mayo commented that the request is meritless and common sense should be used when selecting sites. If they select Walkkill as a site, they shouldn't be placing the Class A finals at Walkkill. This request for revising the Neutrakl site policy was not entertained by the league. Not a single school had interest in changing a policy that works.

c. Shadowing schools discussion with the Combining of Teams Committee.

Although shadowing does not require approval from the Section at this time, it does require ample notification in order to participate. The Committee will discuss putting further guidelines in place in order to assure that the number of participating students would fall under the shadowing guidelines, that schedules would not be affected greatly, that the competitive balance not be affected greatly and expenses would not fall onto another school other than the shadowing schools.

d. Section IX Chairperson submits written reports to be sent to the Athletic Council before the meeting.

The Section is requesting that all Chairpeople submit written reports to the Athletic Council in advance of the meeting in an effort to streamline the meeting. This will allow the council to read the reports prior to the meeting and be prepared with any questions they may have of the Chairperson. Reports can be submitted to Mr. Greg Ransom and will be included in the minutes of the meetings.

e. Standardized Sports Handbooks, Team Sports.

Mr. Steve Boucher of Rhinebeck will be putting together a Committee in an effort to help standardize the Sports Handbooks for Section IX. Mr. Boucher is in need of volunteers from the OCIAA to form the Committee.

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

Items of Concern:

A. Winter OCIAA & Section IX Championship Dates/Sites

Please review the Championship dates and sites handout provided in the folder and notify Mr. Mayo immediately with any discrepancies.

B. BEDS Report 2018-2019

The BEDS process has changed. Please refer to comparison chart provided in folder. There is also an updated classification chart for all sports which reflects this change. Mr. Mayo asked all schools to review the data provided to ensure they are correct.

C. NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete Team Award- December 4, 2017

Applications for the NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete Team Award is due. Please submit your application online no later than December 4, 2017.

D. Review of Winter Rules Interpretations Meetings

Wrestling- November 8, 2017 No report at this time.
Swimming- November 20, 2017 No report at this time.
Both meetings were well attended.

All other Winter Sports- November 16, 2017

Gary Vyskocil reported that the Indoor Track coaches discussed the difficulty in hearing the new start buzzer and the coaches are requesting to go back to the starting gun. MR. Mayo asked the Athletic Directors if they approve of going back to using starters pistols with blanks. All agreed.

Reminder: Please be sure to submit your manifest sheet to West Point for access.

E. 2018-2019 Sports Teams Alignments Draft

➤ **Modified A Football vs. Freshman**

- Changes to be submitted to Scheduling Committee for approval.
- Please notify Mr. Mayo if there is any interest in 8-Man Football no later than January 4, 2018. There will be a meeting in December for any schools that are interested.
- Discussion was made regarding Freshman Football and Modified A/B Football- there was a meeting after the meeting.

F. Update on Winter Schedules- Alpine Ski, Indoor Track

The Alpine Ski schedule was sent out- Mr. Rich Silverstein was concerned in regards to the student athletes missing a full day of school in order to attend the meets. Mr. Silverstein was advised that these meets should be considered an extension of the classroom and hold educational value for the students. The Athletic Directors requested that in the future, alternate sights for meets be sought out to alleviate the number of days students and coaches are out of the building missing instruction time.

G. Combining of Teams

Mr. Tim Bult requested a motion to approve Marlboro and Highland to merge for Lacrosse. Motion was made by Mr. Rob Gravelle, second by Ms. Debra Crowe. All in favor. Motion carries.

4. Old Business

Mr. Mayo thanked Mr. David Coates for running the State Soccer Championship Tournament, the Section IX Football division championships, Section IX championships and the East Regional Semi-Finals for Football.

There is a Rating Standard sheet provided in the folder. Please make copies and distribute to your coaches. Please have your coaches complete the rating forms online.

5. New Business

There was an interest in exploring the potential addition of Modified swimming in the future. A few schools stated that they would be interested in this.

6. Next Athletic Directors Workshop – Tuesday, December 19, 2017 at 9:30 at Orange-Ulster BOCES, Carl P. Onken Conference Center, Room B & C.

Section IX Meeting- Tuesday, January 4, 2017 at 9:30 @ Orange- Ulster BOCES.

7. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Tim Bult, second by David Coates. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Christopher P. Mayo
Interscholastic Athletic Coordinator
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