

**ORANGE COUNTY INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
ATHLETIC DIRECTORS WORKSHOP
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2011
ORANGE-ULSTER BOCES, CARL P. OKEN CONFERENCE ROOM B & C**

All members were present except: Mr. Bill Spanjer, Chapel Field
Mr. Tim Bult, Fallsburg
Mr. Carlton Williams, Family School
Mr. Derek Adams, Tri-Valley
Mr. Mike Bellarosa, Valley Central

Associate Member Present: Mr. Chris Radon, Greenwood Lake

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

1. Approval of Minutes of last meeting on November 22, 2011.
Motion to approve the minutes of the November 22, 2011 Athletic Directors Workshop was made by Ms. Kelly Doherty (Eldred) second by Mr. Rob Gravelle (S.S. Seward). All were in favor. Motion carried.
2. OCIAA President's Report – Mr. Doug Murphy

Section IX Athletics

Mr. Doug Murphy, OCIAA President, reported on Section IX Athletics.

a. Girls Golf

A motion was made by Mr. Rob Gravelle (S.S. Seward) second by Mr. Greg Sirico (Warwick) to approve the use of a non-motorized pull cart for Girls Golf. All were in favor. Motion carried.

b. Sponsorship

A motion was made by Mr. David Coates (Middletown) second by Mr. Andy Buchsbaum (Liberty) to approve the Sponsorship Package for Section IX Athletics. All were in favor. Motion carried. Mr. Osborne explained this is only a Section IX Sponsorship Package and not a league sponsorship.

Mr. Chris Mayo, Assistant Interscholastic Athletic Coordinator, reported there would be a monetary benefit to Section IX for obtaining sponsorships. Mr. Mayo explained for Sectional sponsorships to take place, Section IX must be on its own server and website. The cost for a hosting service is approximately \$300. to \$400. per year. Mr. Mayo stated he will look further into the costs of Section IX having their own server and website and report back to the athletic directors.

c. Softball Regionals

Mr. Doug Murphy, OCIAA President, reported Sections I, VIII, and XI do not have a Class D in Softball and there has been a recommendation to change the bye structure for playoffs. Motion to approve the change in bye structure for Softball Regionals was made by Mr. Glen Maisch (Kingston) second by Ms. Wendy Crandall (Pine Bush). It was

discussed that Section IX would then have to play someone in the first round. The results were 6 members are in favor and all others were opposed. The motion was defeated.

d. League Membership vs. Friend and Neighbor Status

Mr. Murphy reported Our Lady of Lourdes has applied for membership into Section IX Athletics. A copy of their application is included in the folder. Our Lady of Lourdes will be making a presentation to the Athletic Council at the next Section IX Meeting on January 10, 2012. Their classification was discussed.

Faith Christian Academy, Pre-K-12 in Spackenkil and The Mount Academy, Grades 9-12 in Walden have expressed an interest in joining Section IX Athletics. They will also be making a presentation to the Section IX Athletic Council.

Mr. James Osborne, OCIAA Athletic Coordinator, requested athletic directors consider they come into Section IX as a Friend & Neighbor for two years before voting them into Section IX as a member.

Mr. Doug Murphy reported on the recommendation by the Section IX Safety Committee to change the rest rule for football to be 4 nights rest for contests and 2 nights rest for playing scrimmages. A motion was made by Mr. David Coates (Middletown) second by Mr. Kevin Clifford (Livingston Manor) to approve the change. Discussion was made. Mr. Fred Ahart (Roscoe) stated he is not in favor due to it would not be good for the football programs in the smaller schools. Mr. David Coates explained the rule should be consistent with other sports and in Middletown the statistics show there have been more concussions in girls soccer. Mr. Osborne stated data should be supported to make the statement that 4 nights rest is safer. The results of the motion were - None were in favor. The motion was defeated. Mr. Osborne stated the NYSPHSAA Safety Committee meets in May 2012.

3. OCIAA Athletic Coordinator Report – Mr. James Osborne

Items of Concern:

A. NYSPHSAA December 2011 Office Report

Mr. Osborne reviewed the NYSPHSAA Office Report. Refer to copy in folder.

B. Modified Sports Review

Review of the pitching distance to 40 feet for modified softball was discussed. Varsity and JV softball pitching distance is 43 feet. Section IX will stay at 40 feet for modified softball.

A two-year pilot program in modified football will be used, allowing use of the kick-off at the 35 yard line, and waiving Modified Football Game Rule # 3(Reference: NYSPHSAA Handbook, page 144) Motion to approve made by Mr. Andy Buchsbaum (Liberty) second by Mr. George St. Lawrence (Monroe-Woodbury). All were in favor. Motion carried.

Modified General Eligibility Rule # 10 (Reference: NYSPHSAA Handbook, page 132) shall be edited to allow multi-school contests/invitational/tournament to award place ribbons and order of finish items to the top competitors.” Motion to approve made by

Mr. Doug Murphy (Monticello) second by Mr. Chris Trieste (Chester). All were in favor. Motion carried.

C. Winter Coaching Classes

A Philosophy and Principles of Coaching Course has been added and will begin this evening at Valley Central High School. Please inform your coaches if anyone is interested in taking the course. The Spring Coaching Courses will be available very soon. It was requested to include the Health Sciences for the spring courses.

D. 2012 Associate Membership

A list of the OCIAA Associate Members for 2012-2013 is included in the folder. There are 17 schools that have been approved by the OCIAA Executive Committee on December 7, 2011.

E. 2012-2013 Sports Teams

The OCIAA sports teams for 2012-2013 have been approved by the OCIAA Executive Committee on December 7, 2011. After NYSPHSAA approves the classifications in January 2012 the sports teams alignments will then be confirmed.

F. Athletic Coordinator's Office Budget for 2012-2013

There will be no dues increase to the charges to schools for OCIAA and Section IX Dues. The Athletic Coordinator's Office budget is being developed for 2012-2013 at this time.

G. Fall Start Date 2012

The start date for Football – Varsity/JV	Monday, August 13, 2012
All other fall sports – Varsity/JV	Monday, August 20, 2012

H. Fiscal Concerns for 2012-2013

Mr. Osborne asked the athletic directors if there are any concerns for programs at their school districts. There were no announcements at this time.

4. Old Business

Mr. Glen Maisch stated Kingston modified wrestling is now held at Bailey Middle School.

5. New Business

Mrs. Debbie Crowe announced O'Neill is proposing to merge with Garrison (Section I) in modified boys' lacrosse. A motion to approve the merger was made by Mr. John Landro (Tuxedo) second by Mr. Lou Cioffi (Cornwall). All were in favor. Motion carried. The merger will now go Section IX for a vote of approval.

The alpine ski scrimmage at Belleayre has been changed from December 15 to the make-up date on December 20th due to lack of snow. All schools that are attending must confirm with Mrs. Janet Carey, Section IX Alpine Ski Chairperson. Her email address is: jcarey1789@aol.com

Mr. Osborne discussed the Frozen Ropes flyer for baseball scrimmages. If schools attend they could possibly exceed the number of scrimmages allowed. Frozen Ropes has agreed to send a new flyer to be in compliance with regulations. Mr. Osborne explained teams

must be careful not to violate the number of practices and scrimmages allowed or may forfeit their season.

Modified baseball was discussed. Kingston, Middletown, and Newburgh will play modified baseball 7-8-9. Pine Bush stated they may add modified baseball 7-8-9 this spring from a fundraising donation. Mr. Chris Mayo, Assistant Interscholastic Athletic Coordinator, explained each school would play each other 4 times with Pine Bush added.

A modified football 7-8 program for next year was discussed. Mr. Osborne stated six freshmen teams have signed up for freshmen football next year. There will be no modified football 7-8-9.

Mr. Osborne announced OCIAA will not have modified indoor track. It was discussed that some Sullivan County schools will host their own developmental modified indoor track teams.

Additional Items in Your Folder:

- Winter 2011-2012 OCIAA and Section IX Championship Dates
- NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Matters
- OCIAA Team Information Sheet – **Complete and Return to OCIAA**
- Spring Scrimmage/Game Chart – **Confirm with Coaches**

6. The next Athletic Directors Workshop is **Thursday, January 26, 2012** at Orange-Ulster BOCES, Carl P. Onken Conference Center, Room B & C at 9:30 a.m.

The next Section IX Meeting is Tuesday, January 10, 2012 at Marlboro Intermediate School at 9:30 a.m.

7. Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. John Landro (Tuxedo) second by Mr. Jack Mager (Newburgh). All were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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