

**ORANGE COUNTY INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
ATHLETIC DIRECTORS WORKSHOP
TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 2012
ORANGE-ULSTER BOCES, CARL P. OKEN CONFERENCE ROOM A**

All members were present except: Mr. Bill Spanjer, Chapel Field Christian School
Mr. Michael Bellarosa, Valley Central

Associate Member Present: Mr. Chris Radon, Greenwood Lake

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

1. Approval of Minutes of last meeting on March 27, 2012.
Motion to approve the minutes of the March 27, 2012 Athletic Directors Workshop was made by Mr. Tim Bult (Fallsburg) second by Ms. Kelly Doherty (Eldred). All were in favor. Motion carried.
2. OCIAA President's Report – Mr. Doug Murphy
 - A. Mr. Doug Murphy, OCIAA President, reported on the OCIAA Executive Committee AA Large School Principal Representative position will be filled by Mr. Ken Hauck, Principal of Minisink Valley High School.
 - B. Section IX Report
Mr. Murphy discussed the Transfer Appeal Guidelines. Refer to copy of NYSPHSAA Transfer Rule in folder. Mr. Fred Ahart, Section IX Eligibility Chairperson (Roscoe) reported that Section IX had previously voted to do away with the Academic Hardship Waiver. Since then a conference call meeting had taken place with Ms. Nina Van Erk, Executive Director of NYSPHSAA, to table the Academic Hardship Waiver. The current guidelines will remain in effect.

Section IX Coaches Code of Conduct was discussed. Mr. Osborne stated there should be a process for code of conduct at the local or school level that would begin with a letter from the athletic director to the coach to address the situation. If a coach violates the code of conduct a second time the situation should be addressed by the District Superintendent, athletic director and the coach. Discussion was made on the responsibility of security to ensure that fans and spectators are orderly. Questions were raised on the code of conduct put in place by individual school districts. Further discussion will take place at the Section IX Athletic Council Meeting.

Camp Rule for high schools was discussed. (Refer to copy.) Mr. Fred Ahart (Roscoe) stated it is a good experience for students from other school districts to participate in sports camps. It was discussed there is no problem with the camp rule or athletic shopping in the OCIAA.

Mr. Doug Murphy, OCIAA President, reported on Section IX Wrestling. The following topics were discussed.

- ❖ If Section IX should increase the number of officials from 5 to 6 on the 2nd day of the Tournament.
- ❖ Increase the number of teams to participate in Section IX Duals from 2 to 4.
- ❖ Use of two sites was discussed.
- ❖ League Schedules – Athletic Directors are in favor of Tri-Meets.
- ❖ Liberty has offered to host the D-2 Tournament.
- ❖ Discussion on 2 day Tournament format for quarter finals to be held on Friday and the finals held on Sunday.

Mr. Jared Kahmar, OCIAA Wrestling Chairperson (Port Jervis), reported on Modified Wrestling. He discussed the variance. Mr. Kahmar recommend the variance with a weight, age and ability match up. Motion made by Mr. Jared Kahmar, second by Mr. Tim Bult (Fallsburg) to increase the variance to 6 lbs. across the board. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Doug Murphy, OCIAA President, discussed the Modified/JV Pilot Program Proposal which would only be used when a JV program does not exist. This proposal does not apply to Section IX at this time.

Mr. Murphy discussed Cheerleading and the NYSPHSAA Sponsored Cheerleading Event. Mr. Osborne, OCIAA Athletic Coordinator, shared his views about Cheerleading and how school districts might qualify for the NYSPHSAA Sponsored Cheerleading Event.

- a. NFHS Spirit Rules
- b. Coaching Requirements
- c. Eligibility Standards
- d. Selection Classification

Mr. Osborne asked athletic directors to review Cheerleading and speak to their Superintendent if Cheerleading can become a sport.

3. OCIAA Athletic Coordinator Report – Mr. James Osborne

Items of Concern:

A. April 1012 NYSPHSAA Monthly Update

Mr. Osborne reviewed the April 2012 NYSPHSAA Monthly Update. Refer to copy in folder.

- B. The OCIAA Senior Scholar-Athlete Award Breakfast is April 25, 2012 at Kuhl's Highland House beginning at 9:00 a.m. The guest table chart for seating arrangements is in the folder. The guest speaker is Lt. Jack Walsh, former scholar-athlete and graduate from Newburgh Free Academy. The Times Herald Record honored the OCIAA 2011-2012 Scholar Athletes and printed their information and pictures in the newspaper.

C. Mergers for 2012-2013

Mr. Tim Bult reported Fallsburg is pending approval for merger with Tri-Valley. Ellenville and Wawarsing have submitted a written request to merge in 2012-2013. Further discussion will take place at the May 22, 2012 Athletic Directors Workshop.

D. Spring 2012 Championships – OCIAA and Section IX

The schedule of dates and sites for the Spring Championships is included in folder.

E. Fiscal Concerns for 2012-2013

A. Reduction of scrimmages was discussed.

B. Cheerleading Travel

Most schools only cheer at home. A few schools will travel to away contests. Fallsburg Cheerleaders travel to all games. O'Neill Cheerleaders travel to only league games.

C. Transportation – Baseball/Softball

Discussion was made regarding Modified Baseball and Softball traveling together. Athletic Directors approved this schedule format for 2013. Mr. George St. Lawrence (Monroe-Woodbury) stated if their purple team is away then their white team would have to play home.

F. The Winter Schedules for 2012-2013 will be available on-line as soon as possible.

4. Old Business

Mr. Glen Maisch, Section IX Sportsmanship Chairperson (Kingston) thanked the schools that filled out the Good Sports Survey Form.

5. New Business

Mr. James Osborne discussed Boys and Girls Lacrosse and playing back to back. Coaches do not prefer playing back to back due the duration of both games. Mr. Osborne explained simultaneous games would not have enough officials. He stated that the schedule for 2012 should be reviewed at the end of the season.

Handouts Included in Folder:

- Transfer Appeal Guidelines
- Section IX Coaches Code of Conduct
- Camp Rule for High Schools
- Section IX Wrestling Year End Report 2012
- NYSPHSAA Committee for Modified Athletics Report
- April 2012 NYSPHSAA Monthly Update
- Spring 2012 OCIAA and Section IX Championship Dates
- 2012 OCIAA Throwing Pentathlon and Hammer Championships – May 14, 2012
- Cheerleading – NYSPHSAA Event – Tentative Draft
- Resume for Physical Education position
- Cheerleading Clinic Information

6. The next Athletic Directors Workshop is Tuesday, May 22, 2012 at Orange-Ulster BOCES, Carl P. Onken Conference Center, Room B & C at 9:30 a.m.

The next Section IX Athletic Council Meeting is Wednesday, May 16, 2012 at Mt. Saint Mary College at 9:30 a.m.

7. Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Lou Cioffi (Cornwall) second by Mr. John Landro (Tuxedo). All were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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