

**ORANGE COUNTY INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION  
ATHLETIC DIRECTORS WORKSHOP  
TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2012  
ORANGE-ULSTER BOCES, CARL P. OKEN CONFERENCE ROOM B & C**

All members were present except: Mr. Carlton Williams, The Family School  
Mr. Glen Maisch, Kingston  
Mr. Ron Montalto, Minisink Valley  
Mr. Michael Bellarosa, Valley Central

Associate Member Present: Mr. Chris Radon, Greenwood Lake

The OCIAA Athletic Directors Workshop was called to order at 9:42 a.m.

1. Approval of Minutes of last meeting on February 14, 2012.  
Motion to approve the minutes of the February 14, 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 vacancy for AA Large School Principal Representative. Mr. Murphy asked the AA school athletic directors to ask if their high school Principal would be interested to serve on the OCIAA Executive Committee.
  - B. Section IX Report  
Mr. Murphy reported Our Lady of Lourdes has been denied by MHAL to join their league. The OCIAA has offered Our Lady of Lourdes the opportunity to join the OCIAA as an AA classification beginning 2013-2014 school year.  
  
The Section IX Boys and Girls Bowling Chairpersons have asked for Section IX to help with submitting expenses and billing schools.  
  
Mr. Murphy reported the Section IX Football Chairperson, Mr. David Coates and Mr. Glen Maisch have suggested the Football Rules Interpretations Meeting be held in June instead of August 12<sup>th</sup>. If there are any rule changes that occur in July they would be disseminated to the athletic directors and coaches.
  - C. Elimination of Financial and Academic Hardship Waivers  
Mr. Fred Ahart, Section IX Eligibility Chairperson, reported there is a movement at the State to eliminate the financial and academic hardship waivers. A conference call will be taking place with Ms. Nina Van Erk, Executive Director at NYSPHSAA on March 28<sup>th</sup> to discuss the elimination of the waivers. Mr. Bill Spanjer, Chapel Field, explained it will be difficult for small schools to field teams if the elimination of the waivers are approved. Mr. Adam Kless stated students at Burke Catholic can take courses that aren't offered in public schools and is opposed to the elimination of the waiver.

A motion to approve the elimination of the financial and hardship waivers was made by Mr. Doug Murphy, OCIAA President (Monticello) second by Mr. Dave Franskevicz (Sullivan West). A roll call vote was taken. The results were:  
17 In Favor 4 Against 1 Abstained  
The motion carried.

3. OCIAA Athletic Coordinator Report – Mr. James Osborne  
Mr. Osborne reported 16 Propositions have been sent to the school districts from Ms. Nina Van Erk, Executive Director, NYSPHSAA. Some of the propositions are language changes in the Constitution. Mr. Osborne discussed Proposition #2 which states an alternative method being proposed for fees to be charged. A sample ballot was displayed on the overhead screen. The ballot requires four signatures to be valid including the District Superintendent, Principal, male and female athletic representatives. The ballot must be sent to the Section IX Representative to NYSPHSAA who is Ms. Robbie Greene, Superintendent of Schools for Washingtonville Central School District.

Items of Concern:

A. NYSPHSAA March 2012 Monthly Update

Mr. Osborne reviewed the NYSPHSAA March 2012 Monthly Update and NYSPHSAA items for discussion by the Sections. Refer to copies in folder. Mr. Osborne discussed the Championship Philosophy concerning Quality vs. Quantity to reduce from 5 classifications to 4 classifications in some sports. Mr. Osborne discussed the NYSPHSAA brochure on the *The Benefits of an Interscholastic Athletic Program* that should be shared with your school district and board of education.

A slide presentation from the OCIAA website was displayed on the overhead screen for NYSPHSAA Update from New York State Athletic Administrators Conference held March 16, 2012. The information includes new items of interest and concern for uniform rule waivers, participation survey, State Championships, NYSED information, and Concussion Management. This information is available from a link on the OCIAA website.

B. OCIAA Senior Scholar-Athlete Award Breakfast

The 2011-2012 event is set for April 25, 2012 at Kuhl's Highland House in Middletown at 9:00 a.m. The keynote speaker is Lt. John Walsh, a graduate from Newburgh Free Academy. A reservation form is included in the folder for the number of guests attending. A limit of 10 guests per school is requested.

C. Mergers for 2012-2013

Any merger requests must be submitted by June for next school year. Ellenville and Wawarsing have submitted a written request to merge in 2012-2013.

D. OCIAA Indoor Track 2012-2013

Mr. George St. Lawrence, OCIAA Indoor Track Chairperson (Monroe-Woodbury), discussed eliminating the OCIAA Indoor Track Championship and to only recognize division winners. A motion was made by Mr. George St. Lawrence, second by Mr. Jack Mager (Newburgh) to eliminate the 2012-2013 OCIAA Indoor Track Championship Meet. All were in favor. Motion carried.

E. Spring Rules Interpretations Meeting

Sign-in sheets are in folder. Mr. Osborne stated at future Rules Interpretations Meetings a session will be held to discuss Concussion Management. Ms. Kelly Doherty (Eldred) suggested the Rules Interpretations Meeting be held one week prior to the start of the season.

F. Spring 2012 OCIAA and Section IX Championships

Refer to schedule of dates and sites in folder. An update to the OCIAA Boys Tennis Championship was noted by Mr. Chris Trieste, OCIAA Tennis Chairperson (Chester) that the OCIAA Tournament on May 16-18, 2012 at Match Point Tennis Center will **begin at 9:00 a.m.**

G. NYSAAA Conference Report

NYSED Physical Education and Athletics Update for March 2012 was reviewed. The topics were presented at the NYSAAA Conference. Refer to copy in folder for contact information for Mr. Daryl Daily at NYSED.

H. Coaches Code of Conduct

Mr. Osborne discussed the Coaches Code of Conduct Rule Draft. This is the beginning of the process to develop a policy. Mr. Glen Maisch, Section IX Sportsmanship Chairperson (Kingston), has developed this draft as directed by Mr. Robert Thabet, Executive Director of Section IX Athletics.

I. Transportation to Tournaments and NYSPHSAA Championship Events

Sharing of transportation was discussed. Mr. James Osborne, OCIAA Athletic Coordinator, explained the cost of transportation to championships could be paid by a school district on an annual rotating basis. This could aid in cost savings to save athletic programs. Dr. Ivan Katz, Superintendent of Fallsburg Central School District and Superintendent Representative on the OCIAA Executive Committee, has inquired if BOCES could coordinate the combined travel to Championships and Tournaments.

J. Fiscal Concerns for 2012-2013

The Cost Saving Measures in Athletics was reviewed. The savings from reductions in contests and combined transportation have already been noticed by some of the school districts. Future savings include proposed cuts to JV games, cheerleaders to cheer only at home games, reduce the number of scrimmages and adjust schedules for baseball and softball to arrange for double headers. Mr. Osborne suggested eliminating JV scrimmages. Mr. David Coates (Middletown) stated to leave the decision to eliminate JV scrimmages to the individual school districts. Fiscal concerns for 2012-2013 will be further discussed at the April 24, 2012 Athletic Directors Workshop.

4. Old Business

Cheerleading Score Sheets are included in the folder from the OCIAA Cheerleading Competition at Kingston High School on February 18, 2012.

5. New Business

Mr. David Coates, Section IX Football Co-Chairperson, stated the Section IX Football Committee is not in favor of increasing the night's rest and is in favor to stay with the same rule.

The pilot program for the modified football kick was discussed.

Mr. Coates stated the Football Rules Interpretations Meeting scheduled for August 12<sup>th</sup> is being considered to move to a date in June 2012.

Mr. Coates discussed the Football AA Classification Odd/Even Divisions Set-up Proposal to alternate the bigger schools for 2013. He also explained the seeding process and stated every divisional game is meaningful up to the 7<sup>th</sup> week. Most teams have a chance to get into the playoffs. This proposal is piloted on the AA schools. More information will be forwarded to the athletic directors.

Announcements

- Livingston Manor and Roscoe have unmerged in all their spring sports.
- Chapel Field is looking to pick up modified softball games.
- Middletown Monhagen modified softball team has dropped. Middletown Twin Towers will play at Monhagen.
- Fallsburg dropped JV softball but will add another modified softball team.
- Eldred is looking for varsity softball games.
- Burke needs varsity boys lacrosse games.

Mr. Tom Heinzelman (Goshen) explained the services of Nicholas Belasco, D.O. from Bon Secours Medical Group. He is a Certified Impact Consultant specializing in Concussion Management and can review return to play from concussions. His office is located in Goshen, New York and his office number is (845) 291-0966.

Handouts Included in Folder:

- NYSPHSAA Proposals for 2012 Referendum
- NYSPHSAA Items to be Bought Back to the Sections for Discussion
- NYSPHSAA March 2012 Monthly Update
- Scholar Athlete Breakfast Attendance Form
- Spring 2012 OCIAA and Section IX Championship Dates
- NYSED Physical Education and Athletics Update – March 2012
- Spring Rules Interpretations Meeting Sign-Up Sheets – March 12, 2012
- Cost Saving Measures in Athletics
- 2012-2013 OCIAA Calendar – Approved
- 2011-2012 Winter Sports Champions
- Proposed Football Play-off Set-Up
- OCIAA 2012 Cheerleading Competition Results
- Army Men's and Women's Soccer Day Camp Announcement

6. The next Athletic Directors Workshop is Tuesday, April 24, 2012 at Orange-Ulster BOCES, Carl P. Onken Conference Center, Room A at 9:30 a.m.

The next Section IX Meeting is Tuesday, April 17, 2012 at Marlboro Intermediate School at 9:30 a.m.

7. Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. John Landro (Tuxedo) second by Mr. Tim Bult (Fallsburg). All were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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