

**ORANGE COUNTY INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
ATHLETIC DIRECTORS WORKSHOP
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2012
ORANGE-ULSTER BOCES, CARL P. ONKEN CONFERENCE CENTER, ROOM B/C**

All members were present except: Mr. Bill Spanjer, Chapel Field
Mr. Carlton Williams, Family School
Mr. David Coates, Middletown
Mrs. Debbie Crowe, O'Neill High School
Ms. Wendy Crandall, Pine Bush

Associate Members 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
Motion to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2012 Athletic Directors Workshop was made by Mr. Tim Bult (Fallsburg) second by Mr. John Landro (Tuxedo). All were in favor. Motion carried.
2. OCIAA President's Report – Mr. Doug Murphy

Section IX Athletics

Mr. Doug Murphy, OCIAA President, reported on the following topics:

- a. Modified Athletics
 - Wrestling Weight Class Variance – Approved
 - Cross County to extend to 2 miles in second half of season on a date designated by the Section Athletic Council.
 - Baseball/Softball Substitutions to include a line-up card listing all players in a designated batting order. Discuss with your coach and review for next Athletic Directors Workshop.
 - Modified Wrestling teams are to complete the Wrestling Form and send back to Mr. Michael Kroemer, OCIAA Wrestling Chairperson and Cornwall Athletic Director.

b. Combining of Teams

A presentation on NYSPHSAA Combining of Teams was viewed on the overhead screen and explained by Mr. Doug Murphy and Mr. James Osborne, OCIAA Athletic Coordinator. Mr. Murphy reviewed the reasons for this proposal which would allow schools to merge for financial reasons or to increase participation opportunities or for both financial and participation. Discussion was made to encourage participation opportunities.

Mr. Michael Bellarosa (Valley Central) stated mergers could create a competitive edge in the one classification sports such as golf. Mr. James Osborne explained super teams need to be addressed if AA schools merge. Mr. Osborne stated the league and section may deny the request for mergers to prevent super teams.

Mr. Murphy explained that 50 % of the BEDS number or a graduated scale will determine the classifications for merged teams. Mr. Rob Gravelle (Seward) stated schools that have low sports

participation and decide to merge after schedules have been developed create problems for the other schools they compete against.

Mr. James Osborne, OCIAA Athletic Coordinator, asked for a straw vote from the Athletic Directors whether they support 50 % of the BEDS numbers or to utilize a graduated scale. The result was the 50% of the BEDS numbers is preferred by the OCIAA Athletic Directors.

The rules for merging and demerging programs was discussed. Mr. Osborne explained that time lines need to be definitive. After time lines have passed, if a merger occurs it may be subject to a different schedule than what would have been given when schedules were originally created. Mr. Osborne stated that the team would be given the opportunity for participation but may not meet the requirements to play in post-season championships.

Mr. Osborne discussed the impact with the officials' contracts when games are reduced due to mergers.

c. Section IX Budget

Mr. Murphy reported Section IX is proposing a 1.5 % increase to the 2013-2014 budget. A copy of the 2013-2014 budget expenses is included in the folder. A motion to approve the Section IX Budget for 2013-2014 was made by Mr. Kirk Wareham, Mount Academy, second by Mr. Ron Semerano, Port Jervis. All were in favor. Motion carried.

3. OCIAA Athletic Coordinator Report – Mr. James Osborne

Mr. James Osborne discussed rescheduling games on the next available date. Mr. Michael Bellarosa (Valley Central) stated availability of the gymnasium could delay next available date due to other sports occupying the gym. Mr. Osborne explained to not back-up games to the end of the season. Mr. Chris Mayo, Assistant Interscholastic Athletic Coordinator, stated league games are the priority over non league contests.

The OCIAA Indoor Track Championship was discussed. The Athletic Directors discussed the importance of the OCIAA Championship to the coaches. Due to conflicts with the date of the OCIAA Indoor Track Championship it was requested by the indoor track coaches to review the date of January 18-19, 2013 and if possible to change the date. A motion was made by Ms. Jolene Porter (Eldred) second by Mr. Thomas Heinzelman (Goshen) to remain on January 18-19, 2013. A roll call vote was taken. The result was that all were in favor to remain on January 18-19, 2013 except Monticello and Washingtonville. The motion carried.

Items of Concern:

A. Mr. Osborne reviewed and discussed the NYSPHSAA News for December 2012.

Refer to copy in folder. Mr. Osborne asked how many schools are planning to attend the NYSPHSAA East and West Regional Cheerleading Invitationals. A show of hands determined that some of the OCIAA schools will be attending.

B. 2012-2013 OCIAA/Section IX Winter Championship Dates

The schedule of dates and sites for the Winter Sports Championships are included in the folder. Please review for any changes.

C. 2013-2014 Associate Membership

The Approved OCIAA Associate Members are listed for 2013-2014. They are included in the alignments for the sports they are playing in.

D. 2013-2014 Sports Teams

Mr. Osborne reviewed the proposed sports alignments that are pending any changes in classifications from NYSPHSAA. Two divisions are listed for Girls and Boys Swimming, pending the two division format is approved by the Athletic Directors and OCIAA Executive Committee. The Athletic Directors reviewed their teams and noted corrections. Discussion took place concerning the changes in division alignment if classification changes are made by NYSPHSAA.

E. Athletic Coordinator's Office budget for 2013-2014

The proposed dues and fees for OCIAA and Section IX in 2013-2014 was previously emailed to Athletic Directors. There will be a 1.5 % dues increase to the OCIAA Athletic Coordinator's Office budget.

F. Fall Start Date 2013

Discussion was made concerning start dates for fall 2013. A motion was made by Mr. Rob Gravelle (Seward) second by Mr. Glen Maisch (Kingston) to approve Football (Varsity and JV) start date on Monday, August. 19, 2013 and all other fall sports (Varsity and JV) also on Monday, August. 19, 2013. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The Football Rules Meeting will take place on Sunday, August 18, 2013. The Fall Sports Rules Interpretations Meeting and the start of modified sports will be determined at the January 29, 2013 Athletic Directors Workshop.

G. Fiscal Concerns for 2013-2014

Mr. George St. Lawrence announced Minisink Valley is planning on keeping modified sports for next year.

4. Old Business

Mr. Osborne reminded Athletic Directors to inform their coaches they can go on-line to the OCIAA website to enter in officials' ratings. The coaches can obtain a password by calling the Athletic Coordinator's Office if they don't already have one.

The Customer Satisfaction Survey results for the services provided to the school districts by the Athletic Coordinator's Office were reviewed and included in the folder. The results were very good from the schools that submitted.

5. New Business

Mr. Osborne discussed the Draft of the Section IX BEDS Report for 2013-2014. There is discussion by NYSPHSAA for possible changes in boys and girls lacrosse.

Coaching Courses for Late Winter/Spring 2013 have been scheduled. The Coaching Courses list for dates and locations is included in the folder and also on the OCIAA website.

Mr. Osborne discussed dressing facilities for officials and safety concerns. Please review your procedure and if you have any questions call the Athletic Coordinator's Office.

Mr. James Osborne discussed the Football Committee is discussing changing the football playoff system. He stated this does not mean more games are being added. There is a misconception in the way it was described by the newspaper for AA playoffs.

Announcements:

- Burke Catholic needs Girls JV Basketball games
- Washingtonville looking for Girls Lacrosse games

Mr. Rob Gravelle, OCIAA Boys Basketball Chairperson (Seward) stated basketball rosters are on-line. All schools need to complete and submit.

Mr. James Osborne explained Pawling Central School District withdrew their application to join Section IX Athletics at this time.

Mr. Thomas Heinzelman (Goshen) inquired about officials' fees for Wrestling Dual Tournaments. Mr. Osborne explained the Dual Tournament fees are negotiated and not covered in the Section IX Officials' Contract. Discussion was made concerning fees for Wrestling Tournaments be a standard fee to officials.

The cost for gates in Alpine Skiing at Mt. Peter and Holiday Mountain was discussed by Mr. Doug Murphy (Monticello).

Additional Items in the Folder:

- Billing Memorandums
- Coaching Course Certificates
- Resumes

6. The next Athletic Directors Workshop is Tuesday, January 29, 2013 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 8, 2013 at Marlboro Intermediate School at 9:30 a.m.

7. Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Tim Bult (Fallsburg) second by Mr. Ron Montalto (Monroe-Woodbury). All were in favor. The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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