

**ORANGE COUNTY INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
ATHLETIC DIRECTORS WORKSHOP
TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2014
ORANGE-ULSTER BOCES, CARL P. ONKEN CONFERENCE CENTER, ROOM B/C**

All members were present except: Mr. Carlton Williams, Allynwood Academy at Family School
Mr. Adam Kless, John S. Burke Catholic
Mr. Bill Spanjer, Chapel Field Christian School
Mr. Harold Fried, Fallsburg
Mr. Glen Maisch, Kingston
Mr. Ron Montalto, Monroe-Woodbury
Mr. Kirk Wareham, Mount Academy
Mrs. Debra Crowe, O'Neill High School

Associate Members Present: Mr. Chris Radon, Greenwood Lake

Guest Present: Mr. Dennis Burkett, MHAL Coordinator

The OCIAA Athletic Directors Workshop was called to order at 9:37 a.m.

1. Approval of Minutes of last meeting
Motion to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2014 Athletic Directors Workshop was made by Mr. Michael Kroemer (Cornwall) second by Mr. Jack Mager (Newburgh). All were in favor.
Motion carried.
2. OCIAA President's Report – Mr. Douglas Murphy
 - A. Elimination of Academic Waiver by NYSPHSAA was discussed at the Section IX Meeting on April 8, 2014. Motion to eliminate the Academic Waiver after June 30, 2014 was made by Mr. Michael Kroemer (Cornwall) second by Mr. Fred Ahart (Roscoe). Discussion was made. All were in favor. Motion carried.
 - B. Effective this spring season a neutral site may be used for Baseball and Softball Section IX Championships if the home school field is unplayable.
 - C. Mr. Douglas Murphy, OCIAA President, stated Regional realignment for Girls Basketball Class D rotation is now in effect.
 - D. NYSPHSAA Girls Basketball Championships (Class D and Class C) will be asking to play the Sunday Championship at 10:00 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. beginning in 2015
 - E. Track and Field meets that use starting gun shells have become expensive for officials to get reimbursed for. Schools should look into the possibility of electronic starters in the future.
 - F. NYSPNSAA Ball Adoption Policy will be reviewed by the Sections of New York State. Section IX is interested in looking at a future NYSPHSAA proposal.

3. OCIAA Athletic Coordinator's Report – Mr. James Osborne
Mr. James Osborne discussed the Modified Sports Report that was previously emailed to Athletic Directors. Items recommended by the NYSPHSAA Modified Athletics Committee to go to NYSPHSAA Executive Committee for approval include:
- Tryouts Rule Editorial Change
 - Promotion Rule Revision Proposal
 - Language Rule to continue with “*With Section/League Approval*”

Items to go to the NYSPHSAA Safety Committee include:

- Section IV Modified Football Pilot Program. This was explained by Mr. David Coates, Section IX Football Co-Chair (Middletown). The Section IX Football Committee will discuss to approve and bring back to the League/Section.

Mr. Osborne discussed action items for the next NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Meeting. He stated he will keep the Athletic Directors informed of decisions acted upon.

Mr. Osborne stated the NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Promotion Survey must be completed and returned to Mr. Glen Maisch, Section IX Sportsmanship Chairperson (Kingston) or to Mr. Todd Nelson, Assistant Director, NYSPHSAA.

Mr. Osborne stated NYSPHSAA will sponsor a boy and girl from Section IX to attend the New England 2014 Student Leadership Conference.

Items of Concern:

- A. Mr. Osborne reviewed the April 2014 NYSPHSAA News. Copy included in folder. Mr. Osborne stated the Sports Participation Survey must be completed on the NYSPHSAA website by May 23, 2014.
- B. Modified Football 2014 – Mr. David Coates
Modified A and B programs reviewed.
- C. OCIAA Scholar Athlete Award Breakfast will be held on April 29, 2014 at Kuhl's Highland House in Middletown, NY. Ms. Melissa Bonacic is the keynote speaker. Seating arrangements are included in folder.
- D. Combining of Teams 2014-2015
Fallsburg, Liberty and Eldred Central School Districts to combine in Wrestling for 2014-2015. Roscoe and Downsville Central School Districts will combine for next year. Mr. Osborne requested to submit any merger requests within the time lines established.
- E. Jim Ross Service Award
Service form is included in folder.
- F. Pre-Season Heat Acclimatization Guidelines
Please review the guidelines with your coaches for preparedness for the warm weather.

G. 2014 OCIAA and Section IX Championship

Spring Championship dates were discussed. National Federation issues were discussed by Mr. Osborne. Timing directions are included in the folder for Boys Lacrosse. Boys Lacrosse By-laws rule has been approved for the home school to supply the NFHS-NOCSAE balls.

H. Section IX A-B Football By-laws – Mr. David Coates

Motion to approve made by Mr. David Coates (Middletown) second by Mr. Tim Bult (Minisink). Mr. Coates discussed the By-laws have been updated by the MHAL and OCIAA Football Committees for both leagues to use the same rules. All in favor. Motion carried.

I. Athletic Coordinator's Office Budget – 2014-2015

Mr. Osborne discussed that he and Mr. William Hecht, District Superintendent of Orange-Ulster BOCES, has met with the Sullivan and Orange School District Business Administrators to discuss the changes for the Orange-Ulster BOCES and Section IX Athletics for 2014-2015. The Athletic Coordinator's Office will be known as Regional Office of Interscholastic Athletics for the Orange-Ulster BOCES. Mr. Osborne explained the new dues and payment of officials' fee structure. The Regional Office of Interscholastic Athletics will be doing some work for Section IX. The Orange-Ulster BOCES will be billing the school districts for this fee. Mr. Osborne explained the sample billing forms that were given to the Business Administrators. Refer to copy in your folder for the new billing information and sample billing form. Mr. Osborne stated a Section IX Sports Dues Form for 2014-2015 is included in the folder to be completed and returned.

Winter schedules for 2014-2015 will be released soon for Athletic Directors to review.

Meeting Materials in Folder:

- Section IX Sports Dues Form for 2014-2015
- Recommendation to NYSPHSAA Girls Basketball Committee
- NYSPHSAA News – April 2014
- Jim Ross Service Award
- Preseason Heat Acclimatization Guidelines
- Spring 2014 OCIAA, Section IX Championship Dates
- NFHS US Lacrosse Timer Directions
- Boys Lacrosse By-laws
- Section IX Modified A & B Football By-laws
- NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Promotion Survey
- New England 2014 Student Leadership Conference
- Resumes
- Coaching Course Certificates
- Billing Memorandums
- Scholar Athlete Breakfast Seating Chart

4. Old Business

None reported.

5. New Business

Mr. Kevin Clifford discussed modified baseball and safety issues at Livingston Manor. They have a ninth grade pitcher on the modified team since there is no JV Baseball team. Opposing 7th and 8th grade teams and officials need to be aware.

Announcements:

Mr. Michael Kroemer announced Mr. Don Blaine has been inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame. The induction ceremony is Sunday, September 21, 2014 in Syracuse, New York.

6. The next Athletic Directors Workshop is Tuesday, May 20, 2014 at Orange-Ulster BOCES, Carl P. Onken Conference Center, Room A at 9:30 a.m.

The next Section IX Meeting is Wednesday, May 14, 2014 at Mt. St. Mary College at 9:30 a.m.

7. Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Jack Mager (Newburgh) second by Mr. Tim Bult (Minisink). All were in favor. The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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