

**ORANGE COUNTY INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
ATHLETIC DIRECTORS WORKSHOP
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2013
ORANGE-ULSTER BOCES, CARL P. ONKEN CONFERENCE CENTER, ROOM A**

All members were present except: Mr. Carlton Williams, Allynwood Academy at Family School
Mr. Bill Spanjer, Chapel Field Christian School
Ms. Jolene Porter, Eldred
Mr. Harold Fried, Fallsburg
Mr. Kirk Wareham, Mount Academy
Ms. Wendy Crandall, Pine Bush

Associate Members Present: Mr. Chris Radon, Greenwood Lake

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

1. Approval of Minutes from last meeting
Motion to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2013 Athletic Directors Workshop was made by Mr. Michael Kroemer (Cornwall) second by Mr. Tim Bult (Minisink). All in favor. Motion carried.
2. OCIAA President's Report – Mr. Doug Murphy
 - A. Mr. Doug Murphy, OCIAA President, discussed the Section IX Constitution revision to increase Athletic Council Members from 10 to 12 members for increased Superintendent representation on the Athletic Council. A second reading for the Constitution revision will take place at the Section IX Meeting on January 14, 2014.
 - B. Dutchess County Schools application into Section IX
Poughkeepsie City School District has submitted their application to join the MHAL and Section IX.
 - C. Section IX Review
 1. Baseball Chairperson
Mr. Dave Onusko has resigned as Section IX Baseball Chairperson. Motion to accept Mr. T.D. Mills as Section IX Baseball Chairperson was made by Mr. Tim Bult (Minisink) second by Rob Gravelle (Seward).
 2. Modified Sports
Flexibility with student transfers after normal try-out period. Refer to copy in folder. There is a three day try-out to make the determination to move a modified athlete up. Discussion was made regarding student transfers, injury and illness. Motion to approve the three day window for student transfers after normal try-out period, including the extension for students due to injury or illness was made by Mr. Michael Bellarosa (Valley Central) second by Mr. Kevin Clifford (Livingston Manor). All in favor. Motion carried.

3. NFHS Rules

The NFHS Rules were discussed as the rules to follow in girls' sports for Volleyball, Softball, Lacrosse and Basketball. The Section IX Volleyball Chairperson prefers NCAA rules for high school level. Mr. Rob Gravelle (Seward) stated Boys Basketball follows NFHS rules and Girls Basketball rules should be the same for officials to go by for using one set of rules. Mr. Doug Murphy, OCIAA President (Monticello) requested Athletic Directors to talk to their coaches and further discussion will take place. Mr. Osborne will seek more input on preference concerning Girls Lacrosse rules.

4. Fall Sports Game Time

Game time for Regionals and Sectionals was discussed for possible alternate sites and times. A 2:00 p.m. start time in soccer would be better due to daylight savings time. Discussion took place that a 3:00 p.m. start time would allow for school to be out and student spectators would be able to attend.

Mr. Murphy reviewed the merger requests. Application forms to request a merger must be submitted in the time line for schedules to be completed. Refer to copy in folder of mergers that have been approved.

3. OCIAA Athletic Coordinator Report – Mr. James Osborne

Mr. James Osborne, OCIAA Athletic Coordinator, welcomed Mr. Jack Heeney, Interim Athletic Director at Newburgh. Mr. Heeney's email address is jheeney@necsd.net

Items of Concern:

A. NYSPHSAA News December 2013

Section IV is proposing to NYSPHSAA to return to the maximum number of contests that were allowed prior to the reduction to the number of contests due to financial constraints during the last few years. Discussion was made. Mr. Glen Maisch (Kingston) discussed if varsity teams could possibly return to increased number of contests by doubling up contests in a tournament type schedule to keep costs down and still increase the contests. Most Athletic Directors felt that this should be discussed further before any vote took place.

B. BEDS Report 2014-2015

Section IX enrollment information is listed on form with changes highlighted. Refer to copy in folder.

C. 2014-2015 OCIAA Associate Membership

Motion to approve the 2014-2015 associate member schools as listed in the folder was made by Mr. Greg Voloshin (Goshen) second by Mr. David Coates (Middletown). All in favor. Motion carried.

D. 2014-2015 Sports Teams

Alignments were emailed to Athletic Directors to review. Discussion took place on Modified A Football. Mr. Michael Kroemer (Cornwall) discussed the benefits to students in a Modified A program which could still play the Modified B teams. Mr. Glen Maisch (Kingston) stated it allows more flexibility for 9th graders. Mr. Tim Bult (Minisink) stated roster exchange would not allow too many 9th graders to play against a team with mostly 7th and 8th graders. Middletown would have more of an imbalance since they have mostly 8th and 9th graders. Mr. Kroemer stated they could match up evenly with having Modified A Football. The Athletic Directors will continue to look at Modified Football.

Motion to approve the 2014-2015 Sports Teams was made by Mr. Tim Bult (Minisink) second by Mr. Rob Gravelle (Seward). All in favor. Motion carried.

E. Proposed Fall Start Date 2014-2015

Monday, August 18, 2014 all sports – Varsity, JV and Freshmen

Proposed Winter Start Date

Monday, November 3, 2014 for Ice Hockey – Varsity, JV, and Freshmen

Monday, November 10, 2014 All Winter Sports – Varsity, JV, Freshmen

Proposed Spring Start Date

Monday, March 9, 2015 All Spring Sports – Varsity, JV, Freshmen

Modified Start Dates would be:

Fall – First day of school

Winter / Spring – One week after approved varsity start date

F. Athletic Coordinator's Office Budget 2014-2015

The MHAL is moving closer to approving a Regional Interscholastic Athletic office to perform schedules, assigning and clerical work. MHAL & OCIAA schools will see savings if this move is approved.

G. Winter Coaching Courses – Online Update

Philosophy & Principles has begun as a combination online and classroom session course. 25 people are enrolled in this course. Winter and Spring 2014 courses are included in the folder and also posted online on the website.

Items included in folder.

- Monticello request for Section IX Constitution change to include additional Superintendent Representation to the Section IX Athletic Council
- Information concerning Student Transfers after Normal Try-Out Period
- Mergers for 2014-2015
- Section IX Classifications for 2014-2015 – Not yet Approved by NYSPHSAA
- OCIAA Associate Members for 2014-2015 – Approved list
- OCIAA Winter 2013-Spring 2014 Coaching Courses Schedule
- I-84 Bridge Construction to Exit 46 (Milford, PA)
- OCIAA & MHAL Cell Phone - Email Directory (Updated)
- 2014 NYSAAA Conference Registration
- The Saratoga Hilton Reservation Form
- Section IX Championships – On line Meet Entries
- High School Coaches Workshop
- Billing Memorandums
- Coaching Certificates

4. Old Business

Construction to I-84 bridge over Delaware River. A replacement alternate route to go into Port Jervis and Delaware Valley school is included in folder.

5. New Business

Mr. Mike Kroemer, Section IX Representative to NYSAAA, stated a Minisink Valley female student is nominated for the scholarship awarded at the NYSAAA Conference.

Mr. Christopher Mayo, Assistant Interscholastic Athletic Coordinator, discussed the Boys Swimming Section IX Championship on-line entries. Refer to copy in folder.

Mr. Doug Murphy (Monticello) discussed Mitch Clark is the presenter to discuss Wrestling on January 4, 2014 at Monticello High School.

Modified Wrestling roster is being compiled by Mr. Michael Kroemer, OCIAA Wrestling Chairperson. Please forward information to Mr. Kroemer.

The DASA course necessary for coaching licenses after January 1, 2014 is offered by Orange-Ulster BOCES. Refer to My Learning Plan for upcoming classes.

Announcements:

Tri-Valley is looking for Varsity Girls and Boys Basketball games and also needs a wrestling match. They will play up in competition.

Middletown is requesting the Scheduling Committee review the 3 game schedule in Baseball.

Burke Catholic would like to start a Girls Swimming team in the fall if he can use a pool off site. A coach will be needed.

6. The next Athletic Directors Workshop is Tuesday, January 28, 2014 at Orange-Ulster BOCES, Carl P. Onken Conference Center, Room A at 9:30 a.m.

The next Section IX Meeting is Tuesday, January 14, 2014 at Marlboro High School at 9:30 a.m.

7. Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Tim Bult (Minisink) second by Mr. Rob Gravelle (Seward). All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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