

**ORANGE COUNTY INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
ATHLETIC DIRECTORS WORKSHOP
TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2014
ORANGE-ULSTER BOCES, CARL P. ONKEN CONFERENCE CENTER, ROOM A**

All members were present except: Mr. Carlton Williams, Allynwood Academy at Family School
Mr. Adam Kless, Burke Catholic
Mr. Glen Maisch, Kingston
Mr. Michael Bellarosa, Valley Central

Associate Members Present: Mr. Chris Radon, Greenwood Lake
Mr. Chris Lorde, Delaware Valley, PA
Mr. Al Holtzer, Delaware Valley, PA

Guests Present: Mr. Dennis Burkett, MHAL Coordinator
Ms. Samantha Woodward, Administrative Intern at Middletown

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 April 22, 2014 Athletic Directors Workshop was made by Mr. Jack Mager (Newburgh) second by Mr. Tim Bult (Minisink). All were in favor. Motion carried.

2. OCIAA President's Report – Mr. Douglas Murphy
Section IX Report

Mr. Doug Murphy, OCIAA President, reminded Athletic Directors the Participation Survey must be returned to NYSPHSAA and Sportsmanship Survey form must be returned to Mr. Glen Maisch at Kingston High School.

Two students from each Section will be selected to attend the New England Student Leadership Conference. The Conference is scheduled to be held July 15-18, 2014 at Stonehill College, Easton, MA. The application must be submitted to NYSPHSAA by May 23, 2014.

Neutral sites should be looked at for Baseball and Softball Section IX Championship. If the schools hosting the Section IX Baseball and Softball Championship are playing in the championship contest the Committee will select a neutral site for the championship contest. Motion to approve a neutral site for Baseball and Softball was made by Mr. Doug Murphy (Monticello) second by Mr. Tim Bult (Minisink). Discussion was made. Mr. Tim Bult stated the home field has not been an issue for Minisink. Since Minisink is the host site for Section IX Softball, it could be an issue if Minisink Coach is the Softball Chairperson and the Minisink Softball Coach. Mr. Christopher Mayo, Assistant Interscholastic Athletic Coordinator, stated the conflict is only for the AA game if Minisink advances to the Section IX Softball Championship. Mr. Murphy discussed the optional venues set for Baseball to address a conflict situation for a championship team playing at their own school.

A roll call vote was done. The results were 20 Yes, 3 No, 1 Abstain, 4 Absent. The motion to select a neutral site was approved and will be discussed at the Section IX Meeting.

3. OCIAA Athletic Coordinator's Report – Mr. James Osborne
Mr. James Osborne discussed items from NYSPHSAA. Refer to NYSPHSAA reports in folder. Mr. Osborne discussed the approval by the New York State Education Department to make Cheerleading a sport. The school districts will decide if they will participate in competitive or traditional Cheerleading. A NYSPHSAA Meeting is taking place to discuss the requirements and rules of competitive cheer. Competitive rules will be established by NYSPHSAA. Mrs. Heather Walsh, Assistant Interscholastic Athletic Coordinator, and Mrs. Cherie Walker-Ramsey, Section IX Cheerleading Chairperson, are attending this meeting. They will report back at the Section IX Meeting on June 12, 2014.

A. NYSPHSAA Spring Meeting

NYSPHSAA Modified Athletics Committee Report includes items to go the State Executive Committee.

1. Tryouts Rule Editorial Change – *“The tryout period for a modified athlete shall be defined as participation in a maximum of three (3) out of five (5) consecutive practice days of the high school season. During the Tryout period, the modified athlete may not return to the modified program until the athlete’s tryout is complete.”* Motion to approve made by Mr. Rob Gravelle (Seward) second by Ms. Jolene Porter (Eldred). All in favor. Motion carried.
2. Promotion Rule Revision Proposal -
In schools where no junior varsity program is provided in a specific sport, a ninth grade modified contestant may be promoted to the varsity team at any point in the season if he/she displays the skills and maturity to compete at the varsity level. A promoted ninth grade contestant is eligible to participate immediately upon promotion providing that he/she has completed the necessary number of required practices for that specific sport. The contestant may not exceed the total number of contests as outlined by the NYSPHSAA High School Sports Standards chart.” Motion to approve made by Mr. Mike Kroemer (Cornwall) second by Mr. Jack Mager (Newburgh). All in favor. Motion carried.
3. Section IV Modified Football Pilot Program
Mr. David Coates, Section IX Football Co-Chairperson (Middletown) explained the modified football rules proposal for a two-year pilot program. The Football Committee will meet on June 5, 2014 to discuss the Section IV Modified Football Pilot Program. Mr. Coates will report on the Committee decision at the Section IX Meeting on June 12th. Mr. Coates discussed the handling of injury reports and moving from 4 man to 5 man front.
4. Reduction in Number of Practices Required Prior to First Contest in Modified Cross Country and Track & Field.
The required number of practices required prior to the first contest in Modified Cross Country shall be reduced from 13 to 11. The number of practices required prior to the first contest in Modified Track and Field shall be reduced from 15 to 13. Motion to approve made by Ms. Jolene Porter (Eldred) second by Mr. Greg Voloshin (Goshen). All in favor. Motion carried.
5. Waiver of Promotion Rule –
Mr. Doug Murphy, OCIAA President (Monticello) stated he is not in favor of the motion as written in NYSPHSAA Modified Committee Report. Discussion was made.
6. Sudden Victory in Modified Basketball –
OCIAA Not in favor.

7. Modified Use of Girls' Basketball 10-Second Rule -
OCIAA Not in favor.

Mr. Osborne discussed the Safety Committee Report that explains the protocol for wrestlers to follow to obtain clearance of contagious skin infections. Refer to copy in folder.

Mr. Osborne discussed the Physical Education, Health Education and Athletic Update from Mr. Darryl Daily. Refer to copy in folder.

Action Items that were voted by NYSPHSAA were reviewed by Mr. Osborne. If anyone has a question on any of the decisions made please contact Mr. Osborne

- B. Modified Football 2014 – Mr. David Coates
A form will be sent to schools for compiling injury reports. Motion made by David Coates, Section IX Football Co-Chairperson (Middletown) second by Mr. Michael Kroemer (Cornwall) to approve the Modified Football Pilot Program. All in favor. Motion carried.
- C. OCIAA Scholar Athlete Award Breakfast held on April 29, 2014 at Kuhl's Highland House was reviewed. Mr. Ron Montalto (Monroe-Woodbury) thanked the OCIAA staff for the work they did in organizing the OCIAA Senior Scholar Athlete Breakfast.

Mr. Doug Murphy, OCIAA President (Monticello) made a motion to rename the Scholar Athlete Breakfast the "James Osborne Senior Scholar Athlete Breakfast." Mr. Tim Bult (Minisink) seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Regional Office of Interscholastic Athletics is looking at April 21, 2015 for next year's OCIAA Senior Scholar Athlete Breakfast.

- D. Combining of Teams 2014-2015

Any mergers must be submitted in a timely manner.

- E. Jim Ross Service Award

Awards for Years of Service will be given at June 17th A.D. Workshop

- F. Spring 2014 OCIAA and Section IX Championships

OCIAA League division winners were discussed.

- G. Winter Schedules for 2014-2015 (vote)

Mr. Osborne reviewed the schedules for winter 2014-2015. He explained the number of league games, cross overs and non-league contests and number of contests allowed. Holidays and school closing dates are allowed for in the schedules. Bye dates are listed for Athletic Directors to reschedule dates. Girls Basketball, Boys Basketball, Swimming, Wrestling were reviewed. Discussion was made on venues for Wrestling Championships. If anyone is interested in hosting to please contact Mr. Jeff Culty, Section IX Wrestling Chairperson. Section IX Wrestling Duals have moved to December 16 and 17th, 2014.

Motion to approve the Winter Schedules for 2014-2015 was made by Mr. Tim Bult (Minisink) second by Ms. Jolene Porter (Eldred). All in favor. Motion carried.

The Football Rules Interpretations Meeting will be held on Monday, June 16th at Middletown High School at 5:30 p.m. This is a change from the previous date stated on OCIAA Calendar. An announcement will be sent to all Section IX schools.

A Concussion Management Training Course will be held at Orange-Ulster BOCES on June 24th and June 25th. Please register on My Learning Plan if you plan to attend. This program is for school nurses, athletic directors, athletic trainers and anyone who is interested.

The Summer Coaching Courses schedule was discussed. The course listings will be on the OCIAA website. DASA courses are available at Orange-Ulster BOCES on My Learning Plan and a DASA course will be held at Washingtonville during the summer. A date will be established.

Meeting Materials in Folder:

- NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Meeting Report
- 2014-2015 NYSPHSAA Championship Dates/Sites
- NYSPHSAA Cheerleading Announcement
- NYSPHSAA Handbook Committee Meeting Report
- NYSPHSAA Modified Athletics Committee Report
- NYSPHSAA Safety Committee Report
- NYSED Physical Education, health Education and Athletics Update
- NYSPHSAA Executive Committee – Action Items
- Concussion Management Training – June 24 or June 25, 2014 at Orange-Ulster BOCES
- Summer 2014 – Coaching Courses
- Winter Scrimmage / Game Chart
- 2014-2015 Winter Scheduling Information
- Coaching Certificates
- Billing Memorandums
- OCIAA 2014-2015 Calendar –
Football Rules Interpretations Meeting Revised Date to b Monday, June 16, 2014 at Middletown High School at 5:30 p.m.

4. Old Business

Mr. Kroemer discussed the NYSAAA raffle fundraiser. See Mr. Kroemer if you are interested.

5. New Business

Transfer Rule guidelines and documentation from Eligibility Committee was discussed. Legal separation, academic waiver, and athletic shopping are being defined clearly. Discussion will take place at the July NYSPHSAA Executive Committee.

Mr. Rob Gravelle (Seward) discussed Coaches vs. Cancer Boys Basketball Tournament will be held at Mt. St. Mary College in January 2015. More information will follow.

The Basketball Committee has recommended Burke Catholic Boys Basketball remain a AA Classification.

An email will be sent to confirm Boys and Girls Soccer preferred officials in order for official's assignments to be made for Orange, Ulster, Dutchess and Sullivan Counties.

6. The next Athletic Directors Workshop is Tuesday, June 17, 2014 at Orange-Ulster BOCES, Carl P. Onken Conference Center, Room B & C at 9:30 a.m.

The next Section IX Meeting is Thursday, June 12, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. at Winding Hills Golf Club, 1847 State Route 17K, Montgomery, NY beginning at 8:00 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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