

**ORANGE COUNTY INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
ATHLETIC DIRECTORS WORKSHOP
TUESDAY, MAY 24 2011
ORANGE-ULSTER BOCES
CARL P. ONKEN CONFERENCE CENTER ROOM B & C**

All members were present except: Mr. Adam Kless, John S. Burke Catholic
Mr. Bill Spanjer, Chapel Field Christian School
Mr. Carlton Williams, Family Foundation School
Mr. Derek Adams, Tri-Valley

Guests Present: Mr. Chris Radon, Greenwood Lake
Mr. Jack Majer, NFA Administrative Intern

The OCIAA Athletic Directors Workshop was called to order at 9:10 a.m.

1. Approval of Minutes of last meeting
Motion to approve the minutes of the April 26, Athletic Directors Workshop was made by Mr. Bob Siracuse (Goshen) second by Mrs. Debbie Crowe (O'Neill). All in favor. Motion carried.
2. OCIAA President's Report – Mr. Doug Murphy

OCIAA Executive Committee

Mr. John Landro, Mr. David Coates and Mr. Bob Siracuse have all agreed to serve another two-year term on the OCIAA Executive Committee as Athletic Director Representative for their school size classification group. Motion made by Mr. Harold Fried (Pine Bush) second by Mr. Jason Semo (Liberty) to approve their reappointment of another two-year term on the OCIAA Executive Committee. All in favor. Motion carried.

Section IX Athletics

Mr. Murphy, OCIAA President, reported on the status of cheerleading becoming a sport. He explained the New York State Education Department must also approve Cheerleading as a sport and included in Part 135.4 of the Commissioner's Regulations.

John A. Coleman Catholic High School will be moving up in classification from Class D to Class C in Girls Basketball based on a recommendation by the MHAL to the Committee for Classification of Non-Public Schools. A discussion was made on the placement of non-public schools and the Classification Committee to meet periodically throughout the year. Mr. James Osborne, OCIAA Athletic Coordinator, explained all non-public and private schools will be reviewed again before the basketball season begins.

Mr. Osborne reported that it had been suggested by Mr. Robert Thabet, Executive Director, at Section IX Athletics, to hold the Section IX meeting the same day as the league meetings. The format would be for the OCIAA and MHAL meetings to each take

place first followed by the Section IX meeting. Discussion took place that the meetings would run too long for Athletic Directors to be away from their school district.

3. OCIAA Athletic Coordinator Report – Mr. James Osborne

Items of Concern:

A. Review of OCIAA Senior Scholar-Athlete Breakfast

The comments were very good. Ms. Kelly Doherty stated next year Eldred will provide the keynote speaker and National Anthem singer. Washingtonville has agreed to send their color guard.

B. NYSPHSAA Spring Meeting Report

Mr. Osborne reviewed the handouts from NYSPHSAA.

- ❖ May 2011 NYSPHSAA Office Report
Included are action items for consideration. NYSPHSAA recommends a change in Cross-Country from 5 classes to 4 classes.
- ❖ Concussion Management Plan Model Policy Draft
- ❖ Eligibility Workshop Registration Form
- ❖ Information for reconditioning football helmets
- ❖ 2011-2012 Spring Championship Events
- ❖ NYSED Physical Education Update – May 2011
Discussion took place on Athletics for Physical Education credit.
- ❖ Championship Philosophy Committee Recommendations
- ❖ NYSPHSAA Handbook Committee Minutes
- ❖ NYSPHSAA Safety Committee Report

Mr. Osborne discussed selective classification for modified students to play JV sports in schools that don't have modified sports due to budget constraints.

Mr. Osborne stated OCIAA and Section IX have approved the modified volleyball service line to be moved up into the court.

OCIAA and Section IX did not approve changing the pitching distance in modified softball.

Mr. Fred Ahart, Eligibility Chairperson (Roscoe) discussed the Transfer Rule New Guidelines are on hold pending litigation pertaining to courses that cannot be taught in public schools. No action can be taken at this time for transfers. The Eligibility Committee will hold the application for the transfers that come in until the litigation is completed.

Mr. Osborne reported on the NYSPHSAA Committee for Modified Athletics Action Item. The three point shot in modified basketball will be discussed at the next meeting. Athletic Directors need to review this with their modified basketball coaches. Mr. Osborne reviewed the Synopsis of the Spring 2011 Meeting from the NYSPHSAA Committee for Modified Athletics. Refer to copy in folder.

Concussion Management Model School Policy - Draft was reviewed. Mr. Michael Bellarosa (Valley Central) stated a policy needs to include a section for Physical Education. Athletic Trainers will report on Concussion Management at a future Section IX Meeting.

C. Spring 2011 Championship Dates

Mr. James Osborne reviewed the Spring Championship Division winners to date. The tennis sectionals will be played at Match Point Tennis at the Goshen Sports Complex. Mr. Michael Bellarosa (Valley Central) discussed the seeding procedure for OCIAA tennis. Clarification of the process was reviewed. Thanks to Warwick High School for hosting the OCIAA Track & Field Championship. Mr. Bellarosa stated the timing device that was operated by Mr. Dan Morse, Athletic Programs Assistant, provided accurate timing in hundreds of a second in events that were tied.

D. Revised Fall Schedules for 2011

Boys and girls modified soccer revised schedules are in the folder.

E. Mergers for 2011-2012

Motion was made by Mr. Rob Gravelle (S.S. Seward) second by Mr. Jared Kahmar (Port Jervis) to approve the merger between Fallsburg and Tri-Valley for boys and girls tennis and boys and girls alpine skiing. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. John Landro (Tuxedo) second by Mr. Lou Cioffi (Cornwall) to approve the merger between Roscoe and Livingston Manor in all sports for 2011-2012. All in favor. Motion carried.

F. Reviewing the Fiscal Concerns for 2011-2012

Mr. Mike Larsen announced Minisink Valley Central School District will not have modified athletics in 2011-2012.

Mr. James Osborne, OCIAA Athletic Coordinator, reviewed the 2011-2012 winter schedules. Each school received their own individual schedule. Also included is information on when practice starts, number of contests, and number of divisions. Mr. Osborne explained league games and cross-over games must be played with the scheduled opponent. Non-league games can be dropped after a discussion with the opposing athletic director. Freshman basketball can play against JV teams to fill out their schedules. Wrestling divisions and tri-matches were reviewed. Modified wrestling needs a host school for the tournament. Modified sports will play on the same day and same site for boys and girls.

Motion made by Mr. Rob Gravelle (S.S. Seward) second by Mr. George St. Lawrence (Monroe-Woodbury). All in favor. Motion carried.

4. Old Business

None was reported.

5. New Business

Mr. Osborne stated the Athletic Directors Workshop scheduled for Tuesday, August 23, 2011 may be hosted by Monroe-Woodbury.

The NYSAAA Membership Form is included in the folder. Please return as soon as possible to the Athletic Coordinator's Office.

Mr. George St. Lawrence announced the Annual Taravella Boys Basketball Tournament is scheduled for December 17, 2011 at Monroe-Woodbury.

The next Athletic Directors Workshop is Tuesday, June 21, 2011 at Orange-Ulster BOCES, Carl P. Onken Conference Center, Room B and C at 9:00 a.m.

The next Section IX Meeting is Tuesday, June 14, 2011 at Apple Greens at 8:00 a.m.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Tim Bult (Fallsburg) second by Mr. Doug Murphy (Monticello). All were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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