



**ORANGE COUNTY INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
ATHLETIC DIRECTORS WORKSHOP**

Tuesday, September 21, 2021 - 9:30 AM

MINUTES

All members present except: Mr. Greg Sirico, Warwick

Guests Present: Mr. Dennis Burkett, MHAL Coordinator
Mr. Jeff Cuiilty, Wrestling Chairperson
Mr. James Osborne, Section IX Secretary
Mr. Greg Ransom, Section IX Executive Director
Ms. Linda Trapani, Section IX Treasurer

The OCIAA Athletic Directors Workshop was called to order at 9:31 am via Zoom.

1. Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting (August 24, 2021)
Motion to approve minutes made by Ms. Debbi Crowe (Highland Falls/O'Neill) and seconded by Mr. Lou Cioffi (Goshen). All in favor. Motion carried.
2. Wrestling Proposals – Mr. Jeff Cuiilty
Mr. Cuiilty presented two proposals to add to the Handbook:
 - a. Selecting a true second place in Division I Wrestling
 - b. Supplementing the expenses for two (2) athletic trainers to attend the State Wrestling Tournament

Motion to approve both proposals made by Mr. John Landro (Tuxedo) and seconded by Ms. Sue Lenzian (Fallsburg). All in favor. Motion carried.
3. NYSPHSAA Update – Mr. Greg Ransom
Mr. Ransom reviewed discussion items in your materials. State Championships are still on and NYSPHSAA will continue to abide by the COVID guidelines throughout the season.
4. OCIAA President's Report – Mr. Mike Bellarosa
 - a. Section IX Athletics
 - i. State Proposals – Vote

NYSPHSAA Voting Items

❖ **Criteria for 6th Classification:**

Motion: – Approval of establishing criteria for the creation of a 6th classification for sports with 501 or more teams competing in the NYSPHSAA State Championships.

Rationale: Provides more equity for teams

❖ **Classification cut off format:**

Motion: Approval to establish a timeline, process and criteria for the classification cutoff numbers for non-variation five, four, three classification sports and two division sports pending approval of the Championship Advisory Committee proposal.

Rationale: To revise the current non-variation classification process for greater accuracy, consistency, and equity.

These two proposals will be voted on at the next Athletic Directors' meeting in October 2021.

❖ **1. Approve New Regional Assignments for Girls Volleyball for 2022-2025**

Motion: Approval of new four year regional assignments from 2022-2025 for NYSPHSAA Girls Volleyball

Rationale: Current rotation expiring after 2021 and it is necessary to make some adjustments due to imbalance in numbers.

❖ **2. Boys and Girls Swimming: Allow Schools to enter relay teams without individual athlete names.**

Motion: NYSPHSAA Boys and Girls Swimming Diving Committee seeking approval to allow schools to enter relay teams without individual athlete names.

Rationale: Will allow coaches flexibility in managing their relay events.

❖ **3. Tennis: Mandate all players to “Claim” profiles on UTR and Require schools to submit season results.**

Motion: Mandate all players to “Claim” profiles on UTR prior to the season and Require schools to submit season results in a timely fashion. Athletes with unclaimed profiles or incomplete match results will be ineligible for postseason competition.

Rationale: Will allow NYSPHSAA and Tennis committees to utilize a complete database at the end of the season to properly seed the state tournament.

❖ **4. Girls and Boys Tennis: Regional Rotations – 6 year cycle.**

Motion: Adopt 6 year regional rotation for the tennis team Championships.

Rationale: Allows sections to take turns hosting.

❖ **5. Competitive Cheerleading – Increase Minimum number of contests to qualify for states.**

Motion: Increase Minimum number of contests to qualify for states from 2 to 3.

Rationale: Encourages schools to participate on a more regular basis.

❖ **6. NYSPHSAA Amateur Rule Revision**

Motion: Revise the language in the Amateur rule to reflect the current climate

Rationale: Basically - Times change and we need to change with them. See Packet for actual language.

Motion to approve proposals 1-6 above made by Mr. Landro (Tuxedo) and seconded by Ms. Crowe (Highland Falls/O'Neill). All in favor. Motion carried.

Other Items:

Wrestling:

❖ Wrestling would like to send 1 or 2 Athletic Trainers from Section IX to the NYSPHSAA Tournament.

○ Friends of Section IX would pay for the Hotel Room.

○ Section IX is requested to pay for their meals, mileage and any difference in the pay rate from NYSPHSAA.

Motion to approve made by Mr. Landro (Tuxedo) and seconded by Mr. Cioffi (Goshen). All in favor. Motion carried.

ii. Executive Committee – Openings

1. Superintendent Representative for Large Schools
2. Superintendent Representative for Medium Schools
3. Athletic Director Representative for Medium Schools

Mr. Dave Coates (Middletown) nominated Mr. Jason Semo (Washingtonville) as Athletic Director Representative.

Motion to approve made by Mr. Coates (Middletown) and seconded by Mr. Cioffi (Goshen). All in favor. Motion carried.

5. OCIAA Athletic Coordinator’s Report – Mr. Christopher P. Mayo

Items of Concern:

a. Our Lady of Lourdes Application for Membership

Application was included in materials and discussed.

Motion to approve made by Ms. Lenzian (Fallsburg) and seconded by Mr. John Giametta (Beacon). All in favor. Motion carried.

b. Schedules – Transportation Concerns and what we can do about it

The reference sheet in materials was discussed regarding possible solutions to the current transportation issues.

c. 2022-2023 Sports Teams Form

The form was included in the materials. Please return completed forms to the Regional Office by or before Friday, October 22, 2021. If you suspect you may have a team, please add it because it is easier to remove, rather than add, games to an existing schedule.

d. OCIAA Championships

The Fall 2021 OCIAA and Section IX Championship Dates have been included in the materials for your reference.

e. Combining of Teams – Mr. Tim Bult

<u>SPORT</u>	<u>HOST SCHOOL</u>	<u>COMB SCHOOL #1</u>	<u>RECO</u>	<u>RATIONALE</u>	<u>IS #</u>	<u>Year</u>
Modified, JV &	Liberty	Sullivan West &	Yes	Insuf # Lib-5V & 4M	6	Winter 2021-22
Varsity Wrestling		Eldred		Insuf # SW-3V & 2M	6	Winter 2021-22
				Insuf # Eld-5V & 4M	6	Winter 2021-22

OCIAA Approve	9/21/2021
MHAL Approve	9/22/21 ??
S9 Approval	10/5/21 ??

Motion to approve made by Mr. Landro (Tuxedo) and seconded by Mr. Bult (Minisink). All in favor. Motion carried.

- f. Bowling By-law Change
As per email recently sent to all Athletic Directors regarding this request, this change is in regards to determination of the All-Section Team for State Championships.
Motion to approve made by Mr. Coates (Middletown) and seconded by Mr. Rich Silverstein (Kingston). All in favor. Motion carried.
- g. NYSPHSAA Mandatory Meeting
The meeting went well and it was nice seeing everyone in person. We hope to implement hybrid Athletic Directors' meetings during this school year and will keep you posted.
6. Old Business
None to report.
7. New Business
 - a. Football Modifications
Mr. Coates (Middletown) discussed some changes that can be implemented in response to the incidents that occurred at several games in the past weekend.
 - b. Dropped Teams
More dropped teams were communicated at this time.
 - c. Indoor Track
The Regional Office is still awaiting a callback from West Point and working on other options for meets.
 - d. Interviews at Regional Office
We are in the process of hiring a replacement for Ms. Amanda York's position and will contact you with this information in the next few weeks.
8. Next Athletic Directors Workshop – Tuesday, October 19, 2021, at 9:30 am via Zoom.

Section IX Meeting – Tuesday, October 5, 2021, at 9:30 am via Zoom
9. Adjourn
Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Bult (Minisink) and seconded by Mr. Mike Gillespie (Pine Bush). All in favor. Motion carried.