

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



TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2021 - 9:30 A.M.
Via Zoom

Meeting Minutes

All members present except:

Mr. Adam Kless, Burke Catholic
Mr. Bill Spanjer, Chapel Field
Mr. Ray Holyk, Port Jervis

Guests Present:

Mr. Dennis Burkett, MHAL Coordinator
Mr. Jim Higgins, Director of Special Ed., Orange Ulster BOCES
Mr. James Osborne, Section IX Secretary
Ms. Linda Trapani, Section IX Treasurer

The OCIAA Athletic Directors Workshop was called to order at 9:34 am via Zoom.

1. Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting (September 21, 2021)
Motion to approve minutes made by Ms. Sue Lenzian (Fallsburg) and seconded by Ms. Debbi Crowe (Highland Falls/O'Neill), All in favor. Motion carried.
2. Adaptive PE – Mr. Jim Higgins, Director of Special Education, Orange Ulster BOCES
Mr. Higgins discussed the potential for using a unified county wide screening tool for qualifying students for adaptive PE. Mr. Higgins would like to put together a joint group of Athletic directors with Special Education Directors. Mr. Rich Silverstein, Kingston and Ms. Jennifer Simmons, Cornwall volunteered to help with this endeavor. The goal would be to unify the processes of schools in adaptive PE.
3. NYSPHSAA Meeting Review – Mr. Greg Ransom and Mr. Jim Osborne
Mr. Jim Osborne briefly discussed the items that NYSPHSAA has on its discussion agenda.
 - Increasing Ice Hockey officials fees on the regional and state level by \$7 due to an increase in length of periods from 15 to 17 minutes.
 - Classification Ad Hoc Committee's proposal for adding a 6th classification. *The potential exists for schools to have a boys team in one class and girls team in a different class in the same sport. This could also cause issues for combining of teams.*
 - Jim also asked Ads to review: Representation Rule for winter (Reducing from 6 to 3 contests), Girls Wrestling items, and Request from Bowling chairs to hold virtual meets.
4. OCIAA President's Report – Mr. Michael Bellarosa
 - A. Section IX Athletics – NYSPHSAA Items: Approve Ice Hockey change to increase officials' fees for Regional and State Ice Hockey. Motion: John Landro, Tuxedo; Second Lou Cioffi, Goshen. No discussion or questions. All in favor. Motion Carries.
 - B. Representation Rule - Reduce from 6 to 3 in Sports of: Indoor Track, Alpine & Nordic Skiing, Gymnastics. Motion to approve – Tim Bult, Minisink ; Second – Rich Silverstein, Kingston. No discussion or questions. All in favor. Motion Carries.

C. Girls Wrestling – *Mr. Bellarosa discussed the request from the state wrestling committee to increase the presence of girls wrestling. They would like to see more tournaments in all sections, the potential to bring all girls wrestlers in a section to one location for a joint practice weekly at various locations. Mr. Mayo emphasized the importance of offering more opportunities for girls wrestling to increase participation and to allow for future development of girls wrestling as a sport unto itself.*

5. OCIAA Athletic Coordinator’s Report – Mr. Christopher Mayo
Items of Concern:

Patrick Rossi:

Mr. Mayo introduced new employee Patrick Rossi, Athletic Programs Assistant to the group. Mr. Mayo stated how happy he is to have Patrick on staff. Mr. Rossi introduced himself to the Athletic Directors and let him know how happy he is to work with them. Patrick discussed the community service challenge with the group and expressed what a great opportunity it is for athletes to give back to their communities.

A. BEDS Chart 2022-2023

Mr. Mayo introduced the BEDS chart for 2022-2023. Ads were asked to review the chart very closely and report any discrepancies to him ASAP. This chart along with the teams form will determine alignments and scheduling parameters.

B. 2022-2023 Sports Teams Form

Mr. Mayo asked anyone that hasn’t yet returned the sports team form to do so ASAP. Ads were reminded that if they are even thinking about adding a team, they should put it on the chart. Once Schedules are completed and voted upon, it will not be possible to add teams to the schedule. Schools that add teams late will likely have to hand schedule contests with other schools.

C. Winter Rules Interpretations Meetings – Online

All Rules interpretation meetings will be conducted online. Meeting information will be sent to Ads as soon as we have it, so it can be distributed to coaches.

D. Winter Coaching Courses

ADs are reminded to contact Amanda York at Amanda.york@ouboces.org for CPR/AED and First Aid courses. We will have a new instructor for the big three coaching courses – Jason Semo from Washingtonville will be taking over the instructor role from Greg Ransom.

E. Section IX Football – David Coates

Mr. Coates discussed playoff scenarios, covid game chart, and championship dates and sites. Mr. Coates thanked Goshen, Monroe Woodbury, Spackenkill, and Rondout for hosting Section IX Championship games.

F. Officials Shortage / Transportation issues

Mr. Mayo discussed the issues schools may face in the winter season due to transportation issues and lack of available officials. Schools were asked to look at their game times and adjust them now as opposed to after assignments are made. Modified Basketball start times were discussed and ADs were asked to check times now for bussing reasons. The use of certified Phys. Ed. Teachers to work as officials for modified contests was had. Schools may use them to officiate modified games if the need arises. The ROIA will work with schools to compensate those individuals.

G. Mr. Mayo let ADs know that the NYSPHSAA Fall Scholar Athlete starts Oct. 25, 2021 and ends December 6, 2021

H. Combining of Teams - Tim Bult

Mr. Bult brought a merger request for Roscoe and Livingston Manor to merge modified boys basketball teams due to lack of numbers at each school. This met the criteria for mergers. Motion to approve: Tim Bult, Minisink; Second: John Landro, Tuxedo. No discussion or questions. All in favor. Motion Carries.

6. Old Business - None

7. New Business:

Bowling: Bowling chairpeople have requested that the leagues allow virtual bowling due to transportation constraints which could effect availability of bowling centers. Mr. Silverstein, Kingston, discussed the Unified Bowling program. He said the unified bowling teams would be bowling in person together where possible. Motion was made to allow both Varsity and Unified to bowl virtually when needed. Motion: Rich Silverstein, Kingston; Second: Lou Cioffi, Goshen. No further discussion. All in favor. Motion Carried.

NYSAAA Awards: Ms. Sue Lenzian, Fallsburg asked ADs to review the nominations for the annual NYSAAA Servie awards. Due date for submitting a candidate is November 10, 2021.

Section IX Soccer: Mr. Bult asked about if there is potential for earlier game times than the historical 2pm start time. Mr. Mayo thanked Mr. Bult for bringing this up and discussed an email he sent to the Section IX Soccer chairpeople and Section IX. Mr. Mayo reminded the chairpeople that schools are in a major transportation crunch and that the committee should discuss any need for earlier start times with schools, as well as asking schools with lighted fields to host games later to accommodate transportation. Mr. Mayo stated that 2pm start times will be an issue for most schools since that is the time schools release students for the day. They may not have busses at that time. ADs were asked to discuss the potential for 11am or 12 noon game times with their administration so they are aware of this potential solution to transportation issues.

8. Next Athletic Directors Workshop – Tuesday, November 23, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.
Via Zoom

Section IX Meeting – Wednesday, November 9, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.
Via Zoom

9. Motion to adjourn the meeting occurred at 10:24am -Tim Bult, Minisink; Second – David Coates, Middletown. All in favor. Motion carried.