

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



**Tuesday, December 21, 2021 - 9:30 am
Via Zoom**

Meeting Minutes

All members present except: Ms. Lori Hock, Monroe-Woodbury

Guests Present: Mr. Dennis Burkett, MHAL Coordinator
Mr. James Osborne, Section IX Secretary
Mr. Greg Ransom, Section IX Executive Director
Ms. Linda Trapani, Section IX Treasurer
Mr. Jared Kahmar, Greenwood Lake
Mr. Glen Maisch, Onteora
Mr. Chris Vero, Monroe-Woodbury

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

1. Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting (November 23, 2021)
Motion to approve minutes made by Ms. Debbie Crowe (Highland Falls/O'Neill) and seconded by Mr. Tim Bult (Minisink). All in favor. Motion carried.
2. Section IX Update – Greg Ransom / Jim Osborne
 - a. Mr. Ransom forwarded memo from Dr. Robert Zayas to Athletic Directors reminding all of the current mask mandate.
 - b. Governor is planning to provide schools with two million rapid tests after the new year with the intentions to keep students in school.
 - c. Cheerleading Championship location requires vaccinations – photo ID and vaccination card will be required by each individual.
 - d. State Championships
Mr. Mayo requested Mr. Ransom to inquire with NYSPHSAA's Dr. Zayas to ask if he could create a document comprised of all Championship locations, spectator guidelines, and vaccination policies.
 - e. State tournament teams – substitute teams
Discussion occurred regarding whether or not to send the runner up to Regionals/States if the winner is affected by Covid in non-vaccinations and/or quarantine. Mr. Tim Bult, Minisink, stated that Section IX should have a plan in place prior to sectional tournaments to determine what will occur if a championship team cannot continue into the State Tournaments. School districts would need to be aware of the possibility that their team, as the runner up, could potentially move on to Regionals in basketball or

States in Cheerleading in place of the Section IX Champion if that school was unable to continue due to lack of vaccinated athletes, or a quarantine situation. Mr. Ransom felt that this would be a question for the Section IX Athletic Council to weigh in on, rather than the Athletic Directors voting on this issue at this meeting. Mr. Ransom is going to contact the Superintendents on the council to gauge their feelings on this issue. Mr. David Coates, Middletown, voiced his opinion that the Section should be sending a representative to the state tournament, even if it is the runner up. Mr. Mayo agreed with that sentiment, but also asked whether or not a school, when dealing specifically with Cheerleading, should know prior to the sectional cheerleading championships whether they had the required numbers of vaccinated athletes to compete in the State Championships, since vaccinations are required in that building. Further discussion was had and Mr. Ransom said this will be discussed with the Section Athletic Council at the Tuesday, January 4th meeting.

3. OCIAA President's Report – Mr. Mike Bellarosa

- a. Introduction of new Athletic Directors – Welcome!
 - i. Ms. Erin Alvord (Liberty)
 - ii. Mr. Christopher Vero, Assistant (Monroe-Woodbury)
- b. NYSPHSAA Voting Items:
 - i. 6 Classifications
 - ii. Cut off number format
Motion to approve both proposals made by Mr. Dave Coates (Middletown) and seconded by Mr. Lou Cioffi (Goshen). Twenty-five in favor; one opposed. Motion carried.
- c. Section IX Budget 2022-2023
Motion to approve made by Mr. Bult (Minisink) and seconded by Ms. Crowe (Highland Falls/O'Neill). All in favor. Motion carried.
- d. Cheerleading By-laws
Ms. Sue Lenzian (Fallsburg) will confirm the drop dead date with the Committee in regards to declaring the category each team will participate in. It is anticipated that it will be on or around the two-week mark.
Motion to approve with date amendment made by Mr. Bult (Minisink) and seconded by Mr. Jason Semo (Washingtonville). All in favor. Motion carried.

4. OCIAA Athletic Coordinator's Report – Mr. Christopher Mayo

Items of Concern:

- a. Alignments 2022-2023 – Vote
Document included in materials for your reference.
Motion to approve made by Mr. Coates (Middletown) and seconded by Mr. John Giametta (Beacon). All in favor. Motion carried.
- b. Fall 2022 Schedules – Discussion
Schedules included in materials for your review.
- c. OCIAA Associate Members 2022-2023
Document included in materials.
Motion to approve made by Mr. Bult (Minisink) and seconded by Mr. Coates (Middletown). All in favor. Motion carried.
- d. Scholar-Athlete Awards
 - i. Outdoor venue or indoor breakfast has not yet been determined

- ii. Tyler Muise Award will be presented again for this year
Please inform us of any recommendations:
 - iii. Guest speaker
 - iv. National Anthem singer
- e. Community Service Challenge
Flyer is included in materials for your reference. Please share with all of your coaches and players.
 - f. Combining of Teams

<u>SPORT</u>	<u>HOST SCHOOL</u>	<u>COMB SCHOOL #1</u>	<u>RECOMMEND</u>	<u>RATIONALE</u>	<u>Qual #</u>	<u>Year</u>
Varsity Softball	Rondout Valley	Onteora	Yes	Insuf # Onteora - 1 student	Team	Spring 2022
Varsity Boys' Lacrosse	Rondout Valley	Onteora	Yes	Insuf # Onteora - 2 students	Team	Spring 2022
Varsity Boys' Lacrosse	Red Hook	Pine Plains & Rhinebeck	Yes	Insuf # PP- 4 & Rhine - 6 students	Team	Spring 2022
Varsity Girls' Alpine Ski	Fallsburg	Liberty & TV	Yes	Insuf # Lib & Falls-1each & TV-1 student	Ind - 4	Winter 21-22

OCIAA Approve	12/21/2021
MHAL Approve	12/22/2021 ??
S9 Approval	01/4/2022 ??

Motion to approve made by Mr. Bult (Minisink) and seconded by Ms. Lenzian (Fallsburg). All in favor. Motion carried.

5. Old Business

a. Covid Games

This guideline is still in effect for the Winter season. Games postponed due to Covid still use the point system of evenly splitting them between the two teams affected. Games can be made up, however, the result will NOT affect seeding.

6. New Business

a. Alpine Ski

Discussion occurred regarding meets being scheduled during the academic day. This concern will be discussed in further detail with the Chairperson, Ms. Janet Carey.

b. Onteora Athletic Director

New AD, Mr. Ryan Naccarato, will begin on January 7, 2022.

7. Next Athletic Directors Workshop – Tuesday, January 18, 2022, at 9:30 am
Zoom Meeting

Next Section IX Meeting – Tuesday, January 4, 2022, at 9:30 am
Zoom Meeting

8. Adjourn

Enjoy your holidays! See you in the new year!

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Bult (Minisink) and seconded by Mr. Mike Gillespie (Pine Bush). All in favor. Motion carried.