

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



**Tuesday, March 22, 2022 - 9:30 am  
Via Zoom**

**Meeting Minutes**

All members present.

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. Chris Vero, Monroe-Woodbury  
Mr. Jonathan Foley, Port Jervis

The OCIAA Athletic Directors Workshop was called to order at 9:32 am via Zoom.

1. Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting (February 15, 2022)  
*Motion to approve minutes made by Ms. Lori Hock (Monroe-Woodbury) and seconded by Mr. Greg Sirico (Warwick). All in favor. Motion carried.*
2. Girls Wrestling – Mr. Jonathan Foley (Port Jervis)  
Mr. Foley discussed Girls Wrestling for Emerging Sport Status and Championships in NYS 2022-2023. Information regarding the current status and requirements, along with FAQs, will be emailed to the Athletic Directors for review.
3. Section IX Report – Mr. Greg Ransom / Mr. Jim Osborne
  - a. Section IX Voting Items will be addressed in the President’s Report.
  - b. Thank you to Ms. Sue Lenzian (Fallsburg) for stepping up as Mr. Kermit Moyer’s replacement on the Student Advisory Committee.
  - c. A new AAA Chapter Representative is also needed as Mr. Moyer’s replacement.
  - d. Girls Lacrosse Chairpersons are needed, as the current Chairpersons are stepping down after this season.

- e. Gold cards  
Please email Mr. Osborne with the names/districts of those retirees that is eligible for one of these cards.
4. OCIAA President's Report – Mr. Mike Bellarosa
- a. Section IX Voting Items
    - **Handbook Committee** - Eligibility of non-corresponding transfer students.
      - The current rule, under the NOTE section states: “Students in grade 7-10, shall be eligible to participate at the sub-varsity level and practice at all levels, while students in grade 11-12 shall be limited to practice at (all levels) only. At no time during the one-year period of ineligibility at the varsity level should a student participate in a scrimmage or be an exhibition participant at the varsity level.”
      - The proposal is to remove the differentiation between 7-10 and 11-12. This would result in a student in grade 11 now being able to immediately play, although at the JV level for the first year.
      - **Thoughts:** Are we opening a can of worms? Maybe, maybe not, but we should be thoughtful and folks should understand you may then have a pretty advanced player playing against your JV kids.
      - The current rule seems to be working just fine as is.  
*Motion to approve made by Mr. Adam Larson (Livingston Manor) and seconded by Ms. Sue Lenzian (Fallsburg). 2 in favor; 20 opposed; 2 abstained; 3 absent. Motion failed.*
    - **Football** - Establish an 8-man Regional Championship
      - Only class C and D schools would be eligible to participate in the postseason.  
*Motion to approve made by Mr. Coates (Middletown) and seconded by Mr. John Landro (Tuxedo). All in favor except 2 opposed and 1 abstained. Motion carried.*
    - **Football** - Change in Targeting Disqualification Penalty
      - The proposal is to have a player who is disqualified for targeting sit out for 2 full halves, rather than the rest of the game they were disqualified in, **plus** another entire game. This proposal actually stays within the spirit of the Ejection policy – Timewise, they still sit out the equivalent of 1 game. This will still penalize a player, but in a sport of Football with only nine games, helps minimize the impact of lost time. This proposal is for Targeting ONLY.  
*Motion to approve made by Mr. Coates (Middletown) and seconded by Mr. Jason Semo (Washingtonville). All in favor except 2 abstained. Motion carried.*
    - **Football** - Sections VI, VIII, and XI will be looking for an earlier start date. Move start date from Monday to Saturday (2 days earlier).  
*Motion to approve made by Mr. Coates (Middletown) and seconded by Mr. John Giametta (Beacon). All in favor except 1 opposed. Motion carried.*
    - **Volleyball** - Remove Waiver for 5<sup>th</sup> Set, Play to 15 Points at Varsity level
    - **Volleyball** - Waive NYSPHSAA Warm-up Rule #3 and Adopt NCAA Warm-up Rule
    - **Volleyball** - Remove Waiver of Current 60-Second Time Out Rule and Adopt 75-Second NCAA Time Out Rule
    - **Volleyball** - Approval of Regional Matchups/Rotations 2022-2025
      - **Our Chairperson Steve Boucher is in favor of approving all of these items.**  
*Motion to approve made by Ms. Debbi Crowe (Highland Falls) and seconded by Mr. Tim Bult (Minisink). All in favor. Motion carried.*

- **Girls & Boys Tennis** - Establish 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> Place Playback Format at both Individual State Tournaments.  
*Motion to approve made by Mr. Coates (Middletown) and seconded by Mr. Semo (Washingtonville). All in favor except 1 opposed. Motion carried.*
  - **Field Hockey** - Amend current Regional Rotation to include At-Large-Berth to fill Byes.  
*Motion to approve made by Mr. Mike Gillespie (Pine Bush) and seconded by Mr. Coates (Middletown). All in favor except 1 abstained. Motion carried.*
  - **Boys Lacrosse** - Approve new Regional Rotation for 2022-2027  
*Motion to approve made by Mr. Coates (Middletown) and seconded by Mr. Gillespie (Pine Bush). All in favor. Motion carried.*
    - b. **Transportation Issues – Discussion**  
Most to all schools are still experiencing transportation issues. Specifically Golf is a concern due to course availability creating additional challenges for transportation. One-day Divisional multi-matches for Boys Golf to determine Division winners is a possible solution. Mr. Mayo stated that the coaches were in favor of this at the rules interpretation meeting. Request was made to send proposal by email to ADs to vote on. Late starts in any sport can pose an issue due to losing daylight in the beginning of the season, but later start times should be ok as we move forward into the spring season as daylight becomes more abundant later. Making up or rescheduling league and mandatory crossover games first is always a priority over non-league games because they affect seedings.
    - c. **Section IX Spring Guidelines**  
Guidelines were included in the materials for your reference. Please be sure to share with your coaches.
    - d. **Protest Procedure**  
This information from the OCIAA Constitution was included in the materials for your reference. Please be sure to share with your coaches.
5. **OCIAA Athletic Coordinator’s Report – Mr. Christopher P. Mayo**  
Items of Concern:
- a. **OCIAA 2022-2023 Calendar – Vote**  
Conference rooms are booked with the intention of offering in-person meetings again. The next meeting in April will be held in the Special Education Auditorium. Details of its location will be included in the meeting information sent beforehand.  
*Motion to approve the OCIAA 2022-2023 Calendar made by Mr. Bult (Minisink) and seconded by Mr. Semo (Washingtonville). All in favor. Motion carried.*
  - b. **Dropped Teams – Spring**  
We have already heard from several schools and more were shared at this time. If you are currently confirming a dropped team, please let our office know ASAP.
  - c. **Fall 2022 Schedules – Vote**  
*Motion to approve made by Mr. Landro (Tuxedo) and seconded by Mr. Sirico (Warwick). All in favor. Motion carried.*
  - d. **Football – Mr. David Coates**
    - i. Mr. Coates thanked Mr. Mayo and Mr. Dan Morse for their help with the Football schedules.
    - ii. NYSPHSAA Girls Flag Football Rules were included in materials for your reference.

- iii. Some schools are starting Girls Flag Football in their intramural programs. Mr. Mayo will send out an email to see what districts may be interested.
- e. Soccer Requests – Vote  
The outline for information included in the materials was discussed. This was previously sent to Athletic Directors for feedback on two other occasions. To make it easier to get responses, Mr. Mayo will put together a questionnaire that will be sent out shortly to gain feedback from each district and their coaches. Responses will be due by Friday, April 1.
- f. OCIAA Scholar Athlete Breakfast
  - i. Currently, we are planning to host the breakfast at Kuhl’s Highland House on June 2 at 9 am.
  - ii. Please let Mr. Mayo know if you have someone to sing the National Anthem.
  - iii. Biographical sketches are due no later than Friday, April 22.
  - iv. The Tyler Muise applications are due no later than May 1.
- g. Heat Acclimatization Guidelines and Lightning Policy  
Policies are included in the materials for your reference.
- h. Summer Coaching Courses
  - i. Mr. Jason Semo will be offering the Theory & Techniques coaching course this summer. As soon as we have the confirmed dates, you will be notified via email. Health Sciences will be offered in the Fall. Mr. Mayo thanked Mr. Semo for teaching the classes.
  - ii. Please have your coaches contact Ms. Amanda York via email to register if they need the CPR/AED/FA full or refresher courses. [Amanda.york@ouboces.org](mailto:Amanda.york@ouboces.org)
- i. 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>
Varsity Girls Golf	Fallsburg	Tri-Valley & Liberty	Yes	Insuf # Falls-1, Lib-2, TV-1	Team	Spring 2022
Mod & Var Football	Dover	Millbrook	Yes	Insuf #s - Mill-8 for each level	Team	Fall 2022

OCIAA Approve	3/22/2022
MHAL Approve	3/23/2022 ??
S9 Approval	4/5/2022 ??

*Motion to approve made by Mr. Bult (Minisink) and seconded by Ms. Debbi Crowe (Highland Falls). All in favor. Motion carried.*

## 6. Old Business

- a. Section IX Football Championships Hosting Proposal  
This proposal was approved at the last Section IX meeting and will be sent out to the Athletic Directors shortly. If you need any assistance in completing the application, please feel free to contact Mr. Coates (Middletown).

## 7. New Business

- a. Sports Committee Chairpersons  
Many positions are open. Please refer to the sheet included in your materials and let Mr. Mayo know if you would like to fill one of the available positions. If the positions are

not filled voluntarily, Mr. Mayo will assign an Athletic Director to these vacancies. Thank you to Mr. Semo (Washingtonville) for filling the Indoor Track opening.

- b. Baseball Pitch Count and Schedule  
Mr. Gillespie (Pine Bush) recommended that you refer to the pitch count and tracking form now that we are back to a full season after Covid. Also be aware of league and crossover games scheduled very late in the season. With the seed meeting scheduled on May 19, please consider moving those late games to an earlier date to ensure they occur before seeding.
8. Next Athletic Directors Workshop – Tuesday, April 26, 2022, at 9:30 a.m.  
In Person at the Orange Ulster BOCES Special Education Auditorium in the Emanuel Axelrod Education Center.  
  
Section IX Meeting – Tuesday, April 5, 2022, at 9:30 a.m.  
Via Zoom
9. Adjourn  
*Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Landro (Tuxedo) and seconded by Ms. Crowe (Highland Falls). All in favor. Motion carried.*