

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



Wednesday, April 27, 2022 - 9:30 am

Hybrid:

Orange Ulster Emanuel Axelrod Education Auditorium and Zoom

Meeting Minutes

All members present except:

Mr. Rolando Aguilar, Chester
Ms. Jennifer Simmons, Cornwall

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

The OCIAA Athletic Directors Workshop was called to order at 9:43 am via Zoom.

1. Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting (March 22, 2022)

Motion to approve minutes made by Ms. Sue Lenzian (Fallsburg) and seconded by Ms. Lori Hock (Monroe-Woodbury). All in favor. Motion carried.

2. Executive Director's Report – Mr. Greg Ransom

a. Section IX Sports Dues Form

Please return to Mr. Jim Osborne or Ms. Linda Trapani.

b. Gold Cards for Retirees

The deadline has passed, so please provide information to Mr. Osborne ASAP, if applicable.

c. NYSPHSAA Meeting is Wednesday, May 4, 2022.

d. News Release: Waiver regarding hair adornments is currently in effect.

e. 6 Classifications

This is moving quickly at the State level. Please be sure to form a Committee to review criteria.

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

a. 6 Classifications

Motion to adopt resolution to support 6 classifications in all sports that offer it. Motion to approve made by Mr. Greg Sirico (Warwick) and seconded by Ms. Lori Hock (Monroe-Woodbury). All in favor. Motion carried.

- b. Executive Committee Openings
Mr. Bellarosa let the group know there are openings on the executive committee: Middle Sized school AD is up for renewal, Vice President and President are up for renewal. Mr. Bellarosa asked those that are interested to contact him. Mr. Bellarosa talked about the changing nature of classifications and how they could affect members that serve on the committee. Small School (C/D) principal position up for renewal. Please let your principals know.
 - c. Mentor Program
Mr. Bellarosa is very pleased that Mr. Mayo is restarting this program, as it is beneficial in so many aspects of its purpose.
 - d. End of Year
We are almost there ... hang in there! Great job being done by all, thank you!
4. OCIAA Athletic Coordinator's Report – Mr. Christopher P. Mayo
- Items of Concern:
- a. OCIAA Scholar Athlete Awards – June 2, 2022
 - i. Kuhl's Highland House at 9 am
 - ii. Biographical sketches and photos are now past due. Please submit immediately, if you haven't already. Thank you for all that have been submitted thus far.
 - iii. Singer – please let Mr. Mayo know if you have a Scholar-Athlete or someone you can recommend.
 - iv. Mr. Semo (Washingtonville) will see about the Color Guard attending this event.
 - b. Tyler Muise MVP Award
Deadline is May 1, 2022. Recipient will be honored at the Breakfast and other applicants will receive a Gold Medal Award.
 - c. Winter Schedules 2022-2023 – Discussion
Schedules are included in meeting materials for your review. Scheduling Committee is due to meet and approve, then schedules will be released to you. Please let Mr. Mayo know if you see any issues.
 - d. Section IX Dues Form
Forms are included in the materials and have been emailed and are due no later than June 24, 2022.
 - e. Spring Championships
 - i. This is included in meeting materials. Please know when the seeding meetings are scheduled to ensure League games are played *before* these dates.
 - ii. Thank you to Goshen and Warwick for hosting Track & Field.
 - iii. Boys Tennis Team Line-ups need to be entered after the 4th match and cannot change, as per Mr. Kurt Buddenhagen (Monticello).
 - f. Section IX Football – Mr. David Coates
NYSPHSAA Meeting on May 4, 2022:
 - i. 2023-24 Classifications are going to be discussed.
 - ii. 8-Man Regional Championship will be voted on.
 - iii. Playoff locations will be released by May 12.

- iv. Girls Flag Football
Discussion ensued regarding the best way to get this program started and sustained without negatively affecting other Spring Sports participation. Other issues discussed included a chairperson, officials, coaches, schedules, bussing, and Superintendent approval.
*Motion to approve **Support Adding Girls Flag Football** as a sport in Section IX for the 2022-2023 school year made by Mr. Rich Silverstein (Kingston) and seconded by Mr. Mike Gillespie (Pine Bush). All in favor except one (1) abstain. Motion carried.*

- g. Combining of Teams – Mr. Tim Bult
None to report.
- h. Modified Sports - Ms. Sue Lendzian
None to report.

5. Discussion Topic: Coaching Evaluations

- a. Samples were included in the meeting materials and Mr. Mayo will be creating a folder of several samples for your access.
- b. Evaluations are specifically intended as a review.
These evaluations provide a support system, establishing goals, generating mentorship, and formalizing expectations.
- c. It also provides a good source of documentation for all parties involved.
- d. Please share other Discussion Topic suggestions with Mr. Mayo. Recruitment of Officials was suggested at the meeting.

6. Old Business

- a. Athletic Trainer Contract
As per Ms. Lendzian's email on April 26, please share your current contract for your Athletic Trainer.
- b. NYSPHSAA Student-Athlete Advisory Committee – Ms. Sue Lendzian
Section IX is in need of male student applicants for the NYSPHSAA Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC). This application is looking for “rising juniors ” (current 10th graders apply). The female representative for Section IX will remain the same in 2022-2023.
- c. Scores
Please remind your Varsity Coaches to enter their scores into rSchoolToday.
- d. 6 Classifications Process
The dues will remain based on current classification numbers. The label assigned to those classes will change to “Tier” or “Enrollment” and not Class AA, A, B, C, D.

7. New Business

- a. Run Rule for Softball
OCIAA has 15-Run Rule; MHAA has 12-Run Rule; Sections & States has 12-Run Rule. Do we want to amend the OCIAA Rule at the High School level to match the others? Please speak with your softball coaches to get their input for the next meeting.

- b. Girls Wrestling
Adding Girls Wrestling a team unto its own was discussed. These specific Girls teams will only wrestle against females.
- c. Mental Health Awareness
 - i. Please contact Ms. Lenzian (Fallsburg) if you are still interested in obtaining information from the Mental Health Awareness Presentation at the last Section IX meeting.
 - ii. Mr. Dan Morse expressed the importance of checking in with your student-athletes after the recent news of three college athletes committing suicide.
- 8. Next Athletic Directors Workshop – Tuesday, May 17, 2022, at 9:30 am – In Person meeting at OU BOCES Special Education Auditorium.

Section IX Meeting – Tuesday, May 10, at 9:30 am - Zoom Meeting

- 9. Adjourn
Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Joe DiMattina (Florida/Seward) and seconded by Ms. Lenzian (Fallsburg). All in favor. Motion carried.