

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



**Tuesday, May 17, 2022 - 9:30 am**

Hybrid:

Orange Ulster Emanuel Axelrod Education Auditorium and Zoom

**Meeting Minutes**

All members present except: Mr. Bill Spanjer, Chapel Field  
Mr. Rich Steger, Valley Central  
Mr. Greg Sirico, Warwick

Guests Present: Mr. Dennis Burkett, MHAL Coordinator (virtual)  
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 9:36 am via Zoom.

1. Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting (April 27, 2022)  
*Motion to approve minutes made by Mr. Tim Bult (Minisink) and seconded by Ms. Lori Hock (Monroe-Woodbury). All in favor. Motion carried.*
2. Executive Director's Report – Mr. Greg Ransom and Mr. James Osborne
  - a. Mr. Osborne discussed Section IX's partnership with Orange County Trust. Orange County Trust has sponsored the OCIAA and MHAL Scholar Athlete plaques for this year.
  - b. Mr. Osborne also discussed Section IX's intention of continuing sponsorship relations with BSN.
  - c. Mr. Ransom discussed Cheerleading in respect to classifications and co-ed team members.
3. OCIAA President's Report – Mr. Mike Bellarosa
  - a. NYSPHSAA Voting Items – May 2022
    1. **Tornado Policy**  
**Proposal:** The NYSPHSAA Safety Committee is recommending adding a Tornado Policy to the NYSPHSAA Handbook.

**Rationale:** During the 2021 Field Hockey Championships in Long Island there was a Tornado warning that disrupted the Championship. Unfortunately, the committee did not have any regulation to guide them on how to proceed. The Safety Committee is recommending adding a policy to help our schools and committees proceed in these types of situations.

Effective Start Date: Fall 2022

*Motion to approve made by Mr. Dave Coates (Middletown) and seconded by Ms. Sue Lenzian (Fallsburg). All in favor. Motion carried.*

2. **NYSPPHSAA Strategic Plan**

**Proposal:** Consider approval of the NYSPPHSAA Strategic Plan for 2022-2027.

**Rationale:** Provide NYSPPHSAA Membership and Staff with initiatives to focus upon for the next five years.

*Motion to approve made by Mr. Lou Cioffi (Goshen) and seconded by Mr. Joe DiMattina (Florida/Seward). All in favor. Motion carried.*

3. **Change Beds Calculation**

**Proposal:** Consider approval to use enrollments of grades 9, 10, and 11 for the NYSPPHSAA Classifications for the following school year.

**Rationale:** Return the previous calculation method for classification.

Presently the "grade level formula" and the application of the numbers 2 years out are not always reflecting the actual school enrollment. There is variability in the methods school districts use to determine grade level status across the state. The formula is not a true reflection of the student enrollment. Scheduling can be done with the information received in February.

*Motion to approve made by Mr. Bult (Minisink) and seconded by Mr. Mike Gillespie (Pine Bush). All opposed. Motion defeated.*

4. **Girls Soccer Overtime Procedure**

**Proposal:** The NYSPPHSAA Girls Soccer Committee is seeking approval of the following changes to the overtime procedure for the regular season and post season:

*Regular season games should consist of two {2} 40- minute halves with two {2} 10- minute sudden victory overtimes. Beginning with Section play and continuing through the State Tournament, overtimes would consist of two {2} 15- minute sudden victory periods and, if still tied, penalty kicks. The only exception to this would be in the State Championship game where co-champions would be declared after the two (2) sudden victory overtime periods.*

**Rationale:** The Girls Committee believes this format would create a better opportunity to establish a winner of the game. The committee also feels that the field conditions are not as significant detriment as they have been in the past with amount of turf fields our teams are now playing on. This Overtime Procedure is the same procedure the Boys are currently using. The Girls Committee unanimously voted in favor to support this proposal at its April 6, 2022, meeting.

*Motion to approve made by Ms. Debbi Crowe (Highland Falls/O'Neill) and seconded by Mr. DiMattina (Florida/Seward). All in favor. Motion carried.*

5. **Adopt 8 Man Football Rules**

**Proposal:** The NYSPPHSAA Football Committee is seeking approval to adopt the NFHS Rules for 8-man Football.

**Rationale:** The Football Committee feels that all teams participating in 8-man football should follow consistent rules across the state. Currently we allow Sections to select the rules they wish to follow for 8-man football. As 8- man football continues to grow the committee feels it is important to have consistent rules across the state.

*Motion to approve made by Mr. Coates (Middletown) and seconded by Mr. Adam Larson (Livingston Manor). All in favor. Motion carried.*

6. **Football:** Adopt Revised Classification Cut-Off Numbers for 2023

*Motion to approve made by Mr. Coates (Middletown) and seconded by Mr. John Landro (Tuxedo). All in favor. Motion carried.*

7. **Boys and Girls Tennis** – Playoffs at State Tournament

Proposal: The NYSPHSAA Staff is seeking approval to eliminate consolation matches and add only medal play-offs for the top eight finishers at the Girls and Boys Individual Tennis State Championships.

An in depth discussion ensued.

\*The Tennis Committee wants this off the table as they did not approve this or put it forward. State Committee wants it to remain as is.

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

8. **Boys Ice Hockey:** Revise Postseason Overtime Procedure

Proposal: The NYSPHSAA Boys Ice Hockey is seeking approval to revise the NYSPHSAA Handbook under Ice Hockey 13.08 Post Season Overtime as follows:

c. In Sectional, Regional and NYSPHSAA Championship Play: After the third period the ice will be resurfaced and teams will switch ends.

Play shall be continued until the first goal is scored in Overtime for no more than two overtime periods of 17 minutes.

d. If the game shall be tied at the end of the first overtime period, teams will play another overtime period of 17 minutes, after the ice is resurfaced and teams switch ends. If the score is still tied, the "shoot out" procedure will be used. (13.08.12)

9. **Boys Ice Hockey** - Revise Language in NYSPHSAA Handbook on Goalie Warm-up Time.

Proposal: The NYSPHSAA Boys Ice Hockey is recommending a change in the NYSPHSAA Handbook under Ice Hockey, 13.08, #10 to read, "A maximum of TWO minutes warm-up per substitute goaltender per game shall be required."

\* The Boys Ice Hockey Committee voted unanimously to support this proposal at its March 2022 meeting

*Motion to approve #8 & #9 made by Ms. Hock (Monroe-Woodbury) and seconded by Ms. Debbi Crowe (Highland Falls/O'Neill). All in favor. Motion carried.*

10. **Gymnastics** - Allow Competitors the Option to Wear Spandex/Lycra Shorts During Competition.

\*The Gymnastics Committee was unanimously in favor of this proposal at its March 2022 meeting.

11. **Gymnastics** - Approval to Make Three (3) Scoring Changes in Technical Handbook

\*The Gymnastics Committee was unanimously in favor of this proposal at its March 2022 meeting.

*Motion to approve #10 & #11 made by Ms. Lenzian (Fallsburg) and seconded by Mr. Landro (Tuxedo). All in favor. Motion carried.*

12. **CHAMPIONSHIP ADVISORY COMMITTEE - Officials Fees & Policies Revision for Football Officials Submission Procedures at State Semifinals and Finals.**

**Proposal:** The NYSPHSAA Championship Advisory Committee is seeking approval of a change in the submission of the Football Officials for the NYSPHSAA Semifinals and finals.

*Motion to approve made by Mr. Coates (Middletown) and seconded by Ms. Crowe (Highland Falls/O'Neill). All in favor. Motion carried.*

13. **CHAMPIONSHIP ADVISORY COMMITTEE - Use of Standby Official on the Field for State Semifinals and Finals.**

**Proposal:** The NYSPHSAA Championship Advisory Committee is seeking approval, at the request of the Football Committee, of a one-year pilot program to use the standby official at the semifinal and final games as a non-field working official.

\* Currently we pay the standby official 1/2 game fee to stand on the sidelines. If he was to become an on-field working official he would receive a full game fee

*Motion to approve made by Mr. Coates (Middletown) and seconded by Mr. Landro (Tuxedo). All opposed. Motion defeated.*

b. Executive Committee Positions

- a. Mr. Brian Monahan (Minisink) would like to continue in his position as the Superintendent Representative for Medium Schools.

Mr. Dave Coates (Middletown), Nominating Committee Chairperson, announced the following nominations:

- b. Mr. Bellarosa would like to continue in his position as the OCIAA President.
- c. Ms. Hock (Monroe-Woodbury) has been recommended to replace Mr. Landro (Tuxedo) as OCIAA Vice President. Mr. Bellarosa thanked Mr. Landro for all of his hard work, dedication, and friendship throughout the years.
- d. Mr. Jason Semo (Washingtonville) would like to continue in his position as the Athletic Director Representative for Medium Schools.  
*Motion to approve these nominations made by Mr. Coates (Middletown) and seconded by Ms. Lenzian (Fallsburg). All in favor. Motion carried.*

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

a. Winter Schedules 2022-2023 – Vote

*Motion to approve made by Mr. Cioffi (Goshen) and seconded by Ms. Lenzian (Fallsburg). All in favor. Motion carried.*

b. Section IX Football – Mr. David Coates

- i. 8-man Regional play has been approved.
- ii. Targeting proposal has passed.
- iii. Start date of Saturday, August 20, 2022, has been approved.
- iv. Mr. Coates thanked all who have submitted proposals for hosting Championship games. The deadline for applications is May 27. Athletic Council approvals will be requested at the next Section IX Athletic Council meeting on June 15, 2022.

c. Scholar Athlete Ceremony – June 2, 2022

- i. Kuhl's Highland House at 9 am
- ii. Photos will be taken. Recipients should be dressed appropriately.

- iii. Ms. Sue Lenzian will be the Keynote Speaker. Ms. Lenzian is a former Scholar-Athlete winner from Warwick Valley CSD.
    - iv. Mr. Mayo thanked Ms. Margaret Oettinger for her hard work on preparing the booklets for the event.
  - d. Tyler Muise Award  
Congratulations to Nathan “Nate the Great” Dershem from Goshen High School as the recipient of this award!
  - e. OCIAA Community Challenge  
Congratulations to Monroe-Woodbury as the winner of this challenge!
  - f. Combining of Teams – Mr. Tim Bult  
None to report. Please be sure to send in any Fall season requests as soon as possible.
5. Discussion Topic / Mentoring: Time Management Strategies
- a. Schedule emails – have your drafts ready to send in the right time.
  - b. Close yourself off for an hour, if possible. Close your door and request no interruptions.
  - c. Recognize you cannot be everywhere. Intend to be in multiple places for short periods of time.
6. Old Business  
None to report.
7. New Business
- a. Bids for Post-Season Sites in All Sports  
Mr. Rich Silverstein (Kingston) suggested implementing this process, just as Football has recently done, instead of leaving it up to a Sports Chair and a possible last-minute process.
  - b. NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame Nomination  
Mr. Adam Kless (Burke) presented the motion to consider Mr. James Osborne (Section IX) as a candidate for an induction into the Hall of Fame.  
*Motion to approve made by Mr. Adam Kless (Burke) and seconded by Ms. Lenzian (Fallsburg). All in favor. Motion carried.*
  - c. Seed meetings are coming up this week.
8. Next Athletic Directors Workshop – Tuesday, June 7, 2022, at 9:30 a.m.  
**Orange Ulster BOCES Special Education ~ Emanuel Axelrod Building ~ Auditorium**
- Section IX Meeting – Wednesday, June 15, 2022, at 8 a.m. @ Apple Greens Restaurant
9. Adjourn  
*Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Gillespie (Pine Bush) and seconded by Mr. Bult (Minisink). All in favor. Motion carried.*