



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

**Tuesday, November 17, 2020 - 9:30 AM**

**MINUTES**

All members present.

Guests Present:

Mr. Dennis Burkett, MHAL Coordinator  
Mr. James Osborne, Section IX Secretary/Treasurer  
Mr. Greg Ransom, Section IX Executive Director  
Mr. Chris Ferry, Associate Member, Greenwood Lake  
Mr. Steve Suarez, Associate Member, West Point

The OCIAA Athletic Directors Workshop was called to order at 9:30 am via Google Meet.

1. Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting (October 27, 2020)  
*Motion to approve minutes made by Ms. Lori Hock (Monroe-Woodbury) and seconded by Mr. Mike Kroemer (Cornwall). All in favor. Motion carried.*
2. NYSPHSAA Meeting Review – Mr. Greg Ransom and Mr. Jim Osborne
  - a. Executive Directors Meeting on November 16 determined high-risk Winter sports be moved to January 4, 2021. NYSPHSAA press release to follow.
  - b. Section IX Contest Guidelines 2020-2021  
Thank you to Mr. Greg Sirico (Warwick) for compiling the document of these guidelines. Discussion transpired regarding these details. A summary of district's mask requirements has been requested. Mr. Bellarosa also shared an update that Dr. Gelman from the Orange County Department of Health *RECOMMENDS* pause in-person instruction after the holidays.  
*Motion to approve guidelines made by Mr. Sirico (Warwick) and seconded by Ms. Debbi Crowe (Highland Falls/O'Neill). All in favor. Motion carried.*
3. OCIAA President's Report – Mr. Mike Bellarosa
  - a. OCIAA Championships  
*Motion to eliminate OCIAA Championships for 2020-2021 made by Mr. Dave Coates (Middletown) and seconded by Mr. Kroemer (Cornwall). All in favor. Motion carried.*
  - b. NYSPHSAA Items - Vote
    - i. Cohort Numbers for NYSPHSAA Classifications  
*Motion tabled.*

- ii. Modified – Modify NYSPHSAA Scrimmage Rule  
*Already voted on and approved.*
  - iii. School of Distinction/Excellence Merged Team Requirement  
*Motion to approve made by Mr. Tim Bult (Minisink) and seconded by Mr. Sirico (Warwick). All in favor. Motion carried.*
  - iv. Private Schools Within Public School District Boundaries  
*Motion to approve made by Mr. Adam Kless (Burke) and seconded by Mr. Dave Coates (Middletown). Two opposed. All else in favor. Motion carried.*
  - v. Sportsmanship Official’s Card – Add “including racial or discriminatory comments or slurs”  
*Motion to approve made by Mr. Kroemer (Cornwall) and seconded by Mr. Mike Gillespie (Pine Bush). All in favor. Motion carried.*
  - vi. Wrestling – Modify the Current Appeal Procedure Used for the State Championship (Duals and Individual)  
*Motion to approve made by Mr. Kroemer (Cornwall) and seconded by Mr. Bult (Minisink). All in favor. Motion carried.*
  - vii. Classification Cut-Off Numbers: General 2 Divisions  
*Motion to approve made by Ms. Sue Lenzian (Fallsburg) and seconded by Ms. Hock (Monroe-Woodbury). Two oppose. All else in favor. Motion carried.*
  - viii. Classification Cut-Off Numbers: General 5 Sport  
*Motion to approve made by Mr. Coates (Middletown) and seconded by Mr. Bill Miller (Valley Central). One abstain. 23 oppose. Motion fails.*
- c. Section IX Return to Play Guidelines  
Discussed under NYSHSAA Meeting Review
  - d. OCIAA Championships Postponement - Vote
4. OCIAA Athletic Coordinator’s Report – Mr. Christopher Mayo  
Items of Concern:
- a. Fall 2 Schedules – Vote  
*Motion to approve made by Mr. Kroemer (Cornwall) and seconded by Ms. Hock (Monroe-Woodbury). All in favor. Motion carried.*
  - b. 2021-2022 Sports Teams Alignments / BEDS  
It was agreed upon to wait until February 2021, rather than creating two versions. The later date will include the updated numbers.
  - c. Winter Rules Interpretations Meetings  
All meetings will be virtual and links will be sent to AD’s to farm out to their coaches.
    - i. Indoor Track – online 11/19
    - ii. Swimming – online 11/19
    - iii. Skiing – TBD
  - d. Update on Winter Schedules

- i. Please respond to Indoor Track Survey, if you have not already
  - ii. Basketball will not start until at least 1/4/21 – schedules will be reworked
- e. Combining of Teams – Mr. Tim Bult  
None to report.
- f. Modified Sports – Ms. Sue Lenzian  
None to report.
5. Old Business  
None to report.
6. New Business  
None to report.
7. Next Athletic Directors Workshop – Tuesday, December 22, 2020, at 9:30 am via Google Meet
8. Section IX Meeting – Tuesday, January 5, 2021, at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom. Mr. Ransom will send invitations to join.
9. Adjourn  
*Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Tim Bult (Minisink) and seconded by Ms. Debbi Crowe (Highland Falls/O'Neill). All in favor. Motion carried.*