



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

Tuesday, March 23, 2021 - 9:30 AM

MINUTES

All members present except: Ms. Sue Lenzian, Fallsburg

Guests Present: Mr. Dennis Burkett, MHAL Coordinator
Mr. James Osborne, Section IX Secretary/Treasurer
Mr. Greg Ransom, Section IX Executive Director
Ms. Andrea Schoonmaker, Intern, Cornwall
Mr. Chris Ferry, Associate Member, Greenwood Lake
Mr. Edgar Glascott, Principal, Newburgh

The OCIAA Athletic Directors Workshop was called to order at 9:33 am via Google Meet.

1. Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting (February 23, 2021)
Motion to approve minutes made by Mr. John Landro (Tuxedo) and seconded by Mr. Mike Kroemer (Cornwall). All in favor. Motion carried.
2. Section IX Report – Mr. Greg Ransom and Mr. James Osborne

Mr. Ransom:

- a. Fall 2 culminating events are all set, except for Soccer, which should be set in the next few days. Volleyball and Soccer will extend into the first two days of Spring season.
- b. Please be sure to follow Covid protocols and be as detail-oriented as possible in your reporting. The home school is responsible for notifying the officials. Both schools are responsible for calling the Department of Health.
- c. If your school is currently not allowing home and/or visitor spectators, please note, this will be a concern if your school is an assigned site for a culminating or final event. Please discuss with your Superintendent and recognize that the site location will be changed if home/visitor spectators are not permitted for these events.

Mr. Osborne:

- d. Football helmets should be sent out for reconditioning immediately after the season, as highlighted in the Section IX minutes.
- e. Fred Ahart Foundation information was distributed. If you need the information resent, please let Mr. Osborne know.

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

a. Welcome Beacon for Fall 2021

Mr. Bellarosa welcomed Mr. John Giametta and Beacon CSD to Section IX. It is nice to have them, and they are a great fit with our league.

b. Section IX Voting Items

i. Modify State Sport Coordinator Selection Process

Motion to approve made by Mr. Kroemer (Cornwall) and seconded by Mr. Dave Coates (Middletown). All in favor. Motion carried.

ii. Private Schools within Public School District Boundaries (remove: “or a private school within that district’s boundaries”)

Motion to approve made by Mr. Coates (Middletown) and seconded by Mr. Greg Sirico (Warwick). All opposed. Motion failed.

iii. Handbook Committee – Annually Report Combining of Teams to NYSPHSAA Staff

Motion to approve made by Mr. Tim Bult (Minisink) and seconded by Mr. Kroemer (Cornwall). All in favor. Motion carried.

iv. Handbook Committee – Annually Report Senior All-Star Contests to NYSPHSAA Staff

Motion to approve made by Mr. Kroemer (Cornwall) and seconded by Ms. Debbi Crowe (Highland Falls/O’Neill). All in favor. Motion carried.

4. OCIAA Athletic Coordinator's Report – Mr. Christopher P. Mayo
Items of Concern:

a. OCIAA 2021-2022 Calendar – Vote

Motion to approve made by Ms. Crowe (Highland Falls/O’Neill) and seconded by Mr. Landro (Tuxedo). All in favor. Motion carried.

b. Dropped Teams – Spring

Please be sure to keep us posted. Several schools shared updates of dropped teams during the meeting.

c. New Alignments

Committee approved new alignments yesterday, they include Beacon CSD, and have been provided in the meeting materials for your review.

Motion to approve made by Mr. Kroemer (Cornwall) and seconded by Mr. Coates (Middletown). All in favor. Motion carried.

d. Fall 2021 Schedules Discussion

Mr. Mayo reviewed the schedules included in meeting materials. Football schedules will be released a little later than the others. Other schedules should be released today. Please be sure to review and let us know if you see any issues. A vote will occur at our next meeting in April.

e. Football – Mr. David Coates

i. Section IX Football Alignments 2021-2022 is included in the meeting materials for your review.

ii. Schedules are currently being worked on and will be released soon.

- iii. To keep a better handle on communication, please be sure Athletic Directors are scheduling, rather than the coaches.
- iv. Please be sure to inform ROIA of any changes.
- v. Please address your *visitor spectator policy* with your Superintendent if you are hosting any culminating events.
- vi. Mr. Mayo thanked all the schools that lent out their fields to schools that were unable to play on their own fields due to conditions.
- f. OCIAA Scholar Athlete Discussion
Google forms have been sent for your Scholar-Athlete winners and should be submitted no later than Friday, April 16, 2021. Please let us know if you cannot meet this deadline. The Tyler Muise MVP Award is due by the 16th as well.
- g. Heat Acclimatization Guidelines and Lightning Policy
Please be sure to review this information included in the meeting materials.
- h. Spring Rules Interpretation Meetings will be virtual
Girls Golf occurred last night. As information is received from the Chairpersons for other sports, we will share with you via email.
- i. Summer Coaching Courses (Virtual)
 - i. Mr. Ransom is offering Philosophy & Principles, which will begin on April 12, 2021. Coaches can register via email: gransom1@hvc.rr.com.
 - ii. Ms. Amanda York is offering the First Aid Update course in April. Coaches can register via email: amanda.york@ouboces.org.
- j. Combining of Teams – Mr. Tim Bult
None to report.

5. Old Business

- a. Please make sure your coaches know how to get online and enter scores on rSchoolToday. Mr. Daniel Morse has created an instructional video on YouTube for your reference.
- b. Mr. Bult expressed his concern about officials being double-booked in the rSchoolToday program for one of his modified games. We are aware of the glitch, and it is actively being reviewed to avoid future issues.
- c. Mr. Kroemer expressed his concern about keeping certain comments/notes private in RSchool, rather than public, as at times, these notes are meant for internal reference only.

6. New Business

- a. Mr. Kroemer introduced the Cornwall Intern, Andrea Schoonmaker, who is interested in Athletics. Welcome!
- b. Mr. Rich Silverstein inquired about playing outside of Section IX. It was confirmed, yes, we can play against contiguous sections.

- c. Mr. Gillespie confirmed there are 12 games on the Baseball schedule, but 20 games max is permitted. A culminating event will occur on June 12 with the 13th as a raindate.
 - d. Mr. O'Brien inquired about the quarantine form referring to 14 days in quarantine, rather than 10 days. This form will be updated to reflect the current DOH guideline of 10 days.
7. Next Athletic Directors Workshop – Tuesday, April 20, 2021, at 9:30 am via Zoom

Section IX Meeting – Tuesday, April 13, 2021, at 9:30 am via Zoom

8. Adjourn
Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Bult (Minisink) and seconded by Mr. Coates (Middletown). All in favor. Motion carried.