



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

Tuesday, December 10, 2024 - 9:30 AM

MINUTES

All members present except: Mr. Bill Spanjer, Jr., Chapel Field
Ms. Michele Ahart-Bosland, Homestead
Mr. David Coates, Middletown
Mr. Christian Hodge, Newburgh
Mr. Kurt Buddenhagen, Sullivan West

Guests Present: Mr. Greg Ransom, Section IX Executive Director
Mr. James Osborne, Section IX Secretary
Ms. Linda Trapani, Section IX Treasurer
Mr. Dennis Burkett, MHAL Coordinator
Ms. Nohemi Munoz, Personnel Coordinator, O/U BOCES

The meeting began at 9:43 am.

1. Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting (October 15, 2024)
Motion to approve minutes made by Mr. Ryan Jasper (Monticello) and seconded by Mr. Joe DiMattina (Florida/Seward). All in favor. Motion carried.
2. Coaching License Requirement – Ms. Nohemi Munoz
Ms. Munoz provided a flyer indicating the license requirements, which will also be emailed to you for reference and to share with your coaches. She discussed recent changes in the process and answered questions. A major change, effective November 1, 2024, is that districts are now responsible for being keepers of the course records for First Aid and CPR/AED.
3. NYSPHSAA Meeting Review – Mr. Greg Ransom/Mr. James Osborne
 - a. Girls Wrestling seeding proposal submitted by Eric Hartmann, Section IX Girls Wrestling Chairperson for the Section IX Tournament. This information was included in the materials for review.
Motion to approve made by Mr. Tim Bult (Minisink) and seconded by Mr. Rich Silverstein (Kingston).

After a discussion, an amended proposal was stated.

Amendment supports using TrackWrestling program as the vehicle for seeding, but only using results from the current interscholastic high school season, and not using any outside matches. If this is not possible to separate out these figures, then use the Boys' method of seeding as the alternative.

Motion to approve the amended proposal made by Mr. Bult (Minisink) and seconded by Mr. Silverstein (Kingston). All in favor. Motion carried.

b. Section II – Two teams have shown interest in 8-man Football.

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

a. **NYSPHSAA Voting Items for January 2025 State Meeting:**

- Motion to add the following to the NYSPHSAA Handbook:
Foreign Exchange 9.2. "This Policy Revision only applies to students participating at the Varsity Level"
- Motion to create a consistent approach to Championship Awards for NYSPHSAA events.
- Motion to continue allowing NYSPHSAA member football programs to start high school football practice on Monday of week#7.
- Motion to allow Section III to start the rotation for the at-large teams in Division I & II in 2025 then establish the remaining rotation after the 2025 Girls/Boys Bowling State Tournament.
- Motion to approve for a set of Super & At-Large Standards for the NYSPHSAA Outdoor Track & Field Championships.
- Motion to approve a new regional rotation in the sport of Boys Tennis for 2025- 2030 using the guiding principles approved by the Executive Committee.
- Motion to approve a new at-large rotation to fill byes for 2026-2030 NYSPHSAA Boys Tennis Team Championship.
- Motion to approve, in Flag Football, to add language to the current rules identifying a minimum belt length. "Flag length is 14 inch minimum from the bottom of the belt (including the clip) to the bottom of the flag as a measuring point."
- Motion to approve changing flag football rule from "The ball is spotted where the ball was when the player is "de-flagged" to "The ball will be spotted where the flag is pulled."
- Motion to change the spot of the ball to the 14 yard line after:
 - The visiting Team will have the choice before the toss-heads or tails
 - The Team who wins the coin toss has the option to defer, select offense (a 20-yard line start). Change to 14-yard line start.
 - After a touchdown, touchback, or safety-any play that results in a team starting at the pr possession line (14-yard line)

Motion to approve made by Mr. Jason Semo (Cornwall) and seconded by Mr. Greg Sirico (Warwick). All in favor. Motion carried.

b. Transgender discussion regarding Mixed Competition took place.

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

a. Alignments 2025-2026 – Vote

Motion to approve made by Mr. Jasper (Monticello) and seconded by Mr. Semo (Cornwall). All in favor. Motion carried.

b. Fall 2025 schedules – Discussion

- i. Mr. Mayo will be sending the Football form.
- ii. The Scheduling Committee will be meeting next month.

c. OCIAA Associate Members 2025-2026

Motion to approve made by Mr. Bult (Minisink) and seconded by Mr. George St. Lawrence (Goshen). All in favor. Motion carried.

- d. 2025-2026 BEDS Chart / Sport Classifications
This information was included in the materials for your reference.
- e. Scholar-Athlete Awards – June 12, 2025 @ Otterkill Country Club
 - i. Starts at 9 am
 - ii. Awaiting confirmation from the potential Keynote Speaker
- f. Community Service Challenge, NLI Photos – Mr. Patrick Rossi
Mr. Rossi gave shout-outs to Eldred and Monroe-Woodbury for their Fall Community Service participation and encouraged all schools to send theirs to him as well, so they can be shared on our social media platforms. Send information and photos for Letter of Intent signings, too. Check in with your Communications Departments to see if there are events we can share.
- g. Combining of Teams – Mr. Tim Bult

SPORT	LEVEL	HOST SCHOOL	COMB. SCHOOL #1	RECO	RATIONALE	IS#	YEAR
Boys Lacrosse	Varsity	Highland	Marlboro	Yes	High-25 & M-5	Team	Spring 2025
Boys Lacrosse	Varsity	FDR	Spackenkill	Yes	25 FDR & 0 Spack	Team	Spring 2025
Boys Lacrosse	Varsity	Red Hook	Rhinebeck/PP	Yes	20+ -RH, PP-6 & Rhine-2	Team	Spring 2025
Girls Lacrosse	Varsity	FDR	Spackenkill	Yes	19 FDR & 3 Spack	Team	Spring 2025
Girls Lacrosse	Modified	FDR	Spackenkill	Yes	17 FDR & 2 Spack	Team	Spring 2025
			OCIAA Approve Email	12/10/2024			
			MHAL Approve Email	11/13/2024			
			S9 Approve				

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

- h. NYSAAA – Mr. John Giametta
None to report, but things are coming up the pike for next month. Ms. Sue Lenzian (Washingtonville) also mentioned the email for AAA Award Nominations will be sent out in early January.

3. Old Business

- a. Football Committee thanked the schools who hosted and congratulated all of the champions.
- b. Modified Wrestling
After teams have dropped, Mr. Mayo has revised the schedules. Look to see if you want added matches.

- c. Athletic Trainer at Goshen CSD will be on long-term disability until April, and there is currently no leave replacement.
- 4. New Business
 - a. Girls Wrestling
 - Rules for merging teams were reviewed.
 - b. E-Sports
 - Washingtonville is starting E-Sports.
 - c. Mr. Mayo wished everyone a great holiday season to connect with family and friends.
- 5. Next Athletic Directors Workshop – Tuesday, January 14, 2025, at 9:30 am
@ Orange Ulster BOCES Carl Onken Conference Center Room B/C

Section IX Meeting – Tuesday, January 7, 2025, at 9:30 am
@ Orange Ulster BOCES Carl Onken Conference Center Room B/C
- 6. Adjourn
Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Bult (Minisink) and seconded by Mr. Giametta (Beacon). All in favor. Motion carried.