



ORANGE COUNTY INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
ATHLETIC DIRECTORS WORKSHOP

Tuesday, April 22, 2025- 9:30 AM

MINUTES

All members present except: Ms. Amanda Stevens, Fallsburg
Mr. George St. Lawrence, Goshen
Mr. Travis Powers, Highland Falls
Mr. Rich Silverstein, Kingston
Mr. Christopher Hubert, Livingston Manor and Roscoe

Guests Present: Mr. Greg Ransom, Section IX Executive Director
Ms. Linda Trapani, Section IX Treasurer
Mr. James Osborne, Section IX Secretary
Mr. Dennis Burkett, MHAL Coordinator
Mr. Michael Gillespie, Greenwood Lake

The meeting began at 9:39 am.

1. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting (March 4, 2025)
Motion to approve minutes made by Mr. Jason Semo (Cornwall) and seconded by Mr. Ryan Jasper (Monticello). All in favor. Motion carried.
2. Section IX Report – Mr. Greg Ransom
 - a. Proposal: The Boys and Girls Outdoor Track Committees are seeking approval to waive the NFHS rule for the 2025 State Championships to reduce relay names from 8 to 6.
Motion to approve by Mr. Semo (Cornwall) and seconded by Mr. JJ Gass (Port Jervis). All in favor. Motion carried.
 - b. Indoor track will be revising relay standards.
 - c. State Indoor track meets are potentially nearing capacity for fire codes. They may have to make it a two day event.
 - d. On the State level, Boys and Girls Tennis want to revise the lineup rules.
 - e. Bowling is looking to do an at large rotation.
 - f. Volleyball is looking to amend their tiebreaker at the state meet.
 - g. Wrestling is looking to change to 14 weight classes.
 - h. Both of our Bowling Chairs have resigned. We need volunteers for Boys and Girls Chairs.
 - i. Girls Golf wants to change the qualifying standard for Sections. They want a 16 over par instead of 18.
 - j. Mr. Ransom asked for opinions on the classification of private and parochial schools to present to the committee. The majority were in favor of the first proposal with the numbers changed.
 - i. The private and parochial schools would have 2 divisions they would play in.
 - ii. The Section III proposal was to do what we do now but instead of the chair deciding where they would go, a state committee would.

- iii. In basketball, those who are AAA would enter the tournament as AAAA. In football, those who are in AA they would play AAA division.
 - k. The Big 5 proposal will be presented to the executive committee in May. Both leagues and section have already voted it down.
 - l. Uniform waiver for Volleyball will be a discussion item in May.
 - m. Mr. James Osborne said let him know if you need a Section 9 gold card for those retiring.
- 3. OCIAA President's Report – Mr. Mike Bellarosa
 - a. The Sharon Delmonico Student Scholarship has been set up. A link has been set up for donations that will be emailed to the Athletic Directors. The student must be pursuing a degree at a four year university in Sports Medicine or Athletic Training. The application deadline is May 9, 2025.
 - b. Mr. Doug Stahl presented the nomination criteria and form for the Sharon Delmonico Athletic Trainer of the Year. Nominations are due May 16, 2025.
- 4. OCIAA Athletic Coordinator's Report – Mr. Christopher P. Mayo

Items of Concern:

 - a. OCIAA Scholar Athlete Awards/Tyler Muise MVP Award – June 12, 2025
 - i. Please remind honorees, families and administration that the event starts promptly at 9:00. Please arrive early.
 - ii. Our keynote speaker will be Tay Fisher.
 - iii. April 25 - Scholar-Athlete Bios & Photos due
 - iv. May 2 – Tyler Muise MVP Award due – no applications received to date
 - b. Winter Schedules 2025-2026 – Discussion

Information is in the materials for your review. The Scheduling Committee will be meeting shortly, and this item will be voted on at the May AD meeting.
 - c. Spring Championships

Documentation is on website under AD Resources and OCIAA info. Please review.
 - d. Section IX Football – Mr. David Coates

If you need a week 0 game, please let the committee know.
 - e. Combining of Teams – Mr. Tim Bult

If combining teams for the fall, please submit application to Mr. Bult for next meeting. You must submit yearly.
 - f. CPR/AED & First Aid

Ms. Amanda Zampini has been sending out information on class offerings. Please see the information in you packet on proposed changes. It will be going to a vote in July. Schools are required to keep documentation internally.
 - g. OCIAA Calendar Vote

Motion to approve the 2025-2026 OCIAA Calendar by Mr. Semo (Cornwall) and seconded by Mr. David Coates. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - h. Bowling Requests

Chairs are asking for changes with respect to the divisions we have. Goshen has dropped out of bowling for next year. They want to move Beacon to goshen's place in the division. Beacon has agreed to this change.

Motion to approve the changes in alignment in Bowling by Mr. John Giametta (Beacon) and seconded by Mr. Kevin Crudele (Tri-Valley). All in favor. Motion carried.

- i. Modified Lacrosse
Please review the alignment included in your packet with the breakdown of Modified A and Modified B. A vote will take place at our May AD meeting.
5. Old Business
Congratulations to our Winter Sports Champions. Please see list in packet.
6. New Business
 - a. Mr. Dan Morse presented information on Positive Athlete. Please see information in your packet. Districts can recognize a student that embodies high character and scholastics. They can receive a scholarship as well. It is a free program and is an easy process. All students who are nominated will be provided with leadership resources.
 - b. Unified Bocce will be starting in the fall.
 - c. Girls Flag Football Championship date is May 23 at Our Lady of Lourdes. We are hosting Section IX Regional game against Section IV in Goshen.
 - d. *Mr. Gass (Port Jervis) motioned to nominate Mr. Ryan Jasper (Monticello) for the Basketball Co- Chair and was seconded by Mr. Semo. All in favor. Motion carried.*
 - e. Coaches are concerned because there are courses that are no open yet or not playable due of the weather. They would like to investigate moving Golf to the fall season. A discussion will take place in May with a vote in June.
 - f. Registration is open on Milesplit for the Thrower's Pentathlon on May 19, 2025 at 12th Rock.
7. Next Athletic Directors Workshop – Thursday, May 22, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. @ Orange Ulster BOCES Carl Onken Conference Center Room B/C
8. Section IX Meeting – Tuesday, May 13, 2025, at 9:30 a.m., @ Orange Ulster BOCES Carl Onken Conference Center Room B/C
9. Adjourn
Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Tim Bult (Minisink) and seconded by Mr. John Giametta (Beacon). All in favor. Motion carried.