



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

Tuesday, August 19, 2025 - 9:30 AM

MINUTES

All members present except: Ms. Michele Ahart-Bosland, Homestead
Mr. Bill Spanjer, Chapel Field
Athletic Director, Newburgh

Guests Present: Mr. James Osborne, Section IX Secretary
Ms. Linda Trapani, Section IX Treasurer
Mr. Dennis Burkett, MHAL Coordinator
Mr. Gregory Ransom, Section IX Executive Director
Ms. Robbie Greene
Mr. Justin Sturge, Assistant Athletic Director, Middletown

The meeting began at 9:34 am.

1. Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting (June 17, 2025)
Motion to approve minutes made by Mr. Jason Semo (Cornwall) and seconded by Mr. Ryan Jasper (Monticello). All in favor. Motion carried.
2. NYSPHSAA Summer Meeting Report – Mr. Greg Ransom / Mr. Jim Osborne
This information is included in the meeting materials:
 - a. NYSPHSAA Central Committee Summer Meeting Voting Items Recap – Mr. Ransom
 - The Three Region Rotation was approved and will start this fall.
 - The Transgender Policy from the SED has not changed, please continue to follow as established. Check with your superintendent and legal to make decisions for your school.
 - b. NYSPHSAA Central Committee Summer Meeting Highlights – Mr. Osborne
 - c. NYSPHSAA Central Committee Summer Meeting Proposals – Mr. Ransom
Proposals will be voted on at the next OCIAA AD Meeting.
 - d. Congratulations to Section IX nominees for Coach of the Year:
 - Mike Kelly – Boys Soccer – Goshen High School
 - Chris Sammons – Boys Swimming and Diving – Kingston High School
 - Ann Gregory – Nordic Skiing – New Paltz High School

- e. Pick up you Section IX Directory and Admission Passes.
 - f. Be sure to submit your payment for Section IX dues by September 1, 2025 as well as your NYSPHSAA dues.
 - g. Section IX Chairpersons
 - Amanda Zgroddek replacing Chris Mayo on the NYSPHSAA Foundation.
 - Bryan Wilson, Baseball Chair.
 - Matt Salomone, Modified Chair.
 - We are still in need of Boys and Girls Bowling Chairs.
 - We are still in need of Class A or B size Central Committee Principal for the OCIAA Executive Committee.
3. OCIAA President’s Report - Mr. Michael Bellarosa
- a. New Athletic Directors
Please utilize our existing Athletic Directors for help and information.
Welcome and best of luck to:
 - Mr. George St. Lawrence (Goshen)
 - Mr. Thomas Zehner (Liberty)
 - Mr. Billy Earl (O’Neill)
 - Mr. Michael Carofano (Beacon)
 - Ms. Theresa Uhelsky (Valley Central)
 - Mr. Justin Sturge (Assistant AD, Middletown)
 - Mr. Peter Bianco (New Paltz)
 - Mr. Mike Pugliese (Saugerties)
 - b. Section IX Athletic Council / OCIAA Executive Committee Position Appointments
Welcome and congratulations!
 - Section IX Athletic Council – League Representatives:
 - Mr. JJ Gass (Port Jervis)
*Motion to approve by Ms. Suzanne Lenzian, seconded by Mr. Semo.
All in favor. Motion carried.*
 - NYSPHSAA Foundation Representative:
 - Ms. Amanda Zgroddek (Fallsburg)
4. OCIAA Athletic Coordinator’s Report – Mr. Christopher Mayo
Items of Concern:
- a. Please let Mr. Mayo know of any altercations that happen at a game.
 - b. Fall Changes – Added / Dropped Teams for 2025
Mr. Dan Morse will resend the Google Docs link, which will allow you to update. Please let us know as soon as possible, so we can adjust and fill the schedule accordingly.
Teams that are dropping:
 - Florida – JV Girls Soccer
 - Tri-Valley – Girls JV Soccer
 - Rockland – Modified Boys Soccer

- c. OCIAA 2025-2026 Events Risk & Emergency Plan
This is included in the materials and will be posted online.
Motion to approve made by Mr. Tim Bult (Minisink) and seconded by Mr. Semo (Cornwall). All in favor. Motion carried.
- d. OCIAA Sport Chair people
- Mr. Michael Doucette – Baseball
 - Mr. Chris Vero (Monroe-Woodbury) will stay on in the fall and work with Ms. Jennifer Evans (Pine Bush), who will take over.
 - Mr. George St. Lawrence will continue with Cross County and work with Ms. Theresa Uhelsky (Valley Central), who will take over.
- e. Fall 2025 Rules Interpretations Meetings
Mr. Morse has been sending the links. Please make sure your coaches are aware of these times.
- f. Modified Football Rules Meeting
- Mr. Coates (Middletown) will send the information shortly.
- g. Coaching Courses – Information in materials and sent via email.
- CPR/AED/FA schedule is in the materials. Coaches should email Ms. Amanda Zampini, instructor, to register for classes. You cannot register the same day as class.
 - Mr. Semo (Cornwall), instructor, Philosophy & Principles. The schedule and registration link are in the materials. You must attend all four dates.
- h. Spring Schedules 2025 - Discussion
Schedules and notes are complete but cannot be entered into Arbiter yet. A vote will take place at the next meeting Mr. Mayo will send an email with the note sheets again for your review.
- i. Combining of Teams – Mr. Tim Bult
There is nothing new to vote on at this time. Please be sure to submit your Winter and Spring requests as soon as you know them.
- j. Additional information in the meeting materials:
- i. Meeting Dates
 - ii. League Contacts by Sport/County
 - iii. League Calendar
 - iv. Fall Scrimmage / Game Chart
 - v. High School Sport Standards
 - vi. Spectator Code of Conduct
 - vii. Spectator Sportsmanship Policy
 - viii. Eligibility Roster & Review
 - ix. Thunder & Lightning Policy
 - x. Tornado Policy
 - xi. Heat Index Procedures
 - xii. Wind Chill Procedures
 - xiii. Drone Policy

- xiv. Permission for Special Accommodations
- xv. Transfer Application and Checklist

5. Group Discussion/Mentoring Topic: Start the year prepared. Set yourself up for success. Participation in group discussions is encouraged. Please send Mr. Mayo and items for the agenda you would like to discuss.
6. Old Business
 - a. Someone from ROIA is always on call. Please dial 845-294-5799 after 4:30 and on weekends.
7. New Business
 - a. Friday, August 22, 2025 at 10:00 am, in-person training for Arbiter at Middletown High School.
 - b. Thank you for your patience with Arbiter. Please continue to email Mr. Dan Morse with schedule changes. An email will be sent out when you can make your own changes.
 - c. Ms. Lenzian (Washingtonville) announced applications for the Student Leadership Conference will be sent out in September. Two students per district will be sent.
8. Next Athletic Directors Workshop – Tuesday, September 16, 2025, at 9:30 am at Orange Ulster BOCES – Carl Onken Conference Center
9. NYSPHSAA Mandated Workshop - Monday, September 8, 2025, at 8:30 am at Otterkill CC – Breakfast will be served at 8am.
10. Next Section IX Meeting – Thursday, September 4, 2025, at 9:30am at Orange Ulster BOCES - Carl Onken Conference Center
11. Adjourn
Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Bult (Minisink) and seconded by Mr. Semo (Cornwall). All in favor. Motion carried.