



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

Tuesday, September 16, 2025 - 9:30 AM

MINUTES

All members present except: Ms. Michele Ahart-Bosland, Homestead
Mr. David Coates, Middletown
Mr. Chris Herrera, Newburgh

Guests Present: Mr. James Osborne, Section IX Secretary
Mr. Dennis Burkett, MHAL Coordinator
Mr. Gregory Ransom, Section IX Executive Director
Ms. Robbie Greene
Mr. Justin Sturge, Assistant Athletic Director, Middletown
Mr. Mike Gillespie, Athletic Director, Greenwood Lake

1. Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting (August 19, 2025)
Motion to approve minutes made by Mr. Ryan Jasper (Monticello) and seconded by Ms. Amanda Zgrodek (Eldred). All in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Christopher Mayo spoke briefly about the importance of completing the Arbiter survey. We are working with the program to get issues rectified as quickly as possible. Topics discussed:

- Changing Modified label
 - Gameday vs. Sideline Cheer
 - Rating of officials
 - Whole district issues – facilities, transportation, support staff, community relying on information that comes from the program
2. Section IX Report – Mr. Greg Ransom / Mr. Jim Osborne
 - Please be aware that you signed consent for photographs at the mandated workshop.
 - Classification Committee recommendations discussed, information in the meeting materials.
 - Regional rotation for Girls Soccer and Field Hockey are in the meeting materials.
 - Mr. Ransom announced that the Section IX meeting has been moved to Thursday October 9, 2025 at the Carl Onken Center.

- The Rockland CSD enrollment number is listed incorrectly in the directory. Mr. Ransom is working with NYSPHSAA and State Ed to get corrected BEDS numbers. This year's, 134, causes them to move to a C in Girls Soccer. Schedules need to be adjusted.
 - 3 Region Concept at Large bid was discussed. We are looking to set a timeline to make the decision of who is going where. Concerns were discussed regarding short turn-around time to make the decision.
 - *Motion by Mr. Jasper (Monticello) to allow the Section Champion to choose their path to the semi-finals for the 2025-2026 school year. Declaration must be made within 24 hours of finalization of opponent. Seconded by Mr. Greg Sirico (Warwick). All in favor. Motion carried.*
3. OCIAA President's Report - Mr. Michael Bellarosa
- a. Section IX Athletics
NYSPHSAA Proposals: Motion for Consent Agenda by Mr. Semo (Cornwall), seconded by Mr. George St. Lawrence (Goshen). All in favor. Motion carried.
 - b. At-large teams proposal- vote
Approved earlier in meeting.
 - c. *Motion to approve Mr. Mike Doucette (Chester) as the OCIAA Representative to Eligibility Committee by Mr. Tim Bult (Minisink), seconded by Mr. Sirico (Warwick). All in favor. Motion carried.*
4. OCIAA Athletic Coordinator's Report – Mr. Christopher P. Mayo
- a. Spring Schedules
Mr. Mayo asked schools to look over set-up. Schedules are not in system yet and we may need to do an email vote. Discussion will take place with the scheduling committee.
 - b. 2026-2027 Sports Teams Forms
Please fill out and return by October 17, 2025. If you think you're going to have a team, add it now. It is easier to remove it from your schedule than add it later.
 - c. OCIAA Championships – Cross Country, Girls Tennis, Girls Swim/Dive
Cross Country – October 25, 2025 at Sandfordville
Tennis - Match Point, dates on the website
Swimming – potentially Washingtonville and Newburgh
 - d. Section IX Football – Jason Semo
Mr. Semo reviewed dates and sites. The handbook will be updated online.
 - e. Combining of Teams – Tim Bult
Please submit you teams in a timely manner.
 - f. Arbiter Program – Dan Morse
Discussed at beginning of meeting.
5. AD Resources Online
Mr. Mayo reminded everyone of the useful Ad Resources on the website.

6. Old Business

Mr. St. Lawrence asked about Co-ed Cheerleading. Do they have to follow mixed competition?

Game day - you have to do mixed competition because there is no co-ed division

Competitive – there is a co-ed division, no mixed completion needs to be filed

Boys playing on a Girls team – mixed competition

Girls playing on a Boys team – medical approval

7. New Business

No new business.

8. Next Athletic Directors Workshop –

Tuesday October 14, 2025, at 9:30 am

Orange Ulster BOCES – Carl Onken Conference Center

Next Section IX Meeting –

Thursday, October 9, 2025, at 9:30am

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9. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made by Ms. Suzanne Lenzian (Washingtonville) and seconded by Mr. Bult (Minisink). All in favor. Motion carried.