



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

**Tuesday, October 14, 2025 - 9:30 AM**

**MINUTES**

All members present except: Mr. Bill Spanjer, Chapel Field  
Mr. Jason Semo, Cornwall  
Ms. Michele Ahart-Bosland, Homestead  
Mr. David Coates, Middletown

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

1. Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting (September 16, 2025)

*Motion to approve minutes made by Mr. Ryan Jasper (Monticello) and seconded by Mr. Joe DiMattina (Florida). All in favor. Motion carried.*

2. NYSPHSAA Meeting Review– Mr. Greg Ransom / Mr. Jim Osborne

- a. Championship Philosophy Committee discussion  
Please send ideas on changes on who gets into the State Tournament.  
Seed meetings are next week. If you are considering a Committee Selection, you must reach out to Jim Osborne a day before the seed meeting with a valid reason.  
The Executive Committee will vote next week on beds for the 26-27 school year.
- b. NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame application  
Greg received an application for Malcolm Burks (NFA Track coach), from Mary Onken.  
He will forward it to Chris to distribute for your review - for an upcoming vote.

3. OCIAA President's Report – Ms. Suzanne Lenzian

- a. Executive Committee – Constitution  
The Executive Committee will be meeting to discuss and consider updates to procedures and policies in the constitution.

4. OCIAA Athletic Coordinator's Report – Mr. Christopher P. Mayo

- a. OCIAA/Section IX Indoor Track schedule  
Dan should have the schedule shortly and will send it out and post it online. They will be running at West Point and the Armory. Meets at the Armory or Ocean Breeze are billed to the schools from Section IX.
- b. Ratings of Officials/Score Reporting - Reminder  
Please confirm that coaches have gone to Arbiter and rated Officials for the Fall Season. This is how we assign officials for States and helps determine if officials are ready to move up.  
Please make sure all your scores have been sent to Chris so he may update the standings.
- c. 2026-2027 Sports Teams Form - Reminder  
Sports Teams forms must be returned by Friday October 17. If you think you will have a team, please include it. It is easier to remove a team than add one.
- d. Winter Rules Interpretations Meetings – Section –Wide Virtual  
A link will be sent from the Regional Office for the virtual meetings.
- e. Winter Coaching Courses  
A list of dates will be sent out for CPR/First Aid and Theory and Techniques.
- f. Section IX Football –  
Information is posted on the Football website.
- g. Combining of Teams – Tim Bult  
None at this time, just a reminder to please submit your teams in a timely manner.
- h. Arbiter discussion  
Information for transition back to RSchool is included in the meeting materials. We will stay with Arbiter for the remainder of the Fall Season and return to RShool for the Winter and Spring Seasons.  
We will utilize our Communications Department to prepare flyers and signage for the community.  
We plan to relaunch Arbiter July of 2026, as long as the program is running optimally. In the summer of 2026, we will re-launch with training and marketing. Please let your coaches know.  
*Motion to return to RSchool made by Mr. Tim Bult (Minisink) and seconded by Mr. Ryan Jasper (Monticello). All in favor. Motion carried.*

5. Old Business

Backstroke ledges are not mandatory for 26-27, but will be used at States.

Due to continuing issues with spectators approaching officials, we are working with Section IX to add language to the Spectator Policy. Please make sure officials are escorted to their vehicles after a contest. At the beginning of the game, let the Official know who they should contact if problems arise during the contest.

6. New Business

Section IX Girls Wrestling handout. The seeding number will be based only on matches from the NYSPHAA season.

*Motion to approve by Mr. Bult (Minisink) and seconded by Mr. Mike Doucette (Chester). All in favor. Motion carried.*

Clarified by Mr. Eric Hartmann after the meeting:

Girl Wrestlers can participate in both girls and boys events throughout the regular season as long as they do not exceed the 20 point mark. When it comes to the post season they must choose one. Also wins or losses obtained during a boy's match or tournament (even if it is two girls wrestling in the match) will not count for the girls only season seeding. Only Girls freestyle matches will count for girls seeding for State or Sectional Championships. The events will count towards their 6 events they need for eligibility into post season events.

Washingtonville will not be hosting Track and Field events due to a capital project. The schedule will be sent in the next few weeks for a discussion and vote.

Mr. Greg Sirico wanted to know if there was interest in schools forming a Modified Girls Flag Football team for the Spring. If a few schools are interested, it can be added to the schedule.

Girls Soccer information is included in the meeting materials and is posted on the website.

The end of the season is approaching, please try to get all your games in. If there is a problem completing your schedule, please let Chris know.

7. Next Athletic Directors Workshop –

Tuesday November 18, 2025, at 9:30 am

Orange Ulster BOCES – Carl Onken Conference Center

Next Section IX Meeting –

Thursday, November 6, 2025, at 9:30am via Zoom

8. Adjourn

*Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Bult (Minisink) and seconded by Mr. Jasper (Monticello). All in favor. Motion carried.*