



ERIE COUNTY INTERSCHOLASTIC CONFERENCE

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Athletic Council Agenda 11/12/2024 10:30 a.m. Executive Committee 11:30 a.m. Lunch 12:00 p.m. Meeting Erie 1 BOCES Room B1

Roll Call:

Maryvale and Sweet Home absent

Jim Graczyk

President's Report:

Dean Ramirez

- *Approval of Minutes from September 16, 2024 Athletic Council meeting*
1st Vinny Dell'Oso (Starpoint); 2nd Dave Hack (Orchard Park)
Motion passed
- Intention Sheets due back 11/12 Athletic Council Meeting
Please submit to office today for next year's budget

Office Report:

Jim Graczyk

- **Communications: Any Needs ?**
- **GoFan tix will be used at all ECIC Championships \$7 GoFan, \$10 Cash. T-shirts \$20**
- **WINTER Coaches meeting is 11/13/2024 @ Clarence HS. Follow alphabetical school order for future meetings. Modified Swim & Wrestling there as well.**
Has anyone received an email indicating modified wrestling meeting scheduled for tomorrow? Meeting not to take place. No time to schedule meeting.
- **NEED Modified Track Chair; Multi -school meets are NOT currently in Spring 2025 schedule.**
- **Fall Championship: Financial report: currently in process**

Activity Board:

Dave Hack, Marisa Dougherty

- **Spring 2025 alignment update for Modified Softball, Tennis, JV Softball**
Modified Softball: Division IV Sweet Home not 7/8/9, but will be independent. Divisions for modified softball will 6/5/6/5 and 7/8/9 division of Cheektowaga, Lackawanna, Cleveland Hill and JFK recommending 3 play times. Sweet Home not 7/8/9, but have a JV and Varsity.
Modified Track: Niagara Falls not participating in modified track.
Boys Tennis: Current alignment shows Lake Shore in Division IV and East Aurora in Division III. Move Lake Shore up to Division III and move East Aurora to Division IV. Iroquois should be in Division III.
Unified Basketball: Lackawanna to add Unified Basketball based upon geography. Lackawanna placement should be Division II or Division III.
- Girls Wrestling 2025- continue to plan; Anyone considering Modified

Moving forward with girls' wrestling. Discussion as to designation of coach for girls' only wrestling. Discussion about sending a girl or two to Orchard Park. Question of a coach attending or would Orchard Park coach step in?

Old Business:

Dean Ramirez

- **Combining of Schools: Any additions?**
- **Lackawanna having UNIFIED Basketball Spring 2025?**
Unified Basketball: Lackawanna to add Unified Basketball based upon geography. Lackawanna placement should be Division II or Division III.
Lackawanna to be placed in alignment in Division II for Unified Basketball.

New Business

- **UNIFIED Tennis, Soccer, Bocce will be added to Intention Sheet but NOT used to calculate League dues for 2025-26**
This will be considered an extramural sport.
- **Constitution language addition: Page 12 Letter "G".... "If a school ceases to have a team for any reason AFTER a league game is played, every scheduled opponent will be awarded a forfeit (win). If a school ceases to have a team for any reason PRIOR to a league game being played, teams scheduled to be an opponent can fill their schedule with non-league contests.**
No vote today. This is a proposed amendment to the constitution. Vote to take place at January meeting.
- **DoWe Athletics Inc., website proposal: Presentation on 12/2 at AD meeting.**

Section VI/NYSPHSAA :

M. Dougherty, D. Hack, C.Vetter

- **Direction needed for voting items: Any for Section 11/14 AC meeting?**
Representatives Dave Hack and Carrie Vetter will take to meeting in December with formal written proposals to be voted on by league at January meeting.
Direction is needed to report back for meeting on 11/14 is sectional/intersectional items.
Approval of Lake Shore and Silver Creek as a combining of schools for the sport of boys' lacrosse, but move from Class C to Class B. Merger approved, but enrollment numbers up for discussion and approval. Vote on moving Lake Shore/Silver Creek from Class C to Class B.

Motion to approve Lake Shore/Silver Creek moving from Class C to Class B.

1st Marissa Fallacaro-Dougherty (West Seneca); 2nd Matt Adams (Holland)

13 yes 13 no 3 abstain; Dean Ramirez tie breaker 14 no

- **Boys' Basketball tiebreaker:** Tiebreaker proposals for basketball. Win percentage which alleviated coin flip. Win percentage and overall percentage.

Motion to approve tiebreaker proposal in the sport of boys' basketball

1st Marissa Fallacaro-Dougherty (West Seneca); 2nd Jason Iwanko (Eden)

Motion passed

- **Softball Championship series proposal: Series proposal to mirror baseball in AAA which only affects Lancaster. This will be a best of 3 series.**

Motion to approve 3 game championship for softball

1st Vinny Dell 'Oso (Starpoint); 2nd Richard Manzella (Global)

Motion passed

- **Wrestling; Approval of the boys' wrestling individual Division I and Division II championship tournaments:**
2-year pilot program; 32-man bracket. More information to follow.
Motion to approval Division I and Division II championship tournament proposal
1st Marissa Fallacaro-Dougherty (West Seneca); 2nd Dave Hack (Orchard Park)
Motion passed (2) opposed

Good of the Order:

- **ECIC Student Leadership Summit- Thursday March 27, 2025 @ Buffalo State Student Union Building, Assembly Room**
- **ECIC/Section Coaches Spring Meeting Date: SPRING 3/12/2025 @ Cleveland Hill HS**
- **ECIC Track dates 5/23/25 & 5/24/25 @ Hamburg HS**
- **January 29, 2025 is Lunar New Year (holiday). Reminder to check your schedules for contests & any changes.**

Adjourn:

Athletic Directors 12/2/2024 @ E1B Room B1

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