



ERIE COUNTY INTERSCHOLASTIC CONFERENCE

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Athletic Council Agenda

May 9, 2022 @ Erie 1 BOCES Room B1

Executive Committee 10:00am

Lunch 11:30am followed by Athletic Council Meeting - Noon

GUESTS: P.U.N.T. – Pediatric Cancer Collaborative Presentation

Roll Call: Absent: Cheektowaga, Depew, Jamestown, Maryvale, Sweet Home

Passing of Chuck Amo on May 8, 2022. Served in a capacity at ECIC, Hamburg. Moment of silence. Information to be sent upon receipt.

President's Report:

Steve Smith

- **June 6th Athletic Directors meeting :** Please bring your Secretaries for Lunch! Recognition of secretaries. Please have secretaries in attendance.

Office Report:

Jim Graczyk

- **Section VI Fall Sport League/Dates:** Schedule concluded intentionally around October 6, 2022 to allow time to add non-league games. Current situation regarding school contract and last date of league games creates a questionable issue. Schedule to be rearranged in the future with end dates. Some coaches and some districts are paid for post season work. ECIC schedule end dates are determined based upon the post season commencement dates.

- **Officials' assignments/Baseball, Softball, LAX/Rank of Priority:** Objective is to have coverage of (2) officials on varsity league contests; (1) official on JV league contests; remaining officials to be used for modified if any available. Non-league games pose a problem due to the number of officials. Lancaster is playing Nichols (1) official would be removed from this game and moved to the league game. Not enough officials to cover all games. Comment regarding covering games with officials was that cover all league/non-league Varsity games and no coverage, if necessary, on modified.

Activity Board:

Marisa Fallacaro-Dougherty

- **Mercy Rule for Modified Base/Softball:** Does ECIC wish to entertain idea off mercy rule?
- **Coaching Stipends for Girls flag Football:** Question concern coaching stipends for girls' flag football. Please respond to Amy regarding this question. Will run as a varsity sport. No timeline set to determine if season will be expanded based on games.

- **Fall '22 Schedule concerns:** Coaches reaching out through chairs and through activity board specifically regarding Lackawanna's beds not moving up to a Division III. Lackawanna beds numbers do not truly represent the population especially the female population. Over fifty (50%) percent of the female population are Arabic girls in the program and very few of them are culturally able to play any sports. Girls' program struggles. Most girls are pre-season athletes and a small number of them represent our Arabic population. Girls' soccer team taking hit due to never winning games. Flexibility with respect to what is best for the athletes when these situations arise. Possibility of Lackawanna going independent. Beds number for Lackawanna is a false number because half of their girls are not allowed to play. This situation is a unique situation. Best temporary solution is for the Lackawanna girls to run independent. Remain in current division, play one game against everyone in division to be scheduled by the ECIC office. The remainder of the games filled in by Lackawanna. Provide 1 game for Division III (Iroquois, Pioneer, Lake Shore, Maryvale, Cheektowaga, East Aurora). Can pick extra games from charter schools or Division IV. Volleyball and soccer are the games affected.

Motion for Lackawanna Varsity/JV Girls' Volleyball and Varsity/JV Girls' Soccer for fall 2022-2023 season independent allowing them to play 1 of the Division III games and remaining games will be independent

1st Amy D'Amato (Lackawanna)

2nd Jason Przybysz (Cleveland)

Motion passed

Old Business:

Approval of minutes from March 21, 2022

Motion to approve minutes

1st Marissa Fallacaro-Dougherty (West Seneca)

2nd Vinny Dell'Oso (Starpoint)

Motion passed

- **Saratoga NYSAAA/review:** no discussion
- **Mod XC "North" 10/12 needs a host:** previously Starpoint. Unable to host.

New Business:

Action Items:

1. Action Item - Approval of Combining of Schools Applications:

West Seneca East/West Seneca West Varsity girls' bowling

West Seneca East/West Seneca West/Depew: Varsity wrestling

West Seneca East/West Seneca West Boys' swimming

Williamsville North and Williamsville East Varsity & mod wrestling

Eden & Gowanda Boys Varsity swim

Motion to approve the combining of schools for schools listed above

1st Marissa Fallacaro-Dougherty (West Seneca)

2nd Matt Adams (Holland)

Motion passed

2. Action Item - Approval of Winter '22 Alignments:

Motion to approve Winter 2022 alignments

1st Daryl Besant (Lake Shore)

2nd Richard Gray (Frontier)

Motion Passed

Discussion: Boys' basketball Division II and Division III Iroquois (498) is the 8th team in Division II. Why are they not in Division III with only 1 enrollment number above Pioneer at (497)? Iroquois placed in Division II because this is the year rotation. This is following the suit of the constitution. The only reason for a change would be due to a tie and the school wished to move down. In Division III and Division IV there is a tie with Depew and Tonawanda (389). Depew wishes to stay in Division III. The year of the rotation last year Division I had the extra team. Next year Division II shall have extra team. Does it make sense for Iroquois to be in Division III. I understand rotation. Depew would have to move down. Depew has tie and would move to Division IV.

3. Action Item - Charter Schools/Vote on ECIC to provide contests for Boys Volleyball, Girls Volleyball & XC or let the NYSPHSAA office make placement decision.:

Charter schools have requested some schedule play with ECIC. Not to enter our league but just provide games.

Motion to vote on ECIC to provide contests for boys' volleyball, girls volleyball and cross-country for the fall schedule only not entry in the league for 2022-2023 season

1st Matt Adams (Holland)

2nd Marissa Fallacaro-Dougherty (West Seneca)

Approved (6); against (18)

Motion denied

Boys' soccer- Health Sciences, Tapestry, Global and Buffalo Science games playing the City. No scheduling of games with ECIC

Boys' volleyball – Tapestry (varsity only). ECIC agreed to provide (8) games. Iroquois agreed to playing twice; Maryvale once; Cheektowaga once. For a total of (4).

Girls' volleyball – Health Sciences, Buffalo Science, and Global (varsity only); Tapestry JV/Varsity. ECIC has agreed to provide 16 games (4 per school). West Seneca (2); Holland (2); JFK (2); Cleveland Hill (1); Tonawanda (2); Lackawanna (2); Iroquois (1); Pioneer (1).

Cross-country include them with our schools and show up and run. Will adding an extra school cost more for compensation for official? Probability. Charter Schools have indicated that they have money to possibly pay. Discussion with Charter Schools with regard to their portion of cost.

Charter Schools have only asked for schedule. Not inquired about being part of the ECIC league. Only discussion was regarding the fall. No discussion about winter nor about spring. All Charter Schools are Buffalo. CSAT in Kenmore to remain in NFL. Global Concept located in Lackawanna. If voted in ECIC then schedule would include the charter schools for

fall season. If vote is no to have charter schools in ECIC schedule it would revert back to NYSPHSAA and the section and the charter schools would be placed in leagues. If state becomes involved the state will place the charter schools in the section leagues not just for schedules. They may or may not be placed in ECIC league. Concern with regard to participating in sectionals.

Section VI/NYSPHSAA :

Marisa Fallacaro-Dougherty

Dave Hack

Section meeting took place last week. Vote to take place on a couple of items in July.

- Athletes are now allowed to wear beads in hair. Indicates that beads are to be safely interwoven in hair. Unclear on who would determine what is safe or not safe.
- The state committee will be taking a look at the jewelry rule at the July meeting. There will not be a vote but a discussion will take place. Robert Zajas asked SED to attend the meeting since it was initiated by them.
- Seven (7) day rule waived for the spring allowing contests to be completed.
- Football 2022-2023 season the start date of Saturday (20th). Mark calendar for JV and Varsity. Request for Section meeting for this to be a discussion item which was approved for a vote in July to waive (7) day rule for the sport of football in fall season 2022-2023 for the first (2) weeks. Not approved as of yet. This would be for modified and JV football only for the first two weeks.

Discussion Items: For vote at July 26-27th NYSPHSAA meeting

- **Cheer: Class format & BEDS numbers change for Winter (Discussion, Oct. vote):** Vote to take place in October for cheerleading. Looking to return to the beds numbers for cheer. Double check co-ed division. It was a discussion to remove co-ed cheer. If a male athlete was participating in cheer, then the individual would follow the procedure of male field hockey by completing the male competition form.
- **Football: Submission of officials for Semis/Finals.** Use of standby official on field. The officials are already at game and they will be used as back judges for semi/finals. Already an extra official on sideline, but want on field.
- **Safety : add 4 voting members, Tornado Policy**
- **New Modified Swim Coordinator**
- **Adopt Strategic Plan**
- **BEDS: Use of grades 9,10,11**
- **Budget/Audit: Add voting positions**
- **6th Classification:** Approved sports for 2023-2024 season moving to 6 classes. This was then to be reviewed by the sport committees. The sports committees voted on the 6th classification. Up for approval. Boys' basketball, boys' soccer, baseball,

girls' volleyball, girls' basketball, girls' soccer and softball. Committees at state level were in favor of 6th sport classification. July will be voting month. Scheduled to start in 2023-2024 school year. Proposal from Section III to change preparation of beds numbers and to return to 9/10/11 to equal beds numbers for the following year.

- **Girls Soccer: Revise OT procedure**
- **Football: 8 man to adopt NFHS rules**
- **Football: Revised Class cu-off numbers**
- **Tennis: Eliminate consolation matches**
- **Boys Ice Hockey: Revise postseason OT procedure, goalie warm up time**
- **Gymnastics: Allow spandex pants, scoring change**

Last section meeting for athletic council is Wednesday, May 16, 2022. These items would be voted on at the July meeting at Lake Placid.

Beds: Keep the number as is or revert back to 9/10/11 consideration. Switched to try to compile beds numbers earlier to be used for 1 ½ to 2 years. Beds numbers sent to SED; those numbers are provided to Todd Nelson. Currently 9 & 10 and average of 9 & 10.

Motion for league to approve above proposals at the Section meeting

1st Chris Koselny

2nd Jason Przybysz

Motion passed

NYSPHSAA started Strategic Plan Summary which includes the 4 initiatives currently in preparation.

Initiative #2 high on agenda

Good of the Order:

- Girls Tennis: Complete by 10/4, Team Champs start 9/24, 6 matches completed by then to compete
- ECIC Girls Basketball "Showcase" – next steps.
- Deb Schrufer: Volleyball, play dates ending on 10/6
- Brian Lombardo replacing Chris Koselny as athletic director at East Aurora

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn Athletic Council meeting

1st Vinny Dell'Oso (Starpoint)

2nd Carrie Vetter (Iroquois)

Motion passed

Next Athletic Directors Meeting 4/4/2022 @ E1Boces Room B1 11:30am Lunch Noon Meeting
Next Athletic Council Meeting 5/9/2022 @ E1Boces Room B1 11:30am Lunch Noon Meeting

- Please note the May 9th meeting is our last AC meeting for this school year.