



## ERIE COUNTY INTERSCHOLASTIC CONFERENCE

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### Athletic Director's Meeting Minutes

1/9/2023

10:30 AM Activity Board

11:30 AM Lunch

12:00 PM Meeting

Erie 1 BOCES Room B-1

### Opening Remarks

*Dave Hack*

- Division Breakouts: SPRING Play Dates, FALL Play dates DRAFT 1/25/2023—**Schools commencing modified practices on March 27, 2023.**
- Philosophy on procedure when schools have TWO modified teams in a sport-- **Second modified teams appropriately placed. Challenges when dates go beyond first week in June. Schools having 2 teams both should remain in beds division. Spring schedules stay as completed in arbiter. Schools to adjust accordingly for their schedule.**

### Athletic Council

- Next Meeting is Tuesday 1/17/2023 @ E1B Room B-1

### President's Report:

*Dave Hack*

- Approval of Minutes December 2022 Meeting—**1<sup>st</sup> Vinny Dell'Oso (Starpoint); 2<sup>nd</sup> Matt Adams (Holland)**
- Secretaries Luncheon June Meeting, Format—**Provide lunch to secretaries in June 5, 2023.**
- SPRING Drafts due back—**Due back on January 18, 2023**

### Executive Director's Report:

*Jim Graczyk*

- Office Communications: Any needs—**Can a format where the secretaries can meet take place? Discuss items pertaining to schools' preparation of office procedures. Possibly meet once per season. Commence procedure during spring season.**
- Reminder: changing dates, times, contests requires a conversation with opposing school Athletic Office
- Nominees Leadership positions current year: President Elect --**Dean Ramierz official vote on January 17, 2023.**
- Charter Schools placement: NYSPHSAA Meeting 1/9/2023, Update from 12/19 Mtg--**Vote in early February 2023. Discuss integration with ECIC.**
- Combining of Schools: Pioneer & Holland for Varsity B/G X-Country; Holland & East Aurora for Field Hockey, all levels of boys Volleyball and all levels V. Cheer, Football—**No opposition, vote at section meeting. Holland no longer combining with West Valley.**
- Lacrosse Doubleheaders—**34 total officials. Possibly double header to utilize officials. Unable to combine boys and girls' officials for lacrosse. Separate officials used.**

## Activity Board:

*M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Dave Hack*

- Field Hockey: Pete Tonsoline letter,--Proposal from Pete Tonsoline regarding field hockey (Varsity/JV) no longer ending in tie. Continue overtime format that is currently followed. At end of initial shoot out, there would be a second round of 5 shoot, continue to an additional 5 shoot, etc., eliminating coin flip regarding seeding purposes.
- Paul Biddle – Girls Tennis Proposal (in person)—Proposal regarding new format for divisions based on competitiveness, not by beds numbers. Options for suggest of (3) proposals to submit to coaches. Survey well received by most coaches.
- Spring Sport Standards: Review, January approval—Vote and approval to take place at next meeting.
- Future Sport Standard approvals: FALL - June preceding, WINTER - October preceding & SPRING – December preceding—Fall and winter standards to be review for future.
- Boys Swim: All ECIC Certificates, Two Champs Sites, “B” meet—Comprised of all ECIC teams and preparation of ECIC certificates. Proposal of 2 championship sites instead of only one. Conclusion not reached.
- Track Champs: 5/19 & 20, Two Sites? (1) Large school (1) Small school – 2 meets were proposed. Jeff Hart, boys chair; Mary Dowd, girls chair. Availability of officials is a possible concern.
- Modified Track: End date—Proposed end date June 14, 2023; dates May 17, May 24, May 31, June 7, June 14. Late ones become an issue. Multi-use sites: Small (Alden); Medium (Amherst); Large boys (Lancaster); Large girls (Clarence).
- Charge admission for ECIC Bowling Champs—During Covid no charge for admission. Revert back to charging admission.
- CHEER Divisions by BEDS for next year—Beds numbers vs. competition. Why not like other sports/divisions for alignment with beds? If state not by beds numbers and ECIC by beds number, competition level different.

## Section VI/NYSPHSAA Report:

*M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, V. Dell’Oso, D. Hack*

- Boys Wrestling: Honor weigh-in, 1.5% weight loss plan , 12 weight classes, cut off numbers-- Direction from league for vote.
- Modified: Soccer mouth guard, T/F increase number of events to 4—Direction from league for vote
- Spectator Sportsmanship regulation: Feb. discussion, May vote, involve your Superintendent, Board of Education—Section meeting scheduled. Discussion with superintendents as to what type of support would be received if necessary to commence procedure. Discussion to take place with superintendent would help expedite the process. Superintendents requested to speak with Board of Education and discuss other possible solutions to follow and institute.
- Handbook Committee removal of clause—Committee to remove clause regarding state education that “to meet the need of an exceptionally talented girl”.
- Football: Amend guidelines for combined practice—Change of guidelines for 11-man practice. Teams during preseason are allowed to conduct 7v7. For skilled positions worked in 9v9. Necessary to follow rules and guidelines. This is due to the loss of scrimmage week.

- Flag Football: Standards, Rules, State Champ 2024—New standards. Six (6) practices to represent school. Maximum 16 games. One night of rest between contests. One contest per game. Follow NFHS football rules and NYSPHSAA rules and one scrimmage per day. One night rest. Aligned with girls' lacrosse standards. Pilot for flag football removed. Full season spring sport. State sport to include state championships.

- **Committee Reports**

• Sectional/Intersectional	Jason Przybysz	(no report)
• Modified	Daryl Besant	(no report)
• Safety	Eric Rupp	(no report)
• Chemical Awareness	Jason Iwankow	(no report)
• Finance	Vinny Dell'Oso	(no report)
• Sportsmanship	Sandy Gauthier	(no report)
• Charter Schools	Marisa Fallacaro-Dougherty	(no report)
• Combining of Schools	Daryl Besant	(no report)
• Recruitment of Officials	Brian Hickson	(no report)
• Standards/By-Laws	Jason Lehmbeck	(no report)

### Old Business:

- April Directors meeting date is now the April 19, 2023. Mark this change on your Calendar.

### New Business:

- Shared Roster Database – Google Docs/Mr. Schiumo—Niagara Orleans prepares a google shared folder available to all schools to submit rosters for the next season.
- Keith Wing – Nominee for ECIC Girls Flag Football Chairperson

### Good of the Order:

- NO Maryvale pool for Fall'23 & Winter '24—Capital project commencing in April. Unable to host competitions.
- Wrestling Mats for ECIC Champs: Mr. Hickson—Meet with Starpoint, Amherst, Sweet Home, Maryvale, and Williamsville South to prepare for upcoming meets regarding juggling and transportation of mats.
- Boys States Tennis – Date change
- ECIC Girls Wrestling – Post season: Mr. Hickson-- Creation of platform for girls' wrestling at ECIC tournament. Numbers not good for this event for girls.

### Next Meeting Dates:

*Athletic Directors 2/6/2023 @ E1B Room B1*  
*Athletic Council –1/17/2023 @ E1B Room B1*