



ERIE COUNTY INTERSCHOLASTIC CONFERENCE

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AGENDA 10/3/2022

10:30 AM Activity Board

11:30 AM Lunch

12:00 PM Meeting

Erie 1 BOCES

Room B1

Opening Remarks:

Dave Hack

- **Division Breakouts: Review Constitution, concerns**

Division I: Standardizing sports standards. Website in good condition. Website should be up to date. Updating sports standards, ECIC all star regarding communication between the end of the season meeting and the athletic director or the athletic director liaison. Sports standards have not been updated. Mark Difilippo (prior executive director of ECIC) completed the update of the sports standards. Standards current update.

Division II: E4 of handbook regarding postponed contests. Events come up quickly when added on late or contests unaware on schedule. Exhaust all opportunities to move a game, still unable to schedule because towards end of season. Not enough dates or time to schedule game. Who to mediate when 2 schools unable to reschedule a game?

Division III: Changes shown are acceptable.

Division IV: Completion status for second draft of winter schedules.

Athletic Council

- Next Athletic Director's meeting is Monday 11/7/2022 @E1B Room B1
- Next Meeting is Wednesday 11/9/2022 @ E1B Room B1

President's Report:

Dave Hack

Approval of Minutes from September 2022 Meeting:

Motion to approve minutes

1st Pat Cauley (Hamburg)

2nd Jason Lehmbeck (Clarence)

Motion passed

- **Section Female modified sport representative needed:** Julie Arnold stepping down. Position available.

- **Section Female Representative & Superintendents Representative terms expire June, 2023:** Any interest. Marisa Fallacaro-Dougherty currently in position of section female

representative. If anyone interested candidate must apply and interviews will be held. Current Section superintendent representative is Jeff Rabey.

- **Combining of Schools Eden/North Collins for Boys Tennis, Boys & Girls Track - Vote:**

Motion for combining of schools for Eden/North Collins for boys' tennis; boys/girls track and field.

1st Marissa Fallacaro Dougherty (West Seneca)

2nd Vinny Dell'Oso (Starpoint)

- **2023-24 Intention Sheet-- Handout to be completed:** Due by 11/1/22. Please complete as soon as possible for upcoming budget. Add girls flag football to intention sheet, page 2 under federated sports. Two (2) new unified sports—cross country and volleyball.

- **Site for ECIC Wrestling/Tournament Format:** Sweet Home hosting ECIC wrestling tournament.

Executive Director's Report:

Jim Graczyk

- **Office Communications--Any needs--Apparel store:** none at this time
- **ECIC Website--review:** Available for everyone's use. Twitter also on website.
- **Reminder when changing dates, times, contests to have a conversation with opposing school Athletic Office:** When changing dates, contact by both schools is required and agreed upon.
- **Nominees Leadership positions current year--President Elect (Non-Athletic Director), Charter Schools:** Non-Athletic Director for the position this term. Principal, assistant principal. Charter school representative needed. Position previously held by Jeff Wheaton. Charter school representative Marisa Fallacaro Doherty.
- **Office Hiring—Update:** Interview to take place on October 5, 2022.
- **School Based officials--Pilot NYS Modified Baseball REFREPS:** REFREPS program to be used to pilot school-based officials. No information received to date from the section relative to this program.
- **Sport Chairs & AD's--Assignments (Handout) Review:** Still looking for modified swim, girls' soccer
- **Reasonable request for contest changes:** Snow, etc. Plan accordingly. Possibility of losing officials after changes are made due to lack of officials.

Activity Board:

M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Dave Hack

- **Spring'23 alignments--Draft review (Handout):** Division I Jamestown is out of ECIC baseball. Sweet Home moves to Division I keeping with 7/7/7/7.
Tennis: Division II has the 7th team which will be moved down barring a tie next year.
Discussion of Jamestown being removed from alignment. Lock Jamestown for boys'/girls' basketball, wrestling, swimming, track. Wishing to return make a decision as to return. Court case stems from 1980 and Tyrone Beeman wishing to play basketball when Jamestown came to ECIC for competitive reasons.

Jamestown out of Division I can Sweet Home remain in Division II and Division I has only 6 teams. Based upon Constitution and no more than 1 difference between divisions, not able to have 6/8/7/7.

Alignment completed every 2 years, what happens if someone loses a team? How does this affect the alignment? Do the divisions get shuffled? Should it be 7/7/7/7 or leave as is at 6/8/7/7?

Should the activity board be able to just "push a school up" to balance the divisions when one or our ECIC teams removes from ECIC to play in another league because of competitiveness. Another non-competitive school put in a bad position.

Modified alignment: Softball currently there are 28 schools. Alignment completed based on 7/7/7/7 breakdown. 7/8/9 is intermingled between Division III and Division IV primarily due to with softball not quite sure if a team will be 7/8/9 or not due to a last-minute change. Baseball previously there were 30 teams, however, Jamestown dropped out, now 29 teams. West Seneca West, Iroquois moving up a division. Baseball has a 7/8/9 division and have been 7/8/9.

Options available for 7/8/9 softball which would mirror the baseball 7/8/9. Review and agree on an option. Baseball has separate division for 7/8/9. Should softball be separate division for 7/8/9. Modified teams in the same divisions due to traveling together.

- **FALL '22 Championship Information:** Email to be sent by office to confirm championship dates, sports/levels.
- **Boys Golf Concern**—Addressing with JFK privately.
- **Tennis Standard wording:** Updating of standards
- **Boys Swim Champs proposal:** Requesting to simulate girls who conduct 3 championships, but in an effort of time, sticking with 2 championships.

Section VI/NYSPHSAA Report:

M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, V. Dell'Oso, D. Hack

- **NYSPHSAA Meeting Oct. 19th, 2022:**
- **Section Meeting Sept. 21st, 2022 Updated information:** see information below.

Softball: Request to Extend the Softball State Championship to Two Days: Approved

Wrestling:-Extension of the Pilot Weight Classes: Approved

Championship Advisory Committee: Addition of Officials at Individual Wrestling Championships: Approved

Boys Soccer: Increase Allowable Yellow Cards in the Postseason: Defeated

Cheerleading: Establish a NYSPHSAA Game Day State Championship: Approved

Unified Sports: Mandate NYHS Coaching Unified Sports Course: Approved

Unified Sports: Waiver of NYSPHSAA Representation Rule: Approved

Sportsmanship: NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Spectators Expectation: Approved

Sportsmanship: NYSPHSAA Spectator Sportsmanship Regulation: NOT Approved

Boys Volleyball season move to Spring : Thoughts and discussion.

Girls Flag Football: November 1st deadline for NEW teams

Section VI ticket price increase to \$7.00: no service fee (\$5.00 plus service fee): ECIC to implement a ticket price of \$5.00 subject to change.

Softball PROPOSAL: 12 run Mercy Rule after 5th inning for Sectionals: November vote

Softball: Terminate International tiebreaker for Sectionals: November vote.

Indoor Track: waiver request from 6 to 4, discussion on October 19, at state meeting.

FALL Scholar Athlete Deadline: Dec. 5th

- **Committee Reports**

Sectional/Intersectional

Jason Przybysz

Reminder anyone making state championships in bowling, transportation is responsibility of parent/athlete.

Boys' tennis championships lack of participants. Looking to secure dates.

Unified basketball and staying within the spirit of what unified sports entail.

Modified

Daryl Besant

Section mtg. 9/21. There were 4 items discussed on meeting those representatives were unaware of. If items discussed at state meeting on October 19, 2022 there will be a chance to review these items and vote.

50% promotion rule: After paying fifty (50%) of a modified sport you cannot move up to JV.

Track & Field: Participation in 4 events instead of 3.

Soccer: Instead of (2) five-minute overtimes switched to (1) ten-minute overtime

Soccer goalie: Wear mouth guard currently, removal of mouth guard.

Safety No report	Eric Rupp
Chemical Awareness No report	Jason Iwankow
Finance No report	Vinny Dell'Oso
Sportsmanship No report	Sandy Gauthier
Charter Schools Marisa Fallacaro-Dougherty	(replacement needed)
Combining of Schools No report	Daryl Besant
Recruitment of Officials No report	Brian Hickson
Standards/By-Laws Set for further discussion	Jason Lehmbeck

Old Business:

All ECIC/Handbook Presentation Jason Lehmbeck, November AC Vote: Last review before vote.

Table of contents must be changed

Page 2: Book mark in blue. Goes right to Section VI. Ease of use.

Page 7: Red removed "HPER and" and inserted interscholastic athletics.

Page 10: Section IV item 4-When no chairperson for sport a rotation of schools will take place of chairperson.

Page 11: B. Divisional Alignment-(3) Divisional alignments are developed on an annual basis. Change this to a bi-annual basis. Also add an amendment "no team shall be permitted to withdraw from ECIC unless they are unable to field a team in which case rule (1) would not be required. Removal of teams, unable to field team, alignment every two (2) years. Alignment continues as is on an annual basis. Further discussion on bi-annual alignment.

Page 12: E. Postponed Contests: substituting the word "may" be declared the loser instead of "shall" be declared the loser.

Page 14: Appeal Procedures: Use for issues pertaining to page 12, Postponed Contests.

Page 15: Section II General Rules:

(D) One Contest Per day: added Multigame tournaments in volleyball constitute one contest.

(F) Notification of Results: Appropriate website: Home schools shall submit...instead of "to the newspaper and "call in scores to the newspapers" which has been removed. No longer use newspapers.

(I) Awards: Divisional patches will be the only awards provided.... instead of “will be provided” which has been removed. “trophy, plaques”... has been removed.

Page 16: Sports Standards: Sports standards are reviewed by the Activity Board prior to each season. Groups should be assembled to review and make the next step of the task. This does not need to be written in the handbook. This will be removed. Sports standards should be reviewed by activity board for accuracy.

Page 19: During Winter, February, and Spring Break, the athletic directors will be responsible for rescheduling athletic contests??? Is this clause still and accurate? This provision was put in place when Leanne Moore and Beth Fadeley were secretaries in the office. Should this wording be stricken from the hand book?

Page 20: (b) *regulations* removed and replaced with standards.

(n) *league central distribute in schedule star is still accurate* removed and replaced with scheduling software

Page 21: (s) changed capital D to lower case d.

(t) added “and post to the ECIC website within 10 working days of meetings.

Added job description of the new role for the new office staff

Page 22: Change capital D to lower case d; post season removed; post season agenda sample removed. Should be as a directive and not request.

Page 26: Appendix B (3) where possible all spectators areas are to be separated from player benches and the playing field (and/or court), added.

Page 27: added spectator code of conduct (signs) as part of bi-laws.

Page 38: Cheerleading Judges (8) removed and replaced with cost is sectional contract by hour.

Page 44: Post Season Report added potential google form for report and also added a deadline time period.

Page 46: All ECIC Selection by sports eliminate page 46.

Page 47: Appendix Q branding guide to be included

Page 48: Appendix R Quick Reference Guide indicating sports that are federated and not federated, championships, etc.

ECIC championships-Bowling

Girls bowling missing

Wrestling championship

Spring tennis tournament

April 10th meeting date: ECIC Athletic Director’s meeting scheduled. Spring break holiday for some schools. Move meeting to Wednesday, April 19, 2022.

New Business:

NYSAAA Dues: Sweet Home and Amherst replacements and invoices will be sent. Payment by the league.

Mileage Calculation in Arbiter: New mileage charge for 30 miles plus for officials.

Flag Football Sign up by 10/22:

OT Modified FH example: Standards updates as of 2019, there is no overtime for field hockey. Thought as to possibly playing overtime. The standards need updating if overtime will be played. Niagara Orleans plays overtime in modified field hockey. If standards do not include

overtime and/or payment, standards must reflect this clause. Corrections to standards was always a season ahead for updates. Not every school capable of conducting overtime. Include in standards it is at the school's discretion. Overtime does not mean official receives more monies. What is procedure if official walks off due to overtime and same fee payment? Athletic directors assigned to a winter sport, contact the sport chairperson to review ECIC sports standards to be discussed further to be discussed at November meeting.

Good of the Order:

Next Meeting Dates:

Athletic Directors 11/7/2022 @E1B Room B1

Athletic Council 11/9/2022 @ E1B Room B1