



ERIE COUNTY INTERSCHOLASTIC CONFERENCE

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AD Meeting 11/7/2022
10:30 AM Activity Board
11:30 AM Lunch
12:00 PM Meeting
Erie 1 BOCES
Room B1

Opening Remarks:

Dave Hack

- Welcome Robert Adams (Amherst) & Christopher Schiumo (Sweet Home)
- BPS Guests: Aubrey Lloyd & Heather Slomba

- **Division Breakouts: Review Constitution, any wording changes ?**

Division I: Page 12(E)(4) Postponed contests. Striking shall and adding may. Needs further clarification. Activity board to make the final decision.

Page 19 During winter, February, and spring break, the athletic directors will be responsible for rescheduling athletic contests Question as to still applicable and the verbiage. Protocol of changes, cancellations will not change as currently handled.

Division II: no discussion

Division III: no discussion

Division IV: no discussion

Athletic Council

- Next Meeting is Wednesday 11/9/2022 @ Executive Committee @ 10:30 and Athletic Directors @ 11: 30 a.m. in E1B Room A-2

President's Report:

Dave Hack

Approval of Minutes from October 2022 Meeting

Motion to approve minutes

1st Pat Cauley (Hamburg)

2nd Vinny Dell 'Oso (Starpoint)

Motion passed

- **Section Female modified Representative Needed:** Any participants from ECIC interested in position?

- **2023-24 Intention Sheet Lackawanna looking to add 2 sports:** Considering Cross country and track and field. Intention sheet required to prepare budget.

- **Combining of Schools Springville/West Valley for Baseball all Levels; Hamburg/Eden for Wrestling Varsity:** Vote to take place on 11/9/2022 at Athletic Council meeting. Springville/West Valley for baseball remains in Division IV.
- **Activity Board replacement for Marisa Dauria needed:** Brian Lombardo, Greg Witman, Chris Schiumo. Secret ballot/Vote to take place at Athletic Council meeting on 11/9/22.
- **ECIC Sport Chair for Flag Football needed; Coaches determined:** Williamsville (3) teams; Pioneer. Sport chair needed for girls' flag football. A coach from ECIC group is needed. Dan Reiford athletic director liaison.
- **Any need for CPR/First Aid classes:** Matt Librock (East Aurora) previously and currently running the classes.
- **NYSAAA League nominees needed today:** ECIC to formulate nominations to be forwarded to the committee (Jeff Roth) for discussion at the committee meeting for a vote. Email list of names to Marisa Fallacaro-Dougherty for submission. Six (6) nomination categories. Submission by Wednesday.
- **Modified Wrestling Start times 5:00 or 6:00 p.m.:** Modified wrestling started at 5:00 p.m. Current year default time was 6:00 p.m. Schedules were adjusted individually by the schools. Winter season of 2023 default times for modified wrestling should be set at **5:00** p.m.
Alden to follow Amherst schedule: Alden not enough players to field a team so they will follow Amherst schedule for modified wrestling. Amherst indicated not hosting wrestling meets. Amherst hosting the remaining meets scheduled.
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- **Start dates (Winter) 11/14/22 V/JV; 11/28/22 Modified; (spring) 3/13/23 V/JV; 3/20/23 Modified):** Any school not wishing to start on these dates can modify their schedule accordingly. Global conversation about pushing back which resulted in determining your own schedule. Start 3/20 and 4/11 no play until 4/16. Create schedule, provide to schools and schools move on individual basis to accommodate practice requirement. Consider scheduling games later for fall.

Executive Director's Report:

Jim Graczyk

- **Office Communications: Any needs?** Nothing at this time
- **Reminder when changing dates, times, contests to have a conversation with opposing school Athletic Office:** Information should come from athletic director or secretary not through coach.
- **Nominees Leadership positions current year positions available for President Elect:** this position is to be filed by a non-athletic director. Vinny Dell'Oso president for the next (2) years and need president elect to follow after Vinny Dell'Oso. A non-athletic director includes a principal, superintendent, assistant principal, assistant superintendent, etc.

- **Office Hiring:** New secretary starts 11/14/2022 ☺, Rachel Berent who will attend the September meeting.
- **FALL '22/Any Concerns:** Officials and scheduling. Move games to later in season for modified. Concern regarding league schedule ending (3) weeks before the end of the season to allow scheduling of non-league games.
- **Charter Schools placement presentation 10/19/2022:** Pat Burk (NFL), Jim Graczyk (ECIC) and Mike House from Buffalo Public Schools attended this meeting via phone. Charter schools not 100% ready to be a part of any league. Each section will send a representative to an advisory or ad hoc committee. The committee will make a recommendation on where to place charter schools within Section VI. Presentations lasted between 10-15 minutes each. Discussion in executive session lasted over one-hour. State association unhappy that the leagues in Section VI could not agree to a placement for charter schools and that the decision reverted to the state. Returned decision to Section VI to allow for more discussion before state has to make decision. Decision of placement of charter schools will be made in February 2023. Buffalo unable to include charter schools due to no facilities for games (charter schools no separate facilities), issues between BPS students and charter school students. If a charter school needs a facility, the BPS schools are used. Too much familiarity with each other. Violent issues could ensue. At state meeting in February a recommendation will be made regarding placement of charter schools. Originally there was interest by (8) charter schools to join a league and now the number is (3) charter schools wishing to be placed.
- **League Directors Officials End of Season report October 26, 2022:** Held a league director's meeting. Pat Burke, Mike House, Jim Graczyk, Al Gens, Jeff Roth (virtual) formulated ideas with information to be contained in an end of the season official's report. Information shared with athletic directors after completion.
- **Golf Officials Paid 10/11/22:** Golf officials paid \$100 each to officiate boys' ECIC golf championship. Decision made by Vinny Dell'Oso, Matt Adams and Jim Graczyk. Currently no payment scale for golf officials. These officials volunteer and no payment is required. Officials are available for (5) hours off their own time without compensation.
- **NYSAAA please complete application on Final Forms/ League paid all memberships:** All memberships paid by ECIC for NYSAAA membership. Please complete the form and return to ECIC office. Email sent by NYSAAA with form. Fill form via email or NYSAAA website.
- **Any schools volunteer for 3 person officials for any B&G Basketball contests:** Round table held last week. Playoff will have 3 officials. Anyone interested in having a volunteer for a 3-person rotation on a game contact the ECIC office the information will be provided to the organizations. Just a suggestion, not a necessity. This procedure should not be allowed unless every game is covered with officials for every game.
Baseball/softball officials. Movement for teachers' certification of officiating modified games. Baseball definitely implementing a program of this nature. NYSPHSAA to send out information regarding this program.

- **Athletic Director needed as replace Wheaton for Girls Soccer:** Robert Adams, Amherst accepted the position.

Activity Board:

M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Dave Hack

- **Spring'23 alignment concerns:** Review spring alignments. Springville and West Valley combined for baseball. Must add to alignment. Any concerns with varsity/JV alignment. Jamestown for softball and baseball does not have a team in the ECIC. Teams playing in Southern Tier (CCAA). Jamestown modified baseball only in ECIC.

Modified alignment decision regarding variations for softball how to place 7/8/9 for alignment. Last year softball 7/8/9 sporadic with 7/8. Baseball individual 7/8/9 division. Softball/baseball division for all 7/8/9 makes travel easier.

- **WINTER '22 Championship Swim:** Sweet Home & Alden, Dive; Maryvale, Wrestling; Sweet Home, Cheer; Sweet Home OR Amherst (date?), Bowling: Airport Lanes
- **JFK Modified 7/8/9 proposal:** Proposal relative to giving 9th grade athlete leeway to move up and down from modified to JV whenever the 9th grade athlete is needed to fill a position providing them with a 20-game season instead of a 14-game season. Proposal will need to go to section, the state. State meeting notes indicate voting for considering approving fifty (50%) percent of the season restrictions on promotion for 7th and 8th graders. Handbook committee did not support this consideration. One individual in favor from Section VII. Handbook committee with NYSPHSAA adamant about modified athletes moving up (7 & 8). APP not to fill rosters but for the elite athletes.
- **Winter Sport Standards Updates--all ready to date 11/22:**
- **Pioneer to D3 for Wrestling:** Pioneer moving to Division III for wrestling due to late merger.
- **Girls Golf Standards for discussion and approval:** Tabled for a later date

Section VI/NYSPHSAA Report:

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

Nothing to report at this time. Jeff Roth and Marisa Fallacaro-Dougherty to present at next section meeting as to discussion from the state meeting.

- **NYSPHSAA Meeting Oct. 19th, 2022 Report**
- **Section Meeting November 16th, 2022**
- **FALL Scholar Athlete Deadline: Dec. 5th**

- **Committee Reports**

Sectional/Intersectional

Jason Przybysz

Reminder to schools seeking independent status must present to section for approval. Must submit paperwork to section.

Boys Hockey-- discussion regarding moving teams up and down based on classifications.

Unified basketball--relative to if it is competitive or not a competitive sport.

Flag Football—concerns and questions based upon scheduling number of games per week and aligning with New York State standards. Compilation of rules moving forward. Schools who participated received support through Buffalo Bills.

Modified

Daryl Besant

Modified committee against modified soccer having single team overtime. Voted for the changing of the mandatory mouthpiece for modified soccer. Voted for considering approval of eliminating the meter limit for track and allowing entry into 4 total events.

Safety

Eric Rupp

No report

Chemical Awareness

Jason Iwankow

No report

Finance

Vinny Dell'Oso

Section audit took place with no concerns. Budget draft review. Discussion item for November Athletic Council meeting. Due to significant increase in costs the alternative to the current state championship transportation vendors is being investigated to see if there are possibly some savings. Mileage stipend with the new official contract. Mileage proposal looking to equitably distributing the cost of mileage stipend across members schools. The Section VI executive committee gave the finance committee direction to compile fall data at completion of the season and review the data and provide a recommendation to athletic council regarding any type of proposal that may be available.

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 Lehbeck

No report

Old Business:

April meeting date currently scheduled for April 19, 2023 instead of April 10, 2023. Mark this change on your calendar.

December meeting will update/review all spring sports standards.

New Business:

NYSPHSAA Dues \$900 for initial 300 students, \$.90 for 301 & up: NYSPHSAA implement the increase.

Office Maintenance fee: Amount increase \$500: : Discussion took place last year to allow an increase in surplus of budget by increasing office maintenance fee by \$500. Is this still an option?

Good of the Order:

Eden Boys LAX is Independent 2023

Schutt and Rydell reconditioning costs for football helmets will be extremely high. Reconditioning costs may double. Request quote before allowing for the reconditioning.

Spring sports standards sent to all chair persons and all athletic director liaisons by January 1, 2023 office should have receipt of updated spring sports standards.

Next Meeting Dates:

Athletic Directors 12/5/2022 @E1B Room B1

Athletic Council 11/9/2022 @ E1B Room A2