



ERIE COUNTY INTERSCHOLASTIC CONFERENCE

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Athletic Director's Meeting Minutes

February 6, 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: FALL Play dates: **Boys' volleyball commences much later than the girls. 2-week gap between playoffs. Not playoff dates as well as seeding meetings.**
- Welcome John Klein (Global Concepts) & Marc LaMorticella (Tapestry)
- Pat Cauley retiring on June 30, 2023.
- Flag football—**start date, how many games.**

Athletic Council

- Next Meeting is Monday 3/20/2023 @ E1B Room B-1

President's Report:

Dave Hack

- Approval of Minutes from January 2023 Meeting—**1st Jason Iwanko (Eden); 2nd Pat Cauley (Hamburg) motion passed**
- Secretaries Luncheon: June 5th, 2023 @ BOCES (B1)
- Championship Budget review: Handout

Executive Director's Report:

Jim Graczyk

- Office Communications: Any needs?
- Reminder: changing dates, times, contests requires a conversation with opposing school Athletic Office
- Charter Schools placement: Next steps—**John Klein and Marc LaMorticella prepare to go forward for the fall season with ECIC. Preparation of alignments including Tapestry and Global.**
- Section/ECIC Coaches meetings: Proposal, Sports meet together in person & WebX in as group to Section meeting—**Concern regarding CCAA and Niagara Orleans attendance at Section coaches' meetings. Possibly go to one location and zoom in as a complete group to a section meeting. Create a group with CCAA and Niagara Orleans and use one common area and use WebX for meeting.**
- Modified track—**End by June 1, 2023 proposed. June 7, 2023 is target end date.**

Activity Board:

M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Dave Hack

- Field Hockey: Update—Overtime vote by ECIC needs approval from Section. Same overtime rule still in place for field hockey until proposal made to section and the Section provides approval.
- Girls Tennis: Update—17 coaches responded out of 23. Tennis will remain in alignment based on beds. Meeting with Paul Biddle girls' tennis chair and remaining matches will provide light competitiveness. Tennis team will use UTR ratings and come as close as possible. Matches will not be optional. A schedule will be provided.
- Track Champs: 5/19 & 20, Two Sites? Large school/Small school—1 meet held Friday (large schools), Alden to host and commence at 2:00 p.m.; 1 meet held Saturday (small schools); 2 different sites.
- CHEER Divisions by BEDS for next year/VOTE—Cheer currently not scheduled by alignment of beds numbers. Schedule is prepared based on preference of the team, the coach, competition level. Discussion relative to completing an alignment based on beds numbers. Request has been made that the Cheer chairs attend the March activity board meeting to present information relative to pros and cons of scheduling variables.
- Championship Budget review—review of costs for championships. Review rate of pay that is paid to workers and possible allotment or increase.
- Charter School Placement/Alignment—Tapestry and Global to be place in alignment for review by league.
- Independent Status of Volleyball—Concern regarding an ECIC member becoming independent. The concern dealt more with the seeding policy. Review taking place by sectional and intersectional.
- Office Procedures regarding input, Goals--none
- 6 Classifications leagues next steps—none for league. Possible split classification for section A1-A2; B1-B2. 6 or 8 team split.
- Start Dates for 2023-24—Varsity, Modified week later continue as this year or make a switch. Monday JV/Varsity; Thursday modified football; following week commence modified or start day of school. ECIC start modified a week later. Section website shows modified start dates not followed by ECIC.

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—all section changes carried.
- Modified: Soccer mouth guard, T/F increase number of events to 4
- Spectator Sportsmanship regulation: Feb. discussion, May vote, involve your Superintendent, BOE—remove word home or away. Section 8, 10, 11 currently have policy in place. Spectator removed forced to watch mandate video.
- Game Day Cheer—Discussion of moving championship a day earlier. Championship to be held on Saturday.
- Regional Rotation—Discussion Some schools have to play 2 regional games before attending championship. ECIC only needs 1 regional game before attending championship.
- Handbook Committee: Remove clause
- Football: Amend guidelines for combined practice

- Flag Football: Standards, Rules, State Champ 2024—**State tournament approved commencing next year.**

Committee Reports

• Sectional/Intersectional	Jason Przybysz (1/12/23)	(no report)
• Modified	Daryl Besant	(no report)
• Safety	Eric Rupp	(no report)
• Chemical Awareness	Jason Iwankow	(no report)
• Finance	Vinny Dell'Oso (1/12/23)	(no report)
• Sportsmanship	Sandy Gauthier	(no report)
• Charter Schools	Marisa Fallacaro-Dougherty	(no report)
• Combining of Schools	Daryl Besant (1/11/23)	(no report)
• Recruitment of Officials	Brian Hickson	(no report)
• Standards/By-Laws	Jason Lehmbeck	(no report)

Old Business:

- Modified Track: schedule concerns **end date June 7, 2023**

New Business:

- Flag Football Update—**email from Marissa Dauria regarding school participation along with schedule.**
- Adam Smith & Zach Healy stepping down as Girls Swim Co- Chairs. Liz Osucha (Alden) taking over pending March AC approval.

Good of the Order:

- Coaching Certification J. Lehmbeck—**Coaching certification give presentation to a group.**
- **ECIC** Spring Coaches Meetings: Schedule being finalized. Follow section meeting dates for most part. Email to follow with schedule—**Schedule in preparation. Waiting for coach responses.**
- Meeting Dates for 2023-24: Follow same format—**Complete same as last year. Draft for approval available at next meeting.**
- A. Erickson – HOF info. request

Next Meeting Dates:

Athletic Directors 3/6/2023 @ E1B Room B1
Athletic Council –3/20/2023 @ E1B Room B1