



ERIE COUNTY INTERSCHOLASTIC CONFERENCE

355 Harlem Road • Building C • West Seneca, NY 14224
Phone: (716) 821-7262 • Fax: (716) 821-7291

AD MEETING 5/2/2022
10:30 AM Activity Board
11:30 AM Lunch
12:00 PM Meeting
Erie 1 BOCES
Room B2-A

Opening Remarks:

Rich Gray

- **Guest Speaker Dr. Jeff Rabey, Superintendent (Depew)/Charter School Placement:** Dr. Rabey, Jim Graczyk, Mark DiFilippo, Buffalo Public Schools, Charter School representatives at meeting to discuss the best way to handle placement of charter schools. Accomplished a solution for placement of charter schools. Vote to take place in (2) weeks at section meeting. Charter schools not necessarily looking to be a part of ECIC league. Charter schools wish to have a schedule. Looking for games scheduled against ECIC league. Charter schools for fall have (3) teams, Buffalo, Science Global and Tapestry, combined with Health Sciences.

Boys Soccer: Buffalo, Science Global and Tapestry, combined with Health Sciences. Varsity only for boys' soccer. Amicable decision for Buffalo Public Schools would include the (3) schools at the varsity level for boys' soccer to include these in the Buffalo schedule.

Boys Volleyball: Tapestry, varsity only. ECIC agreed to provide (8) games. Cheektowaga (1); Maryvale (1); Iroquois (2).

Girls Volleyball: Health Science, Buffalo Science, Global are Varsity only; Tapestry JV and Varsity. ECIC to provide (16) games.

West Seneca East/West (2); Holland (2); JFK (2); Cleveland Hill (1); Tonawanda (2); Lackawanna (2); Iroquois (1); Pioneer (1) total (13)

X-Country: Tapestry, boys/girls; Global boys/girls. These schools will be included with other schools and combine with our scheduled meets. Any schools participating will follow Depew's X-Country schedule.

Plan (A): Option for ECIC to include charter schools which would qualify for the state, the section, Buffalo public, and ECIC in order to work this to the advantage of all schools.

Plan (B): Decision against this solution and it reverts back to the State office and the decision will be the States decision relative to placement of charter schools.

May 9, 2022, Monday vote will take place and decision to be made at Athletic Council meeting.

Plan (A) as option, league schools to make decision on playing each fall season for boys' volleyball (8) games total and girls' volleyball (16) games total with the charter schools.

Charter schools not concerned about participating or winning ECIC championships. If ECIC provides a schedule for charter schools as a league, they should be charged for participation in the sport in the ECIC league. Charter schools should pay the financial burden of the officials and travel.

- **Mark DiFilippo—Officials:** Met with the State OCF. Huge disconnect between section executive directors and/or representatives that represent the sections and the sport officials' representatives in terms of the shortage of officials. Topic of discussion is trying to streamline the process to certify individuals to becoming officials sooner. Response received is that officials are leaving because of the poor behavior in the stands and schools need to address behavior. Behavior in stands one problem. Other problem is not enough officials. Need more recruitment. In the process of preparing some trial on-line certification processes for one or more sports.

Goal is to create a path that is state wide and not group specific to recruit officials. Each group/organization completes a different type of certification to certify officials. Softball/baseball in Section VI has (5) different groups each recruiting differently. Possibly an on-line process without a deadline. Certification for Boys/Girls volleyball is a (12) week course attending meetings at Erie1Boces. Developing a shorter easier process to be ranked at a lower level and then be observed to move up is the goal of the certification for volleyball.

Completion for coaching is through the NFHS pathway on line.

Athletic Director certifications returning for fall 2022.

Division Breakouts--ECIC Coaches Meetings for 2022-23, Ideas: No division breakout. Modified Coaches meetings: Specific sports at specific schools. Less parking issue if none available at Erie1Boces.

Football-Pat Cauley, Hamburg Liaison

Boys' Volleyball, Cheektowaga

Soccer, Maryvale

Start for fall and possibly schedule meetings at separate locations. Location selected based upon Activity Board's central location.

Athletic Council

Rich Gray

- **Next Meeting is Monday 6/6/2022 @ E1B Room B1:** Secretaries' luncheon

President's Report:

Rich Gray

Approval of Minutes from April Meeting:

Motion to approve minutes

1st Pat Cauley (Hamburg)

2nd Dave Hack (Orchard Park)

Motion passed

- **Office Hiring Timeline--Posting, Update:** Moved (2) more weeks due to posting of job description to larger area due May 15, 2022. Two (2) applications for position.

- **Discussion on future Modified start dates:** Push back fall dates (1) week. Start date 22 and modified to start on 29. Push back winter (2) weeks, start date November 15; Modified start November 30. Three (3) or (4) weeks for spring season. Spring starting (4) weeks later finish well into June. Finishing by Memorial Day does not work.

Fall (1) week later start date (vote next week) August 29, 2022 exception of football

Winter (2) week later start date

Spring (3) to (4) later start date start March 27 or April 10 for modified spring. Coaches who want extra practice can have open clinics. If athletic directors agree on a schedule to go past Memorial Day there should not be interference and changes with schedules.

Vote to take place on Monday for fall modified sports to commence on August 29.

- **Patches for Division Champs--Notify Office:** Anyone needing patches please email number.

- **Secretaries Lunch @ our June 6th Meeting:** To be held at next meeting.

Executive Director's Report:

Jim Graczyk

- **Office Communications--Any needs:** None

- **Charter School Placement--Report on Meeting, Dr. Rabey:** League prepared to vote on Monday.

- **ECIC Binders—Exist:** ECIC previously provided athletic directors with binders containing standards, ECIC Constitution, etc. Do the schools still have this binder? To be on line shortly.

- **Reminder to have all officials assigned through our office:** All assigning of officials must be completed through the office.

- **Mod XC--10/6 move--10/12/ Starpoint cannot host:** Modified X-Country scheduled for 10/6. Williamsville's unable to attend due to fall recess. Is this date to be moved for the league? Can be moved but need new date. Starpoint scheduled for host 10/12. Starpoint unable to host. This is the North schools: Amherst, Clarence, Starpoint, Sweet Home, Williamsville North, Williamsville South, and Williamsville East. Need host or meet unable to take place.

- **Mod Football--In progress:** Addressed dates, changes, times, etc. Modified schedule last year took (7) change overs. Draft schedule out, but future changes will be made.

- **"Modified" Tennis--6 schools in play:** (6) schools with extra athletes playing tennis.

- **P.U.N.T. Presentation on 5/9:** Presentation to take place. Pediatric Cancer Collaborative. Dawson Knox. Help if anyone needs to fulfil a community service project preferable with football team.

- **GIPPER on 6/6:**

Activity Board:

Marisa Fallacaro-Dougherty

- **Modified Fall alignments--Any issues:** Modified girls' soccer--move Frontier #2 from Division II up to Division I. Based on beds numbers Frontier #2 (1013) should be in Division I. Discussion to be had regarding schools that have more than (1) team due to the shortage of officials, especially at modified level. Frontier #2 beds numbers were not followed. Frontier #2 was moved to Division II instead of Division I considering that Frontier only has 7th grade athletes. Justification with taking consideration for Sweet Home but not Frontier. Put schools with (2) teams belonging in the division based upon beds numbers. Frontier #2 should be Division I based on beds numbers. Make Division IV all 7/8/9 and realign every other school. Move Frontier #2 to Division I. Schools with (2) teams should comply with beds numbers. Frontier #2 moving to Division 1. Sweet Home moving to Division II.

- **Golf--Chairperson Needed:** Still in need of golf chairperson.
- **Winter '22-'23 alignments—Feedback:**
- **Combining of Schools:**
 - WSW/WSE: Varsity Girl's Bowl,
 - WSW/WSE/Depew: Varsity Wrestle
 - WSW/WSE: Boys Swim
 - Williamsville North & Williamsville East: Varsity & Modified wrestle (new)

Section VI/NYSPHSAA Report: *M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, V. Dell'Oso, D. Hack*

- **Change ECIC to allow Senior participation on JV:** Any opposition. Senior could pay on JV team. Possible change in Constitution to be voted in. This to be voted out so in new handbook it would not be included.
- **NYSPHSAA Meeting on May 4, 2022**
- **Committee Reports**

Sectional/Intersectional

Jason Przybysz 4/7/22 meeting

Girls' wrestling: Considered to be an emerging sport. Currently no Section VI or New York State championships. Looking to possibly move in this direction.

Cheerleading: Discussion regarding changing cheerleading as a sport to follow all other sports based upon beds instead of schools picking and choosing large and small for competition brackets.

Modified**Daryl Besant**

State Level: Beginning to put together a (5) year strategic plan on increasing participation of athletes, not just officials. One discussion was 6th grade athletes participating in modified. Must be approved by SED.

Local Level: Official retention is a concern, especially modified. Volleyball officials adding mentoring programs in recruiting. Number (1) reason why not officiating because of constant yelling at officials.

Free reign between JV and Modified: Discussion to removal of this. Players to play a couple games on JV and a couple on modified. Move up and down. Currently if you move up you stay up currently with 3 practices at beginning of year.

Mouthguards in soccer: This will be passed.

Soccer overtime: Having (1) 10 minutes instead of (2) 5 minutes. Reason for (2) 5 minutes is due to field advantage. Flip flop sides.

Track: Currently athletes allowed (3) modified events. Possibly increasing to (4) modified events with the control over the (3) events and 1 of the (4) events being a field event or (2) field and (2) track events.

Modified Baseball and Modified Lacrosse: proposed to move to fall

Modified Soccer and Modified Field Hockey: proposal to move to spring

Safety**Eric Rupp**

No report

Chemical Awareness**Jason Iwankow**

No report

Finance**Vinny Dell'Oso**

No report

Sportsmanship**Sandy Gauthier**

No report

Charter Schools**Jeff Wheaton**

No report

Combining of Schools**Daryl Besant**

No report

Recruitment of Officials**Brian Hickson**

No report

Standards/By-Laws**Jason Lehmbeck**

Committee meeting last week. At point to approve all information.

Signage: Review of all signage language. Ready to move forward to acquiring quotes on pricing. Goal for next fall is to put out the signs regarding sportsmanship rules. Signage accomplished by June and office would purchase (1) sign for everyone and other purchases would be at cost of school.

All-Star: Researched avenues on how this is accomplished. Everyone has a different process. Provide simple language with basic criteria. Must be submitted to ECIC office with (1) month and what it needs to include.

Old Business:

- **All ECIC/Handbook: Follow up Jason Lehmbeck, Review June Meeting:** Discussed above.
- **Final discussion on ECIC & CHARTER SCHOOL Placement:** Discussed above. Vote to take place on Monday, May 9, 2022.
- **ECIC Basketball tourney**

New Business:

- **ECIC Vote on CHARTER SCHOOL PLACEMENT will be at 5/9 AC Meeting**

Good of the Order:

Next Meeting Dates:

*Athletic Directors 6/6/2022 @E1B Room B2 A&B
Athletic Council –5/9/2022 @ E1B Room B1*