



## ERIE COUNTY INTERSCHOLASTIC CONFERENCE

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### AGENDA 9/12/2022

#### 10:30 AM Activity Board

#### 11:30 AM Lunch

12:00 PM Meeting

Erie 1 BOCES

Room B1

### Opening Remarks:

Vinny Dell'Oso

- **Division Breakouts:**

**ECIC Coaches Meetings Fall:** No necessity for breakout for this meeting.

- **Adam Stoltman – Guest Speaker:** Coaches do not wish to coach in the month of June. Try to help be part of the solution or continue with the problem of no officials. Lengthy discussion in June relative to moving modified sports to June. Discuss with coaches to see if moving would help with the lack of officials.

Do officials indicate they do not wish to official modified games? Some varsity rated officials will not official modified, but most will. Concern with going into June as already a week later into June. Still struggled with no officials even moving the game. Concerts were scheduled in June conflicting with scheduled games. Conflict with scheduled school trips. Moving one (1) week into June should help with officials. Recommend moving modified a little later in the season into June. Starting later for winter could be a plus. Would splitting the season help with officials? Modified schedule can be played in any season. Play modified soccer in spring and play modified baseball and softball in the fall. Switching seasons would promote the benefit of the lack of coaches. Concerns with field issues and athletes who move up. Unable to play in 2 seasons in one year.

**Mark DiFilippo – Section VI Director:** Positive step forward. Last year the state approved the school based official. Not many individuals taking advantage of this official. School based officials are not completing the process with the organizations to become certified. The New York State baseball group will begin piloting an online certification process called Ref Preps. To commence immediately anyone that would like to become a sub-varsity official in the sport of baseball, the individual can take the five (5) hour online class from Ref Preps for a cost of \$50 and can complete certification in 5 hours. After taking exam if they pass, they have completed the course. If working at the school they are already fingerprinted and they will be ready at the modified level. Continue this process with volleyball, soccer, girls' lacrosse plus some other sports as well. Referee organizations need to agree to completion of this process.

**Official contract:** Major changes for the next five (5) years have been provided for review and voting at this meeting. Representatives voting at Section level on September 21,

2022. Section negotiating power was limited once the officials turned back games and went to the media at which point the section had to begin further negotiations for a future contract.

Contract creates a recruitment and retention account. Each school and each official organization will be invoiced creating a new bank account for the funds allowing new officials to offset some of the expenses paid upfront to join an organization as an official.

Currently no officials should be paid until the contract is ratified at the Section Athletic Council meeting September 21, 2022. Fees will be updated in arbiter. Beth Fadeley will provide everyone with an email relative to the process and completion.

Mileage amount is contract is based upon zip code. Not an exact mileage. Arbiter in the process or working with section to complete the implementation of the mileage for officials. This eliminates the necessity to use google maps. The officials are able to change their zip code, however leave to zip code. Each official must contact the section (Beth) to change the zip code. Official can change from where they are leaving from work or home, but that does not change their leave to which calculates the mileage. Scrimmage preseason is scrimmage rate. Scrimmage during regular season is at a full fee rate. No change from original contract.

**Control of number of officials:** At a previous point school was able to control the number of officials required at home contests. Will school ever be able to control the number of officials required. Per contract, minimum number of officials is required. Negotiation procedure requested that if organizations unable to fill the slots for officials, drop the number of officials required. Baseball requires (2) officials. Not enough officials to cover 2 and the officials receive time and a half if only one official on game. Contract contains language that guarantees that every varsity football game will have five (5) officials or it reverts back to four (4) officials if five (5) not available.

**Account for monies for outlying schools:** Will an account be established to help defray the cost for the mileage for the further school?

**Section Modified Committee Representative:** Julie Arnold will no longer be the modified representative for the section. Thank you, Julie for all of your service. Position to be posted on section website.

## **Athletic Council**

- Next Meeting is Monday 9/19/2022 @ E1B Room B1
- **Please bring your laptop! Working Lunch: Website**

## **President's Report:**

Vinny Dell'oso

### ***Approval of Minutes from June 2022 Meeting***

*Motion to approve minutes*

1<sup>st</sup> Matt Adams (Holland)

2<sup>nd</sup> Pat Cauley (Hamburg)

Motion passed

- **Welcome Greg Witman – Frontier:** Introduction of Greg Witman new athletic director of Frontier High School.

- **Well, wishes to M. Dauria & J. Wheaton:** Athletic directors moving on to other positions. Nancy Riccio to be appointed as temporary athletic director at Amherst until permanent placement hired.

- **Officials Contract Update (Handout Summary):** If section unwilling to pool money, will ECIC consider a pool as a league. Possible split. Possibility of a centralized payment. Officials paid through the league and the districts are billed from BOCES to receive reimbursement for mileage. BOCES to pay then bill district. Suggestion was made by previous Executive Director of Section VI (Timm Slade) and this suggestion was vetoed by the NFL and Buffalo. Other leagues were not willing to lose autonomy.

## **Executive Director's Report:**

*Jim Graczyk*

- **Office Communications/Any needs/Apparel store:** Modified soccer JFK unable to field team.

- **Charter School Placement/Concerns/Activity Board:** Charter school placement becomes the decision of Albany as to where to put the charter schools. Holland a pilot school agreeing to play charter school games.

Holland agreed to play Buffalo Academy of Science for varsity soccer only. Played 5 minutes, score 14 nothing and team refused to run.

Global Concept for both soccer and volleyball. Team folded or just cancelled the day before.

Tapestry on Holland schedule for volleyball and soccer. Good about honoring commitment.

Buffalo Academy and Global Concept not ready to be a part of ECIC league.

- **ECIC Website Rollout/Working Lunch Demonstration on 9/14, critique:** previously discussed. New website in progress.

- **Reminder when changing dates, times, contests to have a conversation with opposing school Athletic Office:** Teams are still making changes without prior approval by the other team.

- **Nominees Leadership positions current year: Girls Representative, Chemical Awareness, Safety, President Elect (Non-Athletic Director), Sr. High School Principal Alternate, Middle School Principal Alternate, Charter Schools Representative :** Need positions filled for the above. A few possible nominations for Girls Representative. President Elect is a position for 2 years athletic director and 2 years non-athletic director. Need non-athletic director nomination.

- **Office Hiring/Update:** Laurie from Management Services (BOCES) helping coordinate the website.

- **School Based officials/ NYS Modified Baseball school-based officials:** Lake Shore, West Seneca East and West still using school-based officials for volleyball and soccer. If there are officials, available office to fill slot. If no officials available will use school based official.

West Seneca filling slots with school based official. Office only filling modified positions when requested.

- **Combining of Schools: West Seneca West/West Seneca East Girls Swim, Boys/girls Cross-Country; Springville/West Valley Girls Basketball; Lake Shore Boys/Girls Lacrosse; Silver Creek Boys/Girls Lacrosse:** Please advise if any other combining of schools' applications.

- **Sportsmanship Signs:** Iroquois, Frontier and Lackawanna never received signs. League purchased one (1) for every school but all schools did not receive one. Hamburg may have received an extra.

- **Sport Chairs & AD's/Assignments (Handout):** Fifteen (15) schools in ECIC league not representative as an athletic director attached to a sport. Every school should be attached to a sport. No chairperson for following sports/levels

FALL

boys' volleyball-varsity

boys'/girls' modified soccer (possibly one person)

boys'/girls' modified volleyball

WINTER

girls wrestling

boys'/girls' modified swim

SPRING

sports chairs covered

### **Activity Board:**

*M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Dave Hack*

- **Winter alignments/Schedules/Any issues?**
- **Golf/Chairperson Matt Adams**
- **Spring'23 alignments/Draft needed:** Need to begin preparation of draft of spring alignments.
- **ECIC Basketball Tourney, Pilot "Showcase":** Any need to process further. At this time no interest.
- **Charter Schools**
- **Review Championship Sites:** January site needed for wrestling championship. Previously scheduled at Starpoint and Starpoint not available. Starpoint hosting sectionals.
- **Check April Meeting date:** Currently scheduled for April 10, 2022. Day after Easter break. Are all Athletic Directors available or if not move date?

### **Section VI/NYSPHSAA Report:**

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

- **Change ECIC to allow Senior participation on JV**
- **NYSPHSAA Meeting Oct. 19th, 2022**
- **Section Meeting Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022**

- **ACTION: Handout Provided, Vote @ 9/19 Athletic Council meeting**
- **SOFTBALL- Request to extend the softball state championships to two days:** Softball currently on Long Island. Expense for hotels which will increase budget. Playing two (2) softball state championships in one day is difficult. Spreading out for two (2) days would accommodate everything better. Baseball runs a two (2) day event.
- **Wrestling-Extension of pilot weight classes:** This is due to covid and would like to continue process for an additional year.
- **Championship Advisory Committee-Addition of Officials at Individual Wrestling Championships:** Adding of additional officials.
- **Boys Soccer- Increase Allowable Yellow Cards in the Postseason:** Allow more yellow cards for the post-season to promote good sportsmanship. Many yellow cards being presented. Increase of 3 to 5 yellow cards during post-season. Receipt of (3) yellow cards it becomes a game suspension.
- **Cheerleading: Establish a NYSPHSAA Game Day State Championship:** Cheerleading asking for a state championship in the fall for game day cheer. Not competitive but in the fall.
- **Unified Sports: Mandate the NFHS Coaching Unified Sports Course**
- **Unified Sports: Waiver of the NYSPHSAA Representation Rule:** Unified seeking a waiver to the representation rule in both bowling and basketball. Currently in basketball not allowed to be a player or a partner on the unified basketball team because that is a violation of the representation rule. Unified chairperson does not favor this waiver.
- **Sportsmanship: NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Spectator Expectation:** Review carefully. Home school more efficient school to enforce rule.

The above items voted on Monday, September 19, 2022

- **Committee Reports**

**Sectional/Intersectional**

No report

**Jason Przybysz**

**Modified**

No Report

**Daryl Besant**

**Safety**

No report

**Eric Rupp**

**Chemical Awareness**

No report

**Jason Iwankow**

**Finance**

No report

**Vinny Dell'Oso****Sportsmanship**

No report

**Sandy Gauthier****Charter Schools**

Boys' basketball committee recommending Health Science Charter Schools (AA) and Tapestry (B). Looking for an in or an out from our league. Health Science (A2), Tapestry (C1).

**Jeff Wheaton (replacement needed)****Combining of Schools**

No report

**Daryl Besant****Recruitment of Officials**

No report

**Brian Hickson****Standards/By-Laws**

No report

**Jason Lehmbeck****Old Business:**

- **Senior playing on other level sport:** Make a constitutional change allowing seniors ability to play JV sports or leave as and vote individually on any questions or concerns coming forward based upon individual circumstance.

- **All ECIC/Handbook:** Follow up Jason Lehmbeck, schedule vote. 2/3 vote to change anything in constitution plus must be reviewed over two (2) meetings. Presented at Athletic Council meeting on Monday, September 19, 2022 constitutes as one (1) meeting. Next meeting would be November 9, 2022 during which time vote to take place.

Handbook ready to review. Fresh copy and reline information. These are the potential changes to Constitution. Ready for vote in November.

- **Priority of officials assigned to games. Agreed "order", League:** Not enough officials to cover ECIC games. How are games to be covered without enough officials.

-**ECIC Basketball tourney:** No interest in a basketball tournament.

- **Tennis "absent" player procedure to Sport Standards:** Number one (1) singles absent on a particular day group thought was to move second singles up, move third singles up, etc. instead of grabbing a 7<sup>th</sup> grade athlete and move up to 1<sup>st</sup> singles slot. This provision is not in the tennis standards. To change standards official vote must take place.

**New Business:**

**-WSW Foreign Exc. Student playing on JV Soccer (vote)**

**-All 28 schools renew Arbiter Game subscriptions, Orchard Park: Schedule Star, \$ amounts same**

**-Becky Edwards for Girls Volleyball Chair:** Vote to take place on Monday, September 18, 2022.

**-Handout Alternate Voting Form – Due 9/30:** For the purpose of an alternate individual attending the meeting in place and instead of the athletic director. Must be signed by athletic director, superintendent/principal. Form not completed district does not have a vote.

**-Form “X” – D. Hack:** previous discussion.

**Good of the Order:**

**Covid return play:** How many schools are requiring that if an athlete is out from covid either now or two (2) years past, are they imposing a covid return to play with a doctor’s clearance. Is there anything in place? Only current protocol necessary, not previous. Only a recommendation not a requirement.

**Motion to adjourn meeting**

1<sup>st</sup> Pat Cauley (Hamburg)

2<sup>nd</sup> Daryl Besant (Lake Shore)

**Next Meeting Dates:**

*Athletic Directors 10/03/2022 @E1B Room B1*

*Athletic Council –9/19/2022 @ E1B Room B1*