



## ERIE COUNTY INTERSCHOLASTIC CONFERENCE

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### Athletic Council Agenda 9/16/2024 10:30 a.m. Executive Committee 11:30 a.m. Lunch 12:00 p.m. Meeting Erie 1 BOCES Room B1

**Roll Call:** Lackawanna, absent

Jim Graczyk

#### President's Report:

Dean Ramirez

- *Approval of Minutes from May 8, 2024 AC meeting*  
1<sup>st</sup> Marisa Fallacaro-Dougherty (West Seneca); 2<sup>nd</sup> Dave Hack (Orchard Park)
- *Intention Sheets(Handout) due back 11/12 Athletic Council Meeting: Intention sheet only says golf not boys not girls. Label boys/girls at present*

#### Office Report:

Jim Graczyk

- **Communications: Any Needs ?**
- **GoFan tix will be used at all ECIC Championships \$7 GoFan, \$10 Cash. T-shirts \$20:**  
Relay information to athletes and parents. Removal of cash completely. Purchase in advance cost \$7.00; gate charge \$10.00 T-shirts purchased on line.
- **WINTER Coaches meeting is 11/13/2024 @ site TBD. Follow alphabetical school order for future meetings: Site needed. Recommendation to go in alphabetical order. Depew to host in spring; Clarence winter; Eden next fall.**
- **Approve Chairs:** Jason Longo - Boys XC; Matt Walsh - Boys Soccer; Walt McLaughlin -Boys Track; Dave Hack/Jason Lehmbeck – Girls' Wrestling; Any other nominations Vote;
- *Motion to approve Chairs for cross-country, boys' soccer and girls' wrestling*  
1<sup>st</sup> Vinny Dell 'Oso (Starpoint); 2<sup>nd</sup> Tim Wiles  
Motion passed
- **NEED Modified Track Chair:** Emilio Mancini stepping down. Position available. Still willing to help out. Emilio prepared the ECIC modified track schedule. Also runs the modified track meeting. Needed by spring.

- **NEED President – Elect 2024-2026 Athletic Director rotation. NEED Boys Activity Board replacement for Bill Weidner:** Activity board deals with specific ideas which will be presented at the athletic director's meetings.

*Motion to approve Activity board replacement for Bill Weidner: Brian Lombardo*

1<sup>st</sup> Tim Wiles; 2<sup>nd</sup> Marisa Fallacaro-Dougherty (West Seneca)

Motion passed

## Activity Board:

Dave Hack, Marisa Dougherty

- **Spring 2025 alignment proposal – (vote), Email & Handout**

*Motion to remove softball alignment to review proposal for softball chair, talk about proposal and vote in October; vote on 4/5 or proposal*

*Baseball 4 divisions*

*Track 5 divisions*

*Unified Basketball geographical*

*Unified Bowling geographical (Maryvale added) Schedule in Division II (Amherst, Cheektowaga, Alden, West Seneca, Depew)*

1<sup>st</sup> Marisa Fallacaro-Dougherty (West Seneca); 2<sup>nd</sup> Brian Lombardo (East Aurora)

Motion passed

- **Softball Proposal – Seelig:** Vote to take place at October meeting
- **Girls Wrestling 2025:** Free style wrestling. Official assigned to home match needs to be certified. Currently 20 officials are certified.
- **Independent Status – (vote), Any changes:** Any school changing to independent.
- **CHEER Alignments – (vote), Emailed 9/12, Handout:** Cheerleading only sport that does not have alignments. Alignments prepared by ECIC for gameday and competitive alignment. Jill Manka reviewed alignment.

*Motion to approve 4 divisions for fall gameday cheer*

1<sup>st</sup> Daryl Besant (Lake Shore); 2<sup>nd</sup> Jason Iwanko (Eden)

Motion passed

- **UNIFIED Bowling # of league matches to be scheduled:** First year each school played other school twice and became too many games. Last year scheduled 5 games. If extra games wanted, they could be scheduled. Athlete in wheel chair contact opposing school to make sure lanes are handicap accessible.
- **Modified Wrestling Start date: No changes scheduled a week later. Start Date 11/18/2024**  
*Motion wrestling start date to start same date as varsity for 2024-2025 winter*  
1<sup>st</sup> Brian Hickson (Cheektowaga); 2<sup>nd</sup> Jason Lehmebeck (Clarence)  
Motion passed

## Old Business:

Dean Ramirez

- **Combining of Schools: Eden/N. Collins-B&G Varsity Track; B&G Lacrosse – All Levels; Eden/Gowanda – Girls Varsity Swim; Tapestry/Maritime – Girls Basketball JV/Varsity:**  
*Motion to approve Combining of schools*  
1<sup>st</sup> Tim Wiles (Cleveland Hill); 2<sup>nd</sup> Bob Skoczylas (Depew)  
Motion passed

## New Business

- **UNIFIED Tennis, soccer, Bocce will be added to Intention Sheet but NOT used to calculate League dues for 2025-26:** These sports are viewed as club or intermural.
- **Clarify for FALL Cheer: Sideline(Club) or GAMEDAY. Google form from Office:** Fall Cheer if sideline and not gameday this is not a sport do not include on intention sheet.  
*Motion for Cheektowaga girls' basketball to go independent*  
1<sup>st</sup> Vinny Dell 'Oso (Starpoint); 2<sup>nd</sup> Marisa Fallacaro-Dougherty (West Seneca)  
Motion passed

## Section VI/NYSPHSAA :

M. Dougherty, D. Hack, C.Vetter

- **Direction needed for voting items for Section Meeting on 9/18: handout REPRESENTATION RULE—Mixed Competition:**  
Approve (25); Abstain (1)  
**HANDBOOK--Oversight Committee:**  
Approve (27)  
**FOOTBALL-Classification Cut-off numbers:**  
Approve (27)  
**GIRLS VOLLEYBALL—Implement 15 Point Tie Breaker in Deciding set at State Tournament**  
Approve (27)  
**HANDBOOK—Game Day Cheerleading**  
Approve (25); Abstain (2)  
**CHEERLEADING—Rule Implementation on Choreography:**  
Approve (6); no (21)  
**INDOOR TRACK—Qualifying Standards for Division for 2 Replays**  
Approve (25); Abstain (2)  
**BOYS BASKETBALL—Establish New Regional Rotation for 2025-2029 Using Guiding Principles**  
Approve (25); No (2)  
  
**GIRLS BASKETBALL—Establish New Regional Rotation for 2025-2029 Using Guiding Principles**  
Approve (25); No (2)  
**GIRLS LACROSSE—Classification Cut-Off Numbers**  
Approve (23); Abstain (4)  
**GIRLS LACROSSE—Establish New Regional Rotation for 2025-2029 Using Guiding Principles**  
Approve (21); No (2); Abstain (4)  
**FLAG FOOTBALL: Additional Classification of Cut-Off Numbers**

Approve (24), Abstain (3)

**FLAG FOOTBALL—Establish New Regional Rotation for 2025-2030 Using Guiding Principles**

Approve (21); No (2); Abstain (4)

**BASEBALL— Establish New Regional Rotation for 2025-2029 Using Guiding Principles**

Approve (25); No (2)

**SOFTBALL-- Establish New Regional Rotation for 2025-2029 Using Guiding Principles**

Approve (25); No (2)

**SOFTBALL—Waivers of NFHS Rules for Play**

Approve (26); Abstain (1)

**BOYS LACROSSE-- Establish New Regional Rotation for 2025-2030 Using Guiding Principles**

Approve (21); No (2); Abstain (4)

**Informal Feedback on State Championship Regional rotation/At-Large concept (Email Mark by 9/23)**

## **Good of the Order:**

- **ECIC Student Leadership Summit- review, plans for next year:** Continue to remain on until completion of plan
- **ECIC/Section Coaches Spring Meeting Date:** SPRING 3/12/2024 @Depew
- **Congratulations to School of Excellence & Distinction Winners! See website**
- **Thank You to Tapestry for Hosting FALL Coaches meeting!**
- **ECIC Track dates proposed for 5/23 & 5/24.** Discussion regarding dates. Friday and Saturday of Memorial Day weekend. Necessary to know to line up timer.
- **NFL & ECIC for Modified Boys Volleyball:** NFL looking for boys modified volleyball to play. Had 7 teams and dropped 5
- **Reminder to return your Alternate Voting Form by 9/30/2024.**
- **Volleyball contract for JV officials at \$73 fee:** Concern of arriving at fall season next year and JV officials will refuse to officiate unless they receive \$73. Football cannot fulfill contractual obligation to have 5 officials scheduled for Friday and forced to play on Thursday and Saturday.

## **Adjourn:**

*Motion to adjourn meeting*

1<sup>st</sup> Tim Klimtzak (Maryvale); 2<sup>nd</sup> Jason Przybysz (Cleveland Hill)

Motion passed

*Athletic Directors 10/7/2024 @ E1B Room B2a  
Athletic Council 11/12/2024(Tuesday) @ E1B Room B1)*