



ERIE COUNTY INTERSCHOLASTIC CONFERENCE

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AD MEETING 2/7/2022
10:30 AM Activity Board
11:30 AM Lunch
12:00 PM Meeting
Erie 1 BOCES
Room B1

Opening Remarks:

Rich Gray

Division Breakouts:

Athletic Council

Rich Gray

- Next Meeting is Monday 3/21/2022 @ E1B Room B1

President's Report:

Rich Gray

Approval of Minutes from January Meeting

Motion to approve minutes

1st Jason Lehmbeck

2nd Jason Przybysz

Motion passed

- **June Secretaries Luncheon Plan/Ideas:** Luncheon to take place at Erie 1 Boces to be arranged by Jim Graczyk. Please indicate how many will be attending.

- **Office Hiring Timeline update:** Still in process

- **Championship Binder:** ECIC prepared a binder provided to all athletic director some years ago. Seeking out how many schools still possess this particular binder containing the constitution, sports standards, etc. Check status of binder to see if existence which could be handed down to the next Athletic Director. This binder was produced to give sports standards, constitution and to keep record of many functions and rotation of championship meets.

Executive Director's Report:

Jim Graczyk

- **Office Communications CCHS Mod. Wrestling 2/9:** Meet has been cancelled and has not been rescheduled.

- **Combining of Schools Fall '22:** Springville Girls' Volleyball

- **Charter School Placement:** Decision coming closer to a yes, they are in or no they are out. Buffalo against placement.
- **BPS Volleyball Independent:** Buffalo is independent. This was discussed at the last section meeting. Officially not in ECIC league, but they may contact league schools individually to add games.
- **Completion Dates SB 5/16, BB 5/20:** Pressure with regard to softball and possible change of date, but nothing official. Difficulties with weather and early dates.
- **DOH/Masks States:** Vaccination required to participate in some state games. Sites will not be changed. Must abide by the COVID rules.
- **Winter Champs Wrestling, Swim/Dive, Cheer, Bowl:**
 - Wrestling:** Lackawanna
 - Swim/Dive:** Maryvale
 - Cheer:** Everything went well
- **5-year rotation Champs SITES Handout:** Still some blanks. Need to fill in some locations.
- **Spring Start: 3/14 Varsity, 3/21 Modified:**
- **CHS Softball Games needed:**
- **Conflict of Interest Form Complete:** Please fill out, sign and return the Conflict-of-Interest form needed to continue to have the league tax exempt.

Activity Board:

Marisa Fallacaro-Dougherty

- **Fall alignments:** Available shortly. Discussion of football, officials, moving dates, etc.
- **Golf Chairperson Needed:** Still in need of a golf chairperson.
- **Rifle Chairperson, League or Section sport:** Is this an ECIC sport or a section sport? Chairperson from Kenmore High School Kenmore not charged \$75 fee to join ECIC league. The person who makes the schedule is also the chairperson. Discussion that Franklinville may be in rifle next year.
 - Additional Site, Division All Stars: Boys Swim
 - Mod. Wrestling: Issue with readiness

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

- **Committee Reports**

Sectional/Intersectional Receipt of handbooks in February	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 No report	Jeff Wheaton
Combining of Schools No report	Daryl Besant
Recruitment of Officials No Report	Brian Hickson
Standards/By-Laws New information by next meeting.	Jason Lehmbeck

Old Business:

- **All ECIC Teams Follow-up:** Do we as an ECIC group want to have all-stars in all ECIC sports? Yes, but need specific criteria. Must discuss with each chairperson what criteria will be used for each sport. Athletic Directors not to set criteria. Coaches have a better handle on the specifics. Athletic Directors not to judge who should receive all-star title but should be something in the standards. Process for communication and deadline possibly in standards. Possibly a job for the second clerical person. Some sports chairperson sectional and ECIC not conducting meetings at all. At pre-season meeting determination is made for the end of the season date for all-stars. On calendar as coach. Coach to submit all-star list provided to Athletic Directors. Football posts all information on Twitter. Determination on how coaches determining ECIC all-stars for each sport and sent to Athletic Directors for review. Post-season meeting to take place in order for coaches to provide concerns for review by the Athletic Directors relative to concerns of gym, championship, etc. Importance as to consistency of reporting. Do all divisions need to report

information in the same way? Should Directors make the criteria? Each division should be uniform with information. Send letter to the chair persons with regard to criteria. Chairpersons to provide documentation on current process of all-star process. Further discussion at March Athletic Director's meeting.

Vote to take place before the end of the school year.

1. Vote as a league if wish all-stars for all sports.
2. Return to chairperson on process to choose all-stars.

If all-star route taken input from everyone is crucial. Start with letter to chair person. Allowing chairperson autonomy to prepare. Chairperson to provide documentation and the Activity Board and Athletic Directors to review and discuss. Buffalo News not covering or providing information is previously provided. Some schools not aware of who has been awarded what because information not provided to Athletic Directors. This information to be discussed at March athletic director's agenda to be voted on before end of school year.

Vote to take place on

- A. Do we want all-stars for every sport?
- B. Chairperson to information league on choices for all-stars.

Jim Graczyk to email all sports chairs to indicate that the league is considering all-stars for every sport. Please provide criteria as to how selection of all-stars takes place.

No award or patch to be provided. Information contained on ECIC twitter page only.

- **ECIC Revenue: Admission/Stream/Tourney:** Will always be kept on agenda for further discussion.

Championships still streaming and receiving no revenue. Need discussion because if we continue streaming no revenue received for ECIC and will this procedure continue producing no revenue. Should it be discussed with NFHS to discuss possibilities. Streaming creates less admissions profits and the league depends on the revenue from championships. Admission charge is \$5.00. Are electronic tickets a future possibility? Go Fan a possibility.

New Business:

COS: Springville/West Valley Girls swim, Girls Volleyball: approved

ECIC Spectator signage: Universal set of rules for easier track of spectators and no complications of not being done at another school or something different at another school. Follow basic rules should solve problems. Start something to be ready in spring. Make a group of 5 or 6 people to discuss what verbiage should be to make signs for proper game etiquette of spectators to be presented to league. Possibly to be a part of the sports standards.

ECIC Basketball tourney: Way to Generate revenue. Some pushback from coaches.
Possibility of playing someone 3 or 4 times when usually not. Three (3) time inevitable.
Possibly can eliminate the 4th time. Is this an idea to be explored from a coaches' view?
Large school Division I vs. Division 2 one game
Small School Division III vs. Division 4 one game.
Eighth team match up difficult.
Meant to take ECIC to another level. Something that other leagues are not doing.
Boys/Girls Basketball: Chris Koselny proposal for boys.
Bob Skocylas proposal for girls.

Modified Track: June 1, 2022 medium school site to host track meet
Niagara Wheatfield
West Seneca East/West
Hamburg
Sweet Home
Starpoint
Amherst
Iroquois
Cheektowaga
Pioneer

Motion to conclude meeting

1st Jason Iwanko
2nd Pat Cauley
Motion passed

Good of the Order:

Next Meeting Dates:

Athletic Directors 3/7/2022 @E1B Room B1
Athletic Council 3/21/2022 @ E1B Room B1