



## ERIE COUNTY INTERSCHOLASTIC CONFERENCE

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**AD MEETING 3/7/2022**  
**10:30 AM Activity Board**  
**11:30 AM Lunch**  
12:00 PM Meeting  
Erie 1 BOCES  
Room B1

### Opening Remarks:

*Rich Gray*

- Division Breakouts: None
  - Mark DiFilippo available to speak and answer questions regarding State voting items that ECIC should give representative direction as to vote.
1. Please review emails to review annual participation survey sometime later in the month. Please return before end of school year in June. One of the states long range strategic planning is participation and the increase in participation. Participation survey is important for this accomplishment. Numbers in certain sports have changed. Lengthy discussion at meeting about the look of participation. Sometimes adding sports does not mean increasing participation which means taking athletes from one sport to another reducing/increasing specific sports. Does increasing participation mean adding more sports or focusing on what currently sports are.
  2. April 1, 2022 is student leadership conference. Emails should have been received and all interested should have registered. This conference is virtual leadership-based conference
  3. Section VI SAC representative female is graduating after current school year. An upcoming Junior Female replace is needed.
  4. NFHS Network for use by schools and athletic directors within the next year. 95% participation is the goal within the section. NFHS Network is a live steaming operation. Sectional finals to the state tournament are broadcast on the NFHS Network. Goal of Section VI is to get to 95% participation of Section VI schools. If 95% reached within two (2) years, Section will receive a check for \$112,000 from the NFHS Network. NFHS Network will also provide residual money. Currently receive \$13,000 +/- for our schools that currently use NFHS (7 or 8) schools out of 97. About \$1,000 per school received on a regular basis. Good for financial standpoint, but also consistency standpoint.

## **Athletic Council**

*Rich Gray*

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

## **President's Report:**

*Rich Gray*

- **Approval of Minutes from February Meeting**  
*Motion to approve minutes from 2/7/22 meeting*  
1<sup>st</sup> Marisa Fallacaro-Dougherty (West Seneca)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Pat Cauley (Hamburg)
- **Office Hiring Timeline:** Test given list supplied as soon as available from civil service interviews to follow.
- **Championship/Cheer Fall '23, Fall '26, Winter '27:** host schools needed for the following years and sports for hosting championship meets.
- **Championship: XC/'25,'26, '27:** Host schools needed for the following years of X-Country for hosting championship meets.
- **Patches for Division Champs/Notify Office:** Please contact office if you would like patches due to winning a division championship.
- **Approve-Jeff Hart (Starpoint) – Boys Track Chair:** To be voted in on March 21, 2022 at Athletic Council meeting.
- **WSE No JV Softball, Change to 7/8/9:** This is correct.

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

*Jim Graczyk*

- **Office Communications/Any needs:** nothing
- **Combining of Schools/Boys'Soc Holland, Franklinville and W.Valley:** Vote to take place on March 21, 2022 at Athletic Council meeting. Holland merged with West Valley previous year and West Valley provided (5) athletes between Varsity and Modified teams. Franklinville requested to join Holland and West Valley and would have approximately (4) to (6) athletes. No division change or beds number in terms of class. Holland board agreed to merge. Were there any (3) team mergers previously? Not aware of any (3) team mergers. Franklinville combining with Ellicottville??? No (3) team merger in boys' soccer.
- **Charter School Placement:** No new news. Last news was that disbursement of teams/sports from charter schools. Reach out to Dr. Rabey for information.
- **Conflict-of-Interest form--Sandy, Vinnie, Jeff, Rob, Dan, Matt:** The Conflict-of-Interest form is still required from the following Athletic Directors/schools.
- **Site-Mod. Track 6/1, "Medium" schools needed:** Host/site needed for modified track, move date if necessary. Amherst agrees to host meet.

- **ECIC Spring Coaches Meetings:** Meetings almost complete. East Aurora in need of a modified track coach. West Seneca in need of varsity track coaches.
- **Handout--Meeting schedule, sport calendar '22-23:**
  1. **Meeting Schedule:** Review schedule. Athletic Council meetings scheduled before the section. November Athletic Council meeting scheduled for November 14, 2022 which is also the first day of winter sports. Move directors on November 7, up an hour and then have the council meeting? Director's meeting November 7, 2022 and Council November 9, 2022. Moving council meeting on November 14, 2022 to November 9, 2022. January, February, March, April, May, June all acceptable.
  2. **Sport Calendar:** Handout for Fall, Winter, and Spring start dates. Practices needed and end of season.

### **Activity Board:**

*Marisa Fallacaro-Dougherty*

- **Fall alignments--Review 3/7, Approve 3/21:** Receipt of updated version of fall alignments. Activity board, dispose of previous copy. Vote to take place at next meeting on March 21, 2022. Extra team was placed in Division I for the current season for uneven division. *Next year rotated to Division II.* For 2022-2023 extra team in Division now in Division II for uneven divisions. Boys' and girls' soccer Iroquois from Division II to Division III in boys' soccer so that it mirrored girls' soccer. For boys' soccer that forces the extra team into Division III. Review revised alignment for accuracy. Numerous changes. Beds number changes, etc. Hamburg moved to Division II in Field Hockey. Alignment vote to take place at next meeting. Girls' volleyball pages uneven. Holland is in Division IV, and Eden is independent. Girls Golf only has one division. Tonawanda has a team, could now be added.

- **Golf--Chairperson Needed:** Need a person with golf expertise to be a rules interpreter. Needed at championship who can help with the scoring/rules. Glen Oaks, River Oaks and Diamond Hawk suggestions. If anyone has any other suggested places, please let Jim know. We have 2 volunteers from New York State Amateur Golf Association.

- **Rifle-Chairperson, League or Section sport:** no discussion
- **8<sup>th</sup> Person XC:** Scoring, taking a team one more person? Matches state. Not scoring, just taking one more person.
- **Winter/Spring alignments—Clarification:** to be concluded at a later date.

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

- **Committee Reports**

**Sectional/Intersectional**

**Jason Przybysz**

Handbook review, upcoming X-Country.

**Modified**

**Daryl Besant**

No report

**Safety**

**Eric Rupp**

No report

**Chemical Awareness**

**Jason Iwankow**

No report

**Finance**

**Vinny Dell’Oso**

No report

**Sportsmanship**

**Sandy Gauthier**

Complete form. 100% from schools

**Charter School**

**Jeff Wheaton**

No report

**Combining of Schools**

**Daryl Besant**

No report

**Recruitment of Officials**

**Brian Hickson**

No report

**Standards/By-Laws**

**Jason Lehmbeck**

Committee to meet again before next meeting.

**Old Business:**

- **All ECIC Teams--Follow up:** All star teams for every sport. All ECIC teams, etc. Not for federated sports only for ECIC. Chair people need to indicate procedure they follow on how they choose their ECIC all star teams. This should be close to the end of the season. Should league provide parameters on how to begin selection of all star athletes? Suggestion was made to canvass sports chairs on what procedure they follow and how to document. Nothing put out to chairs at this time. Good first step and discussion and decision to follow. Jim Graczyk to initiate something to send to chairs hopefully by March 21, 2022.

- **ECIC Revenue--Admission/Stream/Tourney:** Any desire to collect funds by Go Fan? A \$5.00 ticket costs \$6.50. A \$6.00 ticket costs \$7.30. No desire at this time to use Go Fan.

- **ECIC Spectator signage:** Concluded a survey. Top 8 from the survey to be placed upon a sign.

These are kids, this is a game and referees are human.

Spectators shall respect and obey all school officials and supervisors at athletic contests.

Profanity, racial or sexual comments and intimidating language or actions directed to others is not permitted.

Do not distract, taunt or speak negatively about or to players, coaches or referees.

Unsportsmanlike signs or use of artificial noisemakers are not permitted.

Entering the playing surface before, during or after the game is prohibited.

Alcohol, tabaco and drugs are prohibited on school grounds.

Be Loud, Be Proud, Be positive

What to put on the sign, how many signs to print and make available, who pays for sign. Standard consistency. Agree on wording for signage. Find a company, purchase for your school. Promote at section athletic council meeting to share and possibly get something started and have all leagues participate.

- **ECIC Basketball tourney:** Conducting a tournament would provide more championships at ECIC level and prepare for sectionals. Number of games is difficult because 2 games are tied up. Conducting tournament could benefit everyone. Most boys' basketball coaches are not in favor of the 2-team set up. In favor of showcase set-up. One game set-up might work. Showcase and match up teams at very end may work. Every school in ECIC would give up one non-league game to play in tournament for boys and girls. Charge \$5.00 to attend. ECIC championship or ECIC challenge. Possibly use Go Fan. ECIC championship fee is maintained by ECIC for revenue. Showcase game has no bearing on division championship. Competitive game. Proposal for boys and girls for next year 2023.

### **New Business:**

- **GoFan—discussion:** Any desire to collect funds by Go Fan? A \$5.00 ticket costs \$6.50. A \$6.00 ticket costs \$7.30. No desire at this time to use Go Fan.

- **Finance--Set cost for each sport:** Report to be prepared to show cost of tournament for each sport based upon factors necessary to run a successful tournament. X-country no food, port-a-potty rental. Wrestling, the expectation is to provide food for coaches, referees, and workers are provided food for 2 days. Hosting costs difference per sport and school. Most tournaments hosted by schools only break even and do not make money based upon expenditures.

### **Motion to adjourn meeting:**

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Jason Iwanko (Eden)

Motion passed

### **Good of the Order:**

- **Girls JV Lacrosse:** Lake Shore no girls' JV lacrosse. No 7/8/9 modified girls lacrosse. Can Lake Shore 9<sup>th</sup> grade girls' lacrosse play in 7/8.

- **ECIC X-Country for 2025:** Lake Shore will host at Evangola.
- **Williamsville South:** Barb Walsh secretary retired. Provide information to Adam.
- **Modified Tennis:** Discussion with Paul Biddle. Still hopeful to have modified tennis schedule. Will pick 3 or 4 dates. No set modified program.
  - **Modified Football:** Medina playing at 7/8/9 level.
  - **Modified Track:** Move last set of dates up to the first week. Coaches not happy schedule going into June. Last meet in June will move to beginning of season. Starpoint unable to move last week to beginning date. Currently scheduled for June 15 and moving creates a conflict so Starpoint will stay at June 15, 2022. Currently modified track ends June 15, 2022. Last year track was triple or quadrupled games and worked well, but season was later. To be tabled until next meeting.
  - **Girls Tennis:** If attending team sectional play, all matches must be completed by October 4, 2022. If attending the team section play, must have six (6) matches in by September 24, 2022. ECIC Championships October 7 and 8, 2022.

**Next Meeting Dates:**

*Athletic Directors 4/4/2022 @E1B Room B1*  
*Athletic Council –3/21/2022 @ E1B Room B1*