

BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION ITEMS NOVEMBER 19 & DECEMBER 17, 2007



The November 19th meeting of the Board of Control was attended by: R. Constantine, J. Fullen, J. Vallina, E. Antonini, D. Cardone, P. Cherubin, B. Cleary, D. Conn, D. Matsook, B. Rocco, B. Sinning, W. Suit, F. Vulcano, R. Wadding, T. O'Malley. Also in

attendance were M. Manzo and J. Collins.

The December 17th meeting of the Board of Control was attended by: R. Constantine, E. Antonini, P. Cherubin, T. Kushner, Matsook, B. Rocco, T. Shirey, B. Sinning, W. Suit, J. Thomas, F. Vulcano, R. Wadding, T. O'Malley. Also in attendance were M. Manzo and J. Collins.

ELIGIBILITY REVIEWS

Foreign Exchange Provision

The following foreign exchange students were granted eligibility under Article VII, Section 1 of the PIAA By-Laws:

- Ellwood City.....Therese Fredriksen
- Connellsville.....Marilena Henne
- Mt Lebanon.....Elif Erdil
- Penn Hills.....Selenia Franca
- Pine Richland.....Chul Min
- South SideIsabell Kerschbaumer

Transfer Provision

The following students were declared eligible under Article VI, Section 2I of the PIAA By-Laws:

- Aquinas Academy.....Thomas Waruszewski
William Fitzgerald
- Ambridge.....Shawna Shaffer
- Beaver Falls..... Kwanjalyn Moore-Beatty
- Burgettstown.....Haley Wordon
Heather Wordon
Travis Wordon
- Butler.....Jon Sanko
- Charleroi.....Daniel Thomas
- Chartiers Houston.....Rachel Burgess
- Chartiers Valley.....Anthony Cersosimo
- Clairton.....Kevin Gregory
- Derry Area.....David Burrows

- Greensburg Central Catholic.....Emily Navicki
David Bertoty
Sandra Bertoty

- Jeannette.....Lorenzo Marefka
- Kiski Area.....Michael Schantz
- Monaca.....Darrelrice Clements
- Monessen.....Martiqua Sloan
- Montour.....Marquis Thomas
- North Catholic.....Brent Watkins
Nicholas Beck

- Oakland Catholic.....Christina Marchionna
Lauren Lemieux
Maya Rudolph
- Pittsburgh Central Catholic.....Quinn Johnson
- Quigley Catholic.....Aaron Steffine
- Serra Catholic.....Brandon Fulop
- Seton LaSalle.....Jacob Polka
Armond Perrone
Calvin Cygrymus
- Sewickley Academy.....Cameron Parkin
Alexandra Robinson
Jessica Yerberg

- Springdale.....Bret Basilone
- Steel Valley.....Kasey Churilla
- Washington.....Jocelyn Floyd
- Waynesburg.....Russell Phillips
- Woodland Hills.....Nicholas Dizon
Corley White

Attendance

The following students were granted an attendance waiver for participation in the athletic program under Article III, Section 3E of the PIAA By-Laws:

- Fox Chapel.....David Martin
- Jefferson Morgan.....Brian Murray

Participation

The following student was denied eligibility under Article VIII, Section 7 of the PIAA By-Laws which states "No postgraduate is eligible to compete in interscholastic sports:

- Beaver Falls.....Torre Brueckner

The following student was granted eligibility for the 2007-08 school year under Article VIII, Section 6A of the PIAA By-Laws;

- Fox Chapel.....Adam Wagner

ELIGIBILITY HEARINGS

South Park-Vincent Gualtier

After reviewing the information and testimony presented regarding the transfer of Vincent Gualtier from Seton LaSalle High School to South Park High School, the BOC declined to grant eligibility under Article VI, Section 4C and found that the transfer was motivated in some material way by an athletic purpose relating to football. Accordingly, the BOC declared Vincent ineligible to participate in football only for a period of one year from the date of the transfer, September 19, 2007. The student is eligible to participate in all other sports.

Seton LaSalle-Kacy & Kelly Capozzoli

After reviewing the information and testimony presented regarding the transfers of Kacy and Kelly Capozzoli from South Fayette High School to Seton LaSalle High School, the BOC declined to grant eligibility under Article VI, Section 4D-1 and found that their transfer was motivated in some material way by an athletic purpose relating to basketball. Accordingly, a hearing panel declared Kacy and Kelly ineligible to participate in basketball only for a period of one year from the date of the transfer. They are eligible to participate in all other sports.

NOTE: This decision was sustained by the PIAA.

WRESTLING WEIGHT CONTROL ASSESSMENT VIOLATION

The BOC reviewed the information presented regarding Laurel High School's wrestling program weight control assessment and determined the following: 1) The Laurel High School wrestling coach, athletic director, athletic trainer, and principal are publicly censured for failure to use a digital or optical refractometer in conducting required hydration testing. 2) The BOC accepted guidelines submitted by the Laurel High School administration to prevent the reoccurrence of improper hydration testing. 3) The BOC accepted Laurel High School's letters of forfeiture to competing schools for which an ineligible wrestler participated.

WRESTLING SCRIMMAGE VIOLATION

The BOC censured the high school wrestling coach at Highlands High school for participating in a third scrimmage with Laurel High School on December 5, 2007. This action was taken under PIAA By-Laws, Article XVI, Section 2 which permits a maximum of two (2) scrimmages per season in wrestling.

GUIDELINES FOR PREVENTION AND LETTERS OF FORFEITURE ACCEPTED

The BOC accepted letters of forfeiture and guidelines for use of ineligible players from the following schools: Hempfield – ineligible football player; Monessen – ineligible boys' soccer player; Rochester – ineligible boy

golfer; Serra Catholic – ineligible girls' volleyball player; Shaler – ineligible boys' soccer player.

OFFICIAL SUSPENSION RECOMMENDED

The BOC voted to recommend to the PIAA the suspension of a registered PIAA official for one year from January 22, 2008. This recommendation is based on the fact that this conduct was detrimental to the principles established by PIAA.

USE OF INELIGIBLE PLAYERS

After considering the testimony and presentations made regarding Oakland Catholic High School's use of ineligible players for the third time in two years, the BOC determined the following: 1) The Oakland Catholic High School athletic director, and principal are publicly censured. 2) The BOC accepted the plan of action submitted to resolve the eligibility situation. 3) Effective December 17, 2007, the Oakland Catholic High School's athletic program will be on probation for a period of one year. 4) Further violation of PIAA By-Laws will result in additional penalties which may include the forfeiture of championship contests or other penalties provided under the PIAA By-Laws

NEW OFFICE LEASE APPROVED

The BOC approved a new five year lease agreement for the league's present office space with Vision Financial. The new lease will commence in July, 2008 and continue through June, 2013.

GIRLS TENNIS LADDER LINE-UP VIOLATION

After considering the testimony and presentations made at a hearing before a WPIAL BOC Hearing Panel on November 28, 2007 regarding the Vincentian Academy girls' tennis coach's failure to follow the rules applicable to the required ladder line-up and the school's failure to respond in writing as requested to the alleged violation, the following action was determined: 1) The Vincentian Academy girls' tennis coach, athletic director, and principal are publicly censured. 2) The Vincentian Academy girls' tennis program is officially placed on probation for a period of two years beginning November 29, 2007. 3) The Vincentian Academy administration may require the girls' tennis coach to participate in an ASEP Coaching Principle Course prior to the start of the 2008 girls' tennis season. If this condition is met, the second year of probation will be eliminated.

NEW MEMBER SCHOOL

The WPIAL BOC accepted a membership application for 2008-09 school year from Beaver County Christian School pending receipt of their application and membership fee. The school is in Beaver Falls and enrolls students in grades 9 – 12.

COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP DENIED

A request from East Allegheny and Gateway School Districts to establish a cooperative sponsorship in middle school and varsity wrestling was denied. This action was taken under Article III, Section 11 of the PIAA By-Laws. The East Allegheny enrollment figures for wrestling exceed 225.

MEMBER SCHOOL PLAYS FOOTBALL GAME AGAINST NON-MEMBER SCHOOL

The BOC reviewed the information presented regarding Wilkesburg High School playing a football game against United Academy, a non-school team and determined the following action: 1) The Wilkesburg School District violated PIAA By-Laws Article XII, Section 1 by playing a football game against a non-school team and Article XII, Section 3 by not initiating a contract that would confirm the team's school status as required. 2) The Wilkesburg High School football coach, athletic director, and principal are publicly censured for violation of Article XII, Sections 1 and 3. 3) The Wilkesburg School District football program is officially placed on probation for a period of one year, beginning November 20, 2007. 4) The Wilkesburg School District is required to submit to the WPIAL copies of all PIAA written contracts for all football games not scheduled by the WPIAL for the 2008 and 2009 seasons.

SPRING SPORTS SCHEDULES APPROVED

The BOC approved sectional alignments in spring sports programs as summarized below. In keeping with the two-year classification system, all WPIAL schedules and alignments were established for the two-year period to permit the "home and home" system to play itself out. The only changes made in any sport in the second year were prompted by the addition and/or subtraction of teams. These changes resulted from member schools starting a program, requesting to be dropped from a League schedule, or entering into a cooperative sponsorship with another member school.

There were no changes in the alignment for **Softball** and **Girls' Volleyball**. The only change in **Baseball** was the addition of Wilkesburg as a new team. Two new teams, Chartiers Houston and West Allegheny, were added to the **Boys' Tennis alignment**. Taylor Allderdice, an associate member of the League, was dropped from the **Girls' Lacrosse alignment**. Monessen was added to the **Boys' Track** alignment as a new team. Two schools, Monessen and Ellis school were added to the **Girls' Track** alignment while Mt. Alvernia dropped out of the alignment.

WPIAL SECOND HALL OF FAME CLASS TO BE SELECTED

In June, 2007, the WPIAL inducted their inaugural Hall of Fame Class. The ceremony was very successful and more

than 400 persons attended to honor the inductees. The second Hall of Fame Class will be inducted at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Robinson Township on June 20, 2008. During the 101 - year history of the WPIAL, many individuals have made extraordinary contributions and achieved superb accomplishments in high school sports. The WPIAL Board of Control has approved the concept of a WPIAL Hall of Fame to honor the accomplishments of individuals and teams who are worthy of recognition as examples for others to emulate.

The WPIAL Hall of Fame Selection Committee will organize all aspects of the induction ceremony and will screen and select the second Hall of Fame Class from among the nominations submitted. Committee members include: **WPIAL Office Staff** – Tim O'Malley, and Jim Collins; **Board of Control Representatives** – Bill Suit, Tom Shirey; **Steering Committee Representatives** – Jerry Roman, Lane Stoner; **Officials' Representative** – Pam Cherubin; **Media Representatives** – Jerry DiPaolo, Mike White; **Retired BOC Representatives** – Pat Ratesic, David Hays; **Heinz Sports Museum Representative** – Ann Madarasz.

The committee will select from 12 to 16 members for the second class in five (5) categories, which include athlete, contest official, coach, contributor, and team. Each member school is entitled to one nomination in each of the five (5) listed categories. **The dominant factor for consideration is the high school record of the athlete, coach or contest official.** Please share this information with your principal and consider nominating a person or team from your school for committee consideration. If any reader has knowledge of a person or team worthy of consideration, please contact a member of the committee, athletic director of a member school, or WPIAL steering committee member. The deadline for submitting nominations is February 15, 2008.

INFORMATION AND REMINDERS

CONGRATULATIONS

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SPORTS REPORT

2007 FALL SPORTS

TEAM CHAMPIONS

- **Boys' Cross Country**
AA Quaker Valley
AAA North Allegheny
- **Girls' Cross Country**
AA Avonworth
AAA Greater Latrobe
- **Field Hockey**
AA Shady Side Academy
AAA North Allegheny

2007 FALL SPORTS TEAM CHAMPS continued

• **Football**

- A Serra Catholic
- AA Jeannette
- AAA Thomas Jefferson
- AAAA Pittsburgh Central Catholic

• **Boys' Golf**

- Division 1 Upper St Clair
- Division 2 Sewickley Academy

• **Girls' Golf**

- Mt Lebanon

• **Boys' Soccer**

- A Sewickley Academy
- AA Steel Valley
- AAA Bethel Park

• **Girls' Soccer**

- AA South Park
- AAA Seneca Valley

• **Girls' Tennis**

- AA Quaker Valley
- AAA Seneca Valley

• **Girls' Volleyball**

- A Seton LaSalle
- AA Hopewell
- AAA Mt Lebanon

**PIAA CHAMPIONS
2007 FALL SPORTS**

Team

- Jeannette.....Class AA Football
- Thomas Jefferson.....Class AAA Football
- Central Catholic.....Class AAAA Football
- Peters Twp.....Class AAA Boys' Soccer
- Sewickley Academy.....Class A Boys' Soccer
- South Park (Co-Champion).....Class AA Girls' Soccer
- Shady Side Academy.....Class AAA Girls' Tennis

Individual

AAA Girls' Tennis Singles

- Lauren Greco.....Shady Side Academy

AAA Girls' Tennis Doubles

- Julie Stroyne/Emily Palko.....Peters Twp.

AA Girls' Tennis Doubles

- Tanya Timko/Karli Timko.....Chartiers Houston

Girls' Golf

- Rachel Rohanna.....Waynesburg

WPIAL OFFICIAL BALLS

**FOOTBALL
SPALDING J5V**

**BOYS' & GIRLS' SOCCER
SELECT 01-253**

**BOYS' & GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL
SPALDING TF500**

**BOYS' BASKETBALL
RAWLINGS VISION COMP WPAVB**

**GIRLS' BASKETBALL
RAWLINGS VISION COMP WPAWVB**

**BASEBALL
RAWLINGS R100-WPA**

**SOFTBALL
DUDLEY SB-12L**

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