



**BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION ITEMS  
DECEMBER 15, 2008, JANUARY 20, and February 17, 2009**

The December 15 meeting of the Board of Control was attended by R. Constantine, J. Vallina, D. Cardone, K. Charlton, P. Cherubin, D. Matsook, J. Patton, B. Rocco, T. Shirey, B. Sinning, B. Suit, J. Thomas, F. Vulcano, R. Wadding, and T. O'Malley. Also in attendance were M. Manzo, J. Collins, and B. Herman.

The January 20 meeting of the Board of Control was attended by R. Constantine, J. Fullen, J. Vallina, D. Cardone, K. Charlton, P. Cherubin, D. Conn, T. Kushner, J. Patton, B. Rocco, T. Shirey, W. Sinning, F. Vulcano, R. Wadding, and T. O'Malley. Also in Attendance were J. Collins and B. Herman.

The February 17 meeting of the Board of Control was attend by R. Constantine, J. Fullen, J. Vallina, D. Cardone, P. Cherubin, D. Conn, T. Kushner, D. Matsook, L. Messich, J. Patton, B. Rocco, T. Shirey, W. Sinning, F. Vulcano, and T. O'Malley. Also in attendance was M. Manzo. J. Collins and B. Herman.

**ELIGIBILITY REVIEWS**

**Foreign Exchange Provision**

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

- Keystone Oaks.....Elena Marzoa-Arribas
- Knoch.....Lynn Tillmanns
- Moon.....Hanna Boden
- Quaker Valley.....Lucas DeCarvalho
- Southmoreland .....Loulia Leclercq

**Transfer Provision**

The following students were declared eligible under Article VI, Section 4A of the PIAA By-Laws:

- Beaver Falls.....Marcus Walker
- Bethlehem Center.....David Heeter
- Bishop Canevin .....Jonathan Finn
- Burgettstown.....Carly Mendez
- Chartiers Houston.....Jeffrey Watts
- Fox Chapel.....Haley Farrell
- Greater Latrobe.....Christian Domenick
- Greensburg Central Catholic.....Casey Cameron
- .....Kaitlyn Kirchner and Gabrielle Wolff
- New Castle..... Michael Cox
- North Catholic .....Michael Williams
- Oakland Catholic .....Katerina Brattina
- Riverside .....Kari Lemanski
- Serra Catholic .....Avery Sandor
- Seton LaSalle .....Brandon Schnupp
- Steel Valley.....Julian Ely-Brown

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

- Aliquippa .....Zachary Priest
- Hampton .....Hailey Farrell
- Penn Hills .....DeShaun and Tyree Squires
- Plum .....Brandi Potts
- Trinity Christian.....David and Peter Doyle
- West Greene.....Nathan Miller

**ATTENDANCE**

The following student was granted an attendance waiver to participate in interscholastic athletics for the 2008/09 school year provided he is eligible in all other aspects of the rules. This action was taken under Article III, Sections 3 of the PIAA By-Laws.

- West Greene.....Austin Barnhart

The following student was granted eligibility under Article III, Section 9 of the PIAA By-Laws.

- Rochester.....Terence Slade

**ELIGIBILITY HEARINGS**

**Elizabeth Forward-Sandin**

After reviewing the information and testimony presented regarding the transfer of Sarah Sandin from Elizabeth Forward High School to Yough High School, a hearing panel of the WPIAL BOC has declined to grant eligibility under Article VI, Section 4E of the PIAA By-Laws and found that this transfer was motivated in some material way by an athletic purpose relating to basketball. Accordingly, the panel declared Sarah ineligible to participate in basketball only for a period of one year from the date of transfer, December 9, 2008. She is eligible to participate in all other sports.

(NOTE-The above decision was reversed by the PIAA in December, 2008.)

**UNSPORTSMANLIKE BEHAVIOR AT  
WRESTLING TOURNAMENT**

The BOC accepted the actions taken by the Chartiers Houston HS administration in dealing with the unsportsmanlike behavior of a varsity wrestler at a team-wrestling tournament at Trinity High School.

**VALLEY FORFEITURE ACCEPTED**

BOC accepted Valley Administrations' letter of forfeiture for use of ineligible basketball players

## USE OF INELIGIBLE PLAYERS

### Gateway High School

The BOC reviewed the information presented regarding the use of an ineligible junior high football player and determined the following action:

- 1) The Gateway High School administration, athletic director, and junior high football coach are publicly censured for using an ineligible player.
- 2) The Gateway High School junior high football program is on probation for a period of one year.
- 3) The Gateway High school administration must submit procedural guidelines by January 15, 2009 outlining steps that will insure this situation will not reoccur.
- 4) Gateway High School must forfeit all contests the player participated. The forfeitures must be submitted in writing to all opponents with a copy of said letters sent to the WPIAL Office.

The Board of Control accepted the Gateway Administration revised guidelines at the February 17, 2009, meeting to ensure the use of eligible student athletes.

### Southmoreland High School

The Board of Control reviewed the information regarding the use of an ineligible varsity wrestler and determined the following action:

- 1) The Southmoreland High School principal, athletic director and high school wrestling coach are publicly censured for using an ineligible varsity wrestler.
- 2) Southmoreland High School must forfeit all contests the wrestler participated. The forfeitures must be submitted in writing to all opponents with a copy of said letters sent to the WPIAL office.
- 3) The Southmoreland High School wrestling program is on probation for a period of one year. The Southmoreland administration must submit procedural guidelines outlining steps that will insure this situation will not reoccur in the future. These guidelines must be submitted to the League office by Thursday, February 12, 2009.

The Board of Control accepted the Southmoreland letters of forfeiture and procedural guidelines at the February 17, 2009 meeting to ensure the use of eligible student athletes.

### SOUTH SIDE AREA

The Board reviewed the information present at their meeting on February 17, 2009, regarding the use of an ineligible middle school basketball player and determined the following action:

- 1) The South Side Area Middle School principal, athletic director, and basketball coach are publicly censured for using an ineligible basketball player.
- 2) South Side Area Middle School must forfeit all contests the player participated. The forfeitures

must be submitted in writing to all opponents with a copy of said letters sent to the WPIAL office.

- 3) The South Side Area Middle School basketball program is on probation for a period of one year.
- 4) Because of the use of an ineligible basketball player, the South Side Area Middle School administration must submit procedural guidelines outlining steps that will insure this situation will not reoccur in the future. These guidelines must be submitted to the League office by Thursday, March 12, 2009.

### **MYTHICAL JR HIGH MEMBERSHIP APPROVED**

The Board granted Greensburg Central Catholic a mythical junior high membership in the WPIAL and PIAA, pursuant to Article VI, Section 5 of the PIAA By-Laws. Membership will include Aquinas Academy, Christ the Devine Teacher School, St Sebastian School, Holy Trinity School, Queen of Angels School, Mother of Sorrows School, and Mary Queen of Apostles School.

### **TAYLOR ALLDERDICE ASSOCIATE MEMBER**

The Board approved the request of Taylor Allderdice High School, a District VIII school, for an associate membership in the sport of boys' lacrosse for the 2010 and 2011 school years. The Board indicated that the associate membership will be denied if Taylor Allderdice does not honor the boys lacrosse schedule for the 2010 and 2011 seasons.

### **OFFICIAL BALLS APPROVED**

The WPIAL Board of Control approved new "Official Ball" adoptions in baseball, and girls and boys' beginning July 1, 2009. A summary of all "Official Balls" for the 2009-10 school year and beyond is listed below:

SPORT	MANUFACTURER	OFFICIAL BALL	EXPIRES
Football	Spalding	J5V	6-30-2011
Soccer B-G	Select Sport	Royale 01-253	6-30-2011
Volleyball B-G	Spalding	TF5000	6-30-2011
Basketball-B	Spalding	TF1000 ZK PRO	6-30-2011
Basketball-G	Spalding	TF1000 ZK PRO 28.5	6-30-2011
Baseball	Diamond	D1-NFHS or D1-PRO-NFHS	6-30-2011
Softball	Spalding-Dudley	SB-12	6-30-2011

Schools qualifying for WPIAL post-season play in the sports specified above must compete with the WPIAL "Official Ball" provided for use in WPIAL District Champion play (preliminary round through final, inclusive). While member schools are encouraged to use the WPIAL "Official Ball" during the regular season, they are not required to do so.

### **Ambridge/Quigley Co-Op Terminated**

The request of termination for cooperative sponsorship in the sport of Boys & Girls Cross Country between Ambridge and Quigley Catholic was accepted at the conclusion of the 2008/09 school year. The WPIAL BOC

recommended to the PIAA Board of Directors approval on this request effective at the end of 08/09 school year.

### Avella/Burgettstown Request for Co-Op

The Board of Control accepted the request from Avella & Burgettstown to form a cooperative sponsorship in the sport of Girls Tennis beginning with the 2009/2010 school year upon receipt of proper paperwork. The WPIAL has recommended to the PIAA Board of Directors approval of this request effective for the 2009-2010 school year.

### ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIPS – FOOTBALL

The WPIAL BOC voted in regular session on Tuesday, February 17, 2009 and voted to accept conditionally Altoona Senior High School and Hollidaysburg Area Senior High School as associate members in the sport of football only beginning with the 2010-2011 school year. The conditional acceptance is based on the following:

- 1) The maintenance of the current PIAA four (4) classification system for the sport of football.
- 2) The formal approval by the PIAA Board of Directors permitting the request to play through District 7 into the PIAA Football tournament. Once these conditions have been established, the WPIAL BOC will formally vote on the request.

### 2009/2010 FALL ALIGNMENTS APPROVED

Cross Country	Elderton & Mt Pleasant dropped West Shamokin was added
Field Hockey	No changes
Football	No Changes
Boys Golf	dropped Elderton, Monessen, Mapletown, Leechburg was added
Girls Golf	Lincoln Park dropped, Shaler was added
Soccer B	Elderton was dropped
Soccer G	No Changes
Girls Tennis	Elderton & Chartiers Houston dropped Ringgold was added
Girls Volleyball	Elderton was dropped

### TEMPORARY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

The following persons were temporarily assigned for the remainder of the 2008-2009 school year.

Basketball	Michale O'Brien AD, Fox Chapel
Basketball	Ralph Blundo, Asst Principal, New Castle.

### STEERING COMMITTEE RESIGNATIONS

The following person's resignations were accepted as received:

Boys Lacrosse Committee, Thomas Hajzus  
Scholarship Committee, Helen Barkley  
Basketball Committee, Ed Dalton

## WINTER SPORTS 2009 TEAM CHAMPIONS

- **Boys' Basketball**  
Class A Sewickley Academy  
Class AA North Catholic  
Class AAA Hampton  
Class AAAA Peters Twp.
- **Girls' Basketball**  
Class A North Catholic  
Class AA Sto-Rox  
Class AAA New Castle  
Class AAAA Mt Lebanon
- **Wrestling**  
Class AA Burrell  
Class AAA Bethel Park
- **Boys' Swimming**  
Class AA Shady Side Academy  
Class AAA North Allegheny
- **Girls' Swimming**  
Class AA Oakland Catholic  
Class AAA North Allegheny
- **Girls Gymnastics**  
Pine Richland
- **Rifle**  
Trinity

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