

**BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION ITEMS  
DECEMBER, 2010 – JANUARY, 2011**



The December 20 meeting of the Board of Control was attended by J. Fullen, J. Vallina, M. Allison, D. Cardone, K. Charlton, P. Cherubin, D. Conn, R. Dufalla, S. Heinauer, D. Matsook, J. Patton, B. Rocco, S. Seltzer, B. Sinning, D. Tylinski, R. Wadding, D. Zieger and T. O'Malley.

Also in attendance was J. Collins.

The January 6 meeting (hearing panel) of the Board of Control was attended by J. Fullen, D. Cardone, M. Allison, P. Cherubin, R. Dufalla,, S. Seltzer, R. Wadding and T. O'Malley. Also in attendance was M. Manzo.

The January 18 meeting of the Board of Control was attended by J. Fullen, J. Vallina, M. Allison, D. Cardone, P. Cherubin, D. Conn, R. Dufalla, S. Heinauer, D. Matsook, L. Messich, J. Patton, B. Rocco, S. Seltzer, B. Sinning, D. Tylinski, R. Wadding, D. Zieger and T. O'Malley. Also in attendance were J. Collins and M. Manzo.

The January 26 meeting (hearing panel) of the Board of Control was attended by J. Fullen, D. Cardone, P. Cherubin, J. Patton, S. Seltzer, and T. O'Malley. Also in attendance was 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:

- Montour . . . . . Raphael Maier
- Mt. Pleasant . . . . . Sakino Ruike
- Sewickley Academy . . . . . Ahn Nguyen
- Steel Valley . . . . . Ravn Henkel

**Transfer Provision**

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

- Beaver . . . . . Zachary Bushyeager
- Chartiers Houston . . . . . Mercedes Stamm
- Deer Lakes . . . . . Nancy Baumgartel
- Eden Christian Academy . . . . . Danielle Fitzgerald
- NeKayla Griffin
- Austin McClure
- Hannah Wroblewski

**Transfer Provision (Cont'd.)**

- Gateway . . . . . Destiny Brown
- Greensburg Central Catholic . . . . . David Nowicki
- Monessen . . . . . Ali Gibson
- North Catholic . . . . . Hannah Kaminski
- Tyler Sachs
- Antonio Zenone
- Oakland Catholic . . . . . Samantha Cohen
- Autumn Nichol
- Rochester . . . . . Spencer Hauser
- Seton LaSalle . . . . . Kylee Adams
- Emily Faber
- Sewickley Academy . . . . . Aati Patil
- Woodland Hills . . . . . Jeremy McMunn

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

- Ambridge . . . . . Marguise Montgomery
- Burgettstown . . . . . Kevin Alexander
- Cornell . . . . . Rodney Payne
- Nathan Quinn
- Mapletown . . . . . Brodey Milliken
- McKeesport . . . . . Katie Shermenti
- Penn Trafford . . . . . Cullen Shea
- Ringgold . . . . . Joseph Wall
- Sewickley Academy . . . . . Micah Glenn
- Steel Valley . . . . . Tyrone Porter
- Uniontown . . . . . Barry Bass

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

- Monessen . . . . . Earl Pinkney
- Riverside . . . . . Ryan Connell
- Rochester . . . . . Taylor McCracken
- South Side Area . . . . . Travis White

**Age Provision**

The following student was denied an age waiver under Article I of the PIAA By-Laws. The student did not meet the criteria for granting an age waiver.

- Clairton . . . . . Keith Coles

**Attendance**

The following student was issued an attendance waiver under Article III, Section 3 of the PIAA By-Laws.

- Rochester . . . . . Taylor McCracken

## ELIGIBILITY HEARINGS

### **Steel Valley – Corey Keyes**

After reviewing the information and testimony presented, the WPIAL BOC approved the attendance waiver request submitted by Steel Valley High School on behalf of Corey Keyes subsequently making Corey eligible to participate in the interscholastic athletic program at Steel Valley High School for the 2010-11 school year. This action was taken under Article III, Section 3 of the PIAA By-Laws.

### **Woodland Hills – Chaz Hampton**

After reviewing the information and testimony presented, the WPIAL BOC denied a period of participation waiver for participation in the interscholastic athletic program at Woodland Hills High School for the 2010-11 school year. The decision was based on the fact that the student did not meet the criteria required for granting a waiver as identified in Article VIII, Section 6B of the PIAA By-Laws.

## 2011-2012 FALL SPORTS ALIGNMENTS APPROVED

All fall sports alignment for the 2011-12 school year, the second year of the 2010-12 scheduling cycle, were approved by the BOC. The only changes made were prompted by the addition and/or deletion of teams to the program. Schools requesting a change in alignment will receive consideration for the 2012-2014 scheduling cycle. Alignment, scheduling grids, calendars, and sport memos are available on the WPIAL website by clicking on the "scheduling" tab. A brief summary is below:

**Field Hockey** – No changes

**Football** – No Changes

**Boys and Girls Golf** – No changes

**Boys Soccer** – New member school, Eden Christian Academy was added to Section 1, Class A; Jeannette was added to Section 2, Class A. North Catholic was dropped from Section 3, Class A.

**Girls Soccer** – No Changes

**Girls Tennis** – Quigley was dropped from Section 6, Class AA.

**Girls Volleyball** – Two new schools -Eden Christian was added to Section 4, Class A and Neighborhood Academy was added to Section 2, Class A. Three schools were dropped from the alignment – Mt. Alvernia, New Castle, and Quigley.

**Cross Country** – Four new teams were added to the alignment – New Castle girls, Quigley boys, Eden Christian Academy boys and girls, and South Allegheny boys and girls; one School, Neighborhood Academy was dropped from the alignment.

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

The Board voted to conduct a hearing prior to accepting the WPIAL membership application of Amani Christian School for the 2011-12 school year. Amani School

representatives will be required to answer questions as they relate to the PIAA Constitution and By-Laws as well as rationale behind their membership application.

## INELIGIBLE PLAYERS

### **Monessen**

The Board reviewed the information presented regarding the use of an ineligible basketball player and publicly censured the Monessen High School administration for failing to submit required paperwork in a timely manner. The school used a student-athlete in a basketball scrimmage prior to submission of a required eligibility request to the WPIAL.

### **Fox Chapel**

A Board of Control Hearing Panel publicly censured the high school administration and athletic director for failure to process a transfer waiver request form for a student-athlete during the spring of the 2009-10 school year. The student, who since has transferred to Deer Lakes, was retroactively declared eligible under Article VI, Section 4A of the PIAA By-Laws.

The Hearing Panel accepted the Fox Chapel High School administration's plan of action to prevent the problem from reoccurring.

### **Elizabeth Forward**

The Board reviewed the information presented regarding the use of an ineligible wrestler and determined the following: 1) The administration, varsity wrestling coach, and junior high wrestling coach are publicly censured for using an ineligible wrestler in a varsity match; 2) The letter of forfeiture to Thomas Jefferson High School was accepted; 3) The action plan submitted by the Elizabeth Forward administration was accepted to ensure that this situation will not reoccur.

### **Washington**

The Board reviewed the information presented regarding the use of an ineligible rifle team member and determined the following: 1) The rifle coach is publicly censured for using an academically ineligible rifle team member in a varsity matches; 2) Washington High School must forfeit all contests the team member participated in and all forfeiture letters must be submitted to the League Office.

## PLAN OF ACTION ACCEPTED

### **Sewickley Academy**

The Board accepted the Plan of Action submitted by the Sewickley Academy administration to avoid future violations of PIAA BY-Laws Article XII, Athletic Relations as it pertains to using alumni in practice sessions.

## COACH VIOLATION

The Board accepted the response submitted by the Penn Trafford administration regarding two violations by the head wrestling coach. The Board previously censured the wrestling coach for use of an ineligible wrestler and placed the wrestling program on probation for a period of one year. The Board accepted the school's action plan and commended the administration for their pro-active handling of the situation.

## RECRUITING ALLEGATION

The Board accepted the St. Joseph High School response to a recruiting resulting from a newspaper quote of the school's girls' basketball coach.

## SPORTSMANSHIP POLICY ACCEPTED

The Board accepted the sportsmanship policy submitted by Belle Vernon High School in response to an incident that occurred during the 2010 golf season.

## PIAA CHAMPIONS 2010 FALL SPORTS

### Team

Clairton . . . . . Class A Football  
 North Allegheny . . . . . Class AAAA Football  
 Hampton . . . . . Class AA Boys' Soccer  
 Peters Twp . . . . . Class AAA Girls' Soccer  
 Shady Side Academy . . . . . Class AAA Girls Tennis  
 North Allegheny . . . . . Class AAA Boys Cross Country

### Individual

Ronit Yurovsky . . . . Plum Girls AAA Girls' Tennis Singles  
 Kendall Allen . . . . . Shady Side Academy Girls' Golf  
 Eric Urda . . . . . Pgh. Central Catholic Boys' Golf  
 Ryan Gil . . . . . North Allegheny AAA Boys' Cross Country

## OFFICIAL MAJOR SPONSORS



## OFFICIAL GOLF SPONSOR



## WPIAL "OFFICIAL BALL" LIST 2010-11

A summary of all "Official Balls" for the 2010-11 school year and beyond is listed below:

SPORT	MFGR.	OFFICIAL BALL	EXPIRATION
Football	Spalding	J5V	6/30/17
Soccer- B/G	Select Sport	Royale 01-253	6/30/12
VB - B/G	Spalding	TF5000	6/30/17
BB - B	Spalding	TF1000 ZK PRO	6/30/17
BB - G	Spalding	TF1000 ZK PRO 28.5	6/30/17
Baseball	Diamond	D1-NFHS or D1-PRO-NFHS	6/30/12
Softball	Spalding - Dudley	SB-12	6/30/17

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.

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