

ELIGIBILITY HEARINGS

Annamarie Gatti-Greensburg Central Catholic

After reviewing the information and testimony presented regarding the transfer of Annamarie Gatti from Southmoreland High school to Greensburg Central Catholic High School, the WPIAL BOC declared Annamarie Gatti eligible under Article VI, Section 4A of the PIAA By-Laws. The effective date of this eligibility is October 25, 2010.

Joshua and Terrance Stepoli-Monessen

After reviewing the information and testimony presented regarding the transfer of Joshua and Terrance Stepoli from Greensburg Central Catholic High School to Monessen High School, the WPIAL BOC Hearing Panel declined to grant eligibility under Article VI, Section 4C of the PIAA By-Laws and found that their transfer was motivated in some material way by an athletic purpose thereby making Joshua and Terrance ineligible in all sports for a period of one year from the date of transfer March 8, 2011.

BOYS' BASKETBALL INCIDENT

After considering the testimony and presentations made, the WPIAL BOC Hearing Panel has determined the following:

- The Jeannette head boys' basketball coach is publicly censured for his conduct following the Greensburg Central Catholic vs. Jeannette boys' basketball game played on February 11, 2011.
- As a result of the head coach's conduct, the Jeannette Boys' Basketball program has been placed on probation for a period of one (1) year from February 11, 2011.
- The head coach is required to successfully complete an ASEP coaching program and an anger management program. Verification for successful completion of both programs must be submitted to the WPIAL no later than August 1, 2011.
- The Jeannette School District is required to suspend the head Jeannette basketball coach from his coaching duties for the first two games of the 2011-12 boys' basketball season.

In addition, the principals and athletic directors from Greensburg Central Catholic and Jeannette High Schools must cooperatively meet and develop an action plan that will be designed to ensure that all interscholastic athletic events between the schools take place in a sportsmanlike environment for all participants and spectators.

PRINCIPAL CENSURED

The BOC has publicly censured the Greensburg Central Catholic principal for failure to adhere to Article VI, Section 4 of the PIAA By-Laws. A clear violation occurred when a student athlete who did not meet the requirements delineated in Article VI, Section 2 for

presumptive eligibility participated in an interscholastic athletic contest.

The BOC has accepted the plan presented by the Greensburg Central Catholic administration to avoid future reoccurrence provided that the questionnaire developed is made available to all students and not just to those expressing an interest in interscholastic athletics.

COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP APPROVED

The BOC has conditionally accepted the request from Brownsville Area High School and Frazier High School to form a cooperative sponsorship of a sport Agreement in the sport of boys' tennis for the 2010-11 school year with Brownsville Area High school as the host school. This conditional acceptance is based on the fact that the combined enrollments do not change the assigned classifications.

SOFTBALL SEASON CLARIFIED

The BOC clarified that softball by PIAA definition is a spring season sport and the sponsorship of fall softball in any form by a member school is a violation of Article XVI of the PIAA By-Laws, Out of Season Rules and Regulations.

LETTER OF FORFEIURE ACCEPTED

The BOC accepted the letter of forfeiture to an opponent for the inadvertent use of an ineligible rifle team member. The ineligible player was used in a match against West Greene on January 3, 2011. The school's action plan to prevent future violations was also accepted.

UNSPORTSMANLIKE BEHAVIOR OF BASKETBALL COACH

The BOC accepted the Freeport High School administration's quick response to the unsportsmanlike behavior of the girls' varsity basketball coach in a game with Elderton on January 17, 2011.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Upon the recommendation of President Jack Fullen, the BOC approved the following persons to serve on the Nominating Committee for the 2010-11 Board of Control election. The Nominating Committee includes:

Dr. Erv Weischedel Sup't., Ambridge SD
Dr. Zeb Jansante Principal, Bethel Park HS
Dr. Lisa Rullo Coord. Administrator, Greensburg Salem SD
Jeff Finch Principal, Hampton HS
Jeffrey Soles Principal, Steel Valley HS

Erv Weischedel will serve as Committee Chairperson.

NEW MEMBER SCHOOL

The WPIAL BOC accepted a PIAA membership application Imani Christian Academy. The school is located in the City of Pittsburgh School District and enrolls seventh- through twelfth-grade students.

2011-12 WINTER SPORTS ALIGNMENTS APPROVED

The BOC approved sectional alignments in winter 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.

WINTER SPORTS

Boys' Basketball

One new team, **Eden Christian**, was added to the alignment in Class AA, Section 2.

Girls Basketball

There were two changes. **Eden Christian** was added to the alignment in Class AA, Section 2 and **Mt. Alvernia** was dropped from the alignment.

Rifle

There were no changes in the alignment.

Swimming/Diving

There were no changes in the alignment.

Wrestling

There was only one change. **Laurel Highlands** was dropped from the alignment.

Gymnastics

One new team, **South Side Beaver**, was added to the single-classification alignment.

INFORMATION AND REMINDERS

WPIAL OFFICIAL BALLS

The WPIAL Board of Control "Official Ball" list with expiration dates is summarized below:

SPORT	MFGR	OFFICIAL BALL	EXPIRATION
Football	Spalding	SB1	June 30, 2017
Soccer - B & G	Select Sport	Royale 01-253	June 30, 2012
Volleyball - B&G	Spalding	TF5000	June 30, 2017
Basketball - B	Spalding	TF1000 Legacy	June 30, 2017
Basketball - G	Spalding	TF1000 Legacy 28.5	June 30, 2017
Baseball	Diamond	D1-NFHS or D1-PRO-NFHS	June 30, 2012
Softball	Dudley	SB-12	June 30, 2017

Schools qualifying for WPIAL post-season play in the sports specified in the chart must compete with the WPIAL "Official Ball" 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

WPIAL REVENUE SHARING 2010-11

The WPIAL revenue sharing program for 2010-11 resulted in \$220,698.64 being returned to member schools participating in the football, soccer, and basketball tournaments using the League's revenue share ratio of 50% for schools and 50% for the League.

Revenue share paid by sport includes: Football (\$134,940.31), Basketball (\$66,667.64), and Soccer (\$19,897.19). Eight schools received revenue share checks in excess of \$6,000. These include: North Allegheny (\$12,836.52), South Fayette (\$11,752.60), Central Valley (\$8,430.73), Montour (\$7,739.18), Woodland Hills (\$6,618.735.76), Mt. Lebanon (\$6,604.43), Aliquippa (\$6,196.01), and Gateway (\$6,111.47).

2011 WINTER SPORT TEAM CHAMPIONS

• Boys' Basketball

Class A Vincentian Academy
Class AA Monessen
Class AAA Montour
Class AAAA Gateway

• Girls' Basketball

Class A North Catholic
Class AA Seton LaSalle
Class AAA Blackhawk
Class AAAA Shaler

• Wrestling

Class AA Burrell
Class AAA Canon McMillan

• Boys' Swimming

Class AA Indiana
Class AAA Upper St Clair

• Girls' Swimming

Class AA West Allegheny
Class AAA North Allegheny

• Girls Gymnastics

North Allegheny

• Rifle

Trinity

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