

BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION ITEMS JULY 12, AUGUST 2, 4, 23, 30 and SEPTEMBER 6, 2011



The July 12 meeting (hearing panel) of the Board of Control was attended by: J. Fullen, D. Cardone, P. Cherubin, B. Cleary, C. DeVivo, R. Hall, J. Patton, B. Rocco, S. Seltzer, K. Williams, and T. O'Malley. Also in attendance were J. Collins

and B. Simmons.

The August 2 meeting (summer workshop) of the Board of Control was attended by: J. Fullen, J. Vallina, M. Allison, D. Cardone, K. Charlton, P. Cherubin, B. Cleary, D. Conn, C. DeVivo, R. Dufalla, T. Evans, R. Hall, S. Heinauer, L. Messich, B. Rocco, S. Seltzer, B. Sinning, K. Williams, and T. O'Malley. Also in attendance were J. Collins and B. Simmons.

The August 4 meeting (hearing Panel) of the Board of Control was attended by: J. Fullen, M. Allison, D. Cardone, P. Cherubin, C. DeVivo, T. Evans, J. Patton, S. Seltzer, B. Sinning, and T. O'Malley. Also in attendance was J. Collins.

The August 23 meeting of the Board of Control was attended by: J. Fullen, M. Allison, D. Cardone, K. Charlton, P. Cherubin, B. Cleary, D. Conn, R. Dufalla, T. Evans, S. Heinauer, B. Rocco, S. Seltzer, B. Sinning, K. Williams, and T. O'Malley. Also in attendance were J. Collins and B. Simmons.

The August 30 meeting (hearing Panel) of the Board of Control was attended by: J. Vallina, M. Allison, D. Cardone, P. Cherubin, C. DeVivo, T. Evans, S. Seltzer, B. Sinning, and T. O'Malley. Also in attendance were J. Collins and Brian Simmons.

The September 6 meeting (hearing Panel) of the Board of Control was attended by: J. Fullen, D. Cardone, P. Cherubin, B. Cleary, D. Conn, C. DeVivo, T. Evans, S. Seltzer, and T. O'Malley. Also in attendance were J. Collins and Brian Simmons.

ELIGIBILITY REVIEWS

Transfer Provision

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

- Bentworth Madison Gregg
- Bethel Park Aaron Madrak

Transfer Provision (Cont'd.)

- Bethel Park (Cont'd.) Daniel Timpona
- Bishop Canevin Jessica Burton
Mara McCreary
- Butler Lucas Wesolek
- Central Valley Brody Churovia
- East Allegheny Kyle Whipple
- Fort Cherry Koltan Kobrys
- Fox Chapel Michael Jacobs
- Greater Latrobe Tyler Mears
- Greensburg Central Catholic Benjamin Brandon
Sean LaVella
Marissa Palamara
Nathan Stone
- Greensburg Salem Allysa Mellinger
- Indiana Logan Weaver
- Knoch Broderick Pendred
- Lincoln Park Rachel Neil
- McGuffey Jesse Vensel
- Montour Emma Minsinger
Nicholas Skirpan
- Mt. Lebanon Alexanderia Bianchi
Kelsey Stewart
- Mt. Pleasant Luke Liprando
- North Catholic Alexander Colovos
Devon Howard
John Leffakis
Ronald Meder
Patrick Rielly
Jennifer Sipple
Yipeng Zhang
- Norwin Nicolette Ingel
- Oakland Catholic Mackenzie Freudenrich
Erin Regan
- Our Lady of the Sacred Heart James Livingston
Shelbi Westfield
- Penn Trafford Corey Stanford
- Pittsburgh Central Catholic Elijah Barrett
Brian Burger
Bryce Johnson
Austin McClure
Andy McRandal
Aaron Reay
Thomas Shanley
- Quigley Alek Telmouri
- Riverview Arden Fisher
- St. Joseph Lindsey D'Ascenzo
Jennifer Harold
Nicole Harold
Jacob Klukaszewski

Transfer Provision (Cont'd.)

Serra Catholic	Kevin Faulk John Jenkins
Seton LaSalle	Brian Budjanec Hunter Curl Elliot Frank Mark Hart Rebecca Kelly Shane Mullin Brittany Ott Jennifer Turney Malik White
Sewickley Academy	Bendix Maelzer Jacqueline Starr Sarah Straka Katherina Zwetolitz
Shady Side Academy	Frank Benckart Hannah Davidoff Samantha Green Anise Khalouf Eric Larkin Chinedu Okoroafor Gray Pipitone Maxwell Prizant Zachary Prizant Haley Wyeth
Shaler Area	Christopher Popinski
Trinity Christian	Taylor Allen Alexus Brown Nicole Gadsden Catherine Simmons

The following student was denied eligibility under Article VI, Section 4D of the PIAA By-Laws:

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

Bentworth	Colt White
Bethel Park	Robert Parks
Central Valley	Justin Wilson
Ellwood City	Kalin Ellis
Fort Cherry	Brady McGill
Jeannette	Orlando Morgan, Jr. Damone Morton
Laurel	Joseph Cohen, II
McKeesport	Jason Frederick
North Hills	Lesharo Clark Malik Frank
South Fayette	Derek Oliver
Uniontown	Darius Pratt
Washington	Chivar Brown

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

Avella	Ralph Bush Andrew Haskakis
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Avella (Cont'd.)	Jonathan Stokes
Bentworth	Jordan Webb
Central Valley	Antionette Basalyga LaShonna Owens
Central Valley (Cont'd.)	Andrew Stein
Freedom	Sebastian Kraus Elliott Wisniewski
Hopewell	Deonte Williams Jacob Young
Jefferson Morgan	Brandon Lesko
Monessen	Luke Beveridge Vincent Scirotto, Jr.
Mt. Pleasant	Devin Colon
North Allegheny	Isaiah Frank Oluwaseun Idowu
North Catholic	Richard Gehringer
Penn Hills	Robin Hall, Jr.
Penn Trafford	Kara Beacom
Riverview	Ricardo Nunley
South Allegheny	Tyler Cook
Uniontown	Joshua Linnen
Valley	Tre Duncan
Waynesburg	Devian Nicholson
Yough	Tyler Donahue

Foreign Exchange Provision

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

Albert Gallatin	Pedro Oliveira
Butler	Saara Hoppenen
Chartiers Valley	Camila Palma Adrian Snyder
Connellsville	Ferdinando Frediani
Ellwood City	Felix Weigel
Franklin Regional	Pochera Arunpullo Robert Lingenfelder
Greensburg Salem	Carolina Marchetti
Keystone Oaks	Francisca Alfaro
Mars	Emil Schimazeck
Mohawk	Marcella Dias
Montour	Jean Houzet
Mt. Lebanon	Aline Klieber Gustavo Rocha
Norwin	Justin Colmant Miguel Lebron
Peters Twp.	Mathias Freese
Riverside	Laerke Frederiksen
Southmoreland	Yannick Grambow
Steel Valley	Elena Steinkaemper
Woodland Hills	Jessica Brannlund Tuchbhum Nirunwongwan

Attendance

The following students were issued an attendance waiver under Article III, Section 3 of the PIAA By-Laws:

Bentworth	Kyle Cline
Fox Chapel	Kelly Capone Caroline Cullinan
Hempfield	Austin Lonzo
Jefferson Morgan	Kaitlyn Coles Milton Sibanda
Steel Valley	Michael Todd
West Allegheny	Jacob Campbell

Period of Participation

The following students were granted a period of participation waiver under Article VIII, Section 6 of the PIAA By-Laws:

Elizabeth Forward	Justin Sherlock
Highlands	Jerrail Carver
Uniontown	Caillegh Carei

ELIGIBILITY HEARINGS

McKeesport – Bryant Harper

The BOC declared Bryant Harper eligible to compete in the interscholastic athletic program at McKeesport Area High School in all sports except football for the 2011-12 school year. Bryant Harper remains ineligible in the sport of football only for a period of one year from his date of transfer from McKeesport to Serra Catholic High School on October 10, 2010, as previously ruled by the WPIAL BOC on November 30, 2010. This action was taken under Article VI, Section 4D of the PIAA By-Laws.

NOTE-After being directed by the PIAA, the WPIAL BOC heard from Serra and McKeesport the reason for Bryant Harper's transfer back to McKeesport and determined the second transfer was not motivated by an athletic purpose. According to the PIAA, if the second transfer is not motivated by an athletic purpose it trumps the original finding in regard to the first finding even though the first transfer was found to be motivated by an athletic purpose.

Lincoln Park – Richard Rogers

After reviewing the information and testimony presented regarding the transfer of Richard Rogers from Keystone Oaks High School to Lincoln Park School for the Performing Arts, the WPIAL BOC declared the student eligible for interscholastic athletics at Lincoln Park for the 2011-12 school year, provided he is eligible in all other aspects of the rules. This action was taken under Article VI, Section 4A of the PIAA By-Laws.

NOTE-Richard Rogers has since transferred back to Keystone Oaks and he is eligible in all sports since the transfer back to Keystone Oaks was not motivated by an athletic purpose.

Lincoln Park – Ryan Skovranko

After reviewing the information and testimony presented regarding the transfer of Ryan Skovranko from West Mifflin High School to Lincoln Park School for the Performing Arts, the WPIAL BOC found that the transfer was motivated in some material way by an athletic purpose related to basketball. Accordingly, the panel declared Ryan Skovranko ineligible to participate in basketball only for a period of one year from the date of transfer, April 6, 2011. He is eligible to participate in all other sports. This action was taken under Article VI, Section 4C of the PIAA By-Laws.

Seton LaSalle – Benjamin Miller

After reviewing the information and testimony presented, the BOC denied Seton LaSalle's period of participation waiver request on behalf of Benjamin Miller for participation in the interscholastic athletic program at Seton LaSalle High for the 2011-12 school year. The decision was based on the fact that Benjamin did not meet the criteria required for granting a waiver as identified in Article VIII, Section 6 of the PIAA By-Laws.

West Mifflin – Jordan McClung

After reviewing the information and testimony presented, the BOC denied West Mifflin's period of participation waiver request on behalf of Jordan McClung for participation in the interscholastic athletic program at West Mifflin High for the 2011-12 school year. The decision was based on the fact that Jordan did not meet the criteria required for granting a waiver as identified in Article VIII, Section 6 of the PIAA By-Laws.

Carlynton – Trevor George

After reviewing the information and testimony presented regarding the transfer of Trevor George from Montour High School to Carlynton High School, the WPIAL BOC declared the student eligible in all sports in which he did not participate in within one year immediately preceding the date of transfer under Article VI, Section 3 of the PIAA By-Laws.

Norwin – Kenneth Berryman

After reviewing the information and testimony presented, the BOC granted Norwin's period of participation waiver request on behalf of Kenneth Berryman for participation in the interscholastic athletic program at Norwin for the 2011-12 school year. The decision was based on the fact that Kenneth did meet the criteria required for granting a waiver as identified in Article VIII, Section 6 of the PIAA By-Laws.

Shady Side Academy – Patrick Kane

After reviewing the information and testimony presented, the BOC granted Shady Side Academy's period of participation waiver request on behalf of Patrick Kane for participation in the interscholastic athletic program at Shady Side Academy for the 2011-12 school year. The decision was based on the fact that Patrick did meet the criteria required for granting a waiver as identified in Article VIII, Section 6 of the PIAA By-Laws.

Oakland Catholic – Madison Caufield

After reviewing the information and testimony presented regarding the transfer of Madison Caufield from North Allegheny High School to Oakland Catholic School, the WPIAL BOC declared the student eligible for interscholastic athletics at Oakland Catholic for the 2011-12 school year, provided she is eligible in all other aspects of the rules. This action was taken under Article VI, Section 4A of the PIAA By-Laws.

Sewickley Academy – Amy Kolor

After reviewing the information and testimony presented regarding the transfer of Amy Kolor from Seneca Valley High School to Sewickley Academy, the WPIAL BOC found that the transfer was motivated in some material way by an athletic purpose related to soccer. Accordingly, the panel declared Amy Kolor ineligible to participate in soccer only for a period of one year from the date of transfer, August 11, 2011. She is eligible to participate in all other sports. This action was taken under Article VI, Section 4C of the PIAA By-Laws.

STEERING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Bill Mylan was appointed to the Wrestling Steering Committee for the 2011-12 school year. Mr. Mylan is the athletic director at Butler High School. **Dennis Zieger**, Athletic Director, Elizabeth Forward High school, was re-appointed to the Basketball Committee following his tenure on the Board of Control.

Committee members who retire from active service in a member school are permitted to retain their committee membership as adjunct members. The following persons were approved as adjunct steering committee membership following their retirement from active service: **Bob Schleiden** – Baseball Committee, retired Principal, Freeport High School; **Tom Paterline** - Baseball Committee, retired Middle School Principal, Yough Middle School; **Richard Martin** – Sportsmanship Committee, retired Principal, Beth-Center High School; **Melissa Fabian** – Tennis Committee, retired teacher, Keystone Oaks Middle school; and **Jeff Soles** - Volleyball Committee, former Principal, Steel Valley High school.

Twenty-three other adjunct members were reappointed to their committee for the 2011-12 school year.

STEERING COMMITTEE RESIGNATIONS

Jerry Veshio, former Athletic Director at Quaker Valley High school resigned from the Soccer Committee after many years of service on the committee. Mr. Veshio has been a positive force on the committee and his presence and expertise will be missed.

BASEBALL FINALS AT CONSOL ENERGY PARK

RFP's were sent to four facilities to host the WPIAL baseball final championship games. Two proposals were submitted and the BOC granted Consol Energy Park a three-year contract to host the championships in 2012, 2013, and 2014.

Consol Energy Park was selected because: the turf is fully Pro-Grass turf in the infield and outfield; the field is easily accessible by major highways; and the seating capacity (3,250) is more than adequate.

FIRST COMMONWEALTH –WPIAL PARTNERSHIP EXTENDED

The Western Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic League (WPIAL) is pleased to announce that First Commonwealth Bank will continue as a major corporate League sponsor for three more years. First Commonwealth Bank joins McDonald's, Comcast, and the UPMC Center For Sports Medicine as the League's major corporate sponsors.

First Commonwealth Financial Corporation is a \$5.7 billion bank holding company and is headquartered in Indiana, Pennsylvania. First Commonwealth was founded in 1982 and operates 112 retail branch offices throughout western and central Pennsylvania through First Commonwealth Bank, a Pennsylvania chartered bank and trust company. Financial services and insurance products are also provided through First Commonwealth Insurance Agency and First Commonwealth Financial Advisors, Inc. Listed on the New York Stock Exchange, First Commonwealth is a strong advocate for its clients, providing financial support throughout its communities.

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION CENSURED

Seton LaSalle High School

The BOC publicly censured the **Seton LaSalle High School** Administration for publishing a sports recruitment advertisement in violation of Article VI, Transfers, Residence and Recruiting, Section B-1 of the PIAA By-Laws.

Future violations of the PIAA Constitution and By-Laws will be dealt with more severely.

Freedom, Riverview, Southmoreland High Schools

The BOC publicly censured the high school principals and athletic directors for using an ineligible player before receiving WPIAL BOC approval.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIPS RENEWED

The BOC approved associate memberships for the 2012-2014 scheduling cycle. Associate members are: Altoona – football, Erie McDowell – Football, Hollidaysburg – Football, and Taylor Alderdice – Lacrosse, Erie McDowell – Lacrosse.

MEDIA POLICY APPROVED

The BOC approved a revised media policy for the 2011-12 school year. The policy specifies regulations and restrictions pertaining to audio and visual depictions of WPIAL play-off and championship contests. As a general rule, still photography, filming, videotaping, audio recording, and webcasting are prohibited except as specifically authorized by the media policy. The media policy and rights fee schedule are posted on the home page of the WPIAL website by clicking on “media policy”.

PLAN OF ACTION ACCEPTED

The BOC accepted the plan of action submitted by Greensburg Central Catholic and Jeannette High Schools for future interscholastic athletic competition between the schools. The administrations of both schools are required to collectively file a report summarizing the impact and success of the plan following completion of the 2011-12 school year.

BASKETBALL FINALS TICKET INCREASE

The BOC approved an increase in the ticket price for the basketball finals at Palumbo Center by \$2 to \$10 for pre-sale adult tickets and gate tickets. The price for pre-sale student tickets for the basketball finals remains at \$5. The revised ticket price is consistent with the ticket price for the football finals at Heinz Field. All other ticket prices for 2011-12 remain the same as in the past year.

SCHOOL MEMBERSHIP REQUEST DENIED

The Farrell School District requested a transfer from District X to District VII. The BOC denied the request in support of a District X decision denying Farrell School District's request to become a member of the WPIAL. The WPIAL will consider a future request for membership if and when Farrell is formally released by District X.

INFORMATION AND REMINDERS

WPIAL SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD APPLICATIONS

The deadline for member schools to submit sportsmanship applications is September 10, 2011.

Interested schools must submit a completed “Member School Self-Assessment Form”. Additional information will be e-mailed to member schools upon request.

The WPIAL Sportsmanship Committee will convene on October 3 to review submitted applications for 2010-11 Sportsmanship Awards.

GOLF GALAXY - WPIAL GOLF SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT

The WPIAL is pleased to announce that Golf Galaxy will again serve as the official golf sponsor of the WPIAL golf program. Golf Galaxy is an innovative state-of-the-art interactive golf retailer with over 90 stores in 31 states. The stores carry a comprehensive collection of golf equipment, apparel, accessories, and novelties for all ages and skill levels as well as PGA/LPGA Professionals and Certified Club Fitters on-staff in every location. In Western Pennsylvania, Golf Galaxy is located near Robinson Town Center at 6530 Steubenville Pike in Robinson Twp.

WPIAL SCHOOLS WITH ARTIFICIAL SURFACES

Three additional schools will be playing on turf fields for the first time in the 2011-12 school year. Charleroi High School has replaced existing turf with new athletic turf. Our Lady of Sacred Heart will play home games at the turf field at Robert Morris University and North Catholic will play home games at a newly installed turf field at Stone Field in North Park. There are now 68 schools with turf fields in the WPIAL.

STUDENT VOCALISTS NEEDED

The WPIAL has established the practice of utilizing member school students to sing the National Anthem at championship events. The League is seeking volunteers for the 2011-12 school year. Any principal or athletic director who would like one of their students to perform at a championship event should please mail or e-mail Jim Collins (jcollins@wpial.com) at the League Office. Please provide the following information: school name, principal's or AD's name, student's name, grade, and any preference of championship events. If selected, the principal or AD who recommended the student will be contacted.

WELCOME

New Principals

Aliquippa – Alvin Gipson
Apollo Ridge – Clint Weimer
Beth Center – Aaron Cornell
Beaver Falls – Mary Beth Leeman
Burgettstown – David Palmer
Charleroi – Patti Mason
Clairton – Tom McCloskey
Freeport – Jeffrey Lesko
Franklin Regional – Ron Suvak
Greensburg Central Catholic – Denise Meyer
Geibel Catholic – Don Favero
Greater Latrobe – Steve LoCascio
Highlands – Cathy Russo
Indiana – Wade McElheny
Monessen – Brian Sutherland
Moon Area – Barry Balaski
Mt. Lebanon – Brian McFeeley
New Castle – Richard Litrenta
Our Lady of Sacred Heart – Tim Plocinik
Penn Hills – Bill McLarnon
Peters Twp – Lori Pavlik
Quigley Catholic – Rita McCormick
Rochester – Michael Damon
Seton LaSalle – Lauren martin
Shady Side Academy – Kate Vavpetic
South Side Area – Anthony Paull
Sewickley Academy – Bruce Houghtaling
Uniontown – Heather Sefcheck, Bob Manges
West Greene – Scott Sakai

New Athletic Directors

Avella – Mark Kania
Beth Center – Barry Niemic
Burrell – Brian Ferra
Clairton – Jim Wessel
Central Valley – Sam Cercone
Frazier - Mike Torek
Freedom – John Rosa
Greensburg Central Catholic – Dan Mahoney
McGuffey – Tom Bedillion
Mt Pleasant – Dave Capozzi
Peters Twp. – Brian Geyer
Seton LaSalle – John Ashaoula
Sto Rox – Bill Minear
Wilkesburg – Phil Martell

WPIAL CONTEST OFFICIALS HONORED

Congratulations to the following PIAA Officials from the WPIAL who were honored at the annual PIAA Official's Convention in August with the presentation of a PIAA OFFICIAL wristwatch. To qualify for the award, male officials must have 35 years and female officials 25 years of service.

Michael Brown	VB
Dwight Clay	BB
Andrew W. Keteles	BSE, BB, SFT
Norman J. Lancaster	FTB, SFT
Michael T. Mahouski	BB
John H. Mynahan	FTB
Lisa A. Nehls	BB, VB
Carl M. Planiczka	BSE, BB, FTB, SFT
George Preisendorfer	BB
Larry Regotti	BSE, BB, SFT
Gary L. Swart	BB, SFT, VB
Mark R. Taylor	FTB
Paul R. Thornton	BSE
John J. Zilles	BB, FTB

TEAM ROSTERS AND PHOTOGRAPHS

As team photo sessions are scheduled for fall sports, athletic directors are reminded to include a 5"x7" photo of their varsity football team for use in the League championship game program. A photograph will only be included in the football championship program. Team rosters for soccer, football, field hockey, and girls' volleyball will be requested from schools in a separate memo with roster specifications included. The memo will be posted on the WPIAL website in September.

A special thank you to those dedicated athletic secretaries who prepare and submit the rosters in a timely manner.

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS PARTICIPATION CONTINUES UPWARD CLIMB

Participation in high school sports increased for the 22nd consecutive school year in 2010-11, according to the National Federation of State High School Associations. Based on figures from the NFHS, sports participation reached a record-breaking total of 7,667,955 participants. Boys and girls participation respective all-time highs were 4,494,406 boys and 3,173,549 girls.

The top ten participatory sports for boys remained the same from 2009-10. Football led the way with 1,108,441, followed by outdoor track and field (579,302), basketball (545,844), baseball (471,025), soccer (398,351), wrestling (273,732), cross country (246,948), tennis (161,367), golf (156,866), and swimming and diving (133,900).

Outdoor track was the top sport for girls with 475,265, followed by volleyball (409,332), fast-pitch softball (373,535), soccer (361,556), cross country (204,653), tennis (182,074), swimming and diving (160,881), and lacrosse (74,927). Lacrosse cracked the girls top 10 list for the first time as it moved past golf with 71,764 participants.

WPIAL OFFICIAL MAJOR SPONSORS



WPIAL OFFICIAL GOLF SPONSOR



WPIAL "OFFICIAL BALL" LIST

2011-12 OFFICIAL BALLS

A summary of all "Official Balls" for the 2011-12 school year and beyond is listed below:

SPORT	MFGR.	OFFICIAL BALL	EXPIRATION
Football	Spalding	SB1	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 LEGACY	6/30/17
BB - G	Spalding	TF1000 LEGACY 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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