

**BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION ITEMS
DECEMBER, 2011 – FEBRUARY, 2012**



The December 19 meeting of the Board of Control was attended by J. Fullen, J. Vallina, M. Allison, D. Cardone, K. Charlton, P. Cherubin, D. Conn, C. DeVivo, R. Dufalla, R. Hall, T. Evans, S. Heinauer, L. Messich, J. Patton, B. Rocco, S. Seltzer, K. Williams, and T. O'Malley.

Also in attendance were J. Collins and B. Simmons.

The January 5 meeting (hearing panel) of the Board of Control was attended by J. Fullen, D. Cardone, J. Vallina, M. Allison, P. Cherubin, D. Conn, T. Evans, S. Heinauer, L. Messich, J. Patton, S. Seltzer, W. Sinning, K. Williams, and T. O'Malley. Also in attendance were J. Collins and B. Simmons.

The January 17 meeting of the Board of Control was attended by J. Fullen, J. Vallina, M. Allison, D. Cardone, K. Charlton, P. Cherubin, C. DeVivo, T. Evans, S. Heinauer, L. Messich, J. Patton, B. Rocco, S. Seltzer, W. Sinning, K. Williams, and T. O'Malley. Also in attendance was J. Collins.

The February 21 meeting (hearing panel) of the Board of Control was attended by J. Fullen, J. Vallina, M. Allison, D. Cardone, K. Charlton, P. Cherubin, B. Cleary, D. Conn, T. Evans, R. Hall, S. Heinauer, L. Messich, J. Patton, B. Rocco, S. Seltzer, W. Sinning, K. Williams, and T. O'Malley. Also in attendance was J. Collins and B. Simmons.

ELIGIBILITY REVIEWS

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:

- Chartiers-Houston Lea Wallenta
- Fox Chapel Shatree Suwanvalaikorn
- Indiana Beatrice Dalloli
Tessa Habich

Transfer Provision

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

- Central Catholic Jaron Davis
- Geibel Catholic Jaichan Ray
Mykel Ray

Transfer Provision (Cont'd.)

- Franklin Regional Brandon Nania
- Greensburg Central Catholic Bhargay Patel
Bethany Siebert
Camry Smouse
- Imani Christian Academy Jalen French
Matthew Blackwell
- Laurel Megan Hoover
- Mt Lebanon Michael Yeckley
- Mars Area Nicole Parrish
- North Catholic Yichao Wang
- Oakland Catholic Amanda DeViseminck
Stephanie Lemieux
Shelbi Westfield
Sophie Westfield
- Our Lady of Sacred Heart Andrew Durbin
Allison Gallant
Rachel Gallant
- Peters Twp Patrick Manyak
- Plum Andrew McRandal
- Seton LaSalle Dominic Amato
Randolph Imler
Lane Mitchell
- Sewickley Academy Jan Ansal
- Vincentian Academy Amanda Bigi
Caitlin Davis
Joshua Petrisko
Katelyn Yauch

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

- Bishop Canevin Mark Hart, Jr.
- North Catholic Yichao Wang

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

- Chartiers Valley Jerrad Tuite
- Fox Chapel Brandon Mitchell
- Mars Area Zach Haines
- Moon Area Taylor Scales
- Rochester Anthony Coleman

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

- Charleroi Alexander Antonio
- North Allegheny Tyler Peck
- Valley Lashay Madison

Age

The following student was denied an age waiver under Article I, Section 1 of the PIAA By-Laws:

North Hills Jeremy Hebda

Period of Participation

The following student was denied a period of participation waiver under Article VIII, Section 6 of the PIAA By-Laws:

Northgate Jordan Rocco
Connellsville.....Terry Cavalier
Valley.....Qualin Pitts

ELIGIBILITY HEARINGS

Summit Academy-Jakim Reedy

After reviewing the information and testimony presented, the BOC granted Summit Academy's period of participation waiver request on behalf of Jakim Reedy for participation in the interscholastic athletic program at Summit Academy under Article VIII, Section 3. The waiver will expire at the end of 2011-12 school year.

Montour-Ryan Lewis

After reviewing the information and testimony presented, the BOC sustained the original decision to deny Ryan Lewis eligibility under Article VI, Section 4C of the PIAA By-Laws and found that his transfer was motivated in some material way by an athletic purpose relating to football and basketball thereby making Ryan ineligible to participate in football and basketball only for a period of one year from the date of transfer, June 14, 2011. On appeal to the PIAA, the PIAA BOC reversed the WPIAL decision and rendered Ryan Lewis eligible for basketball.

New Castle-Julian Cox

After reviewing the information and testimony presented regarding the transfer of Julian Cox from Ellwood City High School to New Castle High School, the WPIAL BOC declared the student eligible for interscholastic athletics at New Castle 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.

-Greensburg Central Catholic-Marcus Malara

After reviewing the information and testimony presented regarding the transfer of Marcus Malara from Mt Pleasant High School to Greensburg Central Catholic High School, the WPIAL BOC found that the transfer was motivated in some material way by an athletic purpose related to basketball. Accordingly, the panel declared Marcus Marcus ineligible to participate in basketball only for a period of one year from the date of transfer, July 7, 2011. He is eligible to participate in all other sports. This action was taken under Article VI, Section 4D of the PIAA By-Laws.

Quaker Valley-Tyler Alt

After reviewing the information and testimony presented regarding the transfer of Tyler Alt from Greensburg Central Catholic High School to Quaker Valley High School, the WPIAL BOC found that the transfer was motivated in some material way by an athletic purpose related to basketball. Accordingly, the panel declared Marcus Marcus ineligible to participate in basketball only for a period of one year from the date of transfer, November 29, 2011. On appeal to the PIAA, the PIAA BOC reversed the WPIAL decision and rendered Tyler Alt eligible for basketball..

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIPS APPROVED

The BOC formally accepted several Pittsburgh Public Schools as associate members provided that playoff qualification is solely through the WPIAL, PIAA District 7 play-off system. The associate memberships are effective with the 2012-13 school year and include the following high schools and sports:

Allderdice – Boys' soccer, girls' soccer, boys' swimming, girls' swimming, baseball, boys' tennis, girls' tennis, golf, boys' cross country, girls' cross country and softball.

Brashear – Boys' soccer, girls' soccer, baseball, and softball.

Carrick – Boys' soccer, girls' soccer, baseball, and softball.

Obama – Boys' soccer, girls' soccer, boys' swimming, and girls' swimming.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP CONTINUED

The BOC approved the continuance of associate memberships in football only for Hollidaysburg and Altoona High Schools for the 2012-13 and 2013-14 school years. The associate memberships were approved with the understanding that play-off qualification is solely through the WPIAL play-off system.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP TERMINATED

The BOC regretfully voted to terminate the associate membership with Erie McDowell High School in lacrosse with the 2011-12 and football beginning with the 2012-13 school year. This action was taken as a result of PIAA District X prohibiting District X schools from playing as an associate member through the WPIAL football tournament.

SCHOOL RESPONSE TO BASKETBALL COACH DIRECTIVES

Jeannette High School

At the March, 2011 meeting of the BOC, two (2) directives were brought against the head boys' basketball coach at Jeannette High School for his misconduct at a game

during the 2010-11 season with Greensburg Central Catholic High School.

The BOC accepted in principle the basketball coach's successful completion of the ASEP Coaching Principal Class and the required class on anger management. The probation brought against the boys' basketball coach remains in effect since the satisfactory completion of the directives was not met in a timely manner as required.

Lincoln Park

In response to the corrective action plan for the head basketball Coach, the BOC accepted the following verification from the Lincoln Park administration: (1) The coach has successfully completed a Coaching Principle Class; (2) The coach has successfully completed two (2) online courses ("Sportsmanship" and "Teaching and Modeling Behavior") sponsored by the NFHS.; (3) The coach did not serve as coach and was not in attendance at Lincoln Park basketball games through December 19, 2011.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Upon the recommendation of President Jack Fullen, the BOC approved the following persons to serve on the Nominating Committee for the 2012-13 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
Jason Olexa Principal, Brentwood HS

Erv Weischedel will serve as Committee Chairperson.

The BOC adopted a two-year term limit for committee members and a three-year term limit for the committee chairperson. Jason Olexa is on his first year as a committee member and the others will be completing their second year.

PIAA BY-LAW VIOLATIONS

Aliquippa High School

The BOC censured the Aliquippa High School boys' basketball coach and the Aliquippa High School administration for failure to adhere to PIAA Article XIII, Penalties, Section 8 Disqualification from the next contest in which the basketball coach was in attendance at a basketball game for which he was not permitted to attend.

New Castle High School

New Castle High self-reported that the girls' head basketball coach participated in three scrimmages exceeding the number of allowable scrimmages under PIAA Article XVI of the By-Laws. The following action was determined: (1) The girls basketball is publicly censured; (2) The girls basketball program is on probation for a

period of one year; (3) The girls basketball program is limited to one scrimmage each of the next two years.

Imani Christian

At their February meeting, the BOC acted upon information the PIAA required Imani Christian to submit to the WPIAL as a result of By-Law violations. The Boc acted on information submitted as follows: (1) The BOC acknowledged that Imani Christian adhered to Article V, Health, of the 2011-12 PIAA By-Laws following their submission of required CIPPE forms for all Imani Christian student-athletes; (2) The BOC conditionally accepted the PIAA Certificate of Eligibility submitted by Imani Christian. The BOC suggested that prior to the 2012-13 school year, Imani Christian should use PIAA produced forms and send a copy to the WPIAL when it sends copies to its opponents; (3) The WPIAL did not receive "Transfer Waiver Requests" forms for several student-athletes who participated in Imani Christian football, boys basketball, and girls basketball programs. The BOC directed Imani Christian administration to submit the required "Transfer Waiver Request" forms for student-athletes no later than March 9, 2012.

INELIGIBLE PLAYERS

Wilkinsburg

The BOC accepted the letters of forfeiture to individual opponents for use of an ineligible girl's basketball player. The BOC commended the Wilkinsburg administration for self reporting the use of the ineligible player in a timely manner.

Greensburg Central Catholic

Greensburg Central Catholic permitted students from Catholic elementary schools to participate in a junior high soccer game with Albert Gallatin on September 7. This practice violates the eligibility guidelines established by the PIAA. The BOC accepted the letter of forfeiture and plan of action to ensure the use of eligible student athletes and placed the junior high soccer program on probation for a period of one year to expire on December 20, 2012.

WRESTLING WEIGHT CONTROL PROGRAM

The BOC censured the head wrestling coach of Chartiers Houston, Elizabeth Forward, and Ringgold for failure to report the exact weigh-in weight from a 2012 team tournament match on the NWCA Optimal Performance Calculator as required by the PIAA.

The BOC censured the head wrestling coach of Central Valley High School for failure to report all required information for each wrestler in the Optimal Performance Calculator for all wrestling matches and tournaments during the 2011-12 season as required by the PIAA.

BASKETBALL INCIDENTS

Brentwood-Monessen

After considering the testimony and presentations made at a hearing on February 21, 2012, the BOC determined the following regarding to the basketball game between the schools at Brentwood:

(1) The principals and athletic directors from both schools must cooperatively meet and develop an action plan that will be designed to insure that all interscholastic competition between the two schools will take place within a sportsmanlike environment for all participants and spectators. The plan must be submitted to the WPIAL for BOC review and approval by July 1, 2012.

(2) Each school must submit a detailed summary of events to the WPIAL within one week after each contest, in all sports between the two schools as it relates to the sportsmanship plan as developed for the 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 school years.

Blackhawk-Central Valley Middle School

The BOC accepted the report from both schools regarding an incident that occurred during an 8th grade game between the schools on December 14, 2011.

Aliquippa-Beaver Girls' Junior High Basketball

The BOC accepted the actions taken by the Aliquippa administration regarding an incident in a junior high girls game on October 4, 2012 between the schools.

COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIPS

Ford City-Elderton

A cooperative sponsorship of sports for junior high and varsity football between Ford City and Elderton was approved by the BOC. The cooperative sponsorship is effective with the 2012-13 school year. The PIAA approved the cooperative sponsorship at their January, 2012, meeting.

Avella-Burgettstown

A cooperative sponsorship of sports for boys' golf between Avella and Burgettstown was approved by the BOC. The cooperative sponsorship is effective with the 2012-13 school year. The PIAA approved the cooperative sponsorship at their January, 2012, meeting.

Canonsburg Middle School-St Patrick Junior High

The BOC approved the continuance of a cooperative sponsorship of sports in middle school football, wrestling, soccer, track and field, and also middle school softball. The cooperative sponsorship is effective with the 2011-12 school year. The PIAA approved the cooperative sponsorship at their January, 2012, meeting.

STEERING COMMITTEE RESIGNATION

The BOC accepted the resignation of Matt Smith from the WPIAL Softball Committee effective immediately.

2012-2013 FALL/WINTER SPORTS ALIGNMENTS APPROVED

All fall/winter sports alignment for the 2012-13 school year, the first year of the 2012-14 scheduling cycle, were approved by the BOC. Alignment, scheduling grids, calendars, and sport memos are available on the WPIAL website by clicking on the "scheduling" tab. A brief summary is below:

FOOTBALL

Four (4) classifications with 125 teams

New Team – Imani Christian

Schools moving down in classification – McGuffey, South Park, Kittanning, and Valley to AA

Schools voluntarily playing up in classification – Aliquippa, Greensburg Central Catholic, and Jeannette

Cross Country

Two (2) classifications with 98 boys' teams and 98 girls' teams

New Teams – Allerdice boys and girls

Teams dropped from the alignment – Quigley and Geibel Catholic

Field Hockey

A two-classification program with nineteen (19) teams
No changes in alignment

Boys' Golf

Two (2) classifications with 118 teams

New Team – Allerdice

Schools moving up in classification – South Fayette to AAA

Schools moving down in classification – Kittanning, Mt. Pleasant, Yough, McGuffey, South Park, and Keystone Oaks to AA

Schools voluntarily playing up in classification – Shady Side Academy to AAA

Girls' Golf

Two (2) classifications with 34 teams

Schools moving up in classification – Ambridge, Blackhawk, Mars, Elizabeth Forward, Hopewell, Indiana, Kiski Area, and Penn Trafford to AAA

Schools voluntarily playing up in classification – Shady Side Academy to AAA

Boys' Soccer

Three (3) classifications with 112 teams

New Teams – Obama, Brashear, Carrick, Allerdice, and North Catholic

Schools moving up in classification – Hampton and Ringgold to AAA; Mohawk, Freedom, and Brownsville to AA

Schools moving down in classification – Laurel Highlands to AA; South Allegheny and Washington to Class A

Schools voluntarily playing up in classification – Shady Side Academy to AA

Girls' Soccer

Three (3) classifications with 100 teams

New Teams – Obama, Brashear, Carrick, Allderdice, South Side Beaver, McKeesport, and North Catholic

Schools moving up in classification – Ringgold and Laurel Highlands to AAA; Riverside to AA

Schools moving down in classification – Montour, Moon, West Allegheny, and West Mifflin to AA; Mohawk and Steel Valley to Class A

Schools voluntarily playing up in classification – Shady Side Academy to AA

Girls' Tennis

Two (2) classifications with 82 teams

New Team – Allderdice

Schools moving up in classification – Greensburg Salem and Knoch to AAA; Riverside to AA

Schools moving down in classification – Fort Cherry to AA

Schools voluntarily playing up in classification – Shady Side Academy to AAA

Girls' Volleyball

Three (3) classifications with 123 teams

Schools moving up in classification – Montour, West Allegheny, and Laurel Highlands to AAA

Schools moving down in classification – West Shamokin to Class A

Boys' Basketball

Four (4) classifications with 134 teams

New Teams – Imani Christian and Winchester Thurston

Schools moving up in classification – Hampton, Trinity, and New Castle to Quad A; Freeport, Steel Valley, and Ellwood City to AAA; Bentworth, Jefferson Morgan, and West Greene to AA

Schools moving down in classification – Chartiers Valley and Laurel Highlands to AAA; Burrell and Deer Lakes to AA; Monessen to Class A

Schools voluntarily playing up in classification – Elderton and Aliquippa to AA

Girls' Basketball

Four (4) classifications with 132 teams

New Team – Imani Christian

Schools moving up in classification – Laurel Highlands and Chartiers Valley to Quad A; Freeport, Keystone Oaks, Southmoreland, Waynesburg, and Quaker Valley to AAA; Chartiers Houston, and Ft Cherry to AA

Schools moving down in classification – Moon to AAA; McGuffey and Beaver to AA

Schools voluntarily playing up in classification – Elderton, Leechburg, and Riverview to AA

Gymnastics

A single-classification program with nine (9) teams. No changes in alignment

Rifle

A single classification program with three (3) sections which is up from two (2) sections in the last alignment

Boys' Swimming

Two classifications with 73 teams

New Teams – Obama and Allderdice

Schools moving up in classification – Trinity

Schools moving down in classification – Ringgold and Laurel Highlands

AA teams in AAA section – Chartiers Valley

Girls' Swimming

Two classifications with 74 teams

New Teams – Ellis, Allderdice, and Obama

Schools moving up in classification – Trinity

Schools moving down in classification – Ringgold and Laurel Highlands

AA teams in AAA section – Chartiers Valley and Moon

Wrestling

Two classifications with 74 teams

New Teams – Mapletown and North Catholic

Schools moving up in classification – Central Valley and Blackhawk

Schools moving down in classification – Ringgold and Laurel Highlands

Schools voluntarily playing up in classification – McGuffey and Waynesburg to AAA

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SPORTS REPORT

2011-12 FALL SPORTS TEAM CHAMPIONS

- **Boys' Cross Country**
AA Quaker Valley
AAA North Allegheny
- **Girls' Cross Country**
AA Quaker Valley
AAA North Hills
- **Field Hockey**
AA Shady Side Academy
- **Football**
A Clairton
AA Aliquippa
AAA Montour
AAAA North Allegheny
- **Boys' Golf**
Division 1 Upper St Clair
Division 2 Neshannock
- **Girls' Golf**
Division 1 Shady Side Academy
Division 2 Central Valley
- **Boys' Soccer**
A Seton LaSalle
AA Hampton
AAA Upper St Clair

- **Girls' Soccer**
A Greensburg Central Catholic
AA Mars
AAA Upper St Clair
- **Girls' Tennis**
AA Sewickley Academy
AAA Peters Twp.
- **Girls' Volleyball**
A Elderton
AA Hopewell
AAA Seneca Valley

**PIAA CHAMPIONS
2011-12 FALL SPORTS**

Team

Clairton Class A Football
Peters Twp AAA Girls Soccer
Mars Area AA Girls Soccer
Peters Twp AAA Girls Tennis
Sewickley Academy AA Girls Tennis
Shady Side Academy Girls Golf

Individual

Ronit Yurovsky AAA Girls Singles
Login Antil, Carolyn Ross AAA Girls Doubles
Stephanie Smith, Sarah Komer AA Girls Doubles
Garrett Browning Boys Golf

OFFICIAL MAJOR SPONSORS



OFFICIAL GOLF SPONSOR



**OFFICIAL TRACK /CROSS COUNTRY
SPONSOR**



**WPIAL "OFFICIAL BALL" LIST
2012-13**

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
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
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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