

BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION ITEMS JULY 31, AUGUST 9, 20, and 29, 2012



The July 31 meeting (summer workshop) of the Board of Control was attended by: J. Fullen, J. Vallina, D. Cardone, P. Cherubin, B. Cleary, D. Conn, C. DeVivo, R. Dufalla, T. Evans, M. Gavlik (non-voting member), R. Hall, S. Heinauer, L. Messich, J. Patton, B. Rocco, S. Seltzer,

W. Sinning, K. Williams, and T. O'Malley. Also in attendance were J. Collins and B. Simmons.

The August 9 meeting (hearing Panel) of the Board of Control was attended by: J. Vallina, D. Cardone, P. Cherubin, T. Evans, S. Heinauer, J. Patton, S. Seltzer, W. Sinning, and T. O'Malley. Also in attendance were J. Collins and B. Simmons.

The August 20 meeting of the Board of Control was attended by: J. Fullen, D. Cardone, K. Charlton, P. Cherubin, B. Cleary, D. Conn, C. DeVivo, R. Dufalla, T. Evans, R. Hall, J. Patton, S. Seltzer, W. Sinning, K. Williams, and T. O'Malley. Also in attendance were J. Collins and B. Simmons.

The August 29 meeting (hearing Panel) of the Board of Control was attended by: J. Fullen, J. Vallina, D. Cardone, K. Charlton, P. Cherubin, C. DeVivo, R. Dufalla, T. Evans, S. Seltzer, W. Sinning, and T. O'Malley. Also in attendance were J. Collins and B. Simmons.

ELIGIBILITY REVIEWS

Transfer Provision

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

- Beaver Ricardo Garozzi
- Bishop Canevin Thomas Reddy
Tyler Reddy
Reed Relosky
- Canon McMillan Lauren Waller
- Central Catholic Matthew Bisceglia
Nicholas Rocchi
Kered Tillman
- Chartiers Valley Travis Coles
- Connellsville Sarah Fiano
- Deer Lakes Shane Mullin
- East Allegheny John Jenkins
- Greater Latrobe Brandon Brown

- Greensburg Central Catholic Tyler Balla
Nicholas Corona
Brian Pevarnik
Jensen York
- Imani Christian Lafayette Good
Davaughn Lewis
Ty'ion Powe
Troy Simmons
- Jeannette Jonah Yunker
- Kiski Jesse Noble
- Laurel Alison Filer
- McGuffey Ryan Steinstraw
- Mohawk Saivon Walt
- Monessen Peter Tarka
- Montour Ryan Tench
- New Brighton Walter Debo
- North Allegheny Elizabeth Hammel
- North Catholic Thomas Hosack, Jr.
- Norwin Julia Moran
Michelle Osgood
- Oakland Catholic Amanda Costa
- Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Raquel Hewitt
Thomas Schatzel
Ryan Theobald
Zachary Woznichak
- Quigley Kaitlyn Smith
Adasia Vukovcan
Jaylen Young
- Serra Catholic Jake Bruno
Constance Pedos-DiClemente
Grant Taylor
- Sewickley Academy Carly Little
Kayla Guerin
Andreas Langner
Molly Lennen
Wanda Marcussen
Paige Simakas
William Thomas
- Shady Side Academy Courtney Clark
Harper Dowd
Zachary Kosbie
Kathryn Olon
Logan Platt
Rachael Roman
Rachel Slaughaupt
Leah Stauber
- South Allegheny Mark Tortorice
- Southmoreland Aaron Bailey
Darius Eicher-Peebles
- Trinity Christian Pierre Elkoms
Andrew Lintelman
- Uniontown David Kriebel
- Vincentian Andrew Kopriva
- Yough Shane Phillips

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

Serra Catholic Daniel Popovich

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

Beaver Diondre Dozier
Jacob Hannon

Elizabeth Forward Jaquan Davidson
Thomas Donnelly

Moon Rakondia Chapple
Noah Perry

Quaker Valley Trewon Marshall

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

Avella Zachary Thompson

Bentworth Ben Carlisle

Bethel Park Robert Siler

Burgettstown Hayden Whitten

Central Valley Kiana Law
Andrew Haskakis

Elizabeth Forward Anthony Brown

Freeport Darius Early

Laurel Dalton Rosta

Mars Hunter Mincer

Montour Domenic Rosinsky

Mt. Pleasant Paul Barr
Devin Colon

Penn Trafford Nicholas Lasitis

Southmoreland Daniel Andrejko

Trinity Danielle Ashmore

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:

Butler Edith Andersson
Canon McMillan Sara Fasano
Stephanie Funk

Ellwood City Sandy Smajic

Franklin Regional Patricia Grajera

Hempfield Charles Dunstan
Nils Sandgren

Hopewell Ricardo Jatar

Keystone Oaks Diego Belmonte

Mt. Pleasant Kelly Van Den Wildenberg

North Hills Laure Nicoud

Riverside Caroline Bjerg

Steel Valley Tim Sablotny
Josep Catafel Tardos

Woodland Hills Marvin Wahler

Attendance

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

Fox Chapel Kelly Capone

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

Jefferson Morgan James Conti

The following student was denied eligibility under Article III, Section 6 of the PIAA By-Laws:

Beaver David Burzenski

ELIGIBILITY HEARINGS

Brentwood – Nicole Davis

After reviewing the information and testimony presented regarding the transfer of Nicole Davis from South Park High School to Brentwood High School, the WPIAL BOC found that the transfer was motivated in some material way by an athletic purpose related to volleyball and softball. Accordingly, the Board declared Nicole Davis ineligible to participate in volleyball and softball only for a period of one year from the date of transfer, June 13, 2012. She is eligible to participate in all other sports. This action was taken under Article VI, Section 4C of the PIAA By-Laws.

Central Valley – Nathan Climo

After reviewing the information and testimony presented regarding the transfer of Nathan Climo from Crestview High School to Central Valley High School, the WPIAL Hearing Panel declared Nathan Climo eligible under Article VI, Section 4A of the PIAA By-Laws.

Central Catholic – Angelo Natter

After reviewing the information and testimony presented regarding the transfer of Angelo Natter from Thomas Jefferson High School to Central Catholic High School, the WPIAL Hearing Panel found that the transfer was motivated in some material way by an athletic purpose related to football. Accordingly, the panel declared Angelo Natter ineligible to participate in football only for a period of one year from the date of transfer, June 15, 2012. He is eligible to participate in all other sports. This action was taken under Article VI, Section 4C of the PIAA By-Laws.

Central Valley – David DeMarco

After reviewing the information and testimony presented regarding the transfer of David DeMarco from Riverside High School to Central Valley High School, the WPIAL

Hearing Panel found that the transfer was motivated in some material way by an athletic purpose related to football and basketball. Accordingly, the panel declared David DeMarco ineligible to participate in football and basketball only for a period of one year from the date of transfer, June 21, 2012. He is eligible to participate in all other sports. This action was taken under Article VI, Section 4C of the PIAA By-Laws.

Ellwood City – Paige D’Amico

After reviewing the information and testimony presented, the BOC Hearing Panel denied Ellwood City’s age waiver request on behalf of Paige D’Amico for participation in the interscholastic athletic program for the 2011-12 school year. The decision was based on the fact that Paige did not meet the criteria required for granting a waiver as identified in Article I, Section 3 of the PIAA By-Laws.

Gateway – Richard Rogers

After reviewing the information and testimony presented regarding the transfer of Richard Rogers from Keystone Oaks High School to Gateway High School, the WPIAL Hearing Panel found that the transfer was motivated in some material way by an athletic purpose related to football and basketball. Accordingly, the Hearing Panel declared Richard Rogers ineligible to participate in football and basketball only for a period of one year from the date of transfer, June 4, 2012. He is eligible to participate in all other sports. This action was taken under Article VI, Section 3C of the PIAA By-Laws.

Serra Catholic – Daniel Popovich

After reviewing the information and testimony presented regarding the transfer of Daniel Popovich from McKeesport High School to Serra Catholic High School, the WPIAL BOC sustained their original decision and found that the transfer was motivated in some material way by an athletic purpose related to football. Accordingly, the Board declared Daniel Popovich ineligible to participate in football only for a period of one year from the date of transfer, June 13, 2012. He is eligible to participate in all other sports. This action was taken under Article VI, Section 4C of the PIAA By-Laws.

South Allegheny – Jacob Thieret

After reviewing the information and testimony presented regarding the transfer of Jacob Thieret from Serra Catholic High School to South Allegheny High School, the WPIAL BOC Hearing Panel found that the transfer was motivated in some material way by an athletic purpose related to soccer. The Hearing Panel declared Jacob Thieret ineligible to participate in soccer only for a period of one year from the date of transfer, June 1, 2012. He 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

The Following appointments were made to the 2012-2013 Steering Committees:

BASEBALL – Phillip Martell – Athletic Director, Wilkinsburg High School, **John Campbell** – Asst. Principal, Mt. Pleasant H.S., **John Rosa** – Athletic Director, Freedom High School

FOOTBALL – Alvin Gipson – Principal, Aliquippa High School

SOCCER – Charley Kiss – Athletic Director, McKeesport Area High School

SOFTBALL – John Ashaolu – Athletic Director, Seton LaSalle High School, **Jason Lucia** – Athletic Director, North Catholic High School, and **Mark Mears** – Athletic Director, Greater Latrobe High School

SPORTSMANSHIP – Denise Myers – Principal, Greensburg Central Catholic High School

SPORTS MEDICINE – Tim Giel – Athletic Director, Avonworth High School

TENNIS – Kevin Miller – Athletic Director, Winchester Thurston

VOLLEYBALL – Lynn Jobe – Athletic Director, Greensburg Salem High School

STEERING COMMITTEE TRANSFERS

The following persons were transferred from one steering committee to another:

Kerry Hetrick, Athletic Director – Penn Trafford High School – Soccer to Baseball Committee

Win Palmer – Athletic Director, Sewickley Academy – Tennis to Golf Committee

Joe Dunn – Teacher, Trinity High School – Baseball – to Basketball Committee.

ADJUNCT STEERING COMMITTEE APPROVALS

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:

Mark Farabee – Track & Field Committee, retired Teacher, Butler High School

Dr. Kathy Harrington – Sportsmanship Committee, retired Middle School Principal, Pine Richland Middle School.

Twenty-seven other adjunct members were reappointed to their committees for the 2012-13 school year.

STEERING COMMITTEE ADJUNCT POLICY REVISION

The BOC adopted the following item to the steering committee adjunct policy: An extenuating circumstance approved by the Executive Director excepted, an adjunct member who does not participate in any meetings or events during the school year will not be eligible for renewed adjunct status.

STEERING COMMITTEE RESIGNATIONS

The following individuals resigned from committees as follows:

BASEBALL – Greg Caprara, Randy Cosgrove, and Tom Paterline

GOLF – John Curtis

SOFTBALL – Annette Giovanazzi and Randy Sydeski

SPORTSMANSHIP – Dr. Richard Martin

WRESTLING – Larry Piper

Their service is appreciated.

COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP(S) APPROVED

Kittanning-Ford City

The BOC has accepted the request from Kittanning High School and Ford City High School to form a cooperative sponsorship of a Sport Agreement in the sport of boys' soccer beginning with the 2012-13 school year with Kittanning High School serving as the host school. The PIAA approved the cooperative sponsorship on July 27, 2012.

Midland School District-Lincoln Park

The BOC has accepted the request from Midland School District and Lincoln Park Performing Arts Charter School to form a cooperative sponsorship of a Sport Agreement in the sport of middle school boys' and girls' basketball beginning with the 2012-13 school year with Midland serving as the host school.

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION CENSURED

Laurel Highlands High School

The BOC publicly censured the Laurel Highlands High School head football coach and administration for violation of Article VXI, Season and Out of Season Rules and Regulations of the PIAA By-Laws. The interscholastic athletic programs were placed on probation for a period of one year. Future violations of the PIAA Constitution and By-Laws will be dealt with more severely.

Montour High School

The BOC publicly censured the Montour High School head girls soccer coach, athletic director, and principal, for violation of Article VXI, Season and Out of Season Rules and Regulations of the PIAA By-Laws in scrimmaging before the first allowed date. The girls' soccer team has been placed on probation for one year. They are limited to only one scrimmage in the 2013-2014 school year and the administration must submit a plan of action to ensure the violation does not reoccur.

WEST SHAMOKIN – Elderton Schedules

The BOC approved West Shamokin fulfilling the Elderton wrestling and boys volleyball schedules for the 2012-2013 school year due to the closing of Elderton.

JEFFERSON MORGAN – Response to Football Scrimmage Ejection

The BOC Hearing Panel accepted the administration's response to a student athlete ejection at a football scrimmage.

INFORMATION AND REMINDERS

WPIAL SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD APPLICATIONS

The deadline for member schools to submit sportsmanship applications is September 14, 2012.

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 1 to review submitted applications for 2011-12 Sportsmanship Awards.

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.

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 2012-13 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.

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS PARTICIPATION ACHIEVES ALL-TIME HIGH

According to the National Federation of High Schools Association (NFHS), continued growth in several girls sports, participation in high school sports increased for the 23rd consecutive year in 2011-12. Based on figures from the 51 NFHS-member state high school athletic/activity associations, which includes the District of Columbia, sports participation for the 2011-12 school year reached an all-time high of 7,692,520 participants – an increase of 24,565 from the previous year. An additional 33,984 girls participated in high school sports last year, making the all-time record total 3,207,533. This also marks the 23rd consecutive year for an increase in the number of female participants. Outdoor track and field (468,747), basketball (435,885) and volleyball (418,903) continued to be the top three participatory sports for girls, with volleyball up 9,571 participants from 2011. While girls' participation continued to climb, boys' participation figures dipped for the first time since the 1992-93 school year, down 9,419 from last year's number of 4,494,406 to 4,484,987. Seven of the top 10 boys' sports registered drops in participation, with 11-player football, outdoor track and field, basketball, wrestling, tennis, golf and swimming and diving all down from the previous year. Participants by state stayed true to last year's order, as Texas and California once again topped the list with 808,806 and 781,912, respectively, followed by New York (389,475), Illinois (346,896), Ohio (333,349), Pennsylvania (317,869), Michigan (308,080), New Jersey (259,219), Florida (257,282), and Minnesota (238,363). Twenty states registered increases in participation in 2011-2012.

NFHS RULES APPS AVAILABLE

The NFHS in partnership with Arbiter Sports is making the NFHS rules content available for mobile devices. The rules apps combine the NFHS rules into one searchable reference tool. To purchase the apps you may visit the Google Play market for Android users or iTunes app store for Apple devices. Currently available apps in 2012 include field hockey, football, soccer, and volleyball.

WELCOME

New Principals

Bishop Canevin – Karen Walker
California – Leigh Ann Folmar

Frazier – Christopher Sefcheck
Freedom – Tim Dadich
Jeannette – Patricia Rozycki
Jefferson Morgan – Bart Donley
Knoch – Todd Trofimuk
Laurel – Kevin Mahoney
Penn Hills – Eric Kostic
Springdale – Andrew Leviski
Sto-Rox – Heath Bailey
Steel Valley – Bryan Macuga
Vincentian – Joseph Behun
West Mifflin – Phillip Woods
Wilkinsburg – Steve Puskar

New Athletic Directors

Ambridge – Shawne Besong
Beaver County Christian – Alan Sumner
Carlynton – Nathan Milsom
Clairton – Pete Mathis
Deer Lakes – Chuck Bellisario
Frazier – Mike Turek
Jeannette – Matt Lebe
Knoch – Michael King
McGuffey – Ed Dalton
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart – Mike McDonald
Pine Richland – Josh Shoop
Quigley – Mitch Yanyanin
Seneca Valley – Heather Lewis
St. Joseph – Chris Oshnock
Vincentian – Steve Boyd
Waynesburg – Russ Moore

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.

Patrick L. Cavanaugh	LAC, SOC
Charles J. Costanzo	FB
Joseph M. Hohman	BB
Joseph Keteles	SFT
Debra G. McSwiggen	VB
Cherie' L. Mulford	GYM
James A. Paonessa, Jr.	BB
Richard E. Schall	VB
Steven Snyder	TR
Michael G. Steve	BSE, BB, SFT, VB
Dr. Stephen M. Vak	FB, TR, WR

MCDONALDS –WPIAL PARTNERSHIP EXTENDED

The Western Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic League (WPIAL) is pleased to announce that the local consortium of McDonald's restaurants will continue as a major corporate sponsor and the title sponsor of all 21 WPIAL post-season championship final events for three more years. McDonald's will be entering the 10th year as a title sponsor of the league.

According to WPIAL Executive Director, Tim O'Malley, "McDonalds has a long and successful heritage involving schools, kids, families, and communities. The WPIAL is delighted to continue having McDonald's as a major corporate and title sponsor". The revenue provided by major corporate sponsors facilitates the League's efforts to host championships at top-notch venues, such as Heinz Field, PNC Park, and the Palumbo Center. The sponsorships also help to support the WPIAL's Scholar-Athlete and Sportsmanship Programs as well as enhance the League's website which serves as a year-round resource for athletic directors, student-athletes, media, and fans of interscholastic athletics.

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2012-13 OFFICIAL BALLS

A summary of all "Official Balls" for the 2012-13 school year and beyond is listed below:

SPORT	MFGR.	OFFICIAL BALL	EXPIRATION
Football	Spalding	SB1	6/30/17
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
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.

PIAA OFFICIAL BALLS

Sport	Manufacturer	Official Ball
Baseball	Wilson	A1010BPENN
Soccer	Brine	Championship

Schools qualifying for WPIAL post-season play in baseball and soccer must compete with the PIAA "Official Ball" provided for use in WPIAL district champion play (preliminary round through final, inclusive). Member schools are not required to use the PIAA "Official Ball" during the regular season.

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