

**BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION ITEMS  
NOVEMBER, 2012 – DECEMBER, 2012**



The November 7 meeting (hearing Panel) of the Board of Control was attended by J. Fullen, J. Vallina, D. Cardone, P. Cherubin, C. DeVivo, T. Evans, J. Patton, S. Seltzer, W. Sinning, and T. O'Malley. Also in attendance were J. Collins and B. Simmons.

The November 19 meeting of the Board of Control was attended by J. Fullen, J. Vallina, D. Cardone, M. Allison, K. Charlton, P. Cherubin, D. Conn, C. DeVivo, T. Evans, M. Gavlik (non-voting member), R. Hall, S. Heinauer, J. Patton, B. Rocco, S. Seltzer, K. Williams, and T. O'Malley. Also in attendance were J. Collins and B. Simmons.

The December 17 meeting of the Board of Control was attended by J. Fullen, J. Vallina, D. Cardone, M. Allison, K. Charlton, P. Cherubin, R. Dufalla, T. Evans, S. Heinauer, M. Gavlik (non-voting member), L. Messich, B. Rocco, S. Seltzer, W. Sinning, and T. O'Malley. Also in attendance were 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:

- Baldwin . . . . . Marie Lux
- Burgettstown . . . . . Lisa-Marie Ukena
- Butler . . . . . Simon Issa  
Siiri Nikkenen
- Norwin . . . . . Peer Braak
- Norwin . . . . . Niklas Jurgens
- Riverside . . . . . Margaux Ayasse
- Uniontown . . . . . Mareye Holscher
- Woodland Hills . . . . . Alejandro Carrera

**Transfer Provision**

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

- Burrell . . . . . Aaron Claasen
- Carlynton . . . . . Britney Kowal
- Central Catholic . . . . . Quinton Owens  
Louis Setfanik
- Eden Christian Academy . . . . . Robert A. Bailey  
Robert N. Bailey  
Jiaheng Chen  
Jungioon Lee

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

- Eden Christian Academy (Cont'd.) . . . . . Wei-Chieh Lee  
Michael Mayer  
Hang Wu  
Hseuh-an Yu
- Imani Christian . . . . . Daniece Wade  
Tyra Wade
- Keystone Oaks . . . . . Tyler Kunkel
- Mohawk . . . . . Ryan Sager
- North Allegheny . . . . . Mike Fischer
- Oakland Catholic . . . . . Nina Baker  
Angela Gloninger  
Rui Zhong
- Pllum . . . . . Ashton Teeter
- Quigley Catholic . . . . . Anna Shvach
- Riverview . . . . . Isabella Gudmundsdotir
- St. Joseph . . . . . Jesus Munoz
- Serra Catholic . . . . . Clara D'Imperio
- Shady Side Academy . . . . . Preethi Shankar
- Shaler . . . . . Eugene Thorpe
- Southmoreland . . . . . Bethany Siebert
- Vincentian Academy . . . . . Sylvia Ciocca  
Elizabeth Collins  
Kimberly Corcoran  
Alec Costa  
Corbin Costa  
Carter Davis  
Nicholas Giltrow  
Qipeng Hu  
Wanying Hu  
Zhishan Huang  
Kelsey Hunter  
Kayla Keys  
Daniel Kushner  
Torin Miskovich-Marx  
Alexander Mueser  
Tingsen Ruan  
Alexander Sharpe  
Matthew Smail  
Jeffrey Spengler  
Jakob Thomas  
Anthony Tommarello  
Yuan Xie  
Qi Xiong

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

- Beaver Falls . . . . . Micoy Mason
- Canon McMillan . . . . . Constantinos Karanikos
- Franklin Regional . . . . . George Brown
- Monessen . . . . . Teraee Bradford
- Ringgold . . . . . Derrez Tyree

The following students were declared eligible under Article III, Section 9 of the PIAA By-Laws:

West Mifflin . . . . . Cody Roland

**Period of Participation**

The following student was granted a period of participation waiver under Article VIII, Section 3 of the PIAA By-Laws:

Indiana . . . . . Thomas Dubose

**ELIGIBILITY HEARINGS**

**Lincoln Park – Elijah Minnie**

After considering the testimony and presentations made at the rehearing regarding the transfer of Elijah Minnie from Monessen High School/Summit Academy to Lincoln Park Performing Arts Charter School, the WPIAL BOC again denied to grant eligibility in the sport of basketball only under Article VI, Section 4 of the PIAA By-Laws. The Board determined that the transfer was materially motivated by an athletic purpose; and that but for a desire to play basketball at Lincoln Park, Elijah Minnie would have enrolled elsewhere. Accordingly, the Board declared Elijah Minnie ineligible to participate in basketball only for a period of one year from the date of transfer, July 7, 2012.

**Seton LaSalle – Yacine Diop**

After reviewing the information and testimony presented regarding the transfer of Yacine Diop from Oak Hill Academy to Seton LaSalle High School, the WPIAL BOC Hearing Panel found that the transfer was motivated in some material way by an athletic purpose related to basketball. Accordingly, the panel declared Yacine Diop ineligible to participate in basketball only for a period of one year from the date of transfer, August 20, 2012. She is eligible to participate in all other sports. This action was taken under Article VI, Section 4D of the PIAA By-Laws.

**Southmoreland – Anna Gatti**

After reviewing the information and testimony presented regarding the transfer of Anna Gatti from Greensburg Central Catholic High School to Southmoreland High School, the WPIAL BOC Hearing Panel found that the transfer was motivated in some material way by an athletic purpose related to softball. Accordingly, the panel declared Anna Gatti ineligible to participate in softball only for a period of one year from the date of transfer, August 27, 2012. She is eligible to participate in all other sports. This action was taken under Article VI, Section 4D of the PIAA By-Laws.

**ELIGIBILITY OF STUDENTS ATTENDING AMBRIDGE LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS**

The BOC determined students attending the Ambridge Area High School Leadership Academy for Success and Jr. ROTC Leadership Program are eligible in the interscholastic athletic program at Rochester only under Article III, Section 7 of the PIAA By-Laws.

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP TABLED**

The BOC tabled a request from Erie McDowell High School to become readmitted as an associate member in football only until the PIAA releases the next two-year classifications so as to protect the interests of the current WPIAL Quad A football playing schools.

**PIAA BY-LAW VIOLATIONS**

**Leechburg High School**

The BOC censured the Leechburg High School Administration and boys' basketball coach for violating PIAA By-Law Article XII, Section 1. On December 8, 2012, Leechburg competed in a contest with St. Gertrude, a CYO team that is not a school. The boys' basketball program is on one-year probation through December 8, 2013. The administration must develop a plan of action to the WPIAL by January 17, 2013, to ensure the situation does not reoccur and interaction with a non-PIAA member school cannot count toward the 2012-2013 boys' basketball overall record.

**Steel Valley High School**

The WPIAL Board of Control found the Steel Valley High School Administration's in-depth, detailed, and thorough investigation into the Logan Holtzman transfer to be satisfactory and determined it was not materially motivated by an athletic purpose.

**Vincentian Academy**

The WPIAL Board of Control is requiring the Vincentian Academy Administration to submit written notification of any and all athletes who participated in a scrimmage or contest before their eligibility was determined by January 11, 2013, and is requiring the administration to attend a hearing on January 22, 2013, to address several issues pertaining to student eligibility.

**Winchester Thurston High School**

The BOC determined the violation of PIAA Article XII as to playing a non-PIAA member team (St Gertrude – a non-school CYO team) in the Leechburg Tip Off Boys Basketball Tournament was inadvertent and in no way purposeful. The BOC strongly reprimanded the administration for failure to establish in advance the

status of their opponents and recommends that if this occurs in the future, the interaction with a non-PIAA member school cannot count toward the 2012-2013 boys basketball overall record.

### **Fox Chapel – Soccer Coach Disqualification**

The BOC Hearing Panel determined the following regarding the PIAA disqualification received by the Fox Chapel Area High School Girls' Soccer Coach and his subsequent actions on October 8, 2012: 1) The Fox Chapel Area High School Girls' Soccer Coach is publicly censured for the PIAA disqualification and subsequent actions on October 8, 2012. 2) The Fox Chapel Area High School girls' soccer program is on probation for a period of one year through the conclusion of the 2013-2014 soccer season. 3) The WPIAL will suspend the Fox Chapel girls' soccer program from playoff participation in the 2013-2014 season **unless** the Fox Chapel Area High School administration imposes an additional one-game suspension for the girls' soccer coach at the beginning of the 2013-2014 soccer season **and** the girls' soccer coach enrolls in and successfully completes an ASEP Coaching Principle course by June 1, 2013. Verification of course attendance and successful completion must be submitted to the WPIAL office.

### **STEERING COMMITTEE CHANGES**

**Ed Driscoll**, resigned as an adjunct member of the Wrestling Committee.

**John Rosa, Freedom Area HS Athletic Director**, was appointed to the Wrestling Committee. Mr. Rosa was previously a member of the Baseball Committee.

**Sam Cercone, Athletic Director-Central Valley** was appointed to the Baseball Committee.

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## **SPORTS REPORT**

### **2012-13 FALL SPORTS TEAM CHAMPIONS**

- **Boys' Cross Country**  
A Our Lady of the Sacred Heart  
AAA Quaker Valley  
AAA North Allegheny
- **Girls' Cross Country**  
A Laurel  
AA Quaker Valley  
AAA Mt. Lebanon
- **Field Hockey**  
AA Shady Side Academy  
AAA Fox Chapel

- **Football**  
 A Clairton  
 AA Aliquippa  
 AAA West Allegheny  
 AAAA North Allegheny
- **Boys' Golf**  
 AA Burgettstown  
 AAA Central Catholic
- **Girls' Golf**  
 AA Central Valley  
 AAA Penn Trafford
- **Boys' Soccer**  
 A Riverside  
 AA Quaker Valley  
 AAA Canon McMillan
- **Girls' Soccer**  
 A Greensburg Central Catholic  
 AA Mars  
 AAA Peters Township
- **Girls' Tennis**  
 AA Quaker Valley  
 AAA Peters Twp.
- **Girls' Volleyball**  
 A Greensburg Central Catholic  
 AA Hopewell  
 AAA Mt. Lebanon

**PIAA CHAMPIONS  
2012-13 FALL SPORTS**

**Team**

Clairton . . . . . Class A Football  
 North Allegheny . . . . . Class AAAA Football  
 Peters Twp . . . . . AAA Girls Soccer  
 Peters Twp . . . . . AAA Girls Tennis

**Individual**

Abby Cummings, Sarah Komer . . . . . AAA Girls Doubles

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

A summary of all "Official Balls" for the 2012-13 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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