

**BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION ITEMS  
JANUARY, 2013 – FEBRUARY, 2013**



The January 14 meeting (hearing panel) of the Board of Control was attended by J. Fullen, D. Cardone, J. Vallina, M. Allison, P. Cherubin, C. DeVivo, S. Heinauer, J. Patton, B. Rocco, S. Seltzer, K. Williams, and T. O'Malley. Also in attendance were J.

Collins and B. Simmons.

The January 22 meeting of the Board of Control was attended by J. Fullen, J. Vallina, D. Cardone, K. Charlton, P. Cherubin, D. Conn, C. DeVivo, R. Dufalla, T. Evans, M. Gavlik (non-voting member), S. Heinauer, L. Messich, J. Patton, S. Seltzer, W. Sinning, K. Williams, and T. O'Malley. Also in attendance were J. Collins and C. Harlan.

The February 6 meeting (hearing panel) of the Board of Control was attended by J. Fullen, J. Vallina, D. Cardone, P. Cherubin, T. Evans, S. Heinauer, J. Patton, S. Seltzer, W. Sinning, K. Williams, and T. O'Malley. Also in attendance were J. Collins and B. Simmons.

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

**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:

- Pine Richland . . . . . Farida Abbasova
- West Allegheny . . . . . Tim Wittwer

**Transfer Provision**

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

- Greensburg Central Catholic . . . . . Brianna Jacobs
- Greensburg Salem . . . . . Kolby Luttner
- Kiski . . . . . Matthew Bisceglia
- Mt. Lebanon . . . . . Gian-Luca Bacchi
- North Catholic . . . . . Dennis Blackwell, Jr.
- Plum . . . . . Alexander Kirilloff

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

- Quigley Catholic . . . . . Neal Medenhall
- Seton LaSalle . . . . . Alexis Keefe  
Matthew Wilke
- Sewickley Academy . . . . . Samarth Medakkar
- Vincentian Academy . . . . . David Schmidt  
Kaiyue Zhou

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

- Ambridge . . . . . Dominique Brown-Haley
- Penn Hills . . . . . Cameron Franklin  
Darin Franklin

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

- Bethel Park . . . . . Isaiah Bell

**Attendance**

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

- Steel Valley . . . . . Ryan Sabo

**ELIGIBILITY HEARINGS**

**Bishop Canevin – Rebecca Turney**

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

**Sewickley Academy – Hunter Ligo**

After considering the information and testimony presented, the Hearing Panel has sustained a decision reached on June 26, 2012, granting limited eligibility under PIAA By-Law Article VIII, Section 6, to Hunter Ligo in all sports except Boys Lacrosse for the 2012-2013 school year.

## **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

The BOC approved the following persons to serve on the Nominating Committee for the 2013-14 Board of Control election. The Nominating Committee includes:

Barry Balaski . . . . . Principal, Moon HS  
Jason Olexa . . . . . Principal, Brentwood HS  
Chad Roland . . . . . Principal, Kiski HS  
Dr. Patricia Smith . . . . . Principal, South Park HS  
Brian Sutherland . . . . . Principal, Monessen HS

Jason Olexa will serve as Committee Chairperson.

## **PIAA BY-LAW VIOLATIONS**

### **Burrell**

The BOC censured the head girls basketball coach, placed the girls' basketball team on probation for a period of one year, and accepted the administration's response to the violation of Article XIX, Section 2A of the PIAA By-Laws.

### **Chartiers Houston – South Fayette**

The BOC accepted a resolution reached by both schools regarding an incident that took place at the Chartiers Houston Invitational Wrestling Tournament.

### **Imani Christian**

The BOC accepted the administration's response regarding failure to complete an originally issued schedule for the 2012 Gateway Basketball Tournament and reprimanded them for ineffectively communicating a decision relative to the tournament.

### **Leechburg High School**

The BOC accepted action by the administration to ensure no future violations of the PIAA Constitution & By-Laws.

### **New Castle High School**

The BOC accepted the response of administration regarding the ejection of a boys' basketball player during a game with Seneca Valley High School on January 4, 2013.

### **Vincentian Academy**

The BOC censured the administration, placed the interscholastic athletic program on probation for a two-year period, all contests in which ineligible student athletes participated must be forfeited, the administration must attend the 2013-2014 New Athletic Director/Principal Seminar, the football coach has been disqualified from coaching for a one year period, and the

BOC accepted the proposed plan of action as presented to prevent further violations.

### **Vincentian Academy – Letters of Forfeiture**

The BOC accepted the letters of forfeiture to all opponents in which ineligible student athletes were used during the 2012-2013 school year.

### **Vincentian Academy-Football Coach Disqualification from Coaching**

After considering the testimony provided at the hearing on February 6, 2013, regarding the WPIAL Board of Control's prior disqualification of Mr. Timothy F. Storino from coaching for a period of one year effective January 23, 2013, is a result of violating PIAA's anti-recruiting By-Laws Article VI, Transfers, Residence & Recruiting, Section 7.

## **INELIGIBLE PLAYERS**

### **South Park**

The BOC censured the head wrestling coach, placed the wrestling program on probation for a year period through the 2013-2014 wrestling season, accepted the letters of forfeiture to individual opponents for use of an ineligible wrestler, and accepted the administration's plan of action to ensure the violation does not reoccur.

## **COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIPS**

### **Blackhawk – Beaver County Christian**

A cooperative sponsorship of sports girls' lacrosse between Blackhawk and Beaver County Christian effective with the 2012-2013 school year was approved by the BOC.

### **Butler – St. Joseph**

The BOC denied a request for a cooperative sponsorship of a sport between Butler and St. Joseph effective with the 2012-2013 school year in the sport of boys' lacrosse under PIAA Article III, Section 11, A-6.

## **BOARD OF CONTROL RESIGNATION**

The BOC accepted the resignation of Richard Hall as the School Boards Representative. The Pennsylvania School Boards Association appointed Frank Vulcano to serve as the School Boards Representative. Mr. Vulcano is a member of the Chartiers Houston School District Board of Directors.

## **2013 WPIAL HALL OF FAME INDUCTION AND BANQUET**

The seventh annual WPIAL Hall of Fame 2013 banquet and induction ceremony will take place on Friday, June 7,

2013, at the Greentree Doubletree Hotel, Mansfield Avenue, Greentree, PA.

Tickets may be purchased using the reservation form which can be downloaded from the WPIAL website ([www.wpial.com](http://www.wpial.com)). Tickets are \$40.00 per person and must be purchased in advance prior to May 30, 2013. Tickets will not be sold at the door.

The 2013 Hall of Fame Class will be announced at a Press Conference at the Heinz History Center on April 10, 2013. A full listing of all inductees will be posted on the WPIAL website ([www.wpial.com](http://www.wpial.com)) on April 10, 2013.

## 2013-2014 FALL/WINTER SPORTS ALIGNMENTS APPROVED

All fall/winter sports alignments for the 2013-14 school year, the second year of the 2012-14 scheduling cycle, were approved by the BOC. The only changes made were prompted by the addition and/or deletion of teams to the program. Schools requesting a change in alignment will receive consideration for the 2014-2016 scheduling cycle. Alignment, scheduling grids, calendars, and sport memos are available on the WPIAL website by clicking on the "scheduling" tab.

**FOOTBALL** – No changes were made in the alignment.

**Cross Country** – A new team, Neighborhood Academy, was added to Section 5, Class AA.

**Field Hockey** – Greensburg Salem was dropped from the alignment.

**Boys' Golf** – Two teams were added to the alignment and three teams were dropped from the alignment. Carlynton was placed in Class AA, Section 7 and Eden Christian was placed in Class AA, Section 3. Apollo Ridge, Elderton, and South Allegheny were dropped from the alignment.

**Girls' Golf** – No changes were made in the alignment.

**Boys' Soccer** – Three teams, Elderton, Ellwood City, and South Side Area were dropped from the alignment.

**Girls' Soccer** – One new team, Eden Christian, was placed in Class A, Section 3. Ellwood City was dropped from the alignment.

**Girls' Tennis** – Elderton was dropped from the alignment.

**Girls' Volleyball** – One new team, New Castle, was added to the alignment and one team, Elderton, was dropped from the alignment.

**Boys' Basketball** – No changes were made in the alignment.

**Girls' Basketball** – No changes were made in the alignment.

**Gymnastics** – One new team, Hampton, was added to the alignment.

**Rifle** – No changes were made in the alignment.

**Boys' Swimming** – No changes were made in the alignment.

**Girls' Swimming** – No changes were made in the alignment.

**Wrestling** – One new team, Laurel Highlands, was added to the alignment in Section 2A, Class AAA. Three teams, Shady Side Academy, Highlands, and Uniontown, were dropped from the alignment.

## 2012-13 WINTER/SPRING SPORT TEAM CHAMPIONS

- **Boys' Basketball**

Class A	Vincetian
Class AA	Beaver Falls
Class AAA	Montour
Class AAAA	New Castle
- **Girls' Basketball**

Class A	Vincetian
Class AA	Bishop Canevin
Class AAA	South Park
Class AAAA	Bethel Park
- **Wrestling**

Class AA	Burrell
Class AAA	Canon McMillan
- **Boys' Swimming**

Class AA	Indiana
Class AAA	North Allegheny
- **Girls' Swimming**

Class AA	South Fayette
Class AAA	North Allegheny
- **Girls Gymnastics**

Moon	
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- **Rifle**

Hempfield	
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- **Competitive Spirit**

Class A	Neshannock
Class AA	Hopewell
Class AAA	Pine Richland

## OFFICIAL MAJOR SPONSORS



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## 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	VB5	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-12L	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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