

**BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION ITEMS SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER, 2013**



The September 16 Board of Control Meeting was attended by: J. Fullen, B. Rocco, S. Seltzer, M. Allison, K. Charlton, P. Cherubin, W. Cleary, R. Dufalla, T. Evans, R. Gaughan, S. Heinauer, P. Mannarino, L. Messich, J. Patton, A.

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

The September 18 meeting (Hearing Panel) of the Board of Control was attended by: J. Fullen, T. Evans, M. Allison, P. Cherubin, J. Patton, S. Seltzer, and T. O'Malley. Also in attendance were Brian Simmons and J. Collins.

The October 21 Board of Control Meeting was attended by: J. Fullen, B. Rocco, S. Seltzer, M. Allison, K. Charlton, W. Cleary, D. Conn, R. Dufalla, T. Evans, M. Gavlik (non-voting member), S. Heinauer, P. Mannarino, L. Messich, J. Patton, A. Scheuneman, W. Sinning, J. Wallace, K. Williams, and T. O'Malley. Also in attendance were J. Collins, B. Simmons, C. Harlan, and J. Tuscano.

**ELIGIBILITY REVIEWS**

**Transfer Provision**

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

- Beaver . . . . . Austin Zurik
- Beaver County Christian . . . . . Hamin Cho  
Heeseo Hwang  
Spencer York
- Bishop Canevin . . . . . Amaan Bridgett  
Rachel Rittelman  
Alexis Sherman  
Ellese White
- Blackhawk . . . . . Nathaniel Loedding
- Cardinal Wuerl North Catholic . . . . . Rashad Bolden  
Nicholas Milich
- Central Catholic . . . . . Michael Santa Lucia
- Eden Christian Academy . . . . . Brianna Bedillion  
Elias Berdes  
Seth Berdes  
Phoebe Hu  
Ben Porter
- Fox Chapel . . . . . David Rice
- Geibel Catholic . . . . . Riley Bocan

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

- Greensburg Central Catholic . . . . . Lauren Lazzara  
Ashley Sieber  
Sarah Sieber
- Imani Christian Academy . . . . . Brenden Shanks  
Mariah Smith  
DeShaun Williams
- Indiana Area . . . . . Roberto Salinas
- Mars Area . . . . . Elena Bilotto
- Moon Area . . . . . Michael Ravas
- Oakland Catholic . . . . . Carly Huff  
TaMyah Petty  
Margaux Wilson
- Our Lady of Sacred Heart . . . . . Albert Unis  
Liam Ward
- Quigley Catholic . . . . . Tomas Johnson  
Madison Patsey-Padgett  
Jacob Schwab
- St. Joseph . . . . . Austin Bradford  
Adam Coury  
Juliana Joyce  
Anthony Sparacino
- Serra Catholic . . . . . Pable Berruezo  
Claudia Ripepi  
Lauren Sturnik
- Seton LaSalle . . . . . Vincont Cotten  
Cletus Helton  
Da'Jon Lenovel  
Alec Mastovich  
Giovanni Rapano  
Luis Villoslada  
Christine Wagner
- Sewickley Academy . . . . . Isabella Albanese  
Mihaela Chilari  
Nicholas Steinmetz
- Shady Side Academy . . . . . Derek Chen
- Shaler Area . . . . . Gavin Cannon
- Thomas Jefferson . . . . . Lisa Richard
- Trinity . . . . . Gabriel Lopez
- Vincentian Academy . . . . . Nicholas Barto-Brown  
Jiacheng Chen  
Tiantian Chen  
Kaley Fedko  
Chenwei Liang  
Courtney O'Donnell  
Victoria Thacker

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

- Norwin . . . . . Cheyenne Julian
- Seton LaSalle . . . . . Joseph Ryan

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

Elizabeth Forward . . . . . Brandon Barr  
Monessen . . . . . Luke Beveridge  
North Allegheny . . . . . Anthony Boeh  
Richard Boeh  
Penn Hills . . . . . Jerome Brown  
Ron Brown  
Penn Trafford . . . . . Nathan Endres  
Daniel Raymond  
South Fayette . . . . . Tyler Goad  
Washington . . . . . Cassidy Hiles

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

Beaver Area . . . . . Chase Carradi  
California Area . . . . . Lester McGriff  
Fox Chapel Area . . . . . Kyle Smecker  
Penn Trafford . . . . . Jacob Stull  
Plum . . . . . Ryan Clark

The following student was declared eligible under Article VI, Section 6 of the PIAA By-Laws:

Montour . . . . . Alexis Taylor

### **Foreign Exchange Provision**

The following students were granted eligibility under Article VII, Section I CSJET sponsored J-1 Visa exchange students:

Ambridge . . . . . Camilla Dudine  
Noa Muenster  
Avonworth . . . . . Francesco Marino  
Canon McMillan . . . . . Cecillia Laposchan  
Sofya Sarkisova  
Arja Slaaten  
Glafira Steklova  
Chartiers Valley . . . . . Hedda LindwallAbe  
Elizabeth Forward . . . . . Vitoria Santos  
Ellis . . . . . Paulina Kempe  
Ellwood City . . . . . Severin Bachinger  
Franklin Regional . . . . . Maria Ferrari Leonel  
Nele Weihe  
Greensburg Salem . . . . . Nico Schmidt  
Hempfield Area . . . . . Miguel Benito  
Haru Kobayashi  
Indiana Area . . . . . Fernando Campos  
Flavia Caron  
Mt. Lebanon . . . . . Carlos Drouet Baca  
Elisabeth Kolnes  
North Allegheny . . . . . Nemanja Pljevancic  
Norwin . . . . . Max Lang Lajendaecker  
Penn Trafford . . . . . Karolin Brede  
Peters Township . . . . . Kerstin Rieper

### **Foreign Exchange Provision (Cont'd.)**

Riverside . . . . . Pernille Jonasson  
Meril Kallasmaa  
Peter Matthiesen  
Olesandra Yegorova  
Riverview . . . . . Ludger Oelck  
Seneca Valley . . . . . Ana Jovanovic  
Southmoreland . . . . . Samuel Krajcovic  
Springdale . . . . . Tristan Brazeau  
Eliyas Eli  
Uniontown Area . . . . . Maximillian Kroeger  
West Shamokin . . . . . Pia Reichmann  
Woodland Hills . . . . . Apenteng Diabenie

### **ATTENDANCE PROVISION**

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

Washington . . . . . Zach Fine

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

Fox Chapel Area . . . . . Austin Elwood

### **PERIOD OF PARTICIPATION PROVISION**

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

Washington . . . . . Quortzeze Levy

### **ELIGIBILITY HEARINGS**

#### **Khalil Character – Beaver Falls**

After reviewing the information and testimony presented regarding the transfer of Khalil Character from Freedom High School to Beaver Falls High School, the WPIAL BOC Hearing Panel declared Khalil Character eligible to compete in interscholastic athletic program during the 2013-2014 school year. This action was taken under Article VI, Section 2C of the PIAA By-Laws. The effective date of this eligibility is September 18, 2013.

#### **William Higgs – Greensburg Central Catholic**

After reviewing the information and testimony presented regarding the transfer of William Higgs from Bishop McCort High School to Greensburg Central Catholic High School, the WPIAL Board of Control declined to grant eligibility under Article VI, Section 4 of the PIAA By-Laws because there exists a reasonable likelihood that his transfer was materially motivated in some way by an athletic purpose related to basketball. Accordingly, the

BOC declared William Hipps ineligible to participate in basketball only for a period of one year from the date of transfer, July 13, 2013. He is eligible to participate in all other sports.

### **Mallory Claybourne – Sto-Rox**

After reviewing the information and testimony presented regarding the transfer of Mallory Claybourne from Renaissance Academy to Sto-Rox High School, the WPIAL BOC declared Mallory Claybourne eligible to compete in interscholastic athletic program during the 2013-2014 school year. This action was taken under Article VI, Section 2D of the PIAA By-Laws. The effective date of this eligibility is September 16, 2013.

## **HEARINGS ABORTED SOCCER GAMES**

### **Uniontown Area – Waynesburg**

After considering the testimony and presentations made at the hearing, The BOC determined the following: **1)** The Uniontown Area boys soccer coaches are publically censured for taking their team off the field prior to the conclusion of the soccer game with Waynesburg Central on October 8, 2013. **2)** The Uniontown boys' soccer program has been placed on probation through the 2014 soccer season. **3)** The Uniontown Area principal and athletic director must conduct pre-season meetings with coaches and student athletes to review PIAA rules, regulations and expectations including sportsmanship. **4)** The Uniontown Area boys' soccer coaches are required to attend an approved ASEP Coaching Principles Class with documentation of successful attendance and completion of said class submitted to the WPIAL office prior to August 1, 2014. **5)** Both Uniontown Area and Waynesburg Central must have an administrator present at both home and away soccer matches between the two schools during the 2014 soccer season. **6)** The Waynesburg Central administration must submit a plan of game management that would address the effective supervision of spectators and security at all home athletic competitions to the league office by Monday, November 11, 2013.

### **Brashear – Canon McMillan**

After considering the testimony and presentations made at the hearing, The BOC determined the following: **1)** The Brashear High School boys' soccer coaches are publically censured for taking their team off the field prior to the conclusion of the soccer game with Canon McMillan on September 24, 2013. **2)** The Brashear boys' soccer program has been placed on probation through the 2014 soccer season. **3)** The Brashear principal and athletic director must conduct pre-season meetings with coaches and student athletes to review PIAA rules, regulations, and expectations including sportsmanship.

**4)** The Brashear boys soccer coaches are required to attend an approved ASEP Coaching Principles Class with documentation of successful attendance and completion of said class submitted to the WPIAL office prior to August 1, 2014. **5)** The Brashear High School will be excluded from a WPIAL section schedule unless the head boys' soccer coach is suspended from coaching in the first two section boys soccer games of the 2014-15 soccer season.

## **INELIGIBLE STUDENT ATHLETES**

The BOC censured the administration of the following schools for using a student athlete before being granted eligibility by the BOC:

### **Beaver County Christian School**

The WPIAL Board of Control censured the administration for using an ineligible student athlete before receiving WPIAL BOC approval. Beaver County Christian's soccer program has been placed on probation for a period of one year through the 2014 season and the WPIAL BOC accepted the Beaver County Christian administration's plan of improvement to be sure this situation does not reoccur.

### **Freedom High School**

The BOC publically censured principal, athletic director, and track and field coach for the use of an ineligible student athlete during the 2012-2013 school year. The track and field program is on probation for a period of one year through the 2014 school year track and field season. The administration must submit letters of forfeiture to all opponents in contests in which the ineligible student athlete participated in during the 2012-2013 track and field season with boys track and field being required to return the 2012-2013 section plaque to the WPIAL office if said forfeitures results in not being the section winner. The administration must submit procedural guidelines outlining steps that will ensure this situation does not reoccur.

### **Northgate High School**

The WPIAL Board of Control publicly censured the administration for using an ineligible student athlete during the 2012-2013 school year; they must forfeit all contests the athlete participated in. The BOC accepted the administration's plan of action to ensure this situation does not occur again and to avoid future rules violations and commended them for their swift approach to resolving the situation.

### **Washington – Blystone – Football Forfeiture**

The WPIAL Board of Control, in response to the PIAA upholding a previous decision by the BOC and a court injunction being vacated on October 15, 2013, directs the administration to forfeit in writing any and all contests, at any level of competition, in which Zachary Blystone participated by Friday October 25, 2013.

### **Washington – Ineligible Student Athlete**

The BOC determined the following regarding the use of an ineligible student athlete prior to receiving WPIAL Board of Control approval: **1)** The administration is publicly censured for permitting an ineligible student athlete to participate in the interscholastic athletic program. **2)** The administration is directed to forfeit in writing any and all contests in which the ineligible student athlete participated prior to October 21, 2013, with copies of these letters of forfeiture to opponents sent to the league office by Friday, October 25, 2013. **3)** The varsity football program is on probation through the 2014 high school football season. **4)** The administration must submit for review and approval a plan of improvement to ensure all students meet the PIAA requirements for eligibility with said plan submitted to the league office by Friday, October 25, 2013. **5)** The BOC commends the administration for self-reporting this violation.

### **Wilkinsburg School District**

The BOC censured the administration for using ineligible student athletes, placed the middle school football program on probation for a period of one year through the 2014 season, and required the administration to develop a plan of action to ensure there are no future violations of PIAA rules and regulations.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION PLANS ACCEPTED**

### **Central Valley High School**

The BOC accepted the administration's improvement plan to ensure there are no future student athlete transfer violations.

## **ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF SEASON & OUT-OF-SEASON RULES & REGULATIONS**

### **Central Valley High School**

The BOC Hearing Panel concluded that pertinent information relative to the transfer of Tyler Beatrice was purposely withheld and/or misrepresented during Tyler's May 14, 2013, eligibility hearing and unanimously

decided that: **1)** The Central Valley School District administration and board of school directors are commended for their collective efforts to investigate and inform the WPIAL Board of their findings relative to the Tyler Beatrice transfer. **2)** The head football coach of Central Valley is publicly censured for his part in withholding or misrepresenting information relative to interactions between himself and the Beatrice family prior to the transfer of Tyler Beatrice from Blackhawk to Central Valley. **3)** The Central Valley School District varsity football team will be ineligible for participation in the 2013 WPIAL Football Playoffs UNLESS the Central Valley School District suspends their head football coach from coaching football beginning on Monday, September 23, 2013, until Sunday, October 6, 2013. This suspension must include total exclusion from any and all football related activities, including attendance at any Central Valley football practices and games during this period. Any violation of this provision will result in Central Valley being ineligible for post-season play in 2013.

### **Mt. Lebanon High School**

The BOC voted unanimously that there were no violations of PIAA By-Laws Article XVI, Season & Out-of-Season Rules and Regulations by Mt. Lebanon School District and their girls' volleyball program.

### **Neshannock High School**

The BOC publicly censured the girls tennis coach for a tennis ladder line-up violation and placed the girls' tennis program on probation for a period of one year through the 2014 season.

### **Serra Catholic High School**

The BOC determined there were no violations of PIAA Constitution and By-Laws and commended the administration for self-reporting and are reminded in moving forward that all interscholastic athletic coaches should be reminded that if they are to provide tuition assistance, it cannot be for the purposes of encouraging student athletes to attend Serra Catholic and participate in the interscholastic athletic program.

### **South Fayette High School**

The BOC publicly censured the head boys' cross country coach for the violation of PIAA Article XII, Athletic Relations 1B as it relates to students who are neither currently enrolled or who have graduated and placed the boys' cross country program on probation for a period of one year through the 2014 season.

## **COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP(S) APPROVED**

### **Indiana, Ford City & Blairsville**

The Board of Control accepted the request from Indiana Area, Ford City, and Blairsville High Schools to form a cooperative sponsorship of a sport agreement in the sports of girls' varsity lacrosse beginning the 2013-2014 school year with Indiana Area High School as the host school. This is based on the fact that girls' lacrosse has a single classification and the mid-cycle approval is a non-factor.

## **COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP TERMINATION**

### **Freedom – Quigley Catholic**

The WPIAL Board of Control has accepted the request from Freedom Area High School to terminate the cooperative sponsorship of a sport agreement effective at the conclusion of the 2013/2014 school year with Quigley Catholic High School in the sports, varsity football and wrestling.

## **AUDIT REPORT**

Amanda Kelly, representing the accounting firm of Creese, Smith, and Co. presented the annual audit report of the financial position of the League as of June 30, 2013. According to Mrs. Kelly, the audit represents the financial position of the League at June 30, 2012, and June 30, 2013, and the changes in its net assets and cash flow for the years that ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Total assets for the year ending June 30, 2013, were \$511,801, compared to \$529,302 for the year ending June 30, 2012. The League's revenue share program resulted in \$188,166 being returned to schools participating in the football, basketball, and soccer tournaments.

## **CORPORATE SPONSORSHIPS**

### **Comcast Cable**

The WPIAL has reached a new agreement with Comcast as a corporate sponsor. Comcast, UPMC Center for Sports Medicine, First Commonwealth Bank, and McDonald's are the League's official corporate sponsors. The three-year agreement will be in effect until June 30, 2016.

Under the terms of the agreement, Comcast has an exclusive license to televise all eight boys' and girls' basketball championship final games on Comcast's ON DEMAND. Comcast has also secured rights to televise football tournament games during the first, quarterfinal, and semifinal rounds of the tournament.

## **WPIAL SCHOOLS WITH ARTIFICIAL SURFACES**

There are now 73 schools with turf fields in the WPIAL. Three schools have reported multiple turf fields as follows: Fox Chapel Area – football, baseball, and softball; North Hills – football and softball; and Penn Hills – football and soccer. While some schools replaced their turf this year, Brentwood is the only school to report a new football turf field for 2013-14.

## **CHAMPIONSHIP GOLF COURSES**

The 2013 Boys and Girls Individual and Team Golf Championships were contested at different golf courses. The WPIAL is appreciative of the support and cooperation of the ownership and management of the following courses who have provided their facilities for the 2013 Golf Championships.

### **Boys' Sectional Tournaments**

Blackhawk Golf Course  
Cedarbrook Golf Course  
Club at Shadow Lakes  
Deertrak Golf Club  
Duck Hollow Golf Course  
Greene County Country Club  
Hiland Golf Course  
Mohawk Trails Golf Course  
Pittsburgh Field Club  
Pittsburgh National Golf Club  
Rittswood Golf Course  
Rolling Acres Golf Course  
South Park Golf Course  
Timber Ridge Golf Club  
3 Lakes Golf Course  
Valley Green Golf Club

### **Girls' Sectional Tournaments**

Connoquenessing Country Club  
Latrobe Elks Golf Course  
Ponderosa Golf Course  
Rolling Hills Country Club  
Vandergrift Golf Club

### **Boys' Individual Semifinals**

Cranberry Highlands Golf Course  
Hannastown Golf Course  
Youghiogeny Country Club

### Boys' Individual Championships

Diamond Run Golf Club  
Sewickley Heights Golf Club

### Girls' Individual Championships

Hillcrest Country Club

### Boys' Team Semifinals

Castle Hills Golf Club  
Cherry Creek Golf Club  
Ponderosa Golf Club  
River Forest Golf Club

### Boys' and Girls' Team Finals

Cedarbrook Golf Course

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## OFFICIAL GOLF SPONSOR

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## 2013-2014 OFFICIAL BALLS

A summary of all "Official Balls" for the 2013-2014 school year and beyond is listed below:

SPORT	MFGR.	OFFICIAL BALL	EXPIRATION
Football	Spalding	SB1	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-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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