

BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION ITEMS ~ MAY-JUNE, 2014

The May 14 meeting (hearing panel) of the Board of Control was attended by: J. Fullen, B. Rocco, S. Seltzer,



P. Cherubin D. Conn, T. Evans, S. Heinauer, P. Mannarino, J. Patton, J. Wallace and T. O'Malley. Also in attendance were B. Simmons, and J. Collins.

The May 19 meeting of the Board of Control was attended

by: J. Fullen, B. Rocco, S. Seltzer, M. Allison, P. Cherubin, W. Cleary, D. Conn, T. Evans, R. Gaughan, S. Heinauer, P. Mannarino, L. Messich J. Patton, A. Scheuneman, W. Sinning, K. Williams, and T. O'Malley. Also in attendance were J. Collins, B. Simmons, and A. Gipson.

The June 16 meeting of the Board of Control was attended by: B. Rocco, M. Allison, K. Charlton, D. Conn, R. Gaughan, P. Cherubin, W. Cleary, R. Dufalla, T. Evans, M. Gavlik (non-voting member), P. Mannarino, J. Patton, L. Messich, A. Scheuneman, W. Sinning, K. Williams, J. Wallace, and T. O'Malley. Also in attendance were B. Simmons, J. Collins, and A. Gipson.

ELIGIBILITY REVIEWS

Transfer Provision

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

Geibel Catholic Kayonna McCrea
Imani Christian Academy Christopher Beckley
Channing James
Penn Trafford Gabriella Andreo
Vincentian Iyanah Lannutti

Attendance

The following students were denied an attendance waiver under Article I, Section 3 of the PIAA By-Laws:

Uniontown Rodney Harris

Period of Participation

The following students were denied a period of participation waiver under Article VIII, Section 1 of the PIAA By-Laws:

Burrell Zachary Kelly

ELIGIBILITY HEARINGS

Riverview – Shyran Glover

After reviewing the information and testimony presented the WPIAL Board of Control Hearing Panel granted Shyran Glover a period of participation waiver under Article VIII, Section 6 of the PIAA By-Laws.

BELLE VERNON ~ Baseball Coach Behavior

After considering the information and testimony presented, the BOC Hearing Panel determined the following: **1)** Coach Hixenbaugh is publicly censured for his inappropriate comments to the media concerning WPIAL/PIAA baseball officials. Such comments to the media cannot and will not be tolerated. **2)** The probationary period for Belle Vernon will be extended by one year through the 2016 baseball season UNLESS the Belle Vernon Area High School Administration: **a)** suspends Coach Hixenbaugh from coaching and attending the first two (2) regular season Belle Vernon boys baseball games during the 2015 PIAA baseball season; and **b)** requires Coach Hixenbaugh to enroll in and successfully complete an ACEP (American Coaching Education Program) containing some sort of sportsmanship component by July 1, 2014. On or before June 1, 2014, the Belle Vernon Area High School Principal must verify in writing to WPIAL that Coach Hixenbaugh has enrolled in such an ACEP. On or before July 15, 2014, the Belle Vernon Area High School Principal must certify in writing to WPIAL that Coach Hixenbaugh successfully completed such an ACEP.

2014-15 BUDGET APPROVED

The WPIAL Budget Committee developed and approved a preliminary budget at planning meetings in May, 2014. Following discussion and modification, the WPIAL BOC adopted a \$1,841,900 operating budget for the year ending June 30, 2015. The operating budget represents a \$43,729 increase from the 2013-14 operating budget.

The 2014-15 budget includes the following:

- To maintain the dues at \$150 for high schools and \$50 for junior high schools.
- Revises the revenue share program for soccer, football and basketball to \$200,000.
- To maintain ticket prices in all tournament events.

COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIPS APPROVED

Hopewell – Aliquippa

The BOC conditionally accepted the request of Hopewell High School and Aliquippa High School to form a

cooperative sponsorship of a sport agreement in boys' and girls' soccer beginning with the 2014-2015 school year with Hopewell as the host school. The conditional acceptance is based on the fact that the combined enrollments do not change the assigned classification. The request was forwarded to the PIAA for their final approval.

PIAA and/or WPIAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION(S)

Aquinas Academy

The BOC approved both the PIAA junior high membership application for Aquinas Academy, located in Greensburg, PA, for the 2014-2015 school year.

Holy Family Academy

The BOC approved both the PIAA and WPIAL senior high Membership applications for Holy Family Academy, Grades 9-12 located in Pittsburgh, PA, for the 2014-2015 school year.

Propel Andrew St. High School

The BOC approved both the PIAA senior high Membership applications for Propel Andrew Street High School, Grades 9-12 located in Munhall, PA, for the 2014-2015 school year.

EIGHTH ANNUAL HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CEREMONY

The Eighth Annual WPIAL Hall of Fame banquet and induction ceremony was held on Friday, June 6, 2014 at the Greentree Doubletree Hotel. A record crowd of 599 attended the banquet.

Inductees in the 2014 class include the following by category: **Athletes** Dante Calabria –Basketball – Blackhawk High School, Ralph Cindrich – Football, Wrestling - Avella High School, Shannon Davis – Basketball – Our Lady of the Sacred Heart High School, Kelly Deep Panucci – Tennis –Moon Area High School, Beth Friday Bovay – Basketball, Soccer – Upper St. Clair High School, Ed Kasperowicz – Football – North Hills High School, Mike Vernillo – Football – Ft. Cherry High School; **Coaches** – Bob Jacoby – Softball, Football – Bishop Canevin High School, Dave Meloni – Soccer – Springdale High School, Tom Sankowich – Baseball – Connellsville High School; Don Yanessa – Football – Aliquippa, Baldwin & Ambridge High Schools; **Contest Officials** – Larry Maggi – Wrestling; **Contributor** – Jon Vallina – WPIAL Golf Committee Chairman and WPIAL Board of Control Member; **Teams** – 1960 Beaver Falls High School – Football; 1989 Balldwin High School – Girls Volleyball; **Heritage** – Arnold Galiffa – Football, Basketball, Track & Baseball – Donora High School.

In 2009, the WPIAL instituted a Courage Award to be given annually at the Hall of Fame Induction Banquet. The WPIAL Hall of Fame will induct each year a person who has demonstrated extraordinary courage in the midst of difficult circumstances while serving as an inspiration and role model to others in a positive way. Persons considered for the award must have been involved in a WPIAL interscholastic athletic program as a participant or supporter, coach, contest official, athletic administrator, or contributor to the League.

The 2014 recipient of the Courage Award is former WPIAL Board of Control Member William Suit (posthumous). Shaler Area High School.

NFL "HEADS UP INITIATIVE"

The BOC voted to support the NFL "Heads Up Initiative".

SOCCER/LACROSSE CHAMPIONSHIPS TO HIGHMARK STADIUM

The WPIAL and the Riverhounds Event Center have finalized an agreement for the 2013-14 WPIAL soccer and lacrosse championships to be held at the new Highmark Stadium located in the Station Square complex of Pittsburgh. All six soccer championships (three boys and three girls) will be contested on November 1 and 2, 2013. Two games will be played on Friday, November 1 and four games on Saturday, November 2. The four lacrosse championships (2 boys and 2 girls) will be contested on Thursday, May 22 with 2 girls championships and Friday, May 23 with the 2 boys championships.

WPIAL 2014-2015 & 2015-2016 BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP SITE

The BOC approved a two year contract with the University of Pittsburgh to host the 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 basketball championships. RFP's were submitted by three venues. Each of the proposals submitted was analyzed with respect to all factors, including, seating capacity, parking, handicapped accessibility, hospitality, spectator and media accommodations, staffing and cost.

SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD APPLICATIONS

Sportsmanship Award application materials were e-mailed to all athletic directors. Any member school principal or athletic director who did not receive the materials should contact the League Office and The materials will be sent to you. The deadline for submission of Sportsmanship Award applications for a member school's own school is September 13, 2014. The deadline for nominating another member school is August 1, 2014

2014-2015 BOYS/GIRLS LACROSSE ALIGNMENT

Boys Lacrosse

Two (2) Divisions with 38 teams

Girls Lacrosse

Two (2) Divisions with 34 teams

New Team – Trinity

SPORTS REPORT

WPIAL SPRING SPORTS CHAMPIONS 2014 TEAM CHAMPIONS

- **Baseball**

| | |
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| Class A | California |
| Class AA | Steel Valley |
| Class AAA | West Allegheny |
| Class AAAAA | Seneca Valley |
- **Softball**

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| Class A | Neshannock |
| Class AA | Beaver |
| Class AAA | Thomas Jefferson |
| Class AAAAA | Shaler |
- **Boys Tennis**

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| Class AA | Sewickley Academy |
| Class AAA | Shady Side Academy |
- **Boys' Track**

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| Class AA | Beaver |
| Class AAA | North Allegheny |
- **Girls' Track**

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| Class AA | South Fayette |
| Class AAA | Hempfield |
- **Girls Lacrosse**

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| Div. 1 | Mt. Lebanon |
| Div. 2 | Shaler |
- **Boys Lacrosse**

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| Div. 1 | Shady Side Academy |
| Div. 2 | Quaker Valley |
- **Boys' Volleyball**

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| Class AA | Ambridge |
| Class AAA | North Allegheny |

TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP SUMMARY 2013-14

Sixty-Six team champions were crowned in 26 sports in 2013-14. Schools garnering two or more team champions include:

North Allegheny – 8: (Boys' Cross Country-AAA, Boys-Swimming-AAA, Boys' Volleyball-AAA, Girls' Volleyball-AAA, Girls- Field Hockey-AAA, Girls' Tennis-AAA, Girls' Swimming-AAA, Boys' Track & Field –AAA)

Shady Side Academy – 4: (Boys' Tennis-AAA, Boys' Lacrosse-Div. 1, Girls' Soccer-A, Girls' Field Hockey-AA)

West Allegheny – 4: (Boys' Football-AAA, Boys' Soccer-AA, Boys' Baseball-AAA, Girls' Swimming-AA)

Central Valley -3: (Girls' Golf-AA, Girls' Soccer-AA, Boys' Basketball-AAA)

South Fayette – 3: (Boys' Cross Country-AA, Boys' Football-AA, Girls' Track & Field -AA)

Beaver – 2: (Girls' Softball-AA, Boys' Track & Field-AA)

Mars – 2: (Girls' Cross Country-AA, Boys' Swimming-AA)

Mt. Lebanon – 2: (Girls' Cross Country-AAA, Girls' Lacrosse-Div.1)

Penn Trafford – 2: (Girls' Golf-AAA, Girls' Basketball-AAAA)

Seneca Valley – 2: (Girls' Soccer-AAA, Boys' Baseball-AAAA)

Seton LaSalle – 2: (Boys' Basketball-AA, Girls' Basketball-AA)

Sewickley Academy-2: (Boys' Soccer-A, Boys' tennis-AA)

Shaler – 2: (Girls' Lacrosse-Division II, Girls' Softball-AAAA)

South Fayette-2: (Boys' Football-AA, Boys' Cross Country-AA)

Vincentian – 2: (Boys' Basketball-A, Girls' Basketball-A)

WPIAL STATE CHAMPIONS 2013-14

Team

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| Cardinal Wuerl North Catholic | Class A Football |
| South Fayette | Class AA Football |
| Greensburg Central Catholic | A Girls Soccer |
| Central Valley | AA Girls Soccer |
| Sewickley Academy | A Boys Soccer |
| Upper St. Clair | AAA Boys Soccer |
| North Allegheny | AAA Girls Tennis |
| Vincentian | A Girls Basketball |
| Seton LaSalle | AA Girls Basketball |
| Blackhawk | AAA Girls Basketball |
| Lincoln Park | A Boys Basketball |

New Castle AAAA Boys Basketball
 Mars AA Boys Swimming
 Franklin Regional AAA Wrestling
 Hempfield AAA Girls Track & Field
 Shady Side Academy AAA Boys Tennis



**"OFFICIAL BALL" LIST
 2013-14**

WPIAL OFFICIAL BALLS

| Sport | Manufacturer | Official Ball | Exp. Date |
|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|-----------|
| Football | Spalding | SB1 | 6-30-17 |
| Volleyball | Spalding | VB5 | 6-30-17 |
| Basketball Boys | Spalding | TF1000 Legacy | 6-30-17 |
| Basketball Girls | Spalding | TF1000 Legacy 28.5 | 6-30-17 |
| Softball | Spalding -Dudley | SB-12 | 6-30-17 |



OFFICIAL GOLF SPONSOR

GOLF GALAXY

**OFFICIAL SWIMMING / DIVING
 SPONSOR**



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 | Rawlings | R1PIAA (R100) |
| Soccer | Rawlings | PIAASB950 |

The above listed PIAA Official Balls must be used for competition by schools qualifying for WPIAL post-season play in baseball and soccer

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