

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ACTION ITEMS ~ MAY-JUNE, 2015

The May 5 meeting (hearing panel) of the Board of Directors was attended by: J. Fullen, B. Rocco, S. Seltzer, P. Cherubin T. Evans, S. Heinauer, P. Mannarino L. Messich, J. Patton, W. Sinning and T. O'Malley. Also in attendance were B. Simmons, and J. Collins.



The May 18 meeting of the Board of Directors was attended by: J. Fullen, S. Seltzer, M. Allison, P. Cherubin, W. Cleary, T. Evans, R. Gaughan, A. Gipson, S. Heinauer, P. Mannarino, L. Messich J. Patton, A. Scheuneman, W. Sinning, K. Williams, and T. O'Malley. Also in attendance were J. Collins and B. Simmons.

The June 15 meeting of the Board of Directors was attended by: J. Fullen, P. Cherubin, W. Cleary, D. Conn, T. Evans, R. Gaughan, M. Gavlik (non-voting member), A. Gipson, S. Heinauer, P. Mannarino, L. Messich, J. Patton, W. Sinning, K. Williams, and T. O'Malley. Also in attendance were B. Simmons, J. Collins, D. McBain, S. Wagner and C. Harlan.

The June 23 meeting (hearing panel) of the Board of Directors was attended by: J. Fullen, P. Cherubin, W. Cleary, T. Evans, A. Gipson, S. Heinauer, A. Scheuneman, K. Williams and T. O'Malley. Also in attendance were J. Collins, B. Simmons, D. McBain and C. Harlan..

ELIGIBILITY REVIEWS

Transfer Provision

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

Cardinal Wuerl North Catholic Isaiah Harvin
Hopewell William DePaul

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

Beaver Falls Darrion Gilmore
Kayne Moyer
Amanda Turnbull
McKeesport Lamarr McKamey

Attendance Provision

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

Avonworth Payton Aliskowitz
South Side Area Makenna Vogon

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 granted a period of participation waiver under Article VIII, Section 1 of the PIAA By-Laws:

Canon McMillan Luke Blanock

Winchester Thurston ~ Tennis Ladder Line-Up Violation

The BOD publicly censured the Winchester Thurston boys tennis coach for a ladder line-up violation as it relates to match protocol during a May 4, 2015 WPIAL team tennis quarter final match.

ELIGIBILITY HEARINGS

Cardinal Wuerl North Catholic ~Erick Taylor

The BOD Hearing Panel by a vote of 6-2, **declared** Erick Taylor **eligible** to compete in the interscholastic athletic program for the 2015/2016 school year. This action was taken under Article VI, Section 4A of the PIAA By-Laws.

Greensburg Central Catholic ~Lucas Bekar

The BOD Hearing Panel by a vote of 6-4, **declared** Lucas Bekar **eligible** to compete in the sport of football for the 2015/2016 fall athletic season. This action was taken under Article VI, Section 4A of the PIAA By-Laws.

Highlands ~ Emilio Seymour

The BOD Hearing Panel granted Emilio Seymour a period of participation waiver under Article VIII, Section 6 of the PIAA By-Laws.

Penn Hills ~ Thomas Mitchell

The BOD Hearing Panel granted Thomas Mitchell a period of participation waiver under Article VIII, Section 6 of the PIAA By-Laws.

TRINITY ~ Ineligible Tennis Player Letters of Forfeiture

The BOD accepted the letters of forfeiture for the use in an ineligible tennis player during the boys tennis season.

NINTH ANNUAL HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CEREMONY

The Ninth Annual WPIAL Hall of Fame banquet and induction ceremony was held on Friday, June 12, 2015 at the Greentree Doubletree Hotel. A crowd of 420 attended the banquet.

Inductees in the 2015 class include the following by category: **Athletes** Missy Berteotti – Golf – Upper St. Clair High School, Jeff Christy – Football - Freeport High School, Paul Failla – Football, Baseball – North Allegheny High School, Joe Lafko – Football, Basketball, Baseball – Frazier High School, Gina Naccarato – Basketball – Monessen High School, Kaitlyn Orstein-Fife – Swimming – Mt. Lebanon High School, Tom Tumulty – Football, Baseball – Penn Hills High School; **Coaches** – Joe Hamilton –Football – Blackhawk High School, Ed Olkowski – Basketball – Midland High School, Corky Semler – Swimming – North Allegheny High School; Dave Warner – Basketball, Cross Country – Brentwood High School; **Contest Officials** – Kathy Ridilla – Basketball; **Contributor** – Howard Crawford – WPIAL Wrestling Committee Member; **Teams** – 1990 Penn Hills High School – Girls Basketball; 1971 Kiski Area High School – Football; **Heritage** – Tito Francona – Football, Basketball, & Baseball – New Bright 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 2015 recipients of the Courage Award are Jaime Vick Moran (posthumous) and Ellen Toy, Coaches of the Girls Volleyball Team at Kiski Area High School.

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 18, 2015. The deadline for nominating another member school is August 1, 2015

Since the inception of the Sportsmanship Award in 1997, fifty-nine member schools have been selected for the award.

Avonworth High School

After considering the information and testimony presented, the BOD denied the request for relief of WPIAL policy that limits to one individual participant for members schools in the WPIAL post-season tournaments.

2015-2016 BUDGET APPROVED

The WPIAL Budget Committee developed and approved a preliminary budget at planning meetings in May, 2015. Following discussion and modification, the WPIAL BOD adopted a \$1,830,238 operating budget for the year ending June 30, 2016. The operating budget represents an \$11,662 decrease from the 2014-15 operating budget.

The 2015-2016 budget includes the following:

- To maintain the dues at \$150 for high schools and \$50 for junior high schools.
- To increase officials fees \$5.00 in each round for all sports.
- To maintain ticket prices in all tournament events.

COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIPS APPROVED

Uniontown and Frazier

The BOD conditionally accepted the request of Uniontown and Frazier School Districts to form a cooperative sponsorship of a sport agreement in boys' middle school soccer beginning with the 2015-2016 school year with Uniontown as the host school. The request was forwarded to the PIAA for their final approval.

PIAA and/or WPIAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION(S)

Redeemer Lutheran School

The BOD approved the PIAA senior high membership application for Redeemer Lutheran School, located in Oakmont, PA, for the 2015-2016 school year.

Wilson Christian Academy

The BOD approved both the PIAA and WPIAL senior high Membership applications for Wilson Christian Academy, Grades 9-12 located in Munhall, PA, for the 2015-2016 school year.

2015-2016 SPRING SPORTS ALIGNMENTS APPROVED

All spring sports alignments for the 2015-2016 school year, the second year of the 2014-16 scheduling cycle, were approved by the BOD. Alignment, scheduling grids, calendars, and sport memos are available on the WPIAL website by clicking on the "scheduling" tab.

Baseball

Four (4) classifications with 130 teams

New Team-Armstrong & Sto-Rox

Schools dropping from the alignment -Ford City & Kittanning

Softball

Four (4) classifications with 127 teams

New Team-Armstrong & Sto-Rox

Schools dropping from the alignment – Ford City & Kittanning

Boys Lacrosse

Two (2) Divisions with 39 teams

New Team – Freeport

Girls Lacrosse

Two (2) Divisions with 38 teams

New Teams – Aquinas Academy, Freeport, Canon McMillan & Cardinal Wuerl North Catholic

Boys Tennis

Two (2) Classifications with 74 Teams

New Team – Armstrong & Riverview

Schools Dropping from Alignment – Kittanning

Boys & Girls Track & Field

Four (4) classifications with 116 teams each

New Teams-Cardinal Wuerl North Catholic & Armstrong

Schools dropping from the alignment – Ford City

Boys Volleyball

Two (2) classifications with 39 teams

New Teams – Armstrong & Bishop Canevin

Teams Dropping from Alignment – Ford City & St. Joseph

- **Baseball**

Class A	Greensburg Central Catholic
Class AA	Neshannock
Class AAA	Knoch
Class AAAAA	Central Catholic

- **Softball**

Class A	Jefferson Morgan
Class AA	Deer Lakes
Class AAA	Belle Vernon
Class AAAAA	Hempfield

- **Boys Tennis**

Class AA	Sewickley Academy
Class AAA	Upper St. Clair

- **Boys' Track**

Class AA	Beaver
Class AAA	North Allegheny

- **Girls' Track**

Class AA	Beaver
Class AAA	Hempfield

- **Girls Lacrosse**

Div. 1	Quaker Valley
Div. 2	Shaler

- **Boys Lacrosse**

Div. 1	Mt. Lebanon
Div. 2	Hampton

- **Boys' Volleyball**

Class AA	Ambridge
Class AAA	Fox Chapel

TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP SUMMARY 2014-2015

Sixty-Six team champions were crowned in 26 sports in 2014-2015. Schools garnering two or more team champions include:

North Allegheny – 6: (Boys' Cross Country-AAA, Boys-Swimming-AAA, Girls- Field Hockey-AAA, Girls' Tennis-AAA, Girls' Swimming-AAA, Boys' Track & Field –AAA)

Sewickley Academy-5: (Boys' Cross Country-A, Boys' Golf-AA, Girls' Golf-AA, Girls' Tennis-AA, Boys' Tennis-AA)

Greensburg Central Catholic – 3: Girls' Soccer-A, Girls' volleyball-A, Baseball-A)

Quaker Valley – 3: Girls' Cross Country-AA, Boys' Swimming-AA, Girls' Lacrosse –Div. I)

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

Central Valley -2: (Girls' Golf-AA, Football-AAA)

Hampton – 2: (Gymnastics, Boys' Lacrosse-Div. II)

SPORTS REPORT

WPIAL SPRING SPORTS CHAMPIONS
2015 TEAM CHAMPIONS

Hempfield – 2: (Girls' Softball-AAAA, Girls' Track & Field-AAA)

Knoch – 2: (Boys' Cross Country-AA, Baseball-AAA)

Peters Township – 2: (Boys' Golf-AAA, Boys' Soccer-AAA)

Seneca Valley – 2: (Girls' Cross Country - AAA, Girls' Soccer-AAA)

Shaler – 2: (Girls' Lacrosse-Division II, Competitive Spirit-AAA)

"As one of the nation's leading health care providers, researchers and innovators for professional, college and high school teams, UPMC sports medicine is proud to strengthen our bond with the WPIAL," said Freddie H. Fu, M.D., professor and chair, orthopedic surgery, University of Pittsburgh Schools of the Health Sciences.

"All of us at McDonald's are delighted to partner with the WPIAL," said Rich Doane, president of the local consortium of McDonald's restaurant Owner/Operators. "McDonald's is committed to supporting the athletic and academic development of young people across this region. We are pleased to help sustain the WPIAL's impressive track record of success."

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The revenue from official sponsors facilitates the League's efforts to host championships at top-notch venues such as Heinz Field, Petersen Events Center, Riverhounds Event Center and Consol Energy Park. The sponsorship also allows the WPIAL Sports Medicine Committee to continue with the resources and support of the UPMC Center for Sports Medicine. According to WPIAL President, Tim O'Malley, "The UPMC Center for Sports Medicine and McDonald's have a long and successful heritage involving schools, kids and families. The WPIAL is delighted in having UPMC Sports & Medicine and McDonalds official league sponsors.

WPIAL STATE CHAMPIONS 2014-2015

Team

Winchester Thurston A Boys Cross Country
North Allegheny AAA Boys Cross Country
South Fayette Class AA Football
Peters Township AAA Boys Soccer
North Allegheny AAA Girls Tennis
Greensburg Central Catholic A Girls Volleyball
Vincentian Academy A Girls Basketball
Blackhawk AAA Girls Basketball
Quaker Valley AA Boys Swimming
Franklin Regional AAA Wrestling
Hempfield AAA Girls Track & Field
Shady Side Academy AAA Boys Tennis
Neshannock AA Baseball
Knoch AAA Baseball

CORPORATE SPONSORSHIPS AGREEMENTS RENEWED

The WPIAL Board of Directors is pleased to announce a new five-year Agreement with the UPMC Sports Medicine and a two-year Agreement with McDonalds as "Official Sponsors" of the WPIAL

UPMC Sports Medicine will be the title sponsor for all WPIAL championship events through the 2019-20 school year. The championship finals in all sports will be designated the WPIAL-UPMC Sports Medicine Championships.

"We are pleased to become the title sponsor of an interscholastic league that provides wonderful opportunities to tens of thousands of western Pennsylvania athletes every year. UPMC's clinical care excellence, research, educational mission and community benefits are staples to the WPIAL," said John Innocenti, president, UPMC Presbyterian Shadyside.

UPMC Sports Medicine treats hundreds of high-school athletes throughout the region and partners with more WPIAL school districts than any other single health care group in the area.

"OFFICIAL BALL" LIST 2015-2016

WPIAL OFFICIAL BALLS

Sport	Manufacturer	Official Ball	Exp. Date
Football	Spalding	ALPHA	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

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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