

student representatives from each school designed to develop a sportsmanship program that will be implemented for each future interscholastic athletic competition between the schools. This joint meeting should be schedule prior to the January 21 – 22, 2016 basketball game and a summary of the meeting's outcome must be submitted in writing to the WPIAL for review no later than Tuesday, January 26, 2016. 4) Cornell High School must interact with assistant coach Mr. Francis Petragela and stress that his interaction with game officials on December 18, 2015 was inappropriate and unacceptable. Discipline must be assigned to future inappropriate interactions and a written summary of this directive must be submitted in writing to the WPIAL Board by January 26, 2016. 5) The WPIAL Board has decided that the outcome of the December 18, 2015 basketball game will be a "double forfeit" assigning a loss to each school. The BOD accepted the administrations' procedural plans and agreement between the two schools for future athletic competitions at the February BOD meeting.

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

EDEN CHRISTIAN ~ Violation of Article XIX Jr High/Middle Schools

The BOD publicly censured the boys basketball for violation of Article XIX Jr. High/Middle Schools of the PIAA By-laws, probated the boys basketball program for a period of one year through the 2016-2017 season, required the coaches to successfully complete an ASEP coaching principles course, and commended the administration for self-reporting.

SENECA VALLEY ~ Violation of Season & Out of Season Rules and Regulations

The BOD publicly censured the junior high boys basketball coaches for violation of PIA Article XVI, in exceeding the maximum number of contests; placed the junior high boys basketball program on probation for one year through the 2016-2017 season; required the junior high boys basketball coaches to successfully complete an ASEP coaching principles coarse by August 1, 2016 with documentation to the WPIAL office; required the administration to submit a plan of improvement to ensure the situation does not reoccur to the WPIAL by March 14, 2016; and commended the administration for self-reporting.

PENN TRAFFORD ~ Violation of Article XIX Jr High/Middle Schools

The BOD publicly censured the girls basketball for violation of Article XIX Jr. High/Middle Schools, Section 2 of the PIAA By-laws, probated the girls basketball program for a period of one year through the 2016-2017 season, accepted the actions taken by the administration

to rectify the situation and commended the administration for self-reporting.

Oakmont Country Club - Golf Proposal

The BOD approved the Oakmont Country Club proposal for the 2016-2017 boys golf championship.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The BOC approved the following persons to serve on the Nominating Committee for the 2016-2017 Board of Directors election. The Nominating Committee includes:

Barry Balaski Principal, Moon HS
Tim Chirdon Principal, Serra Catholic HS
Michael Cominos Principal, Ford City HS
Dr Marguerite Imberlina Principal, Hampton HS
Earl Thompson Principal, Yough HS

Barry Balaski will serve as Committee Chairperson.

Pittsburgh Public Schools

The BOD approved the list of schools/sports for District VIII to participate in WPIAL for the next 2 year cycle.

2016-2017 SPORTS ALIGNMENTS

Fall, winter and spring sports alignments for the 2016-17 school year, the first year of the 2016-18 scheduling cycle, were approved by the BOD. Alignment, scheduling grids, calendars, and sport memos are available on the WPIAL website by clicking on the "Sports" tab. Football, boys and girls basketball, baseball and softball will have six classifications.

2016 WPIAL HALL OF FAME INDUCTION AND BANQUET

The ninth annual WPIAL Hall of Fame 2016 banquet and induction ceremony will take place on Friday, June 10, 2016, at the Greentree Doubletree Hotel, Mansfield Avenue, Greentree, PA.

The 2016 Hall of Fame Class will be announced at a Press Conference at the Heinz History Center on April 13, 2016. A full listing of all inductees and banquet reservation applications will be posted on the WPIAL website (www.wpial.com) on April 14, 2016.

**2015-2016 WINTER SPORTS
TEAM CHAMPIONS**

• **Boys' Basketball**

Class A Cardinal Wuerl North Catholic
Class AA Aliquippa
Class AAA Beaver Falls
Class AAAA Pine Richland

• **Girls' Basketball**

Class A Vincentian
Class AA Bishop Canevin
Class AAA South Fayette
Class AAAA Norwin

• **Wrestling**

Class AA Burrell
Class AAA Belle Vernon

• **Boys' Swimming**

Class AA Quaker Valley
Class AAA North Allegheny

• **Girls' Swimming**

Class AA Shady Side Academy
Class AAA North Allegheny

• **Girls Gymnastics**

Hampton

• **Rifle**

Woodland Hills

• **Competitive Spirit**

Class A Neshannock
Class AA Hopewell
Class AAA North Allegheny

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