

**BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION ITEMS OCTOBER 20 and NOVEMBER 17, 2008**



The November 17 meeting of the Board of Control was attended by R. Constantine, J. Fullen, J. Vallina, D. Cardone, K. Charlton, P. Cherubin, T. Kushner, D. Matsook, J. Patton, B. Rocco, T. Shirey, B. Sinning, J. Thomas, F. Vulcano, R. Wadding, and T. O'Malley. Also in attendance were M. Manzo and J. Collins.

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**ELIGIBILITY REVIEWS**

**Foreign Exchange Provision**

The following foreign exchange students were granted eligibility under Article VII, Section 1 of the PIAA By-Laws:

- Bentworth.....Chiara Ruzzier
- Franklin Regional.....Josefina Sastre
- Greensburg Salem .....Ayu Tsuruta
- Knoch.....Jacob Will
- McKeesport.....Hiromi Jinbo
- Mt. Lebanon.....Arthur Hoffmann
- Norwin.....Maximilian Schneider
- Penn Hills.....Charlotte Niedenhoff
- Peters Twp.....Pavel Guranda
- South Fayette .....Jose Artega
- Southmoreland.....Anna Eck
- Springdale.....Nazli Yucel
- Steel Valley .....Sandrine Bivort  
Matej Kaklejcik  
Mykhaylo Olekdlyenko
- Upper St Clair.....Gtreta Grecmalova

**Transfer Provision**

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

- Beaver Falls.....Evan Richards
- Center.....Avery Evans
- Clairton.....Eric Coleman  
Sean Foster  
Ty Juan Robinson
- Freedom.....Richard Slappo
- Penn Hills.....John Patterson
- Steel Valley.....Asa Thomas

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

- Albert Gallatin.....Anthony Stevenson
- Bishop Canevin.....Cayla Kubiak
- Central Catholic .....Eric Huntermark  
Matthew Martin  
Vincent Matteo
- Fox Chapel.....Michael Jacobs
- Gateway.....Graham Davis
- Greensburg Central Catholic.....YoungChan Ahn
- Greensburg Salem.....Roshon Richardson  
Jonathon Robinson
- Kiski Area .....Nathan Antone  
Rachel Wallace
- McKeesport .....Alexis Caudill
- North Allegheny.....Matthew Smyers
- North Catholic.....Jared Hill
- Our Lady of Scared Heart .....Dominic DeAngelis  
Aaron Hines
- Oakland Catholic .....Winnie Benaian
- Quigley .....Ian Johns  
Holt Hoffmeier
- Saint Joseph .....Megan Rowley
- Seneca Valley .....Christopher Durbin
- Seton LaSalle .....Zayne Harsberger
- Sewickley Academy.....Katherine Hogan
- Shady Side Academy .....Andrew Black  
Matthew Tadich
- Trinity Christian Academy .....Jordan Johnson  
Kelsey McAfee  
Dalton Raab  
Alexandra Smith  
Danielle Tempest
- Winchester Thurston .....Inaya Stephenson

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

- Mars.....Ibn Hoffman
- Penn Hills.....John Patterson

**PARTICIPATION**

The following students was denied participation in interscholastic athletics for the 2008/09 school year under Article VIII, Sections 1A of the PIAA By-Laws.

- Burrell.....DeVaughn Matthews

## **ELIGIBILITY HEARINGS**

### **Sewickley Academy-Peter Schramm**

After reviewing the information and testimony presented regarding the transfer of Peter Schramm from Knoch High School to Sewickley Academy, a hearing panel of the WPIAL BOC has declined to grant eligibility under Article VI, Section 4E of the PIAA By-Laws and found that this transfer was motivated in some material way by an athletic purpose relating to basketball. Accordingly, the panel declared Peter ineligible to participate in basketball only for a period of one year from the date of transfer, September 15, 2008. He is eligible to participate in all other sports. This action was taken under Article VI, Section 2I of the PIAA By-Laws.

(NOTE-The above decision was reversed by the PIAA on November 14, 2008.)

### **Pittsburgh Central Catholic-Tyler Manion**

After reviewing the information and testimony presented regarding the transfer of Tyler Manion from South Fayette High School to Central Catholic High School, a hearing panel of the WPIAL BOC has declined to grant eligibility under Article VI, Section 4E of the PIAA By-Laws and found that this transfer was motivated in some material way by an athletic purpose relating to wrestling. Accordingly, the panel declared Peter ineligible to participate in wrestling only for a period of one year from the date of transfer, September 2, 2008. He is eligible to participate in all other sports.

### **Sewickley Academy-Luke Schramm**

After reviewing the information and testimony presented regarding the transfer of Luke Schramm from Knoch High School to Sewickley Academy, a hearing panel of the WPIAL BOC declared the student eligible for the 2008-09 school year. This action was taken under Article VI, Section 4C of the PIAA By-Laws.

### **Our Lady of Sacred Heart**

After reviewing the information and testimony presented regarding the transfer of Emily Lauro from Oakland Catholic High School to Our Lady of Sacred Heart High School, a hearing panel of the WPIAL BOC declared the student eligible for the 2008-09 school year. This action was taken under Article VI, Section 4C of the PIAA By-Laws.

## **FIRST COMMONWEALTH BANK AND US MARINES NAMED WPIAL OFFICIAL SPONSORS**

The Western Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic League (WPIAL) is pleased to announce that it has secured First Commonwealth Bank and the US Marines as official major sponsors. First Commonwealth Bank and US Marines join McDonald's, Bethany College, Comcast, and

the UPMC Health System as the league's major corporate sponsors.

## **SOCCER CONTEST INCIDENT**

The BOC reviewed the reports and information concerning an incident at a boys' soccer game between Charleroi High School and Monessen High School on October 9 regarding an injury to a Charleroi player during the contest.

After careful consideration submitted by both schools, officials, and spectators, including the only available video of the collision between the Charleroi and Monessen player that resulted in the injury, the Board expresses concern for the injured athlete. However, the Board found the evidence inconclusive as to whether the Monessen player acted maliciously, recklessly, or with intent to harm as proscribed in Article XIII, Section 9B of the PIAA Bylaws and as a result declined to impose sanctions under that provision.

## **INAPPROPRIATE COACH ACTIONS**

### **Elizabeth Forward**

The BOC accepted the actions of the Elizabeth Forward administration in comments to the media following a game with Thomas Jefferson High school.

### **Shaler Area High School**

The BOC accepted the actions of the Shaler Area administration in response to the inappropriate action of an assistant boys' soccer coach during a boys' soccer match against North Allegheny.

### **Uniontown Area High School**

The BOC accepted the disciplinary actions taken by the Uniontown High School administration in response to the inappropriate comments made by the head boys' soccer coach following a game against Steel Valley.

### **Upper St Clair High School**

The BOC accepted the disciplinary actions taken by the Upper St Clair High School administration in response to the inappropriate behavior of the head football coach following a game against Central Catholic High School.

### **West Mifflin High School**

The BOC accepted the actions of the West Mifflin High School administration regarding the West Mifflin girls' soccer coach's decision to terminate a soccer match prior to the conclusion on October 2 against Seton LaSalle High School.

The West Mifflin girls' coach must enroll in and successfully complete an American Coaching Education Program by September 1, 2009.

## **INAPPROPRIATE PLAYER ACTIONS**

### **North Hills High School**

The BOC accepted the actions of the North Hills High School administration in disciplining a golfer for inappropriate behavior during the WPIAL individual qualifier.

### **Summit Academy**

The BOC accepted the actions of the Summit Academy administration in disciplining a golfer for inappropriate behavior during the WPIAL individual qualifier.

### **Washington High School**

The BOC accepted the actions of the Washington High School administration in disciplining a golfer for inappropriate behavior during the WPIAL individual qualifier.

## **FORFEITURE LETTERS ACCEPTED**

The WPIAL accepted the forfeiture letters from the following member schools which were sent to opponents for use of an ineligible player:

- Knoch High School-varsity football
- South Fayette High School-junior varsity soccer
- Keystone Oaks High School-boys' soccer and girls' volleyball
- McKeesport High School-girls' soccer
- Southmoreland-girls' tennis

## **MAXIMUM SOCCER COMPETITIONS**

Keystone Oaks High School exceeded the maximum number of boys' soccer competitions during the 2008 season. Following their review, the BOC determined the following action: (1) The Keystone Oaks athletic program is on probation for a period of one year; (2) The Keystone Oaks Principal will submit to the WPIAL Board a status report on compliance with eligibility issues at the conclusion of each sports season; (3) The Keystone Oaks Athletic Director attend an NIAAA Leadership Training Course during the 2008-09 school year.

## **PROCEDURAL GUIDELINES ACCEPTED**

Procedural guidelines outlining steps to ensure the eligibility of student athletes were accepted by the Board from the following schools.

- Keystone Oaks High School
- Kittanning High School
- Quaker Valley High School

## **MEMBERSHIP TERMINATED**

At the school's request, the WPIAL Board accepted the termination of the Frew Mill School as a member of the senior high WPIAL.

## **USE OF INELIGIBLE PLAYERS**

### **South Fayette High School**

The BOC reviewed the information presented regarding the use of an ineligible soccer player and determined the following action: (1) The South Fayette High School soccer coach is publicly censured for using an ineligible player; (2) The South Fayette soccer program is on probation for a period of one year; (3) The South Fayette administration is commended for their proactive approach to this situation.

### **Knoch High School**

The BOC reviewed the information presented regarding the use of an ineligible soccer player and determined the following action: (1) The Knoch High School athletic director is publicly censured for using an ineligible player; (2) The Knoch High School football program is on probation for one year; (3) The Knoch High School administration must submit procedural guidelines outlining steps to ensure the eligibility of student athletes.

## **SPORTSMANSHIP PLANS APPROVED**

As per sanctions imposed against each school by the Board of Control on March 11, 2008, administrative representatives from Jeannette and North Catholic High Schools developed programs to promote sportsmanship throughout their interscholastic athletic programs. The newly developed programs were presented to the WPIAL Sportsmanship Committee on October 2, 2008. Following their review, the Sportsmanship recommended that the BOC approve the sportsmanship plans. The plans were approved by the BOC on October 20, 2008.

## **AUDIT REPORT**

Wes Crease, 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, 2008. According to Mr. Creese, the audit represents the financial position of the League at June 30, 2007 and June 30, 2008 and the changes in its net assets and cash flow for the years then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Total assets for the year ending June 30, 2008 were \$498,544 compared to \$405,379 for the year ending June 30, 2007. The League's revenue share program resulted in \$366,043 being returned to schools participating in the football, basketball, soccer and team wrestling tournaments.

## **INFORMATION AND REMINDERS**

### **WPIAL THIRD HALL OF FAME CLASS TO BE SELECTED**

In June, 20087, the WPIAL inducted their second Hall of Fame Class. The ceremony was very successful and more

than 400 persons attended to honor the inductees. The third Hall of Fame Class will be inducted at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Robinson Township on June 19, 2009. During the 102 - year history of the WPIAL, many individuals have made extraordinary contributions and achieved superb accomplishments in high school sports. The WPIAL Board of Control has approved the concept of a WPIAL Hall of Fame to honor the accomplishments of individuals and teams who are worthy of recognition as examples for others to emulate.

The WPIAL Hall of Fame Selection Committee will organize all aspects of the induction ceremony and will screen and select the second Hall of Fame Class from among the nominations submitted. Committee members Include: **WPIAL Office Staff** – Tim O'Malley, and Jim Collins; **Board of Control Representatives** – Bill Suit, Tom Shirey; **Steering Committee Representatives** – Jerry Roman, Lane Stoner; **Officials' Representative** - Pam Cherubin; **Media Representatives** – Jerry DiPaolo, Mike White; **Retired BOC Representatives** – Pat Ratesic, David Hays; **Heinz Sports Museum Representative** – Ann Madarasz.

The committee will select from 12 to 16 members for the third class in five (5) categories which include: athlete, contest official, coach, contributor, and team. Each member school is entitled to one nomination in each of the five (5) listed categories. **The dominant factor for consideration is the high school record of the athlete, coach or contest official.** Please share this information with your principal and consider nominating a person or team from your school for committee consideration. If any reader has knowledge of a person or team worthy of consideration, please contact a member of the committee, athletic director of a member school, or WPIAL steering committee member. The deadline for submitting nominations is January 9, 2009.

## SPORTSMANSHIP SPOTLIGHT

In each Newsletter, the WPIAL will spotlight school(s) who have demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship in their interscholastic athletic programs. Hopefully other member schools will incorporate some of the highlights of the various programs in their own sportsmanship programs. A commendation is due North Allegheny and North Hills High Schools for the spotlight presented below:

### North Hills-North Allegheny High Schools

Over the last few years high school administrations and athletic directors from North Hills and North Allegheny have been meeting and working in collaboration to bring positive exposure to the intense athletic rivalry that exists between the two schools.

All parties agreed that the intense rivalry that exists on the field in all sports is a healthy one, but the rivalry that exists outside the lines needs improved. During the 2007 football season, the rivalry game was at North Allegheny

and the North Allegheny school district initiated a collaborative coat drive with the cheerleaders from both schools. Coats were collected at both schools and brought to North Allegheny on game night. Spectators who donated coats prior to the game received \$1 off the admission price, and on game night, as spectators approached the entrance, they were greeted by cheerleaders from both teams working together and collecting coats for Project Bundle Up. The initial cost drive was very successful.

For the 2008 game at North Hills, the coat drive continued and the schools organized both bands in a spirit of togetherness. At the conclusion of the North Hills band pre-game show, the North Allegheny band marched into formation with the North Hills band and both bands played the National Anthem together. Immediately following the Anthem, the North Hills band played their alma mater followed by the North Allegheny band playing their alma mater. The message about sportsmanship, togetherness, and respect came across loud and clear because of the cooperation between the schools to promote sportsmanship.

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The WPIAL is pleased to present their sponsors for the 2008-09 school year. Please give each of these sponsors your consideration.

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**SPORTSMANSHIP AWARDS  
 2007-08**

The WPIAL Sportsmanship Committee convened on October 2 to select schools for the annual Sportsmanship Award. Five schools were selected as follows:

- Bethel Park High School**
- Chartiers Valley high School**
- Freeport Area High School**
- North Hills High School**
- Serra Catholic High School**

Selections were made following a thorough review of applications submitted for the award. The schools selected submitted documentation which supported the school's demonstration of good sportsmanship during the fall, winter and spring seasons of the 2007-08 school year.

The 2007-08 Sportsmanship Awards were presented to representatives of each school at the football finals at Heinz Field on November 22, 2008.

**WPIAL OFFICIALS HONORED**

Congratulations to the following PIAA Officials from the WPIAL who were honored at the annual PIAA Official's Convention in August with the presentation of a PIAA OFFICIAL wristwatch. To qualify for the award, male officials must have 35 years and female officials 25 years of service.

Enrico Antonini	Basketball
Michael Berchok	Football
Wanda Burwell	Softball
Joseph Cesari	Baseball, Basketball
Edward Duvall	Softball, Volleyball, Basketball
Richard Guvala	Basketball, Baseball, Softball
Carol Kristobak	Volleyball
Charles Pruss	Girls' Lacrosse, Soccer
John Pujia	Football
Joseph Shea	Football, Baseball, Football

**CHAMPIONSHIP GOLF COURSES**

The 2005 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 2005 golf championships.

**Sectional Tournaments**

- Westmoreland Country Club
- Cedar Brook Golf Course
- Highland Country Club
- Willow Brook Golf Course
- Mt Lebanon Golf Course
- Linden Hall Golf Course
- Hillcrest Country Club
- Saxon Golf Course
- Sewickley Heights Golf Club
- Fort Cherry Golf Club
- DelMar Golf Club
- Ponderosa Golf Course
- The Club at Shadow Lakes
- Grandview Golf Course
- Butler's Golf Course

**Individual Semifinals-Boys'**

- Willowbrook Country Club
- Youghioghney Country Club
- Seven Oaks Country Club
- Highlands Country Club

**Individual Championships-Boys'**

- Diamond Run Golf Club

**Individual Championships-Girls'**

- Valley Brook Country Club

**Team Semifinals**

- Ponderosa Golf Course
- Glengarry Golf Links
- Butler's Golf Course
- Hiland Golf Course

**Team Finals**

- Cedarbrook Golf Course

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**SPORTS REPORT**

**2008 FALL SPORTS**

**TEAM CHAMPIONS**

- **Boys' Cross Country**  
AA Quaker Valley  
AAA North Allegheny
- **Girls' Cross Country**  
AA Shady Side Academy  
AAA Greater Latrobe
- **Field Hockey**  
AA Ellis School  
AAA Norwin
- **Football**  
A Clairton  
AA Aliquippa  
AAA Thomas Jefferson  
AAAA Bethel Park
- **Boys' Golf**  
Division 1 Peters Twp  
Division 2 Sewickley Academy

- **Girls' Golf**  
Shady Side Academy
- **Boys' Soccer**  
A Seton LaSalle  
AA Mars  
AAA Peters Twp
- **Girls' Soccer**  
AA South Park  
AAA Mt Lebanon
- **Girls' Tennis**  
AA Sewickley Academy  
AAA Shady Side Academy
- **Girls' Volleyball**  
A Beaver County Christian  
AA West Allegheny  
AAA North Allegheny

**PIAA CHAMPIONS  
2008 FALL SPORTS**

**Team**

- Thomas Jefferson.....Class AAA Football
- Seton LaSalle.....Class A Boys' Soccer
- Shady Side Academy.....Girls Golf
- North Allegheny.....Class AAA Tennis

**Individual**

**AAA Girls' Tennis Doubles**

- Kelly Whelan/Jen Larimore.....North Allegheny

**WPIAL OFFICIAL BALLS**

**FOOTBALL  
SPALDING J5V**

**BOYS' & GIRLS' SOCCER  
SELECT 01-253**

**BOYS' & GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL  
SPALDING TF500**

**BOYS' BASKETBALL  
RAWLINGS VISION COMP WPAVB**

**GIRLS' BASKETBALL  
RAWLINGS VISION COMP WPAWVB**

**BASEBALL  
RAWLINGS R100-WPA**

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