



CIAC OFFICIALS' ADVISORY BOARD ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES February 13, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT: Buddy Chernovetz, Ray Faustich, Pat Javorski, Jay Kelleher, Hank Koritkoski, Dave Leete, Dan Scavone, Terry Schanbacher, Lev Torgerson, Melissa Zigmont and Joe Tonelli, CIAC Staff

ACTION ITEMS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

On a motion by Ray Faustich, the minutes of October 18, 2018 were approved.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

3732 individual officials occupy 4,815 officiating slots. 2137 officials are members of the NFHS Officials Association.

FINANCIAL UPDATE – MULTI-SPORT REFUNDS

Joe T reported that we decided to wait until the spring registrations to distribute the multi – sport refunds to be certain that we included any 2 sport officials who joined a spring sports board, making them eligible for the 3 - sport refund. Therefore, the refunds will be processed during the month of April. The NFHS refunds will also be processed after our spring sport upload to the NFHS.

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Dan informed the group that the athletic directors will be trained by Arbiter experts on using the Arbiter game program in early April so the scheduling program will be up and running in the fall. Secretaries and administrative assistants that have responsibilities with scheduling or Arbiterpay will also be included in the sessions.

OLD BUSINESS / INFORMATION ITEMS

PRESEASON COACHES' RULES MEETINGS FOR SPRING COACHES

These spring rules clinics are being finalized and will be posted on line and emailed to athletic directors. These meetings continue to be beneficial to the coaches and the officials' leadership since it keeps the lines of communication open between the groups. The presenters have to make these sessions meaningful. When there are not a lot of rule changes, cover and emphasized some other rules that may need clarifying.

NFHS ONLIN RULE INTERPRETERS MEETINGS

Several CT interpreters, Ray Faustich, baseball, Hank Koritkoski, softball, Steve Wysowski, T & F and Steve Hinchey, boys lax attended the in-person interpreters meeting at the Hyatt Regency in Indianapolis. All reported that the meetings were very beneficial and an excellent experience. Patti Klecha – Porter did not go to Indy because she attended the US Lacrosse meeting which the interpretations were part of the program.

Many of our rule interpreters also continue to take part in the on-line meetings to get the new rules from the national interpreters and rules editors.

RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION

The NFHS initiative significantly raised the awareness nation-wide, which benefits all states. Their main focus this year is on first responders, which is an excellent target group. Ct is benefitting from the program. We are getting a lot of leads on new candidates which Joe passes on to the contact person on the appropriate board. The NFHS sends out a recruitment message every Wednesday and Joel Cookson, CIAC Media Relations director then tweets the message out. This has been a very effective strategy.

NEW BUSINESS

EJECTION MEMO TO COMMISSIONERS AND RULE INTERPRETERS

This memo outlines a suggested protocol regarding ejections and it emphasizes the following points:

- Ejection should be the last resort;
- Consult your partner(s) before finalizing the ejection and to confirm the number and identify of the player or coach;
- Report the ejection to the head coach and the reason for the ejection;
- Answer any quick question the coach may have;
- Because once the officials leave the game site, all ejections are final, officials should entertain a conversation regarding the ejection with the coach or AD, if you are approached in a courteous manner. It should be a very brief conversation if you followed the protocol, because you can simply say that you followed the suggested protocol and the ejection is final.

INSULIN PUMPS, HEART MONITORS ETC.

CIAC has allowed insulin pumps in the past and we will continue this practice. The current position of the NFHS Sports Medicine Advisory Committee is when it is necessary for a student-athlete to wear a medical device (such as an insulin pump, a heart monitor, etc.) during competitions, the device shall be padded and securely attached to the player's body underneath the uniform or tee shirt to ensure the safety of the player and the opponents, while protecting the device. No medical device shall pose any risk of injury or hazard to the student-athlete, teammates and/or opponents. Therefore, if worn appropriately, Connecticut officials should permit athletes to wear the pump in games.

SPORTS REPORTS - AROUND THE TABLE

The group shared some thoughts regarding their particular sports. This part of the meeting always results in a sharing of information that is beneficial to all attendees and will always be part of our CIAC Officials Association Advisory Board meetings. Joe praised the leadership in all sports officiating groups for their dedication and hard work to benefit their respective boards and high school athletics. Special kudos to the assigners in all sports, most of whom are veterans at the job, who do their best to service the member schools.

HALL OF HONOR

The CAS-CIAC Hall of Honor inductees for 2019 were announced. Among this year's class of inductees is George Ford, a long - time swim official, who will be honored posthumously. George made numerous contributions to the sport of swimming and diving on the state and national levels. Tickets can be purchased on line on the CIAC website for \$60 per person. The dinner is Thursday, April 11, 2019 @ 5:30 p.m at the Aqua Turf Club in Southington.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6 pm.

The next meeting of the CIAC Advisory Board will be held on Thursday, May 16, 2019 @ 4:00 PM @ CIAC. The state- wide meeting will be held on Thursday, June 13, 2019. Food 5 P.M - Meeting start time 5:30 P.M.