

CIAC OFFICIALS ADVISORY BOARD

ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

October 18, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chris Burns, Ray Faustich, Jay Kelleher, Hank Koritkoski, Dave Leete, Bud Chernovetz for Hank Luzzi, Joe DelBuono, Kelly Murphy, Lev Torgerson, Melissa Zigmont, Dan Scavone, and Joe Tonelli CIAC.

ACTION ITEMS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

On a motion by Dave Leete, the minutes of May 10, 2018 were approved. In addition, the summary of the June 14, 2018 State-Wide Meeting was included in the packet for reference.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

As of October 16, 2018, 3,584 individual officials occupy 4,621 officiating slots. 2060 officials are members of the NFHS Officials Association.

ATHLETIC DIRECTORS UPDATE

Dan mentioned that he is part of an athletic director's strategic planning committee. One of the topics being discussed is scrimmage fees. Hopefully, there will continue to be dialogue between leagues and officials' leaders so schools know what the fees are and the officials have an idea as to the format of the scrimmages. Dan also mentioned that the athletic directors will be trained on the Arbiter scheduling program which will go into effect in the fall of 2019.

COMMISSIONERS MEETING with ARBITER SPORTS

By all accounts the meeting was well attended and worthwhile. Clark Evans, the C.O.O of Arbiter Sports was there with one of the program experts and they did an excellent job. Both the CIAC and Arbiter have worked hard to try to improve how our systems work, and a significant amount of both time and money have been invested in improving how they work together. While these improvements are not visible to you yet, Matt is confident that the system will be more efficient starting with the 2019-20 season.

CIAC OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION GRANTS

On a motion by Jay Kelleher, the Advisory Board voted unanimously to approve a grant of \$250 for any boards that currently do not use Arbiter and decide to become a first - time user.

CIAC BOARD OF CONTROL MEETINGS

If you wish to represent the Advisory Board at any of the meetings, call or email Joe Tonelli. When no one is available to attend, the advisory board is represented by Joe T, who also attends as a CIAC staff member.

RECRUITMENT UPDATE

The NFHS is kicking off their new campaign with a focus on first responders (police, firemen, EMT's etc.) which is a good target group. The NFHS effort, together with the CIAC efforts and the initiatives of each individual board, must be vigorously pursued to increase the pool of officials in all sports. The key is personal contact and replying to new candidates within 48 hours.

OLD BUSINESS/INFORMATION ITEMS

PRESEASON RULES MEETINGS/WINTER DATES

Joe Tonelli requested the winter sports rules meeting dates for coaches.

NEW BUSINESS

NFHS IN-PERSON RULE INTERPRETTERS MEETING SCHEDULE

Boys and Girls Lacrosse – January 8-9, 2019

Track & Field, Softball, Baseball, –January 9-10, 2019

Wrestling & Ice Hockey - Sept 22-23, 2019

Basketball – September 23-24 2019

Joe will send the registration info to the interpreters who plan to attend so they can make their own arrangements. The meetings will be at the Hyatt Regency in Indianapolis.

EJECTION REPORT MEMO TO COMMISSIONERS AND RULE INTERPRETERS

Joe sends the commissioners a memo regarding ejection report reminders and the disqualification rule prior to each season. This memo will be more detailed and sent to both the assigners and the rule interpreters so this important information can be reviewed with all their officials. The following points will be emphasized in the memo: Ejection of a player or coach should be the last resort; Take all reasonable steps to be certain the ejection is warranted; Have a conference with your partner(s) before finalizing the call and to be certain of the identity of the ejected player or coach; Report the ejection to the head coach so there is no misunderstanding; Understand that there is no appeals on an ejections once the officials leave the game site (until that time the officials are in charge and can take any action they deem appropriate, even to the extent of reversing an earlier decision to eject a player or coach); When approached in a courteous manner by the coach or AD after the game be willing to entertain the conversation, relative to the ejection, since once you leave the site all decisions on ejections are final. Also, NFHS rules prohibit the use of video to review the call. All officials should be familiar with the CIAC Disqualification Rule which can be found on

pages 92 and 93 in the online CIAC Handbook. Board leaders should also review the ejection report reminders so that officials submit the appropriate form to the board designee with accurate information and in a timely manner.

AROUND THE TABLE

As has been our custom at all meetings, we go around the table to ask if anyone has anything to share with the group for the good of the order or to seek input from other sports. This is always worthwhile exchange of information.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:55 pm. The next meeting of the CIAC Advisory Board will be held on Thursday, February 13, 2019 @ 4:00 p.m. @ CIAC. The last Advisory Board meeting is Thursday, May 16, 2019 @ 4:00 pm. The State-Wide Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 13, 2019 @ 5:30 pm. Food at 5:00 pm.