

# CIAC OFFICIALS' ADVISORY BOARD

## ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

May 11, 2017

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Gloria Bellucci, Chris Burns (Swimming), Ray Faustich (Baseball), Patricia Javorski (Girls Lacrosse), Jay Kelleher (Football), Hank Koritkoski (Softball), Dave Leete (Boys Lacrosse), Joe Delbuono (Soccer) for Joe Miller, Lev Torgerson (Ice Hockey), Hank Luzzi (Basketball), Kelly Murphy (Wrestling), Melissa Zigmont (Gymnastics) Dan Scavone, CAAD President and Joe Tonelli, CIAC Staff

### ACTION ITEMS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

On a motion by Lev Torgerson, the minutes of February 15, 2017 were approved.

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### MEMBERSHIP REPORT

3,912 individual officials occupy 5,031 officiating slots. 2,248 officials are members of the NFHS Officials Association.

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### STATEWIDE MEETING

The Advisory Board was invited to attend the state-wide meeting on Thursday, June 15, 2017. Sandwiches will be available at 5:00 p.m. and the meeting starts at 5:30 p.m. The email invitations will be sent to all boards and there can be 2 reps from each board, not counting the CIAC Advisory Board members. It will also be posted on the CIAC website.

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### OLD BUSINESS

#### PRESEASON RULES MEETINGS FOR COACHES

Officials' groups should send the dates of their fall preseason rules meetings for coaches to Joe Tonelli as soon as you can confirm them with the leagues and schools you service.

#### CAAD UPDATE

Dan mentioned that the number of schools using ArbiterPay seems to be increasing. He told the group that a representative from Arbiter Sports was one of the vendors that had a booth at the AD conference and they were one of the CAAD Conference sponsors. A large number of athletic directors visited their booth and expressed interest in learning more about the program. ArbiterPay was also a workshop topic and approximately 40 athletic directors attended the session presented by Lynn Flint, the Haddam – Killingworth athletic director. Her school was one of the first schools in Ct to use this payment system and she said it is well worth the minimal costs to the school. Dan said the athletic directors in attendance were also reminded about the number of non - weather related changes and the importance of making schedule changes prior to the commissioners getting their schedules downloaded. Dan also mentioned ejection reports and what usually happens when schools receive them. Most schools follow up with the ejected coach or player. Many times, especially when it involves a coach, it results in a meeting usually with the coach, AD and principal. When Dan concluded his report, it was mentioned by the board members that having Dan Scavone attend the advisory board meetings has proven to be a very positive thing and leads to further enhancing the working relationship between officials and member schools.

#### COMMISSIONERS TOOLS

Joe T mentioned that at the request of the commissioners, Matt established an electronic listing of commissioners and their contact information. It is available to commissioners only in Commissioners Tools and the information is password protected. Some of the reasons mentioned for contacting other assigners is to verify if an official who wishes to join a board in another sport is in good standing; to share officials when a board is shorthanded; and to seek advice.

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## **NEW BUSINESS / DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **CIAC OFFICIALS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING DATES FOR 2017-2018**

Fall Meeting – October 19, 2017

Winter – February 8, 2017

Spring – May 10, 2018 All Advisory Board Meetings start at 4:00 P.M.

State – Wide meeting – June 14, 2018 @ 5:00 P.M.

### **OFFICIALS REP FOR CIAC BOARD MEETINGS AUG 25 @ 4 P.M. & SEPT 22 @ 2 P.M.**

Joe T asked board members to sign up to be the rep for the CIAC Officials Association at the CIAC Board meetings listed above. Kelly Murphy will attend on August 25<sup>th</sup> and Dave Leete will attend the meeting on September 22.

### **NFHS ONLINE AND IN PERSON RULE INTERPRETERS MEETING SCHEDULE 2017-18**

The list of meetings was distributed. It was noted that Basketball, Ice Hockey and Wrestling will have in person meetings in Indianapolis this year and there will be no online meetings in these sports. All others will have on line meetings as in the past. Each year, the plan is to have 3 sports hold in person meetings on a rotating basis. The CIAC Officials Association will reimburse the CIAC state interpreter or his designee for these important meetings. This will be discussed further at the State-Wide meeting on June 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **NFHS NATION – WIDE RECRUITMENT PROGRAM**

This month, the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) is embarking on a National Officials Recruitment Campaign. High schools in states throughout the country need more officials – more men and women to stay involved in high school sports by becoming licensed officials. The issue is twofold. First, we must find ways to recruit more men and women to become involved in officiating high school sports. Second, we have to address issues that are causing these individuals to discontinue their service as contest officials. This will be covered at the state-wide meeting. Here is the link to additional information <http://www.nfhs.org/articles/nfhs-launches-national-officials-recruitment-campaign>

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## **DISCUSSION ITEMS / SHARING OF BEST PRACTICES**

### **NFHS RULES / CIAC DQ RULE AND PENALTY/POST GAME EJECTIONS/WHEN OFFICIALS AUTHORITY BEGINS AND ENDS**

These important topics were discussed at length. CIAC follows the NFHS playing rules in all sports. The CIAC Board of Control initiated this policy many years ago and will not deviate from this position. If possible, post - game ejections should be avoided. When a post - game ejection is warranted, officials should be sure that they have jurisdiction in accordance with the NFHS rules. Otherwise the ejection cannot be processed. There are other ways to handle inappropriate behavior, so the issue can be addressed. Following the CIAC protocol and contacting the school is one way. The CIAC officials Association reviewed when the officials' jurisdiction begins and ends in accordance with the NFHS rules in all sports, and unanimously agreed, that no ejections can occur after their jurisdiction ends.

The CIAC Disqualification / Ejection rule supports officials. When an athlete or coach gets ejected they must sit out the next game at that level. It is the responsibility of the school to carry out the penalty. It is not the responsibility of the official to explain the CIAC rule or interpret the rule. Refer all questions about the rule to the CIAC. This will be discussed at the state-wide meeting.

### **PLANNING FOR THE STATE-WIDE MEETING**

The board discussed some ideas for the state-wide meeting agenda. The goal is to provide food and some socialization...start the meeting on time...provide some important information...discuss some best practices and share some good ideas on topics of interest and get them headed for home at a reasonable time.

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### **AROUND THE TABLE**

We did a brief around the table which always produces some interesting tidbits.

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### **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:50 P.M.

The Next meeting is the state-wide meeting – Thursday, June 15, 2017.

5:00 P.M. – Sandwiches –

5:30 P.M. – Meeting begins