

PRINCIPALS: Please Share These Minutes with Your Athletic Director
Regular Meeting of PIAA District 6 – October 6, 2009

Call to Order of the October 6, 2009, Meeting

Chairman Wotkowski called the meeting of the District 6 Committee to order at 3:30 PM at the Hollidaysburg Area Senior High School. Present were: Raymond Wotkowski, Alberta Ake, Kenneth Bussard, David Crumrine, Kathy Getz, Charles Glasser, Donald Hosterman, Kim Hubler, Michael Hudak, Norman Krumenacker, William Marshall, James Price, Dean Rossi, Kenneth Salem and Curtis Whitesel.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by James Price and Kenneth Salem, the minutes of the September 8, 2009 meeting were approved.

Financial Reports

On a motion by Donald Hosterman and William Marshall, the Committee unanimously approved the September 2009 Financial Report.

Chairman Wotkowski will keep the Committee informed with the status of the PIAA statewide consolidated audit. This audit is not optional as it is required by law. District Six will continue to use the contracted auditor, with the option of using the statewide auditor.

On a motion by Alberta Ake and Kim Hubler the PIAA District 6 Fee Structure was approved, with the exceptions of swimming and diving and track and field.

Sportsmanship

Please be reminded that each high school will determine a senior male and female athlete for exemplifying the highest ideals of Sportsmanship. Four \$500.00 awards will be presented through a lottery of participating schools.

Kathy Getz reviewed the below-listed disqualification forms.

Soc	Bellefonte	Coach	arguing and unsporting comments
Soc	Bishop McCort	Coach	continued unsporting comments
Soc	Bishop McCort	Player	excessive force
Soc	Bishop McCort	Player	pushed from behind after play
Soc	Central Cambria	Player	attacked opponent, knocked to ground
Soc	Huntingdon	Player	goalie tackled opponent
Soc	Lewistown	Coach	kicked over bench and comments
Soc	Ligonier	Player	unsporting comments and behavior
Soc	Tyrone	Player	profanity
Soc	Tyrone	Coach	continued derogatory comments
Soc	West Branch	Player	violent conduct
Soc	Westmont	Player	spit on opponent
JHFB	Richland	Player	punched opponent in head
JVFB	Bishop McCort	Player	punched opponent

Eligibility Hearings

On a motion by Kim Hubler and Norman Krumenacker, eligibility was granted to Alex Smith, transferring from Penn Cambria to Bishop Carroll. The vote was 14-0.

On a motion by Kenneth Salem and Curtis Whitesel, eligibility was granted to Alex Parlock, transferring from Cabell Midland, WV to Westmont. The vote was 14-0.

On a motion by Donald Hosterman and Curtis Whitesel, eligibility was granted to Joseph and Adam Powers, transferring from N. Allegheny to State College. The vote was 14-0.

On a motion by Kathy Getz and Thomas Kakabar, eligibility was granted to Joseph Mooney, transferring from Bishop Guilfoyle to Altoona. The vote was 14-0.

On a motion by James Price and Kenneth Bussard, eligibility was granted to Breanna Lynch, transferring from Laurel Valley to Conemaugh Valley. The vote was 14-0.

Information

A motion was made by Dean Rossi and second by Curtis Whitesel to approve a cooperative sports agreement for boys' tennis between Tyrone and Bellwood for the school years 2009 and 2010.(no change in classification)

A motion was made by William Marshall and second by Curtis Whitesel to approve a cooperative sports agreement for girls' soccer between Bishop Carroll, Portage and Northern Cambria for the school years 2010 and 2011.

A motion was made by Alberta Ake and second by Kathy Getz to approve a cooperative sports agreement for boys' soccer between Bishop Carroll, Portage, Northern Cambria and Penn Cambria for the school years 2010 and 2011.

Officials for championships will be recommended by their chapter secretary for soccer, cross country, girls' volleyball and field hockey.

District 3 made a request to rescind the PIAA Board of Control decision to move spring soccer to the fall, to delay the implementation of the soccer season change until July 1, 2012, to increase the classifications for fall soccer to three classes and to have a single class championship in spring soccer until 2012 when all schools are required to play in the fall. This was passed by the BOC on October 9th.

Chairman Wotkowski was asked to support a request that was made to the PIAA Board of Control to advance boys and girls tennis season by one week. This was passed on a first reading basis.

District 6 schools are reminded to submit their enrollment figures by October 15, 2009.

Foreign Exchange Eligibility Hearings

On a motion by David Crumrine and Alberta Ake, the following students have a J1 VISA and are approved to participate in sports:

Belleville Mennonite	Si-Eun Park	South Korea	Soc
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Penns Valley	Jade Fernandes deMelo	Brazil	VB
Huntingdon	Marian Rybarski	Poland	Soc
Richland	Sandy Sarmiento	Ecuador	Ten
Central Mountain	Pablo Momberg	Chile	Soc, Ten
Harmony	Kraivin Kladwang	Thailand	BB

The Next Meeting

The next meeting of the PIAA District 6 Committee will be held on

Wednesday, November 4, 2009, at the Hollidaysburg Area Senior High School at 3:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sherry Montgomery
Secretary/Treasurer

Transfer Rule Guidelines

The intention of this memo is to provide examples of the transfer procedures for new principals and athletic directors. ARTICLE VI, Transfers, Residence, and Recruiting, of the PIAA By-Laws (“Transfer Rule”), is referenced and can be found on pages 15-19. This memo is highlighting certain aspects of the Transfer Rule and is not intended to circumvent that by-law provision.

Definition of transfer: A transfer occurs in any situation in which a student seeks eligibility to participate in interscholastic athletics at a school other than the one at which the student was either enrolled or otherwise eligible.

Presumptive eligibility: A transferring student is presumed to be eligible if the student meets one of the following provisions:

- **Promotion.** Promotion from a junior high/middle school to a senior high is considered a transfer between schools. A student, who has not previously participated on a different senior high school team in any sport, is eligible immediately for interscholastic athletics when specific provisions are met.
1. Complete highest grade of the public JH/MS school and is promoted to the SH in the same school district.
 - Grade 7-8-9 JH student promoted to grade 10 within the same school district, immediate eligibility presumed
 2. Has completed the highest grade of a public or private JH/MS and has enrolled in a private senior high.
 - Grade (9) of a 7-8-9 JH public student enrolls in a grade 10 (10-12) private HS, immediate eligibility presumed
 - Grade (8) of a 6-7-8 MS public student enrolls in a grade 9 (9-12) private HS, immediate eligibility presumed
 3. Has enrolled in the lowest grade of a public HS after completing a private JH/MS
 4. Has enrolled in the lowest grade of a private HS after completing a public JH/MS

Please note that the window of transfer without the Transfer Waiver Request form (principal to principal sign-offs) is predicated on the structure of the JH/MS and HS.

Change of residence issues: Please review the following common scenarios that require passing the eligibility test. The Transfer Waiver Request form is not needed for the below situations.

- Student that moves and resides with natural parents
- Student moves with other (separated) natural parent, (first move)

- Court Order directed change of guardianship
- Foster parent court ordered change of residence

Private to Public Transfers: The above examples refer to all combinations of transfers and the next section is primarily focused on private to public transfers. Students who attend a private high school and in turn transfer to a public high school during the summer need a Transfer Request Form (TRF) initiated by the enrolling school.

- Grade 10 private HS student enrolls in a grade 11 public HS during the summer, or anytime, requires a TRF.
- Grade 11 public HS student enrolls in a grade 12 private HS during the summer or anytime, requires a TRF.

In summary, there are few “windows” of transfers that do not require the Transfer Request Form. Be cautious with the summer transfers and the custodial changes, as they can be more difficult to manage. Do not hesitate to call for advice as the integrity of your sporting programs could be compromised. Have a great sporting season!