

**B.C.I.A.A. General Membership Minutes (Summer 2020 COVID-19 Planning)
July 16, 2020
9:00 AM - via Zoom Meeting**

Present	School	Present	School
x	Antietam	x	Kutztown
x	Berks Catholic	x	Muhlenberg
x	Brandywine Heights	x	Oley Valley
x	Conrad Weiser	x	Reading
x	Daniel Boone	x	Schuylkill Valley
x	Exeter	x	Tulpehocken
x	Fleetwood	x	Twin Valley
x	Governor Mifflin	x	Wilson
x	Hamburg	x	Wyomissing

1. Opening Remarks

2. District III/PIAA Report & Update

-Pat reviewed the PIAA Board Meeting held on July 15th and the press release that they put out, which states that as of now they plan on proceeding with the Fall season as originally scheduled and each school will need to follow their Health and Safety Plans. If that changes then PIAA is discussing other potential options of how all 3 seasons could still be held for the 2020-21 school year.

-PIAA has approved the modified sub-varsity contests in football which will allow schools to run JV, JH and MS football games more like scrimmages, as needed. Specific information on how these modified contests can be run will be provided with the PIAA minutes. This is a 1-year pilot program.

-HS Wrestling weight classes will be reduced from 14 to 13.

-NFHS Network is currently offering 2 free pixelot camera systems for any PIAA member school to live stream events.

-Field hockey is moving from halves to quarters. Varsity will be 15 minutes, JV will be 12 minutes. BCIAA will have JH/MS field hockey play 10 minute quarters when there are 2 games, and if only 1 game then they will play up to 12-minute quarters.

-Rule interpretation meetings will be offered in a virtual format, as long as officials and coaches view the rules interpretation presentation during the August window (8/1-8/28) there will be no cost. After the window closes they would be charged a fee to view the rules interpretation presentation.

-At the July 29th PIAA meeting, there will be a discussion about the current cooperative sponsorship rules and needing 1 school to have less than 300 students. The new bylaw may be passed on suspended protocol that would allow coops to occur when both schools have

over 300 students, with additional stipulations.

-Baseball rule about baseballs being stamped with current safety standards will now start to be enforced for the Spring 2022 season (for schools who still have baseballs in their inventory that do not have the appropriate safety stamps).

3. COVID-19 Discussion Items

3.1 – Spring 2020 and Fall 2020 Financial Impacts

-Kerry presented a chart that showed each sport and the profit/loss since 2014.

3.2 – 2019-20 Spring Fees, 2020-21 Fee Adjustments?

-General feeling was to keep the fees paid from last year and not refund or apply them to the 2020-21 school year, especially since there was a big loss of revenue during the Spring 2020 season.

-Kerry will hold off on sending 2020-21 dues until we know more on if there will be a Fall season or not.

3.3 - 2020-21 Assignor Contracts & Payments

-The assignor contract was updated so that if a season is canceled, the assignor fee would be pro-rated based on how much of the season schedule/assignments have already been completed. Updated contract was distributed to the league.

3.4 - General League Guidelines for COVID-19? (Similar to YIAAA)

-PIAA is in the process of developing a similar document with general guidelines and also sport-specific guidelines that are created by the sport steering committees and sport medicine advisory committee.

3.5 – Start Date of Fall Junior High Sports

-Discussion about whether the league should proceed with JH sports the same as HS. General feeling is that if we are able to hold HS sports, that we should do what we can to keep the JH sports because if the schools do not provide that opportunity, then kids will be forced to go to clubs and pay more to play.

-At this point the plan will be to keep the JH season starting a week after the HS season starts.

3.6 – 2020-21 Gold Leaf Banquet

-The Hall of Fame banquet has been postponed at this time and may be rescheduled in April, all senior award recipients were mailed their checks instead.

-The Gold Leaf Banquet has a lot of at risk individuals so trying to hold it this year would be troublesome. DoubleTree is available on November 8, 2021.

3.7 – Cross Country Championship

-Kutztown University may be able to still host the championship meet with special approval. For now will keep that as the site and try to plan for potential backups if

Kutztown University is not able to host the meet due to their own closures.

- 3.8 – Summer participation in club sports in “hot spot” states
 - Concern about club teams playing in areas with high COVID rates. Also, club teams participating in tournaments in Pennsylvania that have numerous teams from other states attending and the risk of those students then bringing it back to the school teams during summer workouts.
 - Would like to have a general statement/policy from the BCIAA to try to address this concern. Dr. Gerhard and Pat Tulley will work to draft language that can be shared with all member schools to adopt by each member school, as appropriate.
- 3.9 – Junior High Basketball Rules
 - Concern about the enforcement of the no zone rule for pony. General feeling is to eliminate the rule but to keep the rule about no pressing when the point spread gets to 15 points or more.
 - Kerry will work on the official language to change the Blue Book and have it approved at the next General Membership meeting.
- 3.10 – Seeding Committee Meetings
 - Currently no language about being able to have a Zoom meeting for the seeding meeting (came up with the concern of the field hockey seeding meeting falling on a Friday night).
 - The sport chair will decide if the seeding meeting should be in-person or virtual, in consultation with Kerry.

4. Action Items (if needed)

- 4.1 -To not refund any Spring 2020 fees and apply those funds towards the overall loss of the Spring 2020 season.
 - Motion by Reading, second by Berks Catholic – motion approved.
- 4.2 – To cancel the Gold Leaf Banquet for the 2020-21 school year, and reserve the date of November 8, 2021 for the next Gold Leaf Banquet.
 - Motion by Oley Valley, second Dave Cummings – motion approved.
- 4.3 – To add that seeding meetings can be done virtually, as needed. Sport chairs will consult with Kerry about the format of the seeding meeting.
 - Motion by Governor Mifflin, second Schuylkill Valley – motion approved.

5. Adjournment

- Motion by Twin Valley, second Wyomissing – meeting adjourned at 10:15AM.

Information Items –

Next BCADA Meeting (District 3 Rep Meeting) – August 12, 2020 – Governor Mifflin @ 9:00AM

Next BCIAA Board Meeting Date: September 10, 2020 – BCIU @ 9:00AM

Next B.C.I.A.A. General Membership Meeting Date: November 9, 2020 – BCIU @ 9:00AM