

**B.C.I.A.A. General Membership Minutes (Winter 2020 COVID-19 Planning)
December 3, 2020
10:00 AM – Schuylkill Valley Auditorium**

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
 - Wrestling you are allowed 4 team dual tournaments this year, steering committee meets again next week and there may be some additional changes after next Wednesday.
 - Proposed mandatory 3-day practices after a COVID stoppage – was defeated by the PIAA board, schools can make their own decisions on when it is okay to return to competition.
3. Old Business
 - 3.1 – BCIAA Board Vacancy
 - 2 Applications were received – Robert Farina from Brandywine Heights MS and Jonathan Holota from Conrad Weiser MS. Resumes were shared with each member school and a ballot was given for each school to vote to fill the vacancy.
4. COVID-19 Winter Sports Discussion Items
 - 4.1 – Spectator Procedures & Limits
 - Discussion on limiting to home spectators only (if at all). At this point, only Wilson is considering/able to potentially allow some visiting spectators.
 - Each individual school will need to set their procedures and should communicate that to opponents, and will also be posted on the league website.
 - Discussion on what to do with bowling spectators – very difficult when the bowling house are not school district property and follow their own rules. Motion was made to create a restricted area around the teams that spectators will

not be allowed to enter.

-Playoff spectator procedures were discussed, will follow procedures that the PIAA used for state playoffs in the Fall.

4.2 – Livestreaming of competitions (HS & MS)

-Posted on the league website, please make sure that updated live stream information is submitted so the website has the correct information. Some schools may try to find ways to livestream Middle School events so will also include that on the website.

4.3 – Mask requirements for winter competitions

-Spectators – must wear masks at any Winter competition.

-Teams – all BCIAA schools are requiring masks to be worn during competition. As of today, no school has reported that any athletes have provided doctors notes to exempt them from wearing a mask during participation. Schools will need to communicate with all opponents if they have any athletes who would not be wearing a mask (several motions made).

-Exceptions to the requirement of athletes wearing a mask if they have a doctor's note – must notify opponent by noon the day before the competition if a team has someone who cannot wear a mask, opponent will need to consult their solicitor if the competition can be played or not – if not it would be a no-contest.

-Officials – all member schools are requiring officials to wear a Mask.

4.4 – Wrestling Individual & Team Tournament

-For the team tournament on January 29th, the #1 seeds will host the 3 teams on their side of the bracket, so please make sure that you have a gym available (can be a JH gym). The championship will be on Saturday, January 30th at the higher seeded team (if both #1 seeds advance, power rating will be used).

-For the individual tournament – would need to have the county split in half because of only being able to have 8 teams in a gym. It would be a 1-day tournament on Saturday, January 16th. One gym would be needed for about 4 hours, the other one would be needed all day. Schools could use multiple gyms if they have them available –let Kerry know by December 14 if are able to host the individual tournament. If no sites can be secured then there would be no way to host the individual tournament this year.

4.5 – Basketball League Crossover Games

-Discussion on if schools should be mandated to play the crossover games twice (home/away). Schools can do this on their own if they want, will not be mandated.

4.6 – Playoffs when a team is shut down by COVID

-Want to give teams the chance to participate if at all possible. Need to have a timeline of when brackets can be adjusted if teams need to drop out. If the league tournament can be moved back, that should be the first option. For basketball, if playoff dates were moved up and boys/girls played on the same night it would give additional time to push games back for COVID shutdowns. Initial brackets will be locked in at 7PM the day before the tournament starts – if a team needs to withdraw before that deadline, the brackets will be adjusted accordingly to allow the 9th place team in.

5. Action Items

5.1 – Via a ballot vote, Robert Farina from Brandywine Heights was nominated as the Junior High principal representative on the Board of Directors (replacement for Gerry Catagnus, term expiration will be 2023-2024)

Motion Kutztown, second Oley Valley – unanimously approved.

5.2 – To approve a league-wide mandate that for regular-season competitions in Berks County and the BCIAA playoffs that all teams must wear a face mask for the competition. **Motion by Oley Valley, second by Dave Cummings – unanimously approved.**

5.3 – To approve that any school who has an athlete with a mask medical excuse or exemption, must notify their opponent that they have an athlete who will not be wearing a mask by 12-noon the day prior to the scheduled competition. The opponent’s district must make the decision then if they are allowed to compete against a team with someone not wearing a mask or not. **Motion by Twin Valley, second Muhlenberg – unanimously approved.**

5.4 – To approve that all member schools will require officials to wear a mask for the Winter season. **Motion by Conrad Weiser, second Berks Catholic – unanimously approved.**

5.5 – To approve that bowling houses rope off/mark off an area around the bowlers, that will be prohibited to any spectators. **Motion by Twin Valley, second Schuylkill Valley – unanimously approved.**

5.6 – To approve for winter playoffs, host schools will determine the number of spectators allowed into their facility. That number will be equally divided between both schools. Any cheerleaders would need to be counted in the school’s allotted spectator allowance. Any host not allowing visiting spectators into their own facilities will need to find a neutral site that will allow equal home/away spectators to attend the BCIAA playoffs. **Motion Tulpehocken, second Oley Valley – unanimously approved.**

5.7 – To approve that all measures will be taken to make sure the initial playoff brackets are full in the scenario where team/s have to withdraw from playoffs due to COVID before the tournament starts. The initial bracket will be locked in at 7:00PM the day before the

tournament starts. **Motion by Tulpehocken, second Dave Cummings – unanimously approved.**

6. Adjournment

-Motion Dave Cummings, second Governor Mifflin – meeting adjourned at 12:30PM.

Information Items –

Next B.C.I.A.A. General Membership Meeting Date: March 17, 2021 – BCIU @ 9:00AM