

B.C.I.A.A. General Membership Minutes
March 17, 2021
9:00 AM – Schuylkill Valley Middle School LGI Room

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
 - December 3, 2020 General Membership Minute Approval
 - Motion by Berks Catholic, Second Reading – unanimously approved
 - Mike Mish thanked member schools for all that they did this winter season to be able to still provide students the opportunity to play the sports that they love. Kerry also echoed those sentiments, and thanked Bill Hess for hosting all of the games for Reading in the playoffs.

2. District III/PIAA Report & Update
 - PIAA still deciding if JV football games can be handled like scrimmages (piloted this year).
 - Make sure you send in your District 3 award winners to Cathy Wreski
 - Spring schedule/power rating freeze deadline will be set soon, which will be 14 days prior to when the power rating cutoff date is set.
 - PIAA has updated language on the CIPPE for Section 4 and Section 10 for next year – make sure you use the updated form for next year (July 1).

3. Executive Director Report
 - Treasurer Report & Approval
 - M&T Bank as of 2/28/21 - \$101,505.79
 - LPL Financial as of 3/5/21 - \$28,968.45
 - Motion by Dave Cummings, Second Reading – unanimously approved.
 - Winter Playoff Review
 - Financial reports for winter playoffs were distributed to the league via email.
 - Winter Sport Chair Reports
 - Bowling – the one day team tournament went very well, consideration being made to keeping this team format in the future.

The individual shortened tournament also went well, but under normal circumstances would like to return to a full individual tournament field.

-Wrestling – goal was to make the season happen and get the kids through post-season, which was accomplished. Did have to eliminate the league individual tournament but the hope is to return back to normal next year with an individual tournament and team tournament.

-Basketball – seeding meeting went very (first time trying it this way), everything else went as smooth as could be expected this season.

-Cheerleading – held the championship later (District 3 and PIAA also moved championships back). Overall it was a great opportunity for the cheerleaders to compete.

-Reminder from Kerry that all league games should be re-scheduled for the next available date, and not just moved later in the season, so that all league games are played by the league cut-off date.

4. Old Business

4.1 – Championship/Sport Sponsorships

-Kerry met with Mark Wallace about trying to get sponsorships for the spring season. Mark will get in touch with sport chairs for any sponsorships that he gets so announcements/advertising can take place. He will only charge 20% commission for sponsorships this spring.

4.2 – Playoff Host Sites (higher seeds)

-Spring will continue to use the higher seed to host (besides neutral sites for baseball and softball with Lyons Field, Muhlenberg, Owl's Field and First Energy).

4.3 – Board Positions (up for election)

5. New Business

5.1 – 2022-2024 High School Division Alignment

-Each sport was reviewed for accuracy, the following discussions/changes then took place:

-Softball – due to Antietam not being able to field a team this year, proposed to move Wyomissing (lowest enrollment currently in Division 3) would be moved down to Division 4 so that there would be 5 teams down in Division 4 in case a team is not able to field a team. Wyomissing is okay and asked for this to happen. No objections made to this change.

-Boys Basketball – Fleetwood reiterated that they submitted a letter to move down, however there are no schools down in Division 3 and 4 that will move up so a change is not able to be made.

5.2 – Spring COVID Protocols

-Masking

-Twin Valley asked to adapt the language for all non-active

participants that they follow current DOH mandates when it comes to masking of athletes.
-Lengthy discussion on which schools currently are requiring spring athletes to be masked at all times, and what to do when one school has stricter masking rules than the opponent. Currently there are 6 schools that are requiring masks to be worn at all times. Uncertainty on if DOH will be updating sport guidelines that would fall more in line with what was done during the fall season. Recommendation to adapt the document presented to eliminate set rules on spectators and to follow the current CDC/DOH/Local School District Policies in regards to masking and social distancing.

6. Action Items

6.1 – To approve the 2022-2024 High School Division Alignments, as presented (and listed at the end of the minutes) and changed in 5.1.

-Motion by Tulpehocken, Second Kutztown. Motion passes 17-1.

6.2 – To approve a minimum set of standardized COVID safety procedures that the league will follow for the spring season (in connection with current DOH guidance and PIAA recommendations, subject to be updated with any DOH changes).

-Motion to approve the document (referenced at end of minutes) that was sent to league members, with the last paragraph being removed and an introduction being added to clarify the league will follow current CDC/DOH/Local School District Policies on masking wearing and social distancing.

-Motion by Twin Valley, Second Berks Catholic – Motion passes 17-1.

7. Adjournment

-Motion by Governor Mifflin, Second Conrad Weiser – meeting adjourned at 10:05.

Information Items –

Next B.C.I.A.A. General Membership Meeting Date: May 5, 2021 – BCIU @ 9:00AM

Athletic Face Covering Recommendations 2021 Spring Sports

The BCIAA will follow the Governor's order, as well as Center for Disease Control, Department of Health, and local school district policy on mask wearing and social distancing.

Volleyball:

1. All athletes, coaches, officials, and event staff are required to wear a face covering at all times.

Baseball & Softball:

1. All athletes, coaches, umpires, and event staff are required to wear a face covering at all times while on school district property.
2. All athletes, coaches, and game personnel in the dugout must wear a face covering at all times.
3. Face covering exceptions:
 - a. When a team is on the field, the pitcher, infielders, outfielders, batter, and baserunners do not need to wear a face covering.
4. The catcher must wear a face covering at all times.

Lacrosse:

1. All athletes, coaches, officials, and event staff are required to wear a face covering at all times while on school district property.
2. All athletes, coaches, and game personnel on the sideline must wear a face covering at all times.
3. Face covering exceptions:
 - a. Players on the field, actively engaged in competition, do not need to wear a face covering.
 - b. Any player exiting the field must put a face covering on upon reaching the sidelines.

Boys Tennis:

1. All athletes and coaches are required to wear a face covering at all times while on school district property.
2. All athletes and coaches must wear a face covering when outside of the tennis courts.
3. Face covering exceptions:
 - a. All players may remove their face covering while warming up and playing on the court.

Track & Field:

1. All athletes, coaches, and officials are required to wear a face covering at all times while on school district property.
2. All athletes, coaches, and officials must wear a face covering when moving around campus to different events and any time not competing in an event.
3. Face covering exceptions:
 - a. All running events:
 - *Runners must wear a face covering until they get into position for their event; at which time, they can lower or remove their face covering. When finished running, runners should distance themselves from everyone while catching their breath and then put their face covering back over their mouth and nose in a reasonable amount of time after they have recovered and before coming in contact with others.*

b. All throwing and jumping events:

- o For throwing and jumping events, when an individual enters the area they are competing in for their event, they can remove or lower their face covering temporarily. For instance, if someone is throwing the discus, his/her face covering can be removed once he/she enters the circle to make a throw.

c. Any athlete competing without a face covering (whether on the track or throwing area) must put a face covering on upon leaving their area of competition.

*The above recommendations are minimum requirements for BCIAA Spring Sport competitions. In instances where member schools may have more strict requirements, the stricter requirements will be followed.

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(13 schools) Baseball	(13 schools) Softball	(13 schools) Boys Basketball	(13 schools) Girls Basketball	(13 schools) Boys Soccer	(16 schools) Girls Soccer	(17 schools) Field Hockey	(17 schools) Boys Tennis	(17 schools) Girls Tennis
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(16 schools) Wrestling	(16 schools) Boys/Girls Track	(16 schools) Golf	(16 schools) Boys/Girls XC	(14 schools) Girls Volleyball	(14 schools) Boys/Girls Bowling	(12 schools) Boys Volleyball	(10 schools) Boys Lacrosse	(10 schools) Girls Lacrosse
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