

B.C.I.A.A. General Membership Minutes
November 8, 2023
9:00 AM – BCIU

Present	School	Present	School
x	Antietam	x	Kutztown
x	Berks Catholic	x	Muhlenberg
x	Brandywine Heights	x	Oley Valley
	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
 - May 24, 2023 General Membership Minute Approval
 - Motion Berks Catholic, Second Twin Valley – unanimously approved.

2. District III/PIAA Report & Update
 - No new update, next meeting December 9th

3. Executive Director and Board of Directors Reports
 - Treasurer Report & Approval
 - Checking Account - \$152,973.17
 - Investment Account - \$31,318.95
 - Motion Dave Cummings, Second Governor Mifflin – unanimously approved.
 - Fall Playoff Financial Report
 - Overall Fall revenue was good when things were averaged out between sports (some higher and some on the lower side).
 - Fall Sport Chair Reports
 - Volleyball – some discussion on changing playoff dates and home court advantage. Nothing new to propose at this time.
 - Cross Country – question on if teams could enter additional runners if other teams do not have 7 runners – some discussion on adding a JV race. Coaches are in favor of counting league meets as forfeits if a team does not have 5 runners for purposes of league records.
 - Tennis – no changes requested
 - Soccer – no changes requested – some discussion on boys’ side about using Alvernia for the championship (not practical for seating), discussion on girls’ side to clarify ball runners (should be 2 for each team – on same side as team bench).
 - Golf – some discussion on changing the number of participants but did not have 2/3 majority to move a change forward.

-Field Hockey – no changes requested – will update playoff and all-star formats for next cycle when there are only 2 divisions.

4. Old Business, New Business & Discussion Items

4.1 – LL Football 2024-2026

-Discussion on the schedule requiring Thursday/Saturday games next cycle.

-Initial approval of the combined football league was for 4 years, so conversation needs to start with commitment past the 2025 season. Kerry will discuss that with Todd Reitnouer when they meet next.

4.2 – BCIAA Wrestling Tournament (Girls & ATC Coverage)

-Kerry is still working with St. Lukes on what the ATC coverage will look like.

-Still working on how the girls will be incorporated into the individual championships.

4.3 – Arbiter Pay Official Notification (end of agenda)

-All officials have been notified on Arbiter announcements of the need to have an Arbiter Pay account for the 24-25 school year.

4.4 – Media Coverage of Conference Championship Events - Blue Book Page 29 (Action Item 5.1).

l. Photographers wishing to take pictures on the field or court must show proof of liability insurance to either the contest game manager or the BCIAA Executive Director. Any photographer/s who are not able to provide proof of liability insurance will only be permitted to take pictures from the stands and will not be granted access to the playing surface.

4.5 – Gold Leaf Criteria – Blue Book Pages 17-18 (Action Item 5.2)

The Conference oversees the Gold Leaf awards, which recognize individuals who have served the Conference for at least twenty (20) years. Individuals for consideration must have been a coach, administrator or athletic department employee. Individuals who meet the criteria for inclusion will be inducted into the Gold Leaf during an induction ceremony organized and run by the Conference under the direction of the Executive Director. BCIAA Member Schools must submit all nominees for induction to the Executive Director via a Google Form that requires all inductees to be classified as either a coach, administrator or athletic department employee. Final approval for Gold Leaf induction will come from the BCIAA Executive Director and/or the Board of Directors. Upon induction, members will receive a gold metallic card which allows the member to attend all Conference events (including playoff games) for the rest of their lives.

4.6 – BCIAA League Scheduler Stipend (Action Item 5.3)

-Stipend of \$2500 to include all league schedule preparation/parameters and entry into League Central, and include any potential corrections/changes/updates to the league schedules.

4.7 – BCIAA Executive Director Stipend (Action Item 5.4)

-Last increase to the Executive Director stipend was in 2019-2020
 -Proposal for the 2023-2024 Executive Director stipend to be increased to \$25,000, subject to a 3% annual raise over the course of the current official's stipend approved fees (through 2026-2027).

4.8 – Golf – Preferred Lies – Blue Book Page 45 addition (Action Item 5.5)

- For all matches, including the Championships, preferred lies will be played in the Fairways. The ball may be marked, lifted, cleaned, and placed within 1 club length, no closer to the hole. If adverse weather affects course conditions a decision will be made in consultation with the course pro shop.

4.9 – Wrestling Individual Tournament Fees – Blue Book Page 35 (Action Item 5.6)

Individual Wrestling Tournament Salaries	
Position/Expense	Stipend/Fee
Individual Tournament Director	\$450
Assistant Director (2)	\$200
Boutmaster	Prevailing Rate
Timers/Scorers/Tickets/Announcer (per session)	\$60 (1 st /3 rd Rounds), \$70 (2 nd Round)
Ticket Sellers/Takers (per session)	\$46
Announcer (per session)	\$50
Athletic Trainers	See Sports Medicine Section
Officials	Yearly Dual Rate +\$5/Session
Officials (4 for finals)	\$76/session
Computer Operators (2)	\$150
Ambulance/Team Physicians	Prevailing Rate
Site Rental	Prevailing Rate
Programs	Host school, booster club or coaches association can/should provide programs
Hospitality Room Expenses	As Needed – Host school to provide sandwiches and beverages for officials, coaches & workers

4.10 – Assignor Timelines

-Request to have schedules earlier by an assignor to get assignments out before officials take other assignments.

-Will discuss more at the next BCADA meeting with recommendation from each assignor on the published chart in the Blue Book.

4.11 – All-Star Ties

-Some sports are still not breaking ties in all-star voting.

-Blue Book update (page 78):

There may be no ties for voting for any All-Stars (Athlete of the Year, Coach of the Year, All-Conference, All-Division, Honorable Mention). No co-coaches, co-athletes or additional slots will be added to the published BCIAA All-Stars. Any ties in preliminary voting should be broken by the coaches before final lists are submitted to the league for publishing.

5. Action Items

5.1 – To approve the Blue Book update for photographer liability insurance (as presented in 4.4).

-Motion by Dave Cummings, Second Schuylkill Valley – unanimously approved.

5.2 – To approve the Blue Book update for Gold Leaf induction (as presented in 4.5).

-Motion by Berks Catholic, Second Reading – unanimously approved

5.3 - To approve the updated 2024-2026 League Scheduler stipend (as presented in 4.6).

-Motion by Governor Mifflin, Second Wilson – unanimously approved.

5.4 – To approve the updated 2023-2024 Executive Director stipend and subsequent yearly increases (as presented in 4.7).

-Motion by Oley Valley, Second Wyomissing – unanimously approved.

5.5 – To approve the Blue Book update for golf to include preferred lies language (as presented in 4.8).

-Motion by Kutztown, Second Governor Mifflin – unanimously approved.

5.6 – To approve the Blue Book update for the Wrestling Individual Tournament Fees (as presented in 4.9).

-Motion by Wyomissing, Second Governor Mifflin – unanimously approved.

5.7 – To approve the Blue Book update for the All-Star Voting Criteria (as presented in 4.11).

-Motion by Oley Valley, Second Fleetwood – unanimously approved.

6. Adjournment

-Meeting adjourned at 9:45AM.

Information Items –

Next B.C.I.A.A. General Membership Meeting Date: March 15, 2024 @ BCIU

Arbiter 2024-2025 Ref Pay Announcement:

All BCIAA member schools will be utilizing ArbiterPay starting with the 2024/2025 School Year. All Officials working Sports contests for BCIAA member schools will need to sign up for an ArbiterPay account and link that to your ArbiterSports account so that schools can quickly and easily release your payments. You must have an active ArbiterPay account that accepts payments to work sports for BCIAA member schools starting with the 2024/2025 school season. When you accept your assignments on Arbiter Sports you confirm that your Arbiter Pay account is active and accepting

*payments from schools where you have assignments. Failure to have an active Arbiter pay account will prohibit schools from sending payments until your Arbiter pay account is in an active status and accepting payments. Officials have the option with ArbiterPay to have funds directly deposited (self-initiated to make the transfer from your ArbiterPay account) to a bank account (must provide bank account information) or you can select alternatives if you do not wish to provide your bank account information for direct deposit. Each school district using ArbiterPay will be covering the fee per/assignment to use this service, but any additional fees incurred by officials for selecting payment options other than self- initiated direct deposit will be responsible to cover those additional fees for those selected services. The following link can be used to help you sign up for an ArbiterPay account and link it to your ArbiterSports account. There is also a link pay tab on the home page of your ArbiterSports account. Arbiter Sports will be taking care of 1099 notification and when they can be printed from your Arbiter account.
<https://www.arbiterpay.com/sign-up-today>*