

OVAC Seeks Sanction For All-Star Tilt

The Ohio Valley Athletic Conference, in a meeting at Knights of Columbus Hall in Winton Wednesday night, voted to seek a sanction from the National Collegiate Athletic Association for 1972 Ohio-West Virginia all-star football game.

However, conference officials indicated that if such a sanction is not forthcoming, they would not be interested in sponsoring such a game, as lack of sanction would prohibit many of the area's finest gridgers from participating.

The conference approved Elmer Freese, athletic director for the Ohio County public schools, to fill the vacancy on the executive board created by the resignation of Brother William Chanel, former Wheeling Central principal and OVAC past president, who has accepted an assignment in another area.

Two proposed constitutional amendments passed their first reading. One specifies that eligibility rules of the West Virginia Parochial Athletic Association, as well as those of the W. Va. Secondary Schools Activities Commission and the Ohio High School Athletic Association shall govern the eligibility of students in conference competition — according to which of those organizations each school holds membership in. The other brings a change in the reclassification procedure of the conference. It proposes that the reclassification, as to enrollment, take place only every odd year and in the first week of May, with the male enrollment of the upper three grades determining the class. The proposed constitutional changes will come up for final reading at the OVAC winter dinner meeting at Linsly Military Institute in December.

For OVAC Grid Teams Not Eligible for Title

Union Local High School has moved up one notch while Warren Consolidated has dropped one in the Ohio Valley Athletic

Conference's divisional alignment for the 1971-72 school year. With an enrollment of 133 boys in grades 10 through 12, Union Local moves into the triple-A division while Warren Consolidated, with a male enrollment of 106 in the top three grades, has been placed in the double-A division.

According to the breakdown in figures, schools with 110 boys or less are in Class A, 250 boys or less are in Class AA and 251 boys and over are in Class AAA.

There are now just 34 schools in the OVAC since Seton Central closed its doors at the end of the 1970-71 school year and Hope-dale merged with Fishing. Four member schools do not play enough games within the

conference to qualify for the OVAC football title this year.

Under conference rules, a school must play one-half of its games against conference opponents. Steubenville High (AAA) is meeting just one conference team this year while city rival Steubenville Catholic Central (AAA) is playing four OVAC schools. Toronto (AA) and Cameron (A) have three games against conference opponents.

The first weekly OVAC standings will be announced in Tuesday evening's edition of the News-Register.

Bellaire Harriers Win Title

Bellaire High successfully defended its Ohio Valley Athletic Conference cross-country championship Saturday morning on the Oglebay Park course, although only one Big Red runner finished in the top 10.

Dan Rybeck, of Triadelphia, was individual winner in 11:42 for the two-mile course, with Rodger Lewis, of Shadyside, second, in 11:45 and Doug Mason, Brooke, third in 11:56. Larry Irwin, Shadyside, was fourth in 12:02 while the top finisher for the Jack Jones-coached Bellaire team was Jerry Marling, in 12:03.

Rounding out the top 10 were George Leightner, John Marshall; Jeff Sabatino, Martins Ferry; Don Wensyel, Martins Ferry; Pat Cronin, Wheeling, and Paul Lewton, Warwood, in that order.

In team scoring, Bellaire had 73 points while Shadyside was runnerup, with 89, and John Marshall third, with 103. Martins Ferry was fourth with 118 points, followed by Triadelphia, 129; Brooke, 130; Oak Glen, 167; St. Clairsville, 191; Wheeling, 205; and Warwood, 258. Cadiz and Magnolia did not enter enough contestants to figure in team scoring.