



SECTIONAL INTERSECTIONAL COMMITTEE

January 7th, 2016

Highlights

- 1.1 **CARRIED** Recommendation to secure a new venue when a host school's team is playing in the finals
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- 4.1 **CARRIED** Recommendation to accept the fall 2015 post season reports as presented with the exception of Girls Swimming
- 5.3 **CARRIED** Recommendation for T. Slade and J. Trampert to request approval for veteran eligibility to include retired athletic directors and individuals who were former members of Section VI committees at the January 20 athletic council meeting



SECTIONAL INTERSECTIONAL MINUTES

Committee Members: (*indicates present)

- *T. Slade (Chairman)
- A. Lloyd (Buffalo Representative)
- *B. Drake (CCAA Representative)
- *J. Przybysz (ECIC Representative)
- *J. Forcucci (NFL Representative)
- *D. Ames (NO Representative)
- *M. Fallacaro (Girls Representative)
- *J. Graczyk (Boys Representative)

1.0 Sports Concerns:

1.1 Neutral Venues – Member Schools' Sites

Concerns have been expressed regarding the use of member school sites as neutral venues for post season competition. It was determined that unfair advantages exist when a team plays at the post season level where their school is host.

Recommendation to secure a new venue when a host school's team is playing in the finals

CARRIED

Focucci/Graczyk

2.0 Section Concerns:

2.1 Sports Specific Websites

The brackets become skewed when game results are not reported on sport specific websites. The majority of coaches consistently enter game results. However, there is a small pocket of coaches who repeatedly do not enter the requested data.

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CARRIED

Graczyk/Fallacaro

2.2 Football Scheduling / BEDS / Combining of Schools

Representatives were asked to remind their leagues to submit combining of schools applications for the sport of football as soon as possible. The 2016 football schedule cannot be finalized without approval of the schools that intend to combine. Schools are beginning to look at solidifying homecoming dates for the upcoming school year, which cannot be done without the schedule. Many schools wait until the BEDS numbers are released (end of January). However, the BEDS numbers should be irrelevant regarding combining schools.

3.0 NYSPPHSAA Concerns:

3.1 Football – 6 Classification Proposal

At the December 2015 meeting, the NYSPPHSAA Championship Philosophy Committee announced its opposition to the 6 classification proposal (in any sport). According to the NYSPPHSAA Championship Philosophy, Guidelines, and Process; the percentage of opportunities for athletes to compete in NYSPPHSAA Championships should fall within a designated range of 5% to 8% for all sports. Percentages will be calculated using the number of varsity athletes participating in the sport and the number of competitors in the championship event (same as 15-16).

3.2 Boys Basketball State Championship Venue

At the December 18th, 2015 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting, Binghamton was awarded the bid as venue for the 2017, 2018, and 2019 Boys Basketball State Championships.

4.0 AC Action Items

4.1 Fall 2015 Post Season Reports

All fall 2015 post season reports have been received with the exception of Girls Swimming.

Girls Tennis

T. Slade to follow-up with an incident where K. Janese, Girls Tennis Chair, was confronted at sectionals by a parent regarding the seeding process.

Football

The nature of football has changed in the past several years. With all of the passing, it is almost impossible to complete games in 2 ½ hours. For scheduling purposes at sites where multiple contests are being played such as Ralph Wilson Stadium, a minimum of 3 to 3 ½ hours per game is needed.

Cross Country

N. Bennett, Girls Cross Country Chair, and K. Hans, Boys Cross Country Chair, will investigate Elma Meadows as potential host for the 2016 sectional championships.

Boys & Girls Soccer

The Section will attempt to avoid date conflicts for sectional semi-finals and finals when boys and girls teams from the same school participate.

Recommendation to accept the fall 2015 post season reports as presented with the exception of Girls Swimming

CARRIED

Graczyk/Fallacaro

5.0 Old Business:

5.1 Spring Sports Chairs Positions Update

The spring sports chairs applications are due Tuesday, January 12, 2016. At present, the following individuals have submitted the application requesting to be considered for the 2016-2019 term: R. Wargala (Girls Golf), W. McLaughlin (Girls Outdoor Track), R. Schmitt (Girls Lacrosse), J. Hall (Softball), E. Greenway (Boys Lacrosse), and N. Leary (Boys Golf). Outstanding applications include J. Conley (Baseball), P. Ksionzyk (Boys Outdoor Track), and T. McMahon (Boys Tennis).

5.2 Section VI Hall of Fame Golf Tournament

The Section VI Hall of Fame Golf Tournament is scheduled for June 26, 2016 at Holland Hills Country Club. T. Slade will establish a golf tournament committee whose purpose is to solicit sponsorship from member schools and outside vendors. Sponsorship funds will be used to fund the Section VI Hall of Fame induction ceremony.

5.3 Veteran Status Update

T. Slade has been working with J. Trampert, Section VI Veterans Chairman, to revise the policy used in the determination of veteran status. The intention is to expand the veteran's pool and include deserving individuals who otherwise would not be permitted to participate.

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5.4 Unified Sports Update

The next scheduled Unified Sports meeting will be held at Eden High School, 9:30am, on January 22, 2016. The following member schools that committed to pilot this program include: Eden, Akron, Lockport, Newfane, Frontier, and Clarence.

6.0 New Business:

6.1 Splitting of Classes

Currently, sports chairmen and their committees have the option to split a class once the class totals 18 teams. A superintendents' representative on the athletic council has brought forth a request to change the option of splitting a class once the class totals 18 teams to mandating the splitting of a class once the class totals 18 teams.

Representatives were asked to discuss this item with their leagues as a recommendation for the athletic council will be sought at the February 25, 2016 sectional intersectional committee meeting.

6.2 Coaches Sportsmanship Recognition

At the request of J. Graczyk, Sportsmanship Co-Chairman, the sports chairs will be asked to list coaches sportsmanship selections on their respective post season reports.

7.0 Good of the Order:

7.1 BPS Request for Objective Review Update

In early December 2015, Section VI received a formal request, via a letter from A. Lloyd, BPS Athletic Director (on behalf of the Buffalo Board of Education, Superintendent Kriner A. Cash, and the Bennett High School Parents and community members), to conduct an objective review of the November 9, 2015 Bennett High School vs. Maple Grove/Chautauqua Lake Class C championship football game.

Section VI replied to A. Lloyd indicating that the request will be formally referred to the NYS Association of Certified Football Officials (WNY and Southwestern Chapters). T. Slade is scheduled to meet with the representatives from both football officials' organizations at 12pm today, January 7, 2016, via teleconference. T. Slade will inform them of the events leading up to BPS's request and that the Section is formally referring the request over to their organizations.

7.2 Bennett High School's Football Coach

Regarding the comments in The Buffalo News by Bennett's football coach and his behavior after the Section VI Class C Championship game at Ralph Wilson Stadium on November 9, 2015; the Section will maintain its policy of school district prerogative with follow-up by the executive director. However, the Section VI Football Chairman will address its concern via a formal letter to A. Lloyd, BPS Athletic Director, before the start of the 2016 football season. The letter will include a reminder of Section VI's sportsmanship policy.

7.3 Adjournment

Motion to adjourn

CARRIED

Przybysz/Fallacaro

Respectfully Submitted,



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Recording Secretary