



ATHLETIC COUNCIL MINUTES

March 20, 2019

Highlights

- 3.1 **CARRIED:** January 16, 2019 Athletic Council meeting minutes
- 4.7 **CARRIED:** Candidates for the Spring Sports Chairs positions, term 2019-2022 -R. Parry (Baseball), N. Leary (Boys Golf), R. Wargala (Girls Golf), E. Greenway (Boys Lacrosse), R. Schmitt (Girls Lacrosse), J. Hall (Softball), T. McMahon (Boys Tennis), P. Ksionzyk (Boys Outdoor Track & Field), W. McLaughlin (Girls Indoor Track & Field), D. Ames (Unified Basketball)
- 4.11 **CARRIED:** Addition of "league endorsed" language to the constitution regarding the President-Elect nomination
- 5.1 **CARRIED:** Combining of Schools applications, numbers (1) and (2)
- 5.2 **CARRIED:** Senior All Star applications, letters (a) and (b)
- 6.3.1 **CARRIED:** Treasurer's Report
- 6.3.2 **CARRIED:** Set the presale ticket price at \$10 for Sectional Finals at New Era Field in the sport of Football
- 6.4.1 **CARRIED:** Move the Girls Ice Hockey Federated Tournament to an invitational prior to the December holiday break.
- 6.7a **CARRIED:** Consideration of approval to increase the maximum number of games/contests by one, with increased restrictions on the current number of scrimmages allowed
- 6.7c1 **DEFEATED:** Direct J. Graczyk, Boys Representative, and M. Fallacaro, Girls Representative, to support the use of NFHS rules in all sports when available
- 6.7c2 **DEFEATED:** Direct J. Graczyk, Boys Representative, and M. Fallacaro, Girls Representative, to support revising the Fall, Winter & Spring Sport Season lengths.
- 6.7c3 **DEFEATED:** Direct J. Graczyk, Boys Representative, and M. Fallacaro, Girls Representative, to support revision to the jewelry rule to include practice.
- 6.7c4 **CARRIED:** Direct J. Graczyk, Boys Representative, and M. Fallacaro, Girls Representative, to support revising the amount allotted in the NYSPHSAA Amateur Rule to \$500.
- 6.7c5 **CARRIED:** Direct J. Graczyk, Boys Representative, and M. Fallacaro, Girls Representative, to support updates to NYSPHSAA Media Policies Procedures.
- 6.7c6 **CARRIED:** Direct J. Graczyk, Boys Representative, and M. Fallacaro, Girls Representative, to support Football 7-year regional rotation.

- 6.7c7 **CARRIED:** Direct J. Graczyk, Boys Representative, and M. Fallacaro, Girls Representative, to support revising the date of the Girls Tennis Championships to a Thursday – Saturday format.
- 6.7c8 **CARRIED:** Direct J. Graczyk, Boys Representative, and M. Fallacaro, Girls Representative, to support the format for Girls Tennis to fill byes at State Championships.
- 6.7c9 **CARRIED:** Direct J. Graczyk, Boys Representative, and M. Fallacaro, Girls Representative, to support implementation of a two-year experiment for the Girls Tennis State Championship format to eliminate consolations and add medal playoffs for the top 8 participants.
- 6.7c10 **CARRIED:** Direct J. Graczyk, Boys Representative, and M. Fallacaro, Girls Representative, to support adopting a new 3-year regional rotation in the sport of Girls Lacrosse
- 6.7c11 **CARRIED:** Direct J. Graczyk, Boys Representative, and M. Fallacaro, Girls Representative, to support adopting a 5-year rotation in Boys Tennis
- 6.7c12 **CARRIED:** Direct J. Graczyk, Boys Representative, and M. Fallacaro, Girls Representative, to support implementation of a baseball post season pitch count summary form.
- 10.1 **CARRIED:** Fall 2019 pre-season reports with the exception of the Field Hockey and Girls Volleyball reports

***All Section VI Meetings are Recorded**

ATTENDANCE

Executive Committee		Committee Chairpersons		Guests
President*	Adam Stoltman	Chemical Awareness	TBA	T. Nelson, NYSPHSAA Asst. Executive Director
President-Elect*	Brett Banker	Extended Eligibility	Timm Slade	P. Burke, NFL Ex. Dir.
Superintendents' Rep.*	Jeff Rabey	Finance	Steve Penhollow	M. LaMorticella, Charter Schools Liaison
Principals' Rep.*	Jim Spanbauer	Boys' Modified	Matt Librock	
Boys' Rep.*	Jim Graczyk	Girls' Modified	Julie Arnold	
Girls' Rep.*	Marisa Fallacaro-Dougherty	Nominations	Brett Banker	
Past President	Al Gens	NYSAAA	Mark DiFilippo	
Executive Director	Timm Slade	Policy Handbook	Marisa Fallacaro	
Treasurer	Don Scholla	Safety	Brian Wild	
		Sectional Intersectional	Timm Slade	
Voting Members *		Sportsmanship	Doug Ames/Jim Graczyk	
Absent		Transfer	Timm Slade	
		Veterans	Jim Trampert	
		Hall of Fame	Jim Dunnigan	
		Combining of Schools	Jeff Rabey	

League	Representative
BUFFALO	
Superintendents Rep./AD*	Aubrey Lloyd, Emerson
Principals' Rep.*	TBA
Girls' Rep.*	Andrea Norton, City Honors
Boys' Rep.*	TBA
CHAUTAUGUA CATTARAUGUS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (CCAA)	
Superintendents' Rep.*	Steve Penhollow, Falconer
Principals' Rep.*	Jason Halpainy, Randolph
Girls' Rep.*	Carol Zirkle, Fredonia
Boys' Rep.*	Kevin Salisbury, Southwestern
ERIE COUNTY INTERSCHOLASTIC CONFERENCE (ECIC)	
Superintendents' Rep.*	Sandy Anzalone, Eden
Principals' Rep.*	Scott Zipp, Cheektowaga
Girls' Rep.*	Kiel Illg, Amherst,
Boys' Rep.*	Greg Kaszubski, Clarence
NIAGARA FRONTIER LEAGUE (NFL)	
Superintendents' Rep.*	Paul Casseri, Lew-Port
Principals' Rep.*	Chris Ginestre, Franklin Middle
Girls' Rep.*	Jon Roth, Grand Island
Boys' Rep.*	Todd Sukdolak, Lockport
NIAGARA ORLEANS LEAGUE (NO)	
Superintendents' Rep.*	Jacob Reimer, Barker
Principals' Rep.*	Joe Lucenti, Akron
Girls' Rep.*	Jeff Roth, Wilson
Boys' Rep.*	Doug Ames, Newfane
SUPERINTENDENT REPRESENTATION (BOCES)	
Erie 1 BOCES*	Jon MacSwan, Cleveland Hill
Erie 2 BOCES*	Maureen Donahue, Southwestern
ON BOCES*	Michelle Bradley, Lockport
CA BOCES*	Robert Breidenstein, Salamanca



ATHLETIC COUNCIL MINUTES

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

A. Stoltman

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Commenced: 11:42am

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance

2.0 INTRODUCTIONS & AWARD PRESENTATIONS

A. Stoltman

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2.1 State Champions

Wrestling

- a) Robbie Penhollow (Falconer/Cassadaga Valley), Division II, 195 lbs.— accompanied by Athletic Director Dave Nelson, Coach Drew Wilcox, and Superintendent Steve Penhollow
- b) Cory Day (Iroquois), Division II, 160 lbs. — accompanied by Coach Troy Almeter
- c) Mike Rigerman (Pioneer), Division II, 220 lbs. — accompanied by Athletic Director Bill Weidner and Coach Chris Edwards

Indoor Track & Field

- d) Leah Pasqualetti (Orchard Park), Pole Vault — accompanied by Athletic Director Dave Hack and Coach Greg Lardo
- e) Jada Kenner (Tapestry), 300 Meters — accompanied by Athletic Director Marc LaMorticella
- f) Jonathan Surdej (Lancaster), Shot Put – accompanied Athletic Director Brian Wild, Head Coach Kevin Carriero, and Throwers Coach George Rak
- g) Andy Pietrantonio (Lancaster), Weight Throw – accompanied by Athletic Director Brian Wild, Head Coach Kevin Carriero, and Throwers Coach George Rak

Alpine Skiing

- h) Logan Frederickson (Ellicottville), Girls Slalom, Girls Giant Slalom & Alpine Combined — accompanied by Superintendent Robert Miller, Athletic Director Chad Bartoszek, and Coach Kelly Frederickson
- i) Ellicottville, Girls Team – represented by Superintendent Robert Miller, Athletic Director Chad Bartoszek, and student-athletes Logan Frederickson, Cece Carls, Hayly Frederickson,

Girls Gymnastics

- j) Section VI Team — represented by Chairperson Joe Buscaglia, Coach Kurt Stumpf, and Captains Gabbi Gare (Will South), Zoe Kyriakopoulos (Will North), and Madison Penetrante (Will North)
- k) Lea Philarom (Frontier), All Around — accompanied by Athletic Director Rich Gray and Coach Jill Wierzba (brown hair)
- l) Reilly Gruttadauria (Will South), Vault – accompanied by Athletic Director Adam Erickson and Coaches Kurt Stumpf and Kathy Nardini
- m) Ava Shiff (Will South), Beam – accompanied by Athletic Director Adam Erickson and Coaches Kurt Stumpf and Kathy Nardini

Cheerleading

- n) Lewiston-Porter, D2 Small — represented by Superintendent Paul Casseri, Coach Linda D'Anna, and student-athletes Chloe Noah and Morgan Washburn

Rifle

- o) Dylan Romance (Pioneer), Three-Position, Individual Kneeling — accompanied by Coach Frank Miga and Athletic Director Bill Weidner

3.0 MINUTES

A. Stoltman
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3.1 **Motion to approve of the January 16, 2019 Athletic Council meeting minutes**

CARRIED

Rabey/Sukdolak

4.0 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

T. Slade
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4.1 Boys Ice Hockey (Federation)

Concerns regarding the non-public schools will be presented to the Boys Ice Hockey Committee for review. The Committee will be asked to provide a recommendation for the May 2019 Athletic Council meeting.

4.2 Global Concepts Charter School

Global Concepts violated the rules and regulations set forth by the NYSPHSAA in the sport of Boys Basketball. As a result, the team was suspended from post-season competition (2018-2019). T. Slade and A. Stoltman will institute further disciplinary action as directed by the Section VI Executive Committee.

4.3 Health Sciences Charter School

Health Sciences Charter School applied for Buffalo Public Schools (BPS) League membership. If BPS denies membership, NYSPHSAA regulations state that Section VI is required to place them in a League.

4.4 NYSPHSAA Student Advisory Committee

NYSPHSAA is seeking 1 rising junior (male) to fill a Section VI representative position on the Student Advisory Committee.

4.5 State Championship Transportation (Bowling)

The Section VI Bowling Committee recommends following the wrestling format where transportation to and from the Bowling State Championships is no longer provided.

The Finance Committee recommended to support the Bowling Committee recommendation that Section no longer provide transportation to the Bowling State Championships.

The Sectional/Intersectional Committee recommended to provide transportation to and from the State Bowling Championships in years when the venue is located beyond Section 3/Syracuse.

Council members were asked to discuss the aforementioned recommendations with their respective Leagues as this item will be acted on at the May 2019 Athletic Council meeting.

4.6 Outdoor Track & Field Class Meet Proposal (Appendix A)

The Finance and Sectional Intersectional Committees are in support of the Outdoor Track and Field Class Meet proposal. Council members were asked to discuss the proposal with their respective Leagues as it will be an action item at the May 2019 Athletic Council meeting.

4.7 **Motion to approve of the candidates for the Spring Sports Chairs positions, term 2019-2022 -R. Parry (Baseball), N. Leary (Boys Golf), R. Wargala (Girls Golf), E. Greenway (Boys Lacrosse), R. Schmitt (Girls Lacrosse), J. Hall (Softball), T. McMahon (Boys Tennis), P. Ksionzyk (Boys Outdoor Track & Field), W. McLaughlin (Girls Indoor Track & Field), D. Ames (Unified Basketball)**

CARRIED

Graczyk/Norton

4.8 Girls Indoor Track Chairman

Acting Girls Indoor Track Chairman B. Lombardo obtained a new position with the University at Buffalo. Until B. Lombardo's schedule is confirmed, D. Syracuse (Williamsville South) is the interim chairman.

4.9 Spring Coaches Meetings Update

Concern was reported regarding the locations of the Section Coaches Meetings and if there is a need for holding the meetings.

The sports chairpersons are in support of continuing the meetings and have found them to be beneficial.

- 4.10 Chemical Awareness/SAAC Chairperson
Approval of T. Sukdolak (Lockport) as the Chemical Awareness/SAAC Chairperson will be sought at the May 2019 Athletic Council meeting.
- 4.11 **Motion to approve the addition of "league endorsed" language to the constitution regarding the President-Elect nomination**
CARRIED
Rabey/Casseri
- 4.12 Boys Ice Hockey 15-17 minutes (Appendix B)
R. Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director, has asked that the association worked through the officials' fees and policies prior to acting on the Boys Ice Hockey proposal. It is anticipated that the proposal will be a discussion item if not an action item at the July 2019 Central Committee meeting.
- 4.13 Modified Soccer - Game Conditions
See agenda item 6.6
- 4.14 NYSAAA
B. Banker has been inaugurated into the position of NYSAAA President. He is only the 3rd individual from Section VI in the history of the program to hold this position.

5.0 COMMUNICATIONS

T. Slade
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- 5.1 **Motion to approve of the Combining of Schools Applications, numbers (1) and (2)**
Spring 2019
1. **Baseball** Clymer, Sherman, V, 7/8/9
2. **Golf Boys** Forestville, Silver Creek, V
CARRIED
Rabey/Graczyk

5.2 **Motion to approve of the Senior All Star Applications, letters (a) and (b)**

- a. Basketball Boys & Girls, Chautauqua Co. Senior All Star Contest March 27, 2019 at SUNY Fredonia 3/27/2019 Co-sponsored by SUNY & Fredonia High School
b. Basketball Boys & Girls, Silver Hoops March 27, 2019 at City Honors HS, Co-sponsored by Buffalo Public Schools, PAL, & ADPRO

CARRIED

Zirkle/Ginestre

6.0 STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

J. Rabey
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- 6.1 Combining of Schools Committee
The Combining of Schools Committee will convene in April to review concerns with 2 combinations, one in the sport of Cross Country and one in the sport of Indoor Track and Field. The athletic directors of the involved schools will be invited to explain the rationale for the combinations. A recommendation will be presented at the May 2019 Athletic Council meeting.

The winter 2018-2019 combined schools end of season reports are due today, March 20.

- 6.2 Charter Schools Classification Committee

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Nothing to report

- 6.3 Finance Committee

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- 6.3.1 **Motion to approve of the Treasurer's Report**
CARRIED
Fallacaro-Dougherty/Kaszubski

6.3.2 **Motion to approve to set the presale ticket price at \$10 for Sectional Finals at New Era Field in the sport of Football**

CARRIED

MacSwan/Penhollow

6.4 Sectional/Intersectional

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6.4.1 **Motion to move the Girls Ice Hockey Federated Tournament to an invitational prior to the December holiday break**

CARRIED

Illg/Rabey

6.4.2 Competitions During the School Day

The Section will avoid competitions during the school day when able. For example, Wrestling was moved to a 1- day format scheduled on a Saturday. Cross Country will be moved to a Saturday if a course is available. However, bowling alleys and golf courses are not available on weekends and Track and Field is currently a 2-day format warranting use of a Friday and Saturday.

6.4.3 Section VI Championships (Venue Changes)

The Council supports continuing to follow the policy as currently outlined in the Policy Manual.

6.5 Safety

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Nothing to report

6.6 Modified Report

M. Librock/Julie Arnold

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1. To allow modified baseball players to wear metal cleats.
2. To require a minimum of six (6) meets for the sport of modified cross-country.
3. To allow gap alignment in the 4, 5, and 6-man front in modified football.
4. To permit participants in girls' gymnastics to enter more than 3 slots.
5. To allow modified gymnastics to use more than two (2) all-around gymnasts.
6. To permit modified boys lacrosse to increase the length of the quarter to 10 minutes.
7. To permit modified boys lacrosse to use a 4-minute sudden victory overtime.
8. To permit modified boys lacrosse to disallow a goal once the horn has sounded.
9. To permit boys and girls soccer to use two (2) forty (40) minute halves.
10. To permit boys modified soccer players to use the slide tackle, overhead scissor kick, and flip-throw.
11. To permit modified softball to increase the number of scrimmages allowable.
12. To permit modified softball to increase the number of double headers from two (2) to three (3).
13. To require modified track and field to have a minimum of six (6) meets.
14. To allow modified volleyball one (1) nights rest between contests as opposed to two (2).

T. Nelson, NYSPHSAA Assistant Executive Director, clarified that number (1) has already been approved at the state level.

M. Librock clarified that numbers (2) and (13) will be recommendations, not requirements, if approved at the state level.

If numbers (6) and (9) are approved at the state level, a memorandum of agreement will be negotiated between Section VI and the Western New York Officials Association.

M. Librock and J. Arnold will vote to support numbers (2) through (3) and (6) through (14) at the state meeting per the direction of the representatives from each League that sit on the Section VI Modified Committee. They will abstain from numbers (4) and (5) as they do not pertain to Section VI.

6.7 State Executive Committee/Central Committee

a) Superintendent

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Motion Consideration of approval to increase the maximum number of games/contests by one, with increased restrictions on the current number of scrimmages allowed (Appendix C)

CARRIED

Fallacaro-Dougherty/Ginestre

b) Principal

J. Spanbauer

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Nothing to report

c) Boys Rep./Girls Rep.

J. Graczyk/M. Fallacaro-Dougherty

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- c1 *Motion to direct J. Graczyk, Boys Representative, and M. Fallacaro, Girls Representative, to support the use of NFHS rules in all sports when available*
DEFEATED (8 in favor, 12 opposed)
Fallacaro-Dougherty/Sukdolak
- c2 through c12 are detailed in Appendix D
- c2 *Motion to direct J. Graczyk, Boys Representative, and M. Fallacaro, Girls Representative, to support revising the Fall, Winter & Spring Sport Season lengths.*
DEFEATED (10 opposed, 8 in favor)
Zirkle/Casseri
- c3 *Motion to direct J. Graczyk, Boys Representative, and M. Fallacaro, Girls Representative, to support revision to the jewelry rule to include practice.*
DEFEATED (11 opposed, 7 in favor)
Casseri/Lucenti
- c4 *Motion to direct J. Graczyk, Boys Representative, and M. Fallacaro, Girls Representative, to support revising the amount allotted in the NYSPHSAA Amateur Rule to \$500.*
CARRIED
Illg/Ginestre
- c5 *Motion to direct J. Graczyk, Boys Representative, and M. Fallacaro, Girls Representative, to support updates to NYSPHSAA Media Policies Procedures.*
CARRIED
Penhollow/Norton
- c6 *Motion to direct J. Graczyk, Boys Representative, and M. Fallacaro, Girls Representative, to support Football 7-year regional rotation.*
CARRIED
Kaszubski/Lucenti
- c7 *Motion to direct J. Graczyk, Boys Representative, and M. Fallacaro, Girls Representative, to support revising the date of the Girls Tennis Championships to a Thursday – Saturday format.*
CARRIED
Sukdolak/Fallacaro-Dougherty
- c8 *Motion to direct J. Graczyk, Boys Representative, and M. Fallacaro, Girls Representative, to support the format for Girls Tennis to fill byes at State Championships.*
CARRIED
Ginestre/Graczyk
- c9 *Motion to direct J. Graczyk, Boys Representative, and M. Fallacaro, Girls Representative, to support implementation of a two-year experiment for the Girls Tennis State Championship format to eliminate consolations and add medal playoffs for the top 8 participants.*
CARRIED
Jon Roth/Zirkle
- c10 *Motion to direct J. Graczyk, Boys Representative, and M. Fallacaro, Girls Representative, to support adopting a new 3-year regional rotation in the sport of Girls Lacrosse*
CARRIED
Zirkle/Norton

c11 **Motion to direct J. Graczyk, Boys Representative, and M. Fallacaro, Girls Representative, to support adopting a 5-year rotation in Boys Tennis**

CARRIED

Zirkle/Zipp

c12 **Motion to direct J. Graczyk, Boys Representative, and M. Fallacaro, Girls Representative, to support implementation of a baseball post season pitch count summary form.**

CARRIED

Graczyk/Lucenti

6.8 Extended Eligibility

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6.8.1 Unified Sports

Parental/School concerns regarding the age rule were reported. A response from the NYSED is pending.

6.9 Chemical Awareness/NYSPHSAA SAAC

TBA

6.9.1 SAAC Presentation - Mindy Doktor (Akron) & Clayton Osborne (Williamsville East)

6.10 Transfer/Foreign Student

T. Slade

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Reports were emailed

6.11 Sportsmanship

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6.11.1 Sportsmanship Promotion Survey

At present, 27 Section VI schools have submitted the survey. Council members were asked to remind their respective Leagues to complete and submit the survey.

6.11.2 Recognition Dinner

The 2019 Section VI Recognition Dinner is scheduled for Wednesday, August 28, 2019. Council members were asked to remind their respective Leagues to submit nominations for the Coaches Award.

6.12 Veterans

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Council members were asked to remind their respective Leagues that individuals who have served the Section over the years are welcome to participate in the annual Veterans Dinner and Golf, which takes place in September.

6.13 Mixed Competition

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Nothing to report

6.14 Nominations

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See agenda item 4.7

6.15 Corporate Partners

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Nothing to report

6.16 Hall of Fame

J. Dunnigan

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Nominations for the Class of 2019 are due May 15, 2019. In addition, today is the deadline for Leagues to submit the name of their additional representative, who will serve on the Hall of Fame Committee, to the Section office.

7.0 SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

7.1 All-WNY Scholar Athlete

G. Kaszubski

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The new process for the submission and selection of All-WNY Scholar Athletes was implemented and is working well.

7.2 Charter Schools

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M. LaMoritcella, Charter School Liaison, was thanked for attending all Athletic Council meetings and reporting to Charter School representatives.

8.0 STATE & SECTION SPORT COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nothing to report

9.0 GUEST REPORTS

9.1 NYSPHSAA Report

T. Nelson

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- Spring Scholar Athlete – Nominations will be accepted April 15th through May 20th
- Community Service Challenge – Deadline is June 3rd
- Section VI was thanked for hosting the Girls Ice Hockey Regional Championship and the Boys Ice Hockey State Championship.

9.2 NYSAAA Report

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NYSAAA Award recipients will be recognized at the May 2019 Athletic Council meeting.

10.0 SPORTS REPORTS

10.1 *Motion to approval of the Fall 2019 pre-season reports with the exception of the Field Hockey and Girls Volleyball reports*

CARRIED

Lucenti/Ames

11.0 OLD BUSINESS

11.1 ESports Report (T. Sukdolak)

Out of 11 sections, 9 were represented at the Connecticut ESports State Championships. Positive feedback was given regarding the format and that the video game scenarios were non-violent. Currently, Section VI is not ready to receive ESports, but may be looked at in the future. ESports is also prevalent in Georgia and Massachusetts.

12.0 NEW BUSINESS

12.1 Athletic Director Staff Development

Athletic Director Staff Development was secured as a participation service with Erie 1 BOCES and will be available beginning with the 2019-2020 school year. Once the participation service number is received it will be shared with the group.

12.2 CPR

The CPR and First Aid list for coaching certification was revised and the updated list is dated February 2019.

13.0 **GOOD OF THE ADJOURNMENT**

13.1 *Motion to adjourn*

CARRIED

Norton/Ginestre

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Beth Fadeley".

Beth Fadeley
Recording Secretary

APPENDIX A

Section VI Track & Field Class Meet Proposal

When: Beginning 2019-2020 Track & Field Season

Dates: The week before the State Qualifier Meet Thur. May 28th, Fri. May 29th & Sat. May 30th - B & G together on the same date - one day meets - one meet on Thur. & two meets on Fri. & Sat. - Rain dates - Sunday May 31st (League Meets can still be run the weekend before the class meets)

Classes: Five meets for boys and five for girls based on 2019-2020 BED's numbers - approximately 17 teams per class

Sites: Five sites around the section at a school within that classification that is as centrally located as possible to the biggest percentage of schools in that class. Thur. & Fri. meets must have lights

Entries: One athlete from each school plus athletes that qualify by standards

Team Awards: First and Second Team Plaques for each class - Boys & Girls

Individual Awards: Patches to the top 4 places in each event

Events & Order: Same as a dual meet - NFHS rules

Scoring: Same as an Invitational - 6 places 10-8-6-4-2-1

Officials: Ten per meet

Team Duties: Each team will be assigned to help with officials & meet management

Timing: Fully automated timing systems would be used

Entry Fee: None for each team but admission would be charged by the section.

Opt Out: Schools have the option to opt out at the beginning of the season at a date tbd

State Qualifier: Remains the same as it has always been - 2 day meet the week before the State Meet

Approximate Costs: Officials - 10 per 5 meets @ \$100 per official (unless negotiated)	\$ 5,000
Plaques - 10 first place @ \$15 - \$150, 10 second place @ \$12 - \$120	\$ 270
Patches - 1-4 places - 1040 @ 2.03	\$ 2,550
Fully Automated timing - 5 meets @ \$1,000	\$ 5,000
Online entry fees @ \$50 per meet	\$ 250
Ticket takers - assigned by the section - 4 each meet @ \$100	\$ 2,000
Miscellaneous - tents, port-a-pots, etc. - picked up by host school	\$ 0
Host schools keep concession money	
Total	\$15,070

Approximate Revenues: Admission Fees with 500 attending each meet @ \$5 per	\$12,500
T-shirt sales - bid out for sellers and get a percentage	\$ 2,000
Total	\$14,500

Respectfully Submitted 3/08/2019

Paul Ksionzyk & Walt McLaughlin - Boy's & Girl's Outdoor Track & Field Chairmen

APPENDIX B



New York State Public High School Athletic Association Executive Committee Meeting – May 2, 2019

ICE HOCKEY TIME PERIODS

 Action Item

 √ Discussion/ Information Item

Presenter:

Scott Stuart, NYSPHSAA Ice Hockey Committee

Proposal:

Consideration of approval for Ice Hockey to abide by the NFHS Ice Hockey Rules for time periods (17 minutes) and penalties (2/ 5 & 10 minutes) to begin with the 2019-2020 season with a recalculation of post-season (Regionals, Semifinals and Finals) fees for Ice Hockey officials on November 1, 2019.

Note: A recalculation of post-season fees for ALL officials is scheduled to occur prior to the 2020-2021 school year.

Effective Start Date:

Winter 2019.

Rationale:

In July 2017, the NYSPHSAA Central Committee approved an increase from 15-minute periods to 17-minute periods to begin with the 2018-2019 season. The proposal included the following: *“Section Official contracts may have to be adjusted due to the increase in the periods.”*

During the Fall 2018, the Ice Hockey Officials Association sought an increase in post-season fees as a result of the increased time. The NYSPHSAA Championship Advisory Committee (CAC) did not recommend any increase in post season fees, since fees are recalculated every three years. The Officials grieved the NYSPHSAA and received a favorable decision from Fact Finding for a 13% increase in post-season fees. In an effort to resolve this matter, Dr. Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director, attempted to have the post season fees recalculated in January 2019; unfortunately, the Ice Hockey Officials Association were not supportive of this proposal. As a result, the Executive Committee approved a return to 15-minute periods for the 2019 post season with the support of Dr. Zayas.

This proposal clearly states the recalculation of post-season fees for Ice Hockey prior to the 2020 post-season in recognition of the increased time from 15-minute periods to 17-minutes.

Approval of 17-minute periods would allow New York to fully abide by NFHS rules which permit 17-minute periods for interscholastic Ice Hockey.

Proposal Originated:

Ice Hockey Committee in March 2017.

Budget Impact:

Section Official contracts “may” have to be adjusted as a result of the increased time (15-minutes to 17-

minutes); some Sections have already adjusted their fees as a result of the increased time.

Sections have the ability to be more restrictive and continue to play 15-minute periods.

Notes:

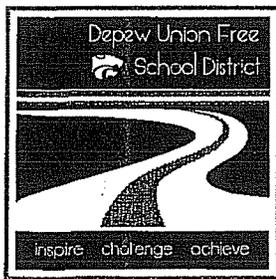
Approval of 17-minute periods would allow New York State eligibility for representation on the NFHS Ice Hockey rules committee; a position we lost due to our time / penalty differentials.

Attachments:

July 2017 Proposal of approval to increase to 17-minute periods.

February 2019 Proposal of approval to move back to 15-minute periods.

APPENDIX C



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September 28, 2018

Dear Dr. Zayas,

As you aware, in 2009 and as a result of the national financial crisis, the New York State Public High School Athletic Association attempted to assist school districts across the state in reducing their expenditures by way of decreasing the amount of contests for each sport.

"The Executive Committee has taken action to assist schools, leagues, conferences, sections and NYSPHSAA to reduce costs related to the interscholastic athletic program," NYSPHSAA Executive Director Nina Van Erk said in a press release. "The rationale supporting these incremental reductions will have a significant impact for our member schools. For example, the savings realized by schools may act to protect lower level programs such as modified from being eliminated."

Subsequently, the NYSPHAA Executive Committee supported the reduction of the maximum number of contests permitted during the regular season. Sports with 24 contests (baseball, softball) were reduced to 20, sports with 20 contests (basketball) were reduced to 18 and sports with 18 contests (soccer) were reduced to 16. Wrestling was reduced to 20 points. Football was reduced from 10 to 9. The 9th game was permitted, with section approval, for teams who did not qualify for sectional play. For the teams involved in the sectional tournament the maximum number of contests was 10. For the sections involved in the state championship three additional games were permitted for a total of 13 games for the season: 1 game for regionals, 1 game for semifinals, and 1 game for championships. Originally, this was to be effective for just the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 school years, however this practice has continued, other than for basketball, which had their games reinstated to 20 contests. In essence, a senior three-sport student athlete, who has attended high school since a freshman and throughout these reductions, could have lost up to ***thirty-two (32) contests*** during their high school athletic career.

In contrast, since 2010 NYSPHAA has added, Unified Sports, Wrestling Dual Meet Championships and Competitive Cheerleading, along with the additional classifications for lacrosse (3 to 4 classes), bowling (1 to 2 divisions) and golf (additional team championship). Furthermore, NYSPHAA has allowed for more participants at the championships in both outdoor and indoor track and field, wrestling and boys and girls swimming and diving.

After almost nine years of the contest reductions, schools simply have not realized the amount of savings that was original advertised. Although the original concept of assisting schools was noble and served as an opportunity for districts to promote and preserve other programs, at the

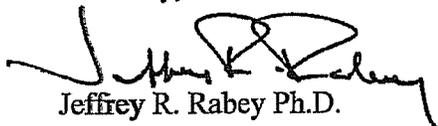
same time schools have added more scrimmages and tournaments, which cost as much, if not more for teams to participate.

Furthermore, and most recently, the NYSPHAA Modified Committee is close to recommending changes to the Modified program, which could include an increase in the maximum number of games for Modified sports, but not yet return the contests lost for both junior varsity and varsity levels.

As you are aware, at a recent meeting of the NYSCOSS Athletic Committee held on Monday, September 24, 2018, the agenda item of ***“Increased Contest Opportunities”*** was discussed by the superintendent representatives in attendance, along with you. As a result of the discussions, it was clearly articulated that the NYSCOSS Athletic Committee supports the conversations and processes to begin by NYSPHAA, in order to bring the contests back to the pre 2009-2010 school year levels.

It is important for you and NYSPHAA to know that you have a supportive resource in NYSCOSS and we are always more than willing, as committee chairpersons to assist in any way that we can to promote and support these critical conversations that will ultimately support our student athletes. If you should have any further questions or comments, please feel free to contact us at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,



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New York State Public High School Athletic Association
Executive Committee Meeting – May 2, 2019

REINSTATEMENT OF GAMES/ CONTESTS

Action Item
 Discussion/ Information Item

Presenter:

Jeffrey Rabey Ph.D., NYSCOSS

Proposal:

Consideration of approval to increase the maximum number of games/contests by one, with increased restrictions on the current number of scrimmages allowed.

Effective Start Date:

2020-2021 School Year

Rationale:

In 2009 and as a result of the national financial crisis, the New York State Public High School Athletic Association attempted to assist school districts across the state in reducing their expenditures by way of decreasing the amount of contests for each sport.

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Subsequently, the NYSPHAA Executive Committee supported the reduction of the maximum number of contests permitted during the regular season. Sports with 24 contests (baseball, softball, volleyball, bowling, ice hockey) were reduced to 20, sports with 20 contests (tennis, basketball, golf) were reduced to 16 and sports with 18 contests (cross country, soccer, field hockey, swimming, gymnastics, indoor track and field, skiing, lacrosse, track and field) were reduced to 16. Wrestling was reduced to 20 points. Football was reduced from 10 to 9. The 9th game was permitted, with section approval, for teams who did not qualify for sectional play. For the teams involved in the sectional tournament the maximum number of contests was 10. For the sections involved in the state championship three additional games were permitted for a total of 13 games for the season: 1 game for regionals, 1 game for semifinals, and 1 game for championships. Originally, this was to be effective for just the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 school years, however this practice has continued, other than for basketball, which had their games reinstated to 20 contests. In essence, a senior-three-sport student athlete, who has attended high school since a freshman and throughout these reductions, could have *lost between 16 and 48 contests*, depending on their sports of choice, during their high school athletic career.

In contrast, since 2010 NYSPHAA has added, Unified Sports, Wrestling Dual Meet Championships and Competitive Cheerleading, along with the additional classifications for lacrosse (3 to 4 classes), bowling (1 to 2 divisions) and golf (additional team championship). Furthermore, NYSPHAA has allowed for more participants at the championships in both outdoor and indoor track and field, wrestling and boys and girls swimming and diving.

After almost nine years of the contest reductions, schools simply have not realized the amount of savings that was originally advertised. Although the original concept of assisting schools was noble and served as an opportunity for districts to promote and preserve other programs, at the same time schools have added more scrimmages and tournaments, which cost as much, if not more for teams to participate.

Furthermore, and most recently, the NYSPHAA Modified Committee is close to recommending changes to the Modified program, which could include an increase in the maximum number of games for Modified sports, but not yet return the contests lost for both junior varsity and varsity levels.

Proposal Originated:

At the annual fall meeting of the NYSCOSS Athletic Committee held on Monday, September 24, 2018, the agenda item of *“Increased Contest Opportunities”* was discussed by the superintendent representatives in attendance, along with Dr. Robert Zayas, NYSPHAA’s Executive Director. As a result of the discussions, it was clearly articulated that the NYSCOSS Athletic Committee supports the conversations and processes to bring the contests back to the pre 2009-2010 school year levels.

In addition, at a subsequent meeting of the NYSCOSS Athletic Committee held on Sunday, March 3, 2019, the agenda again included the item of *“Increased Contest Opportunities”*. After much discussion, the NYSCOSS Athletic Committee officially supported the following, *“To be able to plan effectively for the change, support for a plus one game / contest for the 2020-21 season, with restrictions on the amount of scrimmages allowed and then re-evaluate for the 2021-2022 season.”*

It is important to point out that NYSPHAA has a supportive resource in the NYSCOSS Athletic Committee and we are always more than willing, to assist in any way that we can to promote and support these critical conversations that will ultimately support our student athletes.

Budgetary Impact:

At a minimum, district athletic budgets would be impacted for additional transportation, supervision and officiating costs.

Notes:

At the March 20, 2019 Section VI Athletic Council Meeting, Section VI overwhelmingly supported the action item to approve an increase in the maximum number of games/contests by one, with increased restrictions on the current number of scrimmages allowed and encouraged other the NYSPHAA Sections to do the same.

Attachments:

1. Letter dated September 28, 2018 from the NYSCOSS Athletic Committee Chairpersons to the NYSPHAA’s Executive Director, Dr. Robert Zayas.
2. Current NYSPHAA Sport Standards.

3. NYSCOSS Athletic Committee Agenda and Minutes from March 3, 2019.
4. Section VI Meeting Agenda and Minutes from March 20, 2019.

NYSPHSAA Sport Standards

FALL

Sport	Current Limit	2008-2009 Limit (Prior to Fiscal Reductions)
<i>Cross Country</i>	16 Contests	18 Contests
<i>Field Hockey</i>	16 Games	18 Games
<i>Football</i>	10 Games	10 Games
<i>Volleyball</i>	20 Games	24 Games
<i>Soccer</i>	16 Games	18 Games
<i>Swimming (Girls)</i>	16 Contests	18 Contests
<i>Tennis (Girls)</i>	16 Contests	20 Contests

WINTER

Sport	Current Limit	2008-2009 Limit (Prior to Fiscal Reductions)
<i>Basketball</i>	20 Games	20 Games
<i>Bowling</i>	20 Contests	24 Contests
<i>Cheerleading</i>	12 Contests	N/A Contests
<i>Gymnastics</i>	16 Contests	18 Contests
<i>Ice Hockey</i>	20 Games	24 Games
<i>Indoor Track & Field</i>	16 Contests	18 Contests
<i>Skiing</i>	16 Contests	18 Contests
<i>Swimming (Boys)</i>	16 Contests	18 Contests
<i>Wrestling</i>	20 Points	22 Points

SPRING

Sport	Current Limit	2008-2009 Limit (Prior to Fiscal Reductions)
<i>Baseball</i>	20 Games	24 Games
<i>Golf</i>	16 Contests	20 Contests
<i>Lacrosse</i>	16 Games	18 Games
<i>Softball</i>	20 Games	24 Games
<i>Tennis (Boys)</i>	16 Contests	20 Contests
<i>Track & Field</i>	16 Contests	18 Contests

APPENDIX D

The following are action items for the March 20, 2019 Section VI Athletic Council Meeting to provide direction for the Boys (J. Graczyk) and Girls (M. Fallacaro-Dougherty) Representatives on how to vote at the May 2019 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Meeting

1. SPORT SEASON LENGTH

Consider approval to revise the Fall, Winter & Spring Sport Season lengths.

Proposal: Consider the following revisions to the sport season start dates and championship dates:

FALL Start Fall sports the Monday of Week #8. Keep all Fall Championships on current week; reducing season of all sports except football by one week. Move Football Championships to Week #22, with Football Semifinals on Week #21 (Thanksgiving).

WINTER Start Winter sports the Monday of Week #20. Keep all Winter Championship dates the same; reducing season of all sports by one week.

SPRING Start Spring sports the Monday of Week #37. Keep all Championship dates the same; reducing season of all sports by one week. Except for baseball & softball; reducing season for all other sports by one week. Host the baseball & softball regional finals and semifinals on Friday/ Saturday of Week #49 and host baseball & softball championships on Saturday of Week #50.

Rationale: The membership has expressed concern the Fall season started too early, the Winter season was too long, and the Spring season start date was too early with baseball and softball seasons being negatively impacted by inclement weather.

2. JEWELRY RULE

Consideration of revision to the jewelry rule to include practice.

Presenter: Section IX

Proposal: Consideration of approval to revise the NYSPHSAA Jewelry Rule to include practice. Proposed revised language below in **BOLD**:

JEWELRY RULE: No jewelry, which includes visible body piercing objects, shall be worn in a sport (**in games, contests or practice**). Any piece of jewelry that is visible **at the start of or during a contest** is in violation of the NYSPHSAA Jewelry Rule. Religious medals must be taped to the body and under the uniform. Medical medals must be taped to the body so they are visible. Soft, pliable barrettes are permissible, body gems are not. The use of metal hair fasteners to secure hair is permissible in Girls Gymnastics. NOTE: The sports of Bowling and Golf are exempt from this rule. Wristwatches are permitted in cross country and in practice only for track and field. Hair restraints, to control a competitor's hair, are permitted in track and field and cross country. (Dec. 2010)

Effective Start Date: August 1, 2019

3. NYSPHSAA AMATEUR RULE TO \$500

Consideration to revise the amount allotted in the NYSPHSAA Amateur Rule to \$500.

Presenter: Section XI

Proposal: Consideration to revise the amount allotted in the NYSPHSAA Amateur Rule to \$500.

Effective Start Date: August 1, 2019.

4. UPDATES TO NYSPHSAA MEDIA POLICY AND PROCEDURES

Consideration of updates to NYSPHSAA Media Policies Procedures.

Presenter: Chris Watson, NYSPHSAA Director of Communications

Proposal: Seeking approval to change language in the official NYSPHSAA media policy and procedures to reflect agreement with the NFHS Network and Spectrum contracts. Seeking approval to also improve language on audio streaming rights to local outlets.

Effective Start Date: Immediately

Rationale: This would clarify the NFHS Network is the official video streaming partner of the NYSPHSAA, and Spectrum is the official television home of the NYSPHSAA.

We would review on a case by case basis, a local media outlet wishing to audio stream a state championship event. (Sub Regional, Regional, State Semifinal and Finals)

5. FOOTBALL- ADOPT NEW 7-YEAR REGIONAL ROTATION AND FILLING BYES WITH AT LARGE TEAM WHEN NECESSARY

Consideration of Football 7-year regional rotation.

Proposal: The NYSPHSAA Football Committee is seeking approval for a new seven (7)-year Regional Rotation and, when necessary, fill byes in Regional games with an at-large team in Class AA, A, and D. This concept is similar to the current Ice Hockey At-Large process.

Effective Start Date: Fall 2019.

Rationale: The Regional Rotation expired in 2018 thus it is necessary to get a new seven (7)-year rotation approved. The length of the rotation is the same as the previous rotation. With regards to the At-Large portion of this proposal, it is necessary to select an At-Large team for Regional games so Sectional Champions in Class AA, A and D do not get a BYE to the State Semifinals. Filling with an At-Large team satisfies the suggestion of the CAC for all team sports of not having BYES to State Semifinals. The At-Large teams will be selected based on an East/West Rotation.

6. GIRLS TENNIS - REVISE CHAMPIONSHIP DATE

Consideration of approval to revise the date of the Girls Tennis Championships to a Thursday – Saturday format.

Proposal: Consideration of approval to revise the date of the Girls Tennis Championships to a Thursday – Saturday format.

Effective Start Date: October 2020 State Championships.

Rationale: Mirror the “days” of the Boys Tennis Championships; encourage more tennis venues to potentially consider hosting the championships.

7. GIRLS TENNIS– ADOPT 9-YEAR ROTATION TO FILL BYES WITH AT-LARGE SELECTIONS FOR 2019-27

Consideration of format for Girls Tennis to fill byes at State Championships.

Proposal: The NYSPHSAA Girls Tennis State Committee is seeking approval to adopt a nine (9) year rotation to fill the tournament byes/draw with at-large selections. It is anticipated there will be 15 additional athletes in the tournament if this proposal is approved.

Effective Start Date: Fall 2019. The committee is seeking approval for a nine (9) year period.

Rationale: Filling the byes provides equitable competition for all participants in both singles and doubles instead of some players receiving a bye and getting extra rest from

8. GIRLS TENNIS – CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT TWO YEAR EXPERIMENT

Consideration of approval to implement a two-year experiment for the Girls Tennis State Championship format to eliminate consolations and add medal playoffs for the top 8 participants.

Proposal: Consideration of approval to implement a two-year experiment for the Girls Tennis State Championship format to eliminate consolations and add medal playoffs for the top 8 participants.

Effective Start Date: 2020 and 2021 Girls Tennis State Championships.

9. GIRLS LACROSSE– ADOPT NEW 3-YEAR REGIONAL ROTATION

Consideration of adopting a new 3-year regional rotation

Proposal: The NYSPHSAA Girls Lacrosse Committee is seeking approval for a new three-year Regional Rotation from 2020-22.

Effective Start Date: Spring 2020

Rationale: The Regional Rotation will expire in 2019 thus it is necessary to get a new three-year rotation approved. The length of the rotation is the same as the previous rotation.

10. BOYS TENNIS– ADOPT 5-YEAR ROTATION TO FILL BYES WITH AT-LARGE SELECTIONS FOR 2019-23

Consideration to adopt a 5 year rotation in Boys Tennis

Proposal: The NYSPHSAA Boys Tennis Committee is seeking approval to adopt a five (5) year rotation to fill the tournament byes/draw with at-large selections. It is anticipated there will be six additional athletes in the tournament if this proposal is approved (2 singles, 4 doubles players).

Effective Start Date: Spring 2019. The committee is seeking approval for a five (5) year period.

Rationale: Filling the byes provides equitable competition for all participants in both singles and doubles instead of some players receiving a bye and getting extra rest from that. The proposal provides the exact same number of contests for each participant which begins with two contests per day for each player. The current format provides less contests for the top two seeded singles and doubles teams.

11. BASEBALL – ADOPTION OF PITCH COUNT SUMMARY FORM

Consideration of approval to implement a baseball post season pitch count summary form.

Presenter: Al Roy, NYSPHSAA Baseball State Coordinator

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Baseball Committee is requesting approval to adopt a pitch count summary form. The form would include each team's pitcher names and their official pitch count from the home pitch chart. Each coach would be required to sign the document following the game. This form will be provided to the site director prior to the next game.

Effective Start Date: 2019 postseason season