



SECTIONAL INTERSECTIONAL COMMITTEE MINUTES

September 8, 2016

Highlights

- 1.3 **CARRIED** *Recommendation to support the approval of the proposal to split the existing School Team Division into Division 1 and Division 2 for the Boys and Girls Bowling State Championships*

- 4.0 **CARRIED** *Recommendation to support approval for Athletic Council action items 4.1 through 4.6*



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Committee Members: (*Indicates present)

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

1.0 Sports Concerns:

1.1 Wrestling 2 Division Meet Tournament Proposal

The NYSPHSAA Wrestling Committee is proposing a 2 division dual meet state championship, effective January 2018 and to be conducted during week #30. Each section would determine their representative teams. In preparation of anticipated approval of this proposal, Section VI plans to offer a dual meet tournament beginning with the 2016-2017 season (scheduled for January 21, 2017). The Section VI Wrestling Committee is working on issues regarding the large school and small school team selection process.

1.2 Championship Sponsorship

Section VI is beginning to research alternative avenues of sectional championship funding. Updates will be shared with the committee as they become available.

1.3 Boys and Girls Bowling Championships, Division 1 & D2

The following proposal submitted by the NYSPHSAA Bowling Committee is an action item for the October 2016 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting:

To expand the State Championships by splitting the existing School Team Division into Division 1 and Division 2. The initial Division 1 enrollment number will be 600 and above.

The rationale for this proposal is to provide Division II teams with an opportunity to advance to the state championship. Total participation in the State Tournament is presently less than 5% (B/G combined, based on data provided in 2015) and heavily skewed towards schools with enrollment greater than 600. Currently, 55% of all participating schools have enrollment less than 600, but approximately 75%-80% of all qualifying teams come from schools with enrollment greater than 600. It is important to note, approval of this proposal will increase state championship costs.

Voting direction will be requested for the Section VI Boys and Girls Representatives at the September 14, 2016 Athletic Council meeting as this proposal is an action item for the October 2016 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting.

Recommendation to support the approval of the proposal to split the existing School Team Division into Division 1 and Division 2 for the Boys and Girls Bowling State Championships

CARRIED

Graczyk/Przybysz

2.0 Section Concerns:

2.1 Travel Policy (Meals)

D. Scholla, in conjunction with the Section VI Finance Committee, is researching alternatives for state championship funding in areas where costs are excessive, such as with the current costs of meals in the sports of Boys and Girls Bowling, Boys and Girls Swimming, Girls and Boys Cross Country, Boys and Girls Indoor Track and Field, and Boys and Girls Outdoor Track and Field.

2.2 Extended Eligibility

Eligibility was denied regarding Case #186 (Orchard Park, Football). An appeal was issued to the New York State Education Commissioner. The Commissioner granted a stay, thus allowing the student-athlete to participate in football while the appeal is being processed. A NYSPHSAA meeting is scheduled for later today to address concerns regarding New York State legislature involvement in and oversight of NYSPHSAA rulings.

2.3 Volleyball Warm-Ups

T. Slade, Executive Director, to submit concern regarding potential concussions during volleyball warm-up sessions to T. Nelson, NYSPHSAA Assistant Director. The concerns stem from the opposing teams' presence on the court during volleyball serving practice.

2.4 Fall 2016 Post Season Venues

Section VI staff is aware of the possibility of having to alter post season venues in order to avoid teams in the finals from competing at home (as per Section VI policy).

3.0 NYSPHSAA Concerns (J. Graczyk/M. Fallacaro):

3.1 Cheerleading Music

The NYSPHSAA has developed guidelines to assist member schools with compliance to the copyright regulations that arise with the use of music for cheer routines and performances. All recordings used in cheer routines should be properly licensed. Member schools should maintain confirmation of any of the licenses obtained for the music. NYSPHSAA cheerleading music guidelines are posted on the Cheerleading page of the Section VI website.

3.2 Cheerleading Video Replay

The following proposal is a discussion item for the October 2016 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting:

To allow the use of the video replay at the NYSPHSAA Cheerleading Championships to review safety and deduction points during a routine

The rationale in making this proposal stems from judges concerns of accurate point and safety deductions. Varsity Media provides the capability to review a third party video in order to review all deductions, including safety violations.

3.3 Girls & Boys Swimming & Diving

The following proposal from the NYSPHSAA Boys and Girls Swimming and Diving Committees is a discussion item for the October 2016 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting:

Allow our coaches and schools the opportunity to crown a state champion at the state meet. This would then allow New York to participate in the David H. Robertson Excellence in Coaching Award presented by the National Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association each year.

Concern was expressed regarding the focus on the coaches' awards within the rationale of the proposal.

3.4 Girls Golf

The following proposal from the NYSPHSAA Girls Golf Committee is a discussion item for the October 2016 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting:

To invite and include sectional high school team champions to the NYSPHSAA Championship. They would represent their high school team.

The proposal stems from the fact that teams compete in all Sectional Tournaments for a team title, but do not have the opportunity to win a team championship with their teammates at the State Tournament.

Winning teams already send 3 individuals on average to the State Championships. If approved, there will be 1-2 more competitors for each section participating in the State Championships, which will result in 12-20 more athletes competing.

M. Fallacaro, Girls Representative, and J. Graczyk, Boys Representative, will request that proposals involving the expansion of state titles be submitted to and reviewed by the state championship advisory committee before being presented to the NYSPHSAA Central Committee.

4.0 AC Action Items for the next athletic council meeting to date include:

- 4.1 Approval of 2016 Winter Pre-Season Reports
- 4.2 Approval of City Honors Girls Volleyball 2016 Independent Schedule
- 4.3 Approval City Honors Girls Swimming 2016 Independent Schedule
- 4.4 Approval of Tim Menges and Nathan Bourke as the Boys Swimming Co-Chairmen
- 4.5 Approval of Doug Ames as the Unified Sports Chairman
- 4.6 Approval of Jeff Rabey as Superintendents' Representative

No issues or concerns were presented for items 4.1 through 4.6

Recommendation to support approval for Athletic Council action items 4.1 through 4.6

CARRIED

Fallacaro/Graczyk

5.0 Old Business:

- 5.1 Insurance Coverage
The NYSPHSAA attorney is in the process of drafting a letter on behalf of Section VI contesting sports officials' workers' compensation fees.

6.0 New Business:

- 6.1 2016 Hall of Fame Update
The Section VI Hall of Fame Committee selected 16 candidates for the Class of 2016. The induction ceremony will be held Friday, December 9, 2016 at The Columns Banquets.
- 6.2 Section VI Sports Season Calendar
The Section VI Sports Season 2016-2017 Calendar is posted on the Section VI website under the Athletic Director's Tool Kit. This document was requested to be provided annually as a resource tool. This item no longer needs Section VI Athletic Council approval due to the NYSPHSAA approved standard calendar of weeks.

Reminder: The modified practice requirements have changed and are reflected on the Section VI Sports Season Calendar.

7.0 Good of the Order:

- 7.1 2016-2017 Sectional/Intersectional Meeting Dates (9am Teleconference)
Thursday, September 8, Thursday, October 27, Thursday, January 5, **Tuesday, February 28**, Thursday, April 20
- 7.2 WeatherBug
At the July 2016 NYSPHSAA Central Committee meeting, WeatherBug was adopted as the official source for NYSPHSAA member schools to obtain the current heat index and wind chill readings. Since WeatherBug's inception, a number of issues and concerns have been presented. T. Slade, Executive Director, will address these concerns with T. Nelson, NYSPHSAA Assistant Director. Updates will be given when available.

7.3 Section VI Bidding Process

The Section VI Finance Committee will be asked to investigate the implementation of a sectional championship venue bidding process.

7.4 Adjournment

Motion to adjourn

CARRIED

Graczyk/Fallacaro

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Beth Fadeley
Recording Secretary