



SECTIONAL INTERSECTIONAL COMMITTEE MINUTES

September 7, 2017

Committee Members: (* indicates present)

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

Guests:

- *M. DeBarbieri, Wrestling Co-Chairman
- I. Martinez, Wrestling Co-Chairman

1.0 Sports Concerns:

- 1.1 Wrestling
See 3.0d and 3.0e.

- 1.2 Boys Ice Hockey 17 minute periods
At the July 2017 meeting, the NYSPHSAA Central Committee approved a proposal to extend the length of a period in Boys Ice Hockey to 17 minutes, which was previously a 15 minute per period to be in accordance with NFHS rules. Implementation will take place this 2017-2018 winter season.

- 1.3 Boys Volleyball 5th Set
At the July 2017 meeting, the NYSPHSAA Central Committee approved making the Boys Volleyball 5th set scoring mirror the NCAA scoring to 15 points in the 5th and final set. Implementation takes place this 2017 fall season.

2.0 Section Concerns:

- 2.1 Combined Schools Graduated Scale Revision
At the July 2017 meeting, the NYSPHSAA Central Committee approved a revision to the graduated scale for combining of teams. The revision increases the percentages for Class AA, A, and B to 100%, while Class C will now be 40% and Class D having 30%. Implementation takes place fall 2018.

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

- a) (AC ACTION ITEM) Direct the Girls and Boys Representatives to support the following language for the representation rule: *"In extenuating circumstances where the student does not have a medical reason for a waiver of the representation rule, the NYSPHSAA Executive Director, in consultation with the Section Executive Director and NYSPHSAA President, shall have the ability to grant a waiver of the representation rule. Waiver requests must be made in writing by the Section's Executive Director."* Effective Start Date: 2017-2018.

The rationale of this proposal, which originated by R. Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director, and R. James, NYSPHSAA Legal Counsel, stems from NYSPHSAA and its 11 Sections encountering circumstances of students who do not meet the representation rule for medical reasons, but have extenuating circumstances. Past examples of extenuating circumstances include a student who had a family member pass away and a student who did not meet the representation rule because of a foster care issue.

- b) *(AC ACTION ITEM)* Direct the Girls and Boys Representatives to support the following proposal: As a result of the AD Hoc Committee on Classification a Uniform Calendar for Variation Sports proposal, which was approved. Since that time, there seems to be a misunderstanding that needs clarification. The language should say presented for review to CAC as they are a recommending body only. Secondly, in the Handbook, the language does not include voted on at the "May" meeting. The numbers should be voted on and then the earliest implementation should be fall of the next school year-May 2017 vote, September 2018 earliest implementation.

The rationale provided for this proposal is to clarify what has already been voted on and approved language misrepresented in the handbook.

- c) *(AC ACTION ITEM)* Direct the Girls and Boys Representatives to support an oversight committee, to review the classification placement of non-public and charter schools. Effective start date: 2018-2019.

The rationale for an oversight committee stems from the concern within the membership that Sections may classify non-public and charter schools in a manner which has the potential to negatively impact schools from other Sections during post-season play. The Oversight Committee would review the placement of non-public and charter schools and have the ability to remand the item back to the Section for rationale and further review; the Oversight Committee would not have the ability to place non-public and charter schools in a classification they believed to be most appropriate, but they could make a recommendation to the Section for placement.

The Oversight Committee's responsibilities would be:

- Review the placement of all non-public and charter schools.

- Accept the placements of non-public and charter schools.

-OR-

- Remand placements back to the Sections for rationale and further review. The Oversight Committee would have the ability to make a recommendation on the placement.

If remanded back to the Section, the Section may:

1) Revise the placement of the non-public or charter school.

- If revised, the Oversight Committee will review again.

2) Keep the classification placement of the non-public or charter school.

- Note: Any NYSPHSAA member school may abide by the defined NYSPHSAA appeal policy. The NYSPHSAA Appeal Panel shall have the power to affirm, reverse, or modify the decision of the Section Athletic Council.

- d) *(AC ACTION ITEM)* Direct the Girls and Boys Representatives to support having the 99 lb. weight class not count in league matches only. Effective Start Date: 2017-2018 season

The rationale provided for this proposal, generated by the NYSPHSAA Wrestling Committee, stems from the Federation not recognizing the 99lb. weight class. By giving Leagues their choice of counting the class in their scoring the Committee hopes to see how serious coaches and administrators are in either keeping or eliminating it altogether. All non-league matches and tournaments will count in scoring. Small schools are forfeiting this weight class or going into modified to bring one up to fill the weight class.

*The Section VI Wrestling Committee was split regarding support for this proposal.

- e) *(AC ACTION ITEM)* Direct the Girls and Boys Representatives to support limiting the number of two-day non-bracketed tournaments to a maximum of two of the allotted six tournaments in the sport of wrestling. Effective Start Date: 2017-2018 season

The NYSPHSAA Wrestling Committee generated this proposal because these types of tournaments are leading to a higher number of individual wins, which aids the at large criteria. Smaller schools with budget concerns are unable to attend many of these tournaments, and thus are not able to establish the win/loss ratio needed to possibly get an at large bid at the state tournament.

- f) *(AC ACTION ITEM)* Direct the Girls and Boys Representatives to support Girls Volleyball Standard Operating Procedure for all Regional and State Tournament matches. Effective Start Date: Fall 2017

The rationale provided for this proposal, generated by the NYSPHSAA Girls Volleyball Committee, is to have consistency and familiarity for players in both regional and state tournament games.

- g) *(AC ACTION ITEM)* Direct the Girls and Boys Representatives to support , In the sport of Boys Volleyball, when there are three teams in a division, and each team wins one set (game) during Championship pool play, a third set (game) would be played immediately. Effective Start Date: November 2018

The rationale provided for this proposal, generated by the NYSPHSAA Boys Volleyball Committee, is an attempt to avoid a one set (game) playoff at the end of pool play for second place and create a more natural flow of play.

*The Section VI Boys Volleyball Committee is in support of this proposal.

- h) (*AC ACTION ITEM*) Direct the Girls and Boys Representatives to support the 2017-18 Cheerleading Rubrics and Progression Sheets. Effective Start Date: 2017-18 season

The proposal was generated by the NYSPHSAA Cheerleading Committee. The Rubrics have been updated and simplified for coaches and judges. The progression sheets give further clarification for both the judges and coaches.

- i) (*AC ACTION ITEM*) Direct the Girls and Boys Representatives to support requiring all schools competing in the NYSPHSAA State Championship that they have legally purchased the music they will use during their routine. Effective Start Date: Winter 2017-18 season

The NYSPHSAA Cheerleading Committee generated this proposal as they expect all schools to follow copyright laws and puts the responsibility on the school to ensure they are following the copyright laws.

- j) (*AC ACTION ITEM*) Direct the Girls and Boys Representatives to support allowing Sections the ability to use video replay at the Section Cheer Championships. Effective Start Date: Winter 2017-18 season

The rationale provided for this proposal, generated by the NYSPHSAA Cheerleading Committee, stems from NYSPHSAA's success of the use of video replay at the Cheerleading Championship and the committee feels that a Section could also benefit if allowed to use video replay for their Sectional Championship.

*The Section VI Cheerleading Chair is in favor of this proposal.

- k) (*AC ACTION ITEM*) Direct the Girls and Boys Representatives to support eliminating the Softball International Tie Breaker Rule for all Regional contests as a two-year experiment (2018 & 2019). Effective Start Date: Spring 2018

The rationale provided for this proposal, generated by the NYSPHSAA Softball Committee, is the same International Tie Breaker Rule waiver in place for State Semifinals and Finals.

*The Section VI Softball Committee is in favor of this proposal.

- l) (*AC ACTION ITEM*) Direct the Girls and Boys Representatives to support, in the sport of Softball, a Run Rule for Regional and State Tournament play. The rule would be for 12 runs once a contest becomes an Official game. Effective Start Date: Spring 2018

The rationale provided for this proposal, generated by the NYSPHSAA Softball Committee, stems from the fact that many contests have lopsided scores and the Committee feels it would be in the best interest of both teams to end the contest when there is a 12-run difference between both teams.

- m) (*AC ACTION ITEM*) Direct the Girls and Boys Representatives to support Softball Regional and Championship contests played to completion, consisting of 7 innings or more in the event of extra innings. Effective Start Date: Spring 2018.

The rationale provided for this proposal, generated by the NYSPHSAA Softball Committee, stems from fairness to all teams, all regional and championship contests should be played to completion. There could be extenuating circumstances that may cause a contest to end once it is an official game. When a game is on the "edge" of being suspended there is always a disadvantage to the teams. With this rule in place, an umpire can now suspend a game at the best possible time for both teams in order to create a balance that currently does not exist. Officials may be pushing the game to become "official" and teams may be playing in conditions that are unsafe for all participants.

- n) (*AC ACTION ITEM*) Direct the Girls and Boys Representatives to support, in the sport of Softball, eliminating certificates at Regional games. Effective Start Date: Spring 2018

The NYSPHSAA Softball Committee unanimously supported this proposal stating that the certificates have become anything but special to the athletes. They have been found in the trash. It is also difficult to distribute to teams, especially the losing teams, when some regionals do not have awards ceremonies following the games.

*The Section VI Softball Committee does not support this proposal.

- o) (*AC ACTION ITEM*) Direct the Girls and Boys Representatives to support, in the sport of Baseball, State adoption of, with Section & League approval, a game ending procedure Run Rule. The Run Rule would state that the game will end with a run differential of 10 runs after 5 innings (or 4 ½ if the home team is winning). Effective Start Date: Spring 2018

- p) (*AC ACTION ITEM*) Direct the Girls and Boys Representatives to support, in the sport of Baseball, increasing the maximum number of games to 22. Effective Start Date: Spring 2018

Action items (o) and (p) will only be taken in combination with one another. The rationale provided for this two-part proposal, generated by the NYSPHSAA Baseball Committee, addresses 2 issues. The Run Rule will have a saving impact on pitch counts and the number of pitchers that are used in games when there is a lack of competitiveness. The second concern is when the Run Rule is in effect, innings are reduced, then it further reduces the opportunities (innings) for competition. This could result in losing student-athletes to other sports and community-based sports where the numbers of games are far greater than in modified/high school baseball.

*The NYSPHSAA Central Committee does not support these proposals.

- q) (*AC ACTION ITEM*) Direct the Girls and Boys Representatives to support, in the sport of Baseball, adjusting regional rotations when a Section, because of byes, would go directly to the State Semifinals. Establish May 18, 2018 as a final date to inform the state coordinator of intent to pull out of the regionals and state tournament. Effective Start Date: Spring 2018

The rationale provided for this proposal, generated by the NYSPHSAA Baseball Committee, involves the currently approved regional rotations (6 year rotations), and additional approval to modify the rotations at our annual January meeting when it is announced that a Section will not have a team from a class. This past year there was a situation where the regionals were finalized and approved at the February 2nd meeting and in May, a Section which did have a team in a class, informed us that the team would not be participating in the state tournament. As the Baseball Committee finalized the schedule at the February meeting, they did not readjust in May. With approval of this proposal, the Baseball Committee would be allowed at that point, in May, to adjust the Regional schedule to prevent a team from advancing directly to the final four. This cutoff date would allow the coordinator and the committee to adjust and still announce the schedule a minimum of a full week prior to the regional game schedule.

*This proposal does not impact Section VI.

- r) (*AC ACTION ITEM*) Direct the Girls and Boys Representatives to support limiting alternates for relays at the Boys & Girls Swimming State Championship Meets. A school may bring ONE ALTERNATE ONLY FOR A RELAY; AND ONLY IF THE SCHOOL HAS NO OTHER INDIVIDUAL MEMBER PARTICIPATING IN THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP MEET IN AN EVENT THAT THEY MAY USE IN CASE OF ILLNESS OR INJURY. Effective Start Date: August 14, 2017.

This proposal was generated by the NYSPHSAA Girls & Boys Swimming and Diving Committees. Currently, a school that has a relay participating in the State Championship Meet may bring as many alternates as they deem appropriate. The Committees would like to restrict the current opportunity that coaches have to bring alternates to the State Meet. These are individuals who are there for the experience and would not be competing in the State Championship Meet.

*The Sectional Intersectional Committee will recommend to the Athletic Council to consider changing "One Alternate" to "Two Alternates".

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

- 4.1 Approval of Holland Boys Volleyball 2017 Independent Schedule
No issues or concerns were presented.
- 4.2 Approval of Hutch Tech Boys Volleyball 2017 Independent Schedule
No issues or concerns were presented.
- 4.3 Approval of Girls Basketball 2016-2017 Post Season Report
No issues or concerns were presented.
- 4.4 Approval of Winter 2017-2018 Pre-Season Reports
No issues or concerns were presented.

5.0 Old Business:

- 5.1 Modified Female Representative Position Vacancy
Committee members were asked to notify their respective Leagues of the Modified Female Representative position vacancy. Interested parties should submit an application to the Section VI office (posted online, www.section6.e1b.org), *Bulletin Board*)

6.0 New Business:

- 6.1 February Meeting Date
Due to a conflict with the winter break, the originally scheduled February 22, 2018 Sectional Intersectional Committee teleconference was changed to February 15, 2018.

6.2 Charter School Liaison Vacancy

J. Reed is no longer the athletic director for CSAT, thus he no longer holds the Charter School Liaison position. The need for the position will be evaluated as M. LaMorticella, Tapestry Athletic Director already attends all Athletic Council meetings.

6.3 Baseball Chairman Position

T. Slade is scheduled to interview R. Parry (Depew) for the Baseball Chairman position tomorrow, September 8.

6.4 Section VI President-Elect Position (Term July 2018 – June 2020, North)

A. Stoltman, current Section VI President-Elect, will take over as Section VI President on July 1, 2018. As per the Constitution, the next president-elect candidate must hold an NFL or NO position. The qualifications for the president-elect position will be emailed to committee members. Approval of the selected candidate will be requested at the May 16, 2018 Athletic Council meeting. Interested parties should submit an application to the Section VI office (posted online, www.section6.e1b.org), *Bulletin Board*)

6.5 Section VI Boys Representative Position (Term Expiration June 2018)

J. Graczyk, current Boys Representative, may request term renewal. Approval will be sought at the May 2018 Athletic Council meeting.

7.0 Good of the Order:

Motion to adjourn

CARRIED

Fallacaro/Przybysz

Respectfully Submitted,



Beth Fadeley
Recording Secretary