



## **ATHLETIC COUNCIL MINUTES**

**April 7, 2016**

### **Highlights**

#### **Appeals Hearing**

- 2.1 The athletic council voted in support (21-5) of the combined schools committee to deny the merger of the Maple Grove (Bemus Point) and Chautauqua Lake School Districts for JV and Varsity football in the C Classification for 2016.
- 2.2 The athletic council voted in support (22-4) of the combined schools committee to deny the merger of Bennett, MEC, East, and Olmsted for JV and Varsity football in the B Classification for 2016.

#### **Athletic Council Meeting**

- 4.1 **CARRIED:** January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Section VI Athletic Council meeting minutes
- 6.1 **CARRIED:** Combining of Schools applications, 1 through 46
- 6.2 **CARRIED:** Senior All Star applications, 1 and 2
- 6.3 **CARRIED:** Outside Agency applications, 1 through 4
- 7.2.1 **CARRIED:** Receive the treasurer's report
- 7.6.1 **CARRIED:** When 18 or more schools are in a specific classification, the classification must be split (i.e. A1, A2)

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**ATTENDANCE**  
(\* indicates present)

<b>Executive Committee</b>		<b>Committee Chairpersons</b>		<b>Sports Chairs</b>
President	Brett Banker*	Chemical Awareness	Dave Hack	Chris Durr*
President-Elect	Al Gens*	Extended Eligibility	Jerry Baldelli	Bill Shaw*
Superintendents' Rep.	Mike Wendt*	Finance	Steve Penhollow*	
Principals' Rep.	Jim Spanbauer*	Boys' Modified	Matt Librock*	<b>Guests</b>
Boys' Rep.	Jim Graczyk*	Girls' Modified	Katie McGowan	*see minutes
Girls' Rep.	Marisa Fallacaro*	Nominations	Al Gens*	
Past President	Jeff Rabey*	NYSAAA	Brett Banker*	
Executive Director	Timm Slade*	Policy Handbook	Marisa Fallacaro*	
Treasurer	Don Scholla*	Safety	TBA	
		Sectional Intersectional	Timm Slade*	
		Sportsmanship	Doug Ames*/Jim Graczyk*	
		Transfer	Timm Slade*	
		Veterans	Jim Trampert*	
		Hall of Fame	Jim Dunnigan*	
		Combining of Schools	Jeff Rabey*	

<b>LEAGUE</b>	<b>REPRESENTATIVE</b>	<b>ALTERNATE</b>
<b>BUFFALO</b>		
Superintendents Rep./AD	Aubrey Lloyd, Emerson*	TBA
Principals' Rep.	Dave Thomas Jr.	TBA
Girls' Rep.	Andrea Norton, City Honors*	TBA
Boys' Rep.	TBA	TBA
<b>CHAUTAQUA CATTARAUGUS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (CCAA)</b>		
Superintendents' Rep.	Steve Penhollow, Falconer*	TBA
Principals' Rep.	Mike Cipolla, Southwestern	TBA
Girls' Rep.	Paul Ksionzyk, Olean*	Lynne Bemis, Clymer
Boys' Rep.	Rick DeKay, Retired*	Mel Swanson, Sherman
<b>ERIE COUNTY INTERSCHOLASTIC CONFERENCE (ECIC)</b>		
Superintendents' Rep.	Sandy Anzalone, Eden	TBA
Principals' Rep.	Scott Zipp, Cheektowaga*	Mark Graff, Eden
Girls' Rep.	Chris DeMarco, Sweet Home*	Daryl Besant, Lake Shore
Boys' Rep.	Greg Kaszubski, Clarence*	Mark DiFilippo, Williamsville East
<b>NIAGARA FRONTIER LEAGUE (NFL)</b>		
Superintendents' Rep.	Teresa Lawrence, Grand Island*	Cynthia Bianco, Niagara Falls
Principals' Rep.	Chris Ginestre, Hoover Middle*	TBA
Girls' Rep.	Jon Roth, Grand Island*	Scott Townsend, Lew-Port
Boys' Rep.	Scott Townsend, Lew-Port*	Jon Roth, Grand Island
<b>NIAGARA ORLEANS LEAGUE (NO)</b>		
Superintendents' Rep.	Mike Baumann, Newfane*	Michael Bonnewell, Albion
Principals' Rep.	Joe Lucenti, Akron*	Jeff Roth, Wilson
Girls' Rep.	Joel Reed, CSAT*	Randy Knaak, Albion
Boys' Rep.	Doug Ames, Newfane*	Dave Carson, Barker
<b>SUPERINTENDENT REPRESENTATION (BOCES)</b>		
Erie 1 BOCES	Adam Stoltman, Alden*	TBA
Erie 2 BOCES	Maureen Donahue*	TBA
ON BOCES	Michelle Bradley, Lockport*	TBA
CA BOCES	Mark Ward, Ellicottville	TBA

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## ATHLETIC COUNCIL MINUTES

1.0 Call to Order

Commenced: 11:04am

1.1 Pledge of allegiance

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2.0 Combining of Schools' Appeals

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2.1 **Maple Grove (Bemus Point)** and Chautauqua Lake, Football JV & V, 16-17

The following individuals presented the appeal on behalf of the Maple Grove (Bemus Point) and Chautauqua Lake School Districts:

Michael Mansfield, Superintendent, Maple Grove (Bemus Point)

Ryan Everhart, Attorney for the Bemus Point and Chautauqua Lake School Districts

Joshua Liddell, Athletic Director, Chautauqua Lake

*The aforementioned representatives were informed of the procedure in which the appeal would be conducted. The representatives were allowed 15 minutes for the presentation of their appeal. Afterward, the representatives were excused from the room and a closed ballot was taken of the athletic council. The representatives were then notified of the results of the vote.*

Dr. Jeff Rabey, Combining of Schools Committee Chair reviewed the timeline of events that led up to today's appeal:

The Combining of Schools Committee, consisting of a representative from each league within Section VI, met on January 14, 2016 and began by reviewing the current Section VI Policy 120: Combining Teams for Athletic Participation; the current data from the fall 2015 season, pertaining to the Combining of Schools, along with a list of champions; the current Section VI Forms / Reports for the Combining of Schools; and the definition of "dominance" when referring to a combined sport.

The Section VI Policy 120: Combining Teams for Athletic Participation states, "The combining of teams from two or more schools to form a single team may be permitted by the Section in order to foster the emergence of a new sport, support a school that has a declining number of participants in a sport and/or financial reasons." Furthermore, Policy 120.2 states, "Schools will combine teams for a period of one year. Classifications will be determined by utilizing the newly adopted criteria and graduated structure below. An annual application and approval will be required at various levels. (see 120.3)" Finally, Policy 120.2a states, "The school(s) with the higher(est) classification number will be known as the Host School. For every school that is combining with the Host School, a percentage is dependent upon the association's "5 sport classification cut off numbers: Class AA = 50%, Class A = 40%, Class B = 30%, Class C = 30% and Class D = 20%."

In addition, the Section VI Athletic Council has also supported the utilization of the following factors when making decisions on combined teams and determining the level of "Dominance": Won a sectional championship, High placement at sectionals, Requests or approval by schools/leagues/sport chair, Transfers, Teams' appropriate level of competitiveness, Returning players, Schedule and Program history.

In addition to dominance, the Section VI Athletic Council supports having a maximum number of four (4) schools combining for a sport, however also provides for an appeal process under unusual circumstances, in order to go above four (4) schools.

Ultimately, the Section VI Athletic Council reserves the right to deny a combined sport for any of the reasons stated above, with the opportunity of the Host School (largest school) to appeal to the New York State Public High School Athletic Association.

Understanding the rationale and history to the evolution of the Section VI Policy 120: Combining Teams for Athletic Participation and the data from the past two years of the Maple Grove (Bemus Point) and Chautauqua

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Lake combined sport of varsity football, it was the position of the Section VI Combined Sports Standing Committee not to recommend the continuation of the combined team at the C Classification for the fall of 2016. This decision was due to the factors of established dominance; after winning two straight Section VI Championships, returning approximately 22 players from Maple Grove and 7 players from Chautauqua Lake for a 74% return rate for the fall of 2016 and in the 2015 season the combined team won all regular season Section VI games by an average of a 31 point spread.

The Chautauqua Lake and Maple Grove (Bemus Point) School Districts appealed to the Section VI Athletic Council's Executive Committee on February 16, 2016. At that appeal hearing, the Districts contended that they did not combine to dominate the sport and that their understanding of dominance was "stacking a team" or combining to strategically achieve a state title. Furthermore, the Districts believed that if they had to play at the B Level, the Districts would jeopardize the safety of their student athletes, as they believed the players at the B Level are bigger and stronger.

As a result of the appeal hearing held on Wednesday, February 10, 2016 and subsequent discussion, the following motion was presented and passed by the Section VI Executive Committee: *Motion for the executive committee to respond in writing to the appeal, supporting the Combining of Schools committee's recommendation for declination of combining Maple Grove and Chautauqua Lake in the sport of Football in Class C.*

*CARRIED Wendt/Fallacaro*

#### Appeal Main Points:

- Maple Grove (Bemus Point) and Chautauqua Lake's purpose for combining is due to
  - Declining participation. Neither district can field a team individually.
  - Concern for player safety
  - Financial reasons
- Refute the declination based on dominance as the Districts believe dominance is not formally defined by the Section
- The Districts' are certain that if they had to play at the B level, they would jeopardize the safety of their student athletes, as they believe the players at the B level are bigger and stronger.

The result of the ballot vote is as follows:

***The athletic council voted in support (21-5) of the combined schools committee to deny the merger of the Maple Grove (Bemus Point) and Chautauqua Lake School Districts for JV and Varsity football in the C Classification for 2016.***

#### 2.2 **Bennett** & MEC, East, Olmsted Football, JV & V, 16-17

The following individuals presented the appeal on behalf of the Buffalo Public Schools:  
Aubrey Lloyd, BPS Athletic Director  
Andrea Norton, BPS Girls' Representative

*The aforementioned representatives were informed of the procedure in which the appeal would be conducted. The representatives were allowed 15 minutes for the presentation of their appeal. Afterward, the representatives were excused from the room and a closed ballot was taken of the athletic council. The representatives were then notified of the results of the vote.*

Dr. Jeff Rabey, Combining of Schools Committee Chair, reviewed the timeline of events that led up to today's appeal.

At the March 14, 2016 Combining of Schools Committee meeting, the Committee, consisting of a representative from each league within Section VI decided not to recommend the new combined team of Bennett, Olmsted, East and Middle Early College at the B Classification for the fall of 2016.

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This decision was based on understanding the rationale and history to the evolution of the Section VI Policy 120: Combining Teams for Athletic Participation and the data from the past two years of the Olmsted and Alternative Education with Bennett combined sport of varsity football. The factors involved include established and continued dominance with the former combined team; after appearing in two straight Section VI Championships, returning approximately 18 players for a 53% return rate for the fall of 2016 and in the 2015 season the combined team won all but one regular season Section VI games by an average of a 41 point spread. In addition, Section VI believes that with the new combined team, there will be a combined total of 807 students to recruit from for a football program, where within Section VI, the largest B Classification school only has a total of 536 students to recruit from for their football program.

It was noted that the Section VI Athletic Council has supported the utilization of the following factors when making decisions on combined teams and determining the level of "Dominance": Won a sectional championship, high placement at sectionals, requests or approval by schools/leagues/sport chair, transfers, teams' appropriate level of competitiveness, returning players, Schedule and program history.

Appeal Main Points:

- The rationale for the configuration of combinations is based on the location of BPS schools who participate in the sport of football
- BPS wants to remain in their correct classification, Class B, since there is no previous data to use as a benchmark
- MEC and Bennett are housed within the same building
- The population of the schools requesting to combine is changing from the previous year.
  - East will only have 11-12 grade for 2016
  - Olmsted will have 5-12 grade for 2016
  - Bennett only 12 grade for 2016
  - MEC only 9-12 grade for 2016

The result of the ballot vote was as follows:

***The athletic council voted in support (22-4) of the combined schools committee to deny the merger of Bennett, MEC, East, and Olmsted for JV and Varsity football in the B Classification for 2016.***

***Motion to adjourn the appeals hearing***

***CARRIED***

***Fallacaro/Roth***

3.0 **INTRODUCTIONS & AWARD PRESENTATIONS**

*B. Banker*

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Commenced: 12:34pm

3.1 NYSAAA Award Winners

- a) Dick Gallagher - Community Service Award
- b) Jeff Rabey (Depew) - Distinguished Service Award
- c) Jim Graczyk (Pioneer) - Athletic Administrator of the Year
- d) Kathie Tim (Grand Island) - Judith Marten's Secretarial Award

3.2 NYSAAA Hall of Fame Recipients

- a) Jim Trampert
- b) William Ross

3.4 State Champions

- a) MEC, Boys Basketball
- b) Olean, Boys Basketball
- c) Kenmore East, Boys Ice Hockey

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#### 4.0 MINUTES

B. Banker  
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- 4.1 *Motion to approve the January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Section VI Athletic Council meeting minutes*  
**CARRIED**  
*Wendt/Gens*

#### 5.0 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

T. Slade  
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- 5.1 Insurance/Coverage-Football Litigation
- a) Football Litigation  
The litigation regarding the passing of Damon Janes (Westfield/Brocton Football) is ongoing. Updates will be communicated when available.
  - b) Workers' Compensation  
An audit by the Section's former insurance carrier, New York State Insurance Fund, resulted in new charges to cover sports officials. The Section contends that it is not responsible to provide insurance coverage for sports officials due to their independent contractor status. An attorney has been contacted and apprised of the situation in the event his/her services become necessary. Updates will be communicated when available.
- 5.2 State Coaches of the Year, 2015  
The following individuals were awarded as Section VI's 2015 State Coaches of the Year. They will be recognized at the May 2016 meeting.
- a) James Cavaretta, Newfane – Boys Swimming & Diving
  - b) Terry McMahon, Orchard Park – Boys Tennis
- 5.3 Section VI Hall of Fame Golf Tournament  
The deadline to submit an application for participation in the 2016 Hall of Fame Golf Tournament is April 29, 2016. If the minimum number of participants is not met, the tournament will be cancelled and a corporate sponsor will be sought to fund the 2016 Hall of Fame ceremony.
- 5.4 BPS Request for Objective Review Update  
T. Slade submitted the objective review of the 2015 Class C Championship Football game, Bennett vs. Maple Grove, held at Ralph Wilson Stadium, November 9, to the Buffalo Public Schools Assistant Superintendent.

#### 6.0 COMMUNICATIONS

T. Slade  
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- 6.1 *Motion to approve Combining of Schools applications, 1 through 46*

\*Host school listed first in **bold & underscore**

1. **MEC** & Bennett, Boys & Girls Track Varsity, 15-16 (retroactive approval)
2. **City Honors** & Native American, Olmsted, Discovery, Boys Lacrosse 7/8, 15-16 (retroactive approval)
3. **City Honors** & Olmsted, Hutch Tech, Riverside, Boys Lacrosse JV, 15-16 (retroactive approval)
4. **Burgard**, MST Prep, Football, JV & V, 16-17
5. **Cassadaga Valley**, Falconer, Football, JV & V, 16-17
6. **East Aurora**, Holland, Football, JV & V, 16-17
7. **Eden**, North Collins, Football, JV & V, 16-17
8. **Franklinville**, Ellicottville, West Valley, Football, JV & V, 16-17
9. **Fredonia**, Brocton, Westfield, Football, JV & V, 16-17
10. **Hutch Tech**, Emerson, Perf Arts, City Honors, Football, JV & V, 16-17
11. **Medina**, Lyndonville, Football, JV & V, 16-17
12. **Riverside**, Alternative, Lafayette, DaVinci, City Honors, JV & V, 16-17
13. **Sherman**, Clymer, Panama, Football, JV & V, 16-17
14. **Silver Creek**, Forestville, Football, ALL, 16-17
15. **Falconer**, Cassadaga Valley, Cross Country B/G, All, 16-17
16. **Medina**, Lyndonville, Cross Country B/G, V, 16-17
17. **Pioneer**, Holland, Cross Country B/G, V, 16-17

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18. **Sherman**, Clymer, Panama, Cross Country B/G, V, 16-17
19. **Silver Creek**, Forestville, Cross Country B/G, V, 16-17, (BOE 4/7/16)
20. **Kenmore East**, Kenmore West, Field Hockey, V, 16-17 (League signature)
21. **Pioneer**, West Valley, Field Hockey, V, 16-17
22. **East Aurora**, Holland Golf Boys, V, 16-17
23. **Sherman**, Clymer, Panama, Golf Boys, ALL, 16-17
24. **West Seneca West**, West Seneca East, Golf Boys, V, 16-17
25. **Ellicottville**, West Valley, Boys Soccer, ALL, 16-17
26. **Falconer**, Cassadaga Valley, Boys Soccer, V & 7/8/9, 16-17
27. **Medina**, Lyndonville, Boys Soccer, V, 16-17
28. **Silver Creek**, Forestville, Boys Soccer, V & 7/8/9, 16-17 (BOE 4/7/16)
29. **Westfield**, Brocton, Boys Soccer, V & 7/8/9, 16-17
30. **Kenmore East**, Kenmore West, Girls Gymnastics, V, 16-17
31. **Ellicottville**, West Valley, Girls Soccer, ALL, 16-17
32. **Silver Creek**, Forestville, Girls Soccer, V & 7/8/9, 16-17 (BOE 4/7/16)
33. **Westfield**, Brocton, Girls Soccer, V, 7/8/9, 16-17
34. **Allegany-Limestone**, Ellicottville & Franklinville, Girls Swim, V, 16-17 (Pending Application)
35. **Chautauqua Lake**, Westfield, Maple Grove, Girls Swim, V, JV, 16-17
36. **City Honors**, Olmsted & Hutch Tech, Girls Swim, JV & V, 16-17
37. **Fredonia**, Dunkirk, Silver Creek & Forestville, Girls Swim, V, 16-17 (Pending Application)
38. **Olean**, Portville, Girls Swim, V, 16-17
39. **Panama**, Clymer, Girls Swim, V, 16-17
40. **Olean**, Portville, Girls Tennis, V, 16-17
41. **Brocton**, Westfield, Girls Volleyball, JV & V, 16-17
42. **Ellicottville**, West Valley, Girls Volleyball, ALL, 16-17
43. **Olean**, Allegany-Limestone, Portville, Franklinville, Boys Swim, V, 16-17 (\*Signature required)
44. **Panama**, Chautauqua Lake, Boys Swim, V, 16-17
45. **Falconer**, Cassadaga Valley, Wrestling, V, JV, 16-17
46. **Clymer**, Sherman, Panama, Track & Field B/G, ALL 16-17

**CARRIED**

**Graczyk/Rabey**

**6.2 Motion to approve Senior All Star applications, 1 and 2**

1. Silver Hoops Boys Basketball, 4/9/16, Grabiarz School, Co-sponsors, Buffalo Public Schools, Butler Mitchel Alumni Association, P.A.L., and ADPRO
2. Section VI Boys Lacrosse Senior All Star Contest, June 7, 2016 at West Seneca East High School

**CARRIED**

**Reed/Spanbauer**

**6.3 Motion to approve of Outside Agency applications, 1 through 4**

1. Fall Cheer, WNY Outlaws Showdown a10/16/16 at Niagara Wheatfield sponsored by WNY Outlaw All Stars/ Niagara Wheatfield HS Insurance Pending
2. Winter Cheer, Fredonia Cheerleading and Dance Competition 1/22/2017 at SUNY Fredonia co-sponsored by SUNY Fredonia and Dunkirk HS
3. Baseball Showcase, 4/29/16 & 4/30/16 at Deithrick Park, sponsored by Southwestern HS/ Chaut. Co. Umpire Assoc.
4. Cheer for a Cure, 2/4/2014, at Niagara Falls Conference Center co-sponsored by JDRF & Section VI Insurance pending.

**CARRIED**

**DeKay/Townsend**

**7.0 STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**7.1 Combining of Schools Committee**

- 7.1.1 The combining of schools committee will reconvene, in the near future, to review the winter 15-16 end of season reports.

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7.2 Finance Committee

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7.2.1 Treasurer's Report

**Motion to receive the treasurer's report**

**CARRIED**

**Kaszubski/Roth**

7.3 Sectional/Intersectional

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*Nothing to report*

7.4 Safety

TBA

*Nothing to report*

7.5 Modified Report

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- The CCAA conducts a 4 season modified schedule. Notification to the state office of the start date is required.
- Modified Football Pilot Program  
Coaches at both the modified and high school levels, overall, provided positive feedback relating to the changes to the rules of modified football pilot program. The following motion is an action item for the July 2016 NYSPHSAA Central Committee meeting:  
*"With section/league approval, the modified football pilot program rule changes may be adopted for use."*
- Modified Starting Weeks  
Sections may not start their modified seasons prior to what is established in the Standard Calendar of Weeks, except for the sections who use four modified sports seasons and report their season starting weeks before these designated weeks. Sections who choose to start their seasons after these designated weeks should report their starting week(s) to the NYSPHSAA office.  
The following motion is an action item for the May 2016 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting:  
*"The modified sections may be more restrictive and have the option of establishing their modified sport season weeks after the NYSPHSAA starting weeks:  
The starting week for the modified fall season will be Week 8. (Aug. 22, 2016)  
The starting week for the modified winter season will be Week 20 (Nov. 14, 2016)  
The starting week for the modified spring season will be Week 37 (Mar. 13, 2017)"*
- Reduction In Required Practice Days  
Council representatives were asked to review the established required number of practice days per sports prior to the start of scrimmages and games with their leagues.

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Proposed Reduction in Required Practice Days

DRAFT		
Modified Athletics Number of Practices Required Prior to Scrimmages/Games		
SPORT	Team/Individual Practices Prior to 1 <sup>st</sup> Scrimmage	Team/Individual Practices Prior to 1 <sup>st</sup> Game
Badminton	6/4	6/4
Baseball	10/8	12/10
Pitcher	10	12
Basketball	8/6	10/8
Bowling	3	3
Cheering	TBA once HS Standards Set	TBA Once HS Standards Set
Cross Country	15/10	15/10
Football	13/12	17/16
Golf	3	3
Gymnastics	10	15
Ice Hockey	10	15
Boys' Lacrosse	10/8	12/10
Girls' Lacrosse	10/8	10/8
Skiing	10/8	10/8
Soccer	8/6	10/8
Softball	8/6	10/8
Swimming/Diving	10/8	12/10
Tennis	6/4	6/4
Track - Indoor	10/8	10/8
Track - Outdoor	10/8	10/8
Volleyball	8/6	10/8
Wrestling	12/10	15/13

- 3-Point Shot in Modified Girls and Boys Basketball  
A draft survey will be shared with the Safety and Executive Committees and turned into an online survey by the NYSPHSAA to generate and gather data from all interested parties. The survey will be distributed to basketball coaches, building and district athletic directors, and physical educators at both the modified and high school levels. A deadline return date of June 3, 2016 will be set.

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## 7.6.1 Splitting of Classifications

Concerns were expressed regarding the splitting of classifications, specifically in Girls Volleyball, Girls Basketball, Girls Soccer, and Softball. Currently, Section VI Policy allows for the respective sport committee to choose whether or not a class splits once reaching 18 teams within a specific classification. The Sectional Intersectional Committee recommends that classes must split when 18 or more schools are in a specific classification.

Chris Durr, Girls Basketball Chairman, and Bill Shaw, Girls Basketball Assistant Chairman, presented their rationale for opposing the recommendation that a class must be split, once 18 or more schools are reached with a specific classification.

- Average of 7- 10 teams that opt out of sectionals, creating seeding issues
- Believe that the sport committee is able to make a decision in the best interest of the sport, rather than assigning an arbitrary number (18) at which the splitting of a class must occur.

***Motion to approve when 18 or more schools are in a specific classification, the classification must be split (i.e. A1, A2)***

**CARRIED**

**Bradley/Rabey**

## 7.7 State Executive Committee/Central Committee

a) Superintendent

*Nothing to report*

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b) Principal

*Nothing to report*

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c) Boys Rep./Girls Rep.

J. Graczyk/M. Fallacaro  
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The council directs J. Graczyk, Boys Representative, and M. Fallacaro, Girls Representative, to vote in support of the following May 6, 2016 NYSPHSAA meeting action items:

- Consider approval of Sections intent to participate in the 2016-2017 NYSPHSAA State Championships
- Consider approval of a waiver for Modified/Freshman/JV soccer teams not to comply with the NFHS "all white" soccer uniform rule for the 2016 & 2017 seasons
- Consider approval of George Hathaway as the NYSPHSAA Rifle Coordinator
- Consider approval of St. John Fisher & Cicero North Syracuse High School as the site of the Boys Lacrosse West Semi-Final for 2017, 2018, and 2019
- Consider approval of the University of Albany & Adelphi University as the site of the Boys Lacrosse East Semi-Final for 2017, 2018, 2019
- Consider approval of St. John Fisher as the site of the Boys Lacrosse Championships for 2017, 2018, 2019.
- Consider approval of Cortland University as the site of the Girls Lacrosse Championships for 2017, 2018, and 2019.
- Consider approval to move the Girls Tennis Championships to the USTA Tennis Center in Flushing Meadows for the 2017 Championships as a result agreement of discrepancies with the current location (TBD).
- Consider approval of Girls & Boys Swimming & Diving Qualifying Standards for the 2016-2017 seasons.

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- Consider approval for Girls Gymnastics to abide by the same standard calendar as skiing on Weeks #34/#35.
- Consider approval of NYS Federation inclusion/revision of NYSPHSAA Tennis Championships.
- Consider approval of Friends & Neighbors and new member schools.

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- Consider approval of the following single soccer official rule:  
 “It is permissible to conduct a soccer game with a single official, provided both teams agree to a single referee before the game begins”  
 The council directed J. Graczyk, Boys Representative, and M. Fallacaro, Girls Representative, to vote in support at the **modified level only**.
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- Coin toss in Softball to determine regional home team  
 The council directed J. Graczyk, Boys Representative, and M. Fallacaro, Girls Representative, to **not** support the coin toss in Softball to determine regional home team

d) NYSPHSAA Ad Hoc Committee

- Cheerleading  
*Nothing to report*

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7.8 Extended Eligibility

*Nothing to report*

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7.9 Chemical Awareness

*Nothing to report*

D. Hack  
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7.10 Transfer/Foreign Student

*Reports were emailed*

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7.11 Sportsmanship

7.11.1 Artificial Noisemakers

A review of data revealed that NYSPHSAA member schools are consistently inconsistent with the use of artificial noisemakers. Notification regarding eliminating artificial noisemakers across the state is forthcoming.

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7.11.2 NYS Sportsmanship Promotion Survey

The deadline to submit the NYS Sportsmanship Promotion Survey is May 2, 2016. The survey is posted on the NYSPHSAA web site.

7.12 Veterans

7.12.1 Veterans Committee

Council representatives were asked to request retired athletic directors contact information during their upcoming league meetings and to pass that information along to the Section office.

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7.13 Mixed Competition

*Nothing to report*

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## 7.14 Nominations

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### 6.14.1 Girls Gymnastics Chair Position

There are 2 candidates for the Girls Gymnastics Chair position. A. Gens is in the process of scheduling interviews. A recommendation for candidate approval will be sought at the May 2016 athletic council meeting.

### 6.14.2 Safety Chairman Position

No candidates at present. The application to apply for the position is posted on the Section VI web site.

### 6.14.3 Girls Swim Chair Vacancy

B. Johnson will step down from the Girls Swim Sport Chair position as of June 30, 2016. The application to apply for the position is posted on the Section VI web site.

## 7.15 Corporate Partners

*Nothing to report*

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## 7.16 Hall of Fame

- The deadline for nominations is May 18, 2016
- The nominees personal biographies deadline is June 15, 2016
- HOF Committee will meet July 2016 to make inductee selections
- Inductees will be notified August 1, 2016
- The Hall of Fame Ceremony will be held December 9, 2016

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## 8.0 SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

### 8.1 All WNY Scholar Athlete [Link to Web](#)

G. Kaszubski  
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This past 2015-2016 winter season yielded 530 applicants; 120 winners were selected, of which 37 were repeat winners from the fall of 2015.

### 8.2 Charter Schools

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#### 8.2.1 Annual Meeting

The Charter Schools Ad Hoc Committee is scheduled to meet Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016. A report will be given at the May 18, 2016 Athletic Council meeting.

## 9.0 STATE & SECTION SPORT COMMITTEE REPORTS

9.1 Wrestling	M. DeBarbieri/I. Martinez	<a href="#">State Report 1/12/16</a>
9.2 Baseball	J. Conley	<a href="#">State Report 2/9/16</a>
9.3 Field Hockey	J. Otto	<a href="#">State Report 1/8/16</a>
9.4 Boys Soccer	T. Marquardt	<a href="#">State Report 2/3/16</a>
9.5 Girls Soccer	C. Durr	<a href="#">State Report 2/3/16</a>

## 10.0 GUEST REPORTS

10.1 NYSPHSAA  
*Unable to attend*

R. Zayas

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10.2 NYSAAA Report  
*Nothing to report*

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11.0 **SPORTS REPORTS**  
*Nothing to report*

12.0 **OLD BUSINESS**  
*Nothing to report*

13.0 **NEW BUSINESS**  
12.1 CCAA Seeding Proposal (P. Ksionszyk)

The following seeding proposal was submitted by P. Ksionszyk. Council representatives were asked to discuss this proposal with their leagues as it is a possible action item for approval at the May 18, 2016 Athletic Council meeting.

**Current System:**

	AA	A	B	C	D
AA	+5.0	+4.0	+3.0	+2.0	+1.0
A	+6.0	+5.0	+4.0	+3.0	+2.0
B	+7.0	+6.0	+5.0	+4.0	+3.0
C	+8.0	+7.0	+6.0	+5.0	+4.0
D	+9.0	+8.0	+7.0	+6.0	+5.0

**Proposed System:**

	AA	A	B	C	D
AA	+5.0	+4.5	+4.0	+3.5	+3.0
A	+5.5	+5.0	+4.5	+4.0	+3.5
B	+6.0	+5.5	+5.0	+4.5	+4.0
C	+6.5	+6.0	+5.5	+5.0	+4.5
D	+7.0	+6.5	+6.0	+5.5	+5.0

12.2 Unified Sports

The Section VI Unified Boys Basketball program began its first season this spring. The six teams piloting the program are Newfane, Starpoint, Akron, Frontier, Lockport, and Eden. A positive experience is anticipated with the expectation to continue the program in following years.

14.0 **GOOD OF THE ORDER/ADJOURNMENT**  
*Motion to adjourn*  
**CARRIED**  
*Graczyk/Reed*

Respectfully Submitted,



Beth Fadeley

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