



## **ATHLETIC COUNCIL**

**September 16th, 2015**

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- 3.1 **CARRIED** May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Section VI Athletic Council meeting minutes
- 4.1 **CARRIED** 2013-2018 Officials Contract
- 5.1 **CARRIED** Combining of schools applications, numbers 1 through 14
- 5.3 **CARRIED** Senior All Star contest application, number 1
- 5.4 **CARRIED** Outside agency contest applications, numbers 1 and 2
- 6.1.1 **CARRIED** Treasurer's report as presented
- 6.1.2 **CARRIED** Admission prices
- 6.2.2 **CARRIED** 10<sup>th</sup> game in the sport of football
- 6.4.1 **CARRIED** Modified Volleyball serving rotation with league approval
- 6.4.3 **CARRIED** Use of spikes for boys and girls cross country
- 6.6.c **CARRIED** Softball helmet requirement
- 6.13.1 **CARRIED** Kelly Frederickson (Ellicottville) as Alpine Skiing Chairman
- 6.13.2 **CARRIED** Joel Reed as Charter School Liaison
- 10.1 **CARRIED** Fall 2015 Sports Reports items – Girls Volleyball venues, Boys & Girls Soccer revised dates, Girls Swimming locations and times
- 10.2 **CARRIED** Spring 2015 Post Season Reports
- 10.3 **CARRIED** Winter 2015-2016 Pre-Season Sports Reports, excluding Indoor Track and Girls Basketball
- 12.1 **CARRIED** Section VI 2016-2017 meeting dates



# ATHLETIC COUNCIL REPRESENTATION

\* Indicates attendance:

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President	*Brett Banker
President-Elect	*Al Gens
Supt Rep/Past Pres.	*Mike Wendt
Principals Rep	*Jim Spanbauer
Boys Rep	*Jim Graczyk
Girls Rep	*Marisa Fallacaro
Executive Director	*Timm Slade
Treasurer	*Don Scholla
Past President	*Jeff Rabey

## COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Chem. Awareness	TBA	Safety	Fred Thornley
Extended Eligibility	Jerry Baldelli	Sect./Intersect.	*Timm Slade
Finance	*Steve Penhollow	Sportsmanship	*Jim Graczyk/ *Doug Ames
Modified (Boys)	Matt Librock	Transfer	*Timm Slade
Modified (Girls)	Katie McGowan	Veterans	Jim Trampert
Nominations	*Al Gens	Hall of Fame	*Jim Dunnigan
NYSAAA	*Brett Banker		
Policy Handbook	*Marisa Fallacaro		

## LEAGUE

## REPRESENTATIVE

## ALTERNATE

### **BUFFALO**

Superintendents Rep/AD	*Aubrey Lloyd, Emerson	TBA
Principals Rep	David Thomas Jr	TBA
Girls Rep	*Andrea Norton, City Honors	TBA
Boys Rep	TBA	TBA

### **CHAUTAUGUA CATTARAUGUS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (CCAA)**

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

### **ERIE COUNTY INTERSCHOLASTIC CONFERENCE (ECIC)**

Superintendents Rep	*Sandy Anzalone, Eden	TBA
Principals Rep	*Scott Taylor, Williamsville East	Mark Graff, Eden
Girls Rep	*Chris DeMarco, Sweet Home	Daryl Besant, Lake Shore
Boys Rep	*Greg Kaszubski, Clarence	Mark DiFilippo, Williamsville East

### **NIAGARA FRONTIER LEAGUE (NFL)**

Superintendents Rep	*Dr. 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

### **NIAGARA ORLEANS (NO)**

Superintendents Rep	*Jeff Evoy, Medina	Michael Bonnewell, Albion
Principals Rep	TBA	TBA
Girls Rep	*Joel Reed, Charter School for Applied	Randy Knaak, Albion
Boys Rep	*Doug Ames, Newfane	TBA

### **Superintendent Representation by BOCES**

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



# ATHLETIC COUNCIL MINUTES

Commenced: 11:42am

1.0 **CALL TO ORDER**

- 1.1 Pledge of allegiance

*B. Banker*

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2.0 **INTRODUCTIONS & AWARD PRESENTATIONS**

*B. Banker*

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- 2.1 Luncheon Sponsor – Trophys Trophys

- 2.2 NYSPHSAA School of Distinction Awards – Lancaster, Williamsville East, and Williamsville North

Lancaster: Dr. Michael Vallely, Superintendent, Mr. Cesar Marchioli, Principal, Brian Wild, Athletic Director, with student-athletes Steven Neumaier and Anna Donnelly

Williamsville East: Dr. Scott Martzloff, Superintendent, Chris Mucica, District Athletic Director, Scott Taylor, Principal, Mark DiFilippo, Athletic Director, with student-athletes Danila Casseri, and Brian Morreal

Williamsville North: Dr. Scott Martzloff, Superintendent, Chris Mucica, District Athletic Director, Gary Collichio, Principal, Steve Ferenczy, Athletic Director, with Athletes Nick Pilon and Kristen Koral

3.0 **MINUTES**

*B. Banker*

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- 3.1 ***Motion to approve the May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Section VI Athletic Council meeting minutes***

***CARRIED***

***Reed/Wendt***

4.0 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

*T. Slade*

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- 4.1 2013-2018 Officials Contract

Highlights of the contract include:

- 5 year agreement
- Emphasis was placed on modified level fees in the expectation to recruit and retain officials and to engage varsity rated officials to work modified assignments with the intention to avoid closed dates

***Motion to approve the 2013-2018 Officials Contract***

***CARRIED***

***Lawrence/Kaszubski***

Members of the Section's negotiation team were thanked for their service.

- 4.2 Section VI Principals' Representative

J. Spanbauer's term as principals' representative expires August 31, 2016. The position will be posted on the Section VI website.

#### 4.3 President Elect 2016-2018

B. Banker's term as president expires June 30, 2015. Al Gens, current President-Elect, will take office as president on July 1, 2015. The process for filling the president-elect position will begin immediately. Details pertaining to the position and candidate criteria are outlined in the Section VI Constitution.

#### 4.4 Homeschool Sport Participation

An act to amend the education law, in relation to prohibiting school districts from disallowing home-schooled students from participating in district interscholastic sports is under review by the NYS Assembly. It is anticipated, in the near future, this proposal will be approved. The NYSPHSAA opposes this proposal, which would require school districts to provide home-schooled students the opportunity to participate in all interscholastic sports. If the proposal were to pass, not only would the safeguard to ensure academic performance be eliminated, but students meeting the eligibility standard would be in jeopardy of being displaced by students not held to the same academic standard. Subsequently, the proposal could be interpreted to provide nonpublic and other private school students access to interscholastic athletic programs, thus further perpetuating the imbalance.

#### 4.5 Coaching Pathways

As of July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015, coaches in NYS may utilize the NFHS online coaching courses to complete the NYS coaching certification requirements. The NFHS's offering is less expensive and more convenient with a shorter time frame for completion. Please note, however, a prospective coach may not toggle between programs (NFHS, BOCES, SUNY Cortland, etc.); they must take all required courses within one program.

##### Discussion:

Coaching Pathways has been approved statewide, but concern was expressed regarding the NFHS program's generic format and its lack of focus on the structure of the NYSPHSAA and the Section. It was recommended that the Section look into establishing a committee to review these concerns.

#### 4.6 Awards Bid: Trophys Trophys

1 <sup>st</sup> place plaques	-	\$1,755.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> place plaques	-	\$1,392.00
Patches	-	<u>\$12,279.68</u>
		\$15,426.68

#### Transportation Bid: Covered Wagons

B&G Cross Country	-	\$8,330.00
Girls Swimming	-	\$3,060.00
Indoor Track	-	\$4,705.00
Track & Field	-	<u>\$9,630.00</u>
		\$25,725.00

#### Injury Management Bid:

UB/MD Orthopaedic & Sports Medicine - \$30,000.00 / Erie 1 BOCES

Injury management costs increased approximately \$9,000 from 2014-2015 to 2015-2016. T. Slade continues to research other options for coverage.

#### 4.7 Football Contact Limitations Reminder

The NYSPHSAA Executive Committee approved (May 2015) limiting contact in the sport of football beginning with the 2015 season. The newly adopted Football Contact Limitation states:

*"Contact in the sport of football for high school and modified football teams shall have no more than two "full-contact practices" per week during the season; with no "full-contact" session to exceed 90 minutes. "Full-contact means a practice where drills or live action is conducted that involves collisions at game speed, where players execute tackles and other activity that is typical of an actual tackle football game."*

#### 4.8 NYSPHSAA Insurance Increase

Section VI buys its insurance through the state association. A \$6,000.00 increase was incurred for the addition of regular season coverage.

4.9 Chemical Awareness Chairman

M. McKenna has stepped down from the Section VI Chemical Awareness Chairman position as he is no longer athletic director at Lackawanna City Schools. Section VI is currently seeking to fill this position.

4.10 Cross Country Litigation

T. Slade was deposed on August 28, 2015 regarding the passing of the Section XI student-athlete (2012 Cross Country State Championship held at Elma Meadows). The committee will be updated as more information becomes available.

The NYSPHSAA does not require providing an ambulance on championship practice days.

A request was made and approved, due to the amount of spectators expected, to have an ambulance on site during the Section VI Cross Country Championships (Sunshine Park, West Seneca). T. Slade to inquire with the Section's attorney regarding the possibility of this service.

4.11 Hall of Fame Golf Tournament

A Section VI Hall of Fame Golf Tournament is tentatively planned for June 27, 2016 at Holland Hills. Half of the revenue generated from this event will be allocated to cover the costs of the annual hall of fame induction ceremony. The other half will be donated to charity. The charitable organization will be decided on annually.

4.12 Approved (Aug. 2015) Change in Football Alignment – Eden, North Collins w/LakeShore

Reminder - Eden and North Collins combined with Lake Shore in the sport of Football (Approved August 2015)

4.13 March 2016 Athletic Council Meeting Date

The March 23, 2016 athletic council meeting is scheduled during spring break. Once a meeting room is secured, T. Slade will inform the committee of the re-scheduled date.

4.14 NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Penalties

The NYSPHSAA Central Committee approved (July 2015) to add the following language to Sportsmanship Standard #27 in the NYSPHSAA Handbook under both coach and player:

*"#4. The Section Athletic Council will have the authority to extend the period of ineligibility in those cases where the actions of the individual that was disqualified from a contest or scrimmage are warranted. The period of ineligibility cannot exceed one year from the date of the disqualification."*

The Section VI Executive Committee recommended continuing the current practice of school district prerogative with follow-up by the Executive Director. No issues or concerns were presented by the athletic council.

4.15 Cheerleading Co-Sponsor Fee

With the approval of Cheerleading as a sport, outside organization's events must abide by outside agency rules and regulations.

The Section VI Finance Committee recommended instituting a fee for the use of Section VI as co-sponsor when the organization involved is unable to obtain a school district as co-sponsor. In addition, the committee recommended allocating Section VI co-sponsor fees towards Buffalo State's facilities usage costs pertaining to the Section VI Cheerleading championships.

No issues or concerns were presented by the athletic council.

\*M. Ziegler, Section VI Cheerleading Chair, will be the responsible party to oversee confirmed Section VI co-sponsored events.

#### 4.16 Athletic Trainers/Staff Development/Payment of Officials/BOCES

##### Athletic Trainers

Section VI is investigating a potential co-ser, via BOCES, where athletic trainers will be 11 month employees of and be paid by Erie 1 BOCES and Erie 2 BOCES. The council will be updated as more information becomes available.

##### Staff Development

Initiated by a request from the NFL League, staff development for coaches/athletic directors will be provided by Section VI via Erie 1 BOCES. The council will be updated as more information becomes available.

##### Payment of Officials

Section VI will be speaking with the officials' organizations regarding payment of officials' services, through Erie 1 BOCES, for those districts who request it. The committee will be updated as more information becomes available.

#### 5.0 COMMUNICATIONS

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##### 5.1 **Motion to approve combining of schools applications, numbers 1 through 14**

1. 2015-16 Silver Creek with Forestville, Boys & Girls Track & Field, 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> & Varsity (pending signatures)
2. 2015-16 Heim, Mill, Transit with Casey Middle Schools Boys & Girls Swim, Modified (pending signatures)
3. 2015-16 Brocton with Westfield, Boys & Girls Bowling, Varsity
4. 2015-16 West Valley with Ellicottville, Wrestling, V, 7/8<sup>th</sup>
5. 2015-16 West Valley with Ellicottville, Boys Basketball, Varsity
6. 2015-16 West Valley with Ellicottville, Girls Basketball, Varsity
7. 2015-16 Cassadaga, Frewsburg with Southwestern, Boys Swim, Varsity (pending paperwork)
8. 2015-16 Cassadaga with Falconer, Wrestling (pending paperwork)
9. 2015-16 Cassadaga with Falconer, Boys & Girls Track (pending paperwork)
10. 2015-16 West Valley (added at the mtg.), Olean with Ellicottville, Alpine Skiing (pending paperwork)
11. 2015-16 Pine Valley with Forestville, Boys Golf (pending paperwork)
12. 2015-16 West Valley with Ellicottville, Softball, Varsity (pending paperwork)
13. 2015-16 West Valley with Ellicottville, Baseball, Varsity (pending paperwork)
14. 2015-16 Lyndonville with Medina, Boys & Girls Track, 7/8/9 & Varsity (pending paperwork)

**CARRIED**

**Wendt/Rabey**

##### 5.2 Combining of Schools Ad Hoc Committee

*J. Rabey*

###### 5.2.1 Report

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The following recommendations were presented:

- Move the Ad Hoc Committee to a Standing Committee and then be required to meet at the end of each season, in order to review data pertaining to the combining of sports across the Section and make any necessary recommendations to the Athletic Council, in order to improve the process.
- Utilize the following factors when making decisions on combined teams and determining the level of "Dominance":
  - Won a sectional championship
  - High placement at sectionals
  - Request by schools/leagues/sport chair
  - Transfers
  - Determine where teams are appropriately competitive
  - Returning players
  - Schedule
  - Program history
- Ensure that the annual application process is understood by all of the athletic directors.
- Consider having a maximum number of schools combining for a sport, perhaps **four (4)**, however also provide for an appeal process under unusual circumstances, in order to go above four (4) schools.
- The Section should reserve the right to move combined schools to a higher classification, with the opportunity of the host school to appeal to the Section VI Athletic Council's Executive Committee.

- Make it mandatory that the Section receive a copy of the combined team's roster with affiliated school; schedule along with a win/loss record, including the scores of each contest. This data is imperative in determining future performance and will influence future approval/denial and/or placement.
- Make it mandatory that the sports chair submit a final report for each combined team, highlighting the success of the season (using the criteria found above) and if the sports chair would recommend a continuation of the combined team for the subsequent season. This report will be submitted to the sectional / intersectional committee, then forwarded to the athletic council. If a host school wishes to appeal the recommendation for the subsequent season, they may appeal to the Section VI Athletic Council's Executive Committee.

\*The host school is not necessarily the school with the largest BEDS number.

***Motion to accept the recommendations as set forth by the Combining of Schools Ad Hoc Committee***

**CARRIED**

**Fallacaro/Wendt**

M. Ward (Ellicottville), CA BOCES Superintendents' Representative, will generate and submit to T. Slade a position paper on the improper application of the Transfer Rule regarding student-athletes who wish to transfer to another district when their current district forgoes its athletic program. In addition, the position paper will reference the inaccuracy in classifying a team as combined, when one of the schools does not offer the respective athletic program involved. The Section office will then email the position paper to the athletic council requesting support in order for Section representatives, J. Graczyk and M. Fallacaro, to present at the October 2015 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting.

**5.3 *Motion to approve Senior All Star Contest application, number 1***

1. Boys & Girls Soccer, Chautauqua County All-Star Games 11/15/2015 Jamestown High School

**CARRIED**

**Ksionsyk/Ginestre**

**5.4 *Motion to approve outside agency contest applications, numbers 1 and 2***

1. Cheerleading, Cheer for a Cure, 2/6/16, Niagara Falls Conference Center, co-sponsored by Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (pending insurance) & Section VI
2. Cheerleading, WNY Outlaws Showdown, 10/18/15, at Niagara Wheatfield, co-sponsored by WNY Outlaw All Stars (pending insurance)

**CARRIED**

**Ward/Ames**

**6.0 STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**6.1 Finance Committee**

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**6.1.1 Treasurer's Report**

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

**CARRIED**

**Reed/Stoltman**

**6.1.2 Section VI Post Season Admission Prices**

Rather than approving admissions prices every year, it is recommended that the admission prices remain as is until the Section VI Finance Committee brings forth a recommendation for change.

***Motion to approve the Section VI post season admission prices, as is, indefinitely***

**CARRIED**

**Ksionsyk/DeKay**

## 6.2 Sectional/Intersectional

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### 6.2.1 Section VI Sports Season Calendar 2016-2017

Generating an annual Section VI Sports Season Calendar became no longer necessary with the adoption of NYSPHSAA's 7 year calendar. However, because it is a useful resource, its annual distribution will continue at the request of the sectional/intersectional committee.

### 6.2.2 Football – 10<sup>th</sup> Game

The NYSPHSAA Central Committee approved (July 2015) to accept the following handbook language change pertaining to the number of games a team can play when involved in the sectional tournament.

*“Rule 39 Football: With Section approval, a contestant (or team) may participate in no more than 10 interschool football contests, inclusive of sectional championships.”*

***Motion to approve a 10<sup>th</sup> game in the sport of football***

***CARRIED***

***Roth/Ginestre***

### 6.2.3 Girls Volleyball sites at Pioneer

The Girls Volleyball 2015 state championship date is scheduled during the winter season, which caused the Section to experience a difficult time confirming a host school for sectional finals. Pioneer was confirmed to host at no cost. Daemen College was an option, but confirmation was needed due to time frame constraints.

## 6.3 Safety

*Nothing to report*

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## 6.4 Modified Report

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### 6.4.1 Boys & Girls Modified Volleyball Serving Rotation

The NYSPHSAA Executive Committee approved (May 2015), with section/league approval, for the Boys and Girls Modified Volleyball rotation to be adjusted so that when a modified athlete successfully serves five (5) serves that are not returned, that team rotates to its next server.

***Motion to approve the Modified Volleyball serving rotation proposal with league approval***

***CARRIED***

***Ksionzyk/Stoltman***

### 6.4.2 Modified Wrestling Contests

The following items were approved (May 2015) by the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee:

- Wrestling Game Condition #2 shall be changed as follows: “No contestant (or team) can accumulate more than 10 points out of the maximum 14 points allowed via 2 point contests.”
- Wrestling Game Condition #1 to be changed as follows: “A contestant (or team) may participate in competitions not to exceed 14 points during the season.”

### 6.4.3 Boys & Girls Modified Cross Country

***Motion to approve the use of spikes for boys and girls modified cross country***

***CARRIED***

***Ksionzyk/Reed***



#### 6.4.4 Modified Soccer Jerseys

The following item was approved (May 2015) by the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee:

- The NFHS regulation stating that the boys and girls soccer goalie uniform jersey be numbered shall be waived at the modified level for two years (2015-2016 and 2016-2017).

#### 6.4.5 Modified B/G Basketball – 3 Point Shot

The 3 point shot is a current discussion item at the state level. A survey to collect modified basketball coach's opinions will be distributed statewide.

#### 6.4.6 Modified Football – Injury Survey Report

Representatives were asked to remind participating member schools within their respective leagues to submit their injury survey reports to the Modified Chairpersons, K. McGowan and M. Librock.

### 6.5 Policy

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*Nothing to report*

### 6.6 State Executive Committee/Central Committee

#### a) Superintendent

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*Nothing to report*

#### b) Principal

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*Nothing to report*

#### c) Boys Rep./Girls Rep.

*J. Graczyk/M. Fallacaro*

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- Transfer Rule – 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students  
The NYSPHSAA Central Committee approved (July 2015) that APP 7th and 8th graders will be subject to the Transfer Rule, effective 2017-2018.
- Transgender Guidelines  
The NYSPHSAA Central Committee approved (July 2015) to adopt the Transgender Guidelines. Considering the complex nature of this item, the Section VI Executive Committee recommended for member schools to consult with their attorney when dealing with gender identity, etc. situations.
- Baseball – base coaches helmet  
The NYSPHSAA Central Committee approved (July 2015), starting with the 2016 season, all adult base coaches in Baseball be required to wear a hard shell protective helmet while on the first and third baselines during the game. (Note: There is no requirement established pertaining to the specifications on the type of helmet required.)
- Softball – base coaches helmet  
Beginning with the 2016 season, the requirement of all adult base Softball coaches to wear a hard shell protective helmet while on the first and third baselines during the game will be an action item at the October 2015 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting.

***Motion to direct J. Graczyk and M. Fallacaro to support the Softball helmet requirement***

***CARRIED***

***Reed/Ames***

In addition, Section representatives, J. Graczyk and M. Fallacaro, were directed to propose the requirement of the 3<sup>rd</sup> baseman to wear the safety mask to the NYSPHSAA Safety Committee at the October 2015 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting.

- **Private/Parochial Schools 1.5 Enrollment Figure Multiplier**  
Section VII submitted a proposal requesting a 1.5 multiplier regarding the classification of non-public schools. The intention is to place non-public schools in the division(s) appropriate for their level of competition. This will be a discussion item at the October 2015 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting.
- **Boys Volleyball Two-Libero System**  
The NYSPHSAA Central Committee approved (July 2015) the Section VI Boys Volleyball experiment of the Two Libero System for the 2015 season (Section VI only).
- **Football Practices**  
The NYSPHSAA Central Committee approved (July 2015) to reduce the minimum number of Football practices for an individual from 11 to 10 (scrimmage) and 15 to 14 (contest).
- **Spring Starting Date**  
The spring 2016 start date is March 7. The NYSPHSAA Central Committee defeated (July 2015) Section VI's motion to request a waiver of the standard calendar of weeks to allow spring sports to start March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016. The March 7 start date and the Easter break will mostly affect Baseball and Softball teams traveling during this time. The time frame will not provide enough dates for the required number of practices to occur, thus causing teams to change scheduled games to scrimmages.

The council directed The Section, including signatures from T. Slade, M. Wendt, J. Rabey, and the softball and baseball chairmen, to generate a letter to submit to the state giving rationale as to why a change to the 2016 spring starting date is being requested.

- **Girls Volleyball Libero Uniform Waiver**  
The NYSPHSAA Central Committee (July 2015) approved to extend the Girls Volleyball libero uniform waiver through the 2018 Girls Volleyball season.
- **Proposed Football Classification Numbers**  
Originally, the NYSPHSAA Central Committee approved (July 2015) to re-evaluate and bring back to the October 2015 meeting to change the current classification cut-off numbers to the proposed classification cut-off numbers as depicted below.

**Current Numbers**

Class AA	930 and up	84 schools – 19.60%
Class A	570 to 929	89 schools – 20.70%
Class B	365 to 569	90 schools – 21%
Class C	240 to 264	95 schools – 22.10%
Class D	239 and below	70 schools – 16.30%

**Proposed Numbers**

Class AA	930 and up	84 schools – 19.60%
Class A	570 to 929	89 schools – 20.70%
Class B	365 to 569	90 schools – 21%
Class C	250 to 364	86 schools – 20.09%
Class D	249 and below	79 schools – 18.46%

However, this past week, the NYSPHSAA Football Committee unanimously agreed to pursue a 6<sup>th</sup> classification system to be implemented in the 2016-2017 school year.

The current method of trying to balance the total number of schools playing a sport and dividing those schools by an arbitrary% (20% for the 5 Class system) has been problematic for schools competing at the

low (Class D) end and the upper (Class AA) end, because of the great difference in the number of students schools have to draw from.

With a proposed six classification system these issues can be addressed and, in most classes reduce the student population differential in the other classes. This will help to achieve several goals:

- Potential player safety
- Increase participation
- Positive Perception of the game and NYSPHSAA
- Addresses the concerns of member schools and constituents

CLASS AAA-		School Population	#of Teams	
	Currently	0	0	
				{not including Privates)
	Proposed	1100+	47	Proposed Differential1480
AA	Currently	930+	84	Current Differential1650
	Proposed	740-1099	79	Same# Differential as Current Class A (360)
A	Currently	570-929	89	Current Differential 359
	Proposed	455-739	78	Proposed Differential 283
B	Currently	365-569	90	Current Differential 204
	Proposed	340-454	77	Proposed Differential114
C	Currently	240-364	95	Current Differential124
	Proposed	225-339	84	Proposed Differential114
D	Currently	0 - 239	70	Current Differential139
	Proposed	0-224	66	Proposed Differential134
				(Smallest school currently playing is Roscoe w/ 90 students)

K. Stoldt, Section VI Football Chairman, is in support of the 6 classification proposal, but has yet to review the proposal with the football committee.

T. Nelson informed the council that only discussion regarding this item is anticipated for the October 2015 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting with a vote to follow in January. Therefore, council representatives were directed to review the 6 classification proposal with their respective leagues and be prepared to give direction to Section representatives, J. Graczyk and M. Fallacaro, at the November 2015 Section VI Athletic Council meeting.

M. Ward presented concern regarding the proposal's classifications, school population ranges.

- **Football Uniform Waiver**  
The NYSPHSAA Central Committee approved (July 2015) to waive the NFHS rule that requires all football officials to wear Northwestern stocking when wearing shorts and to waive the NFHS rule that requires football officials to wear all black shoes.
  
- **State Cheerleading Championship format**  
The NYSPHSAA Central Committee approved (July 2015) for the NYSPHSAA Competitive Cheerleading Championship to have a preliminary round in the morning and finals in the afternoon. Note: All divisions/classes will compete in the morning and the top five teams in each division/class will compete in the finals.  
  
\*Competitive teams must participate in 2 competitions before they may participate in sectionals.
  
- **Girls Swimming & Diving**  
The NYSPHSAA Central Committee approved (July 2015) the 2015-2016 Girls Swimming & Diving State Qualifying Standards.
  
- **2016 NYSPHSAA Bowling Championships**  
The NYSPHSAA Central Committee approved (July 2015) Airport Lanes in Cheektowaga, NY as the site for the 2016 Boys and Girls Bowling Championships.
  
- **NFHS Unified Sports Coaching Course**  
The NYSPHSAA Central Committee defeated (July 2015) a motion to require all coaches of any NYSPHSAA Unified Sports Program to take the NFHS Unified Sports Online Coaching Course.

d) NYSPHSAA Ad Hoc Committee

- Cheerleading

*Nothing to report*

*M. Ziegler*  
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6.7 Extended Eligibility

*Nothing to Report*

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6.8 Chemical Awareness

*Nothing to report*

*TBA*

6.9 Transfer/Foreign Student

*Reports were e-mailed*

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6.10 Sportsmanship

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6.10.1 Section VI Recognition Dinner

The 2015 Recognition Dinner was held August 26<sup>th</sup> at The Columns Banquets in Elma, NY. The ceremony was very well attended. This was the first year recognition of a male coach and female coach from each league/division was included.

6.11 Veterans

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6.11.1 Section VI Veterans Dinner

The Section VI Veterans Dinner was held Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. T. Slade to meet with J. Trampert, Veterans Chairman, to review the policy used in the determination of veteran status. The intention of this is to expand the veterans pool and include deserving individuals who otherwise would not be permitted to participate.

6.12 Mixed Competition

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6.12.1 Mixed Competition Guidelines

Mixed competition guidelines were updated with the new Athletic Placement Process (APP). The APP is to be used as a guideline, not as a determination of whether a male may participate on a female team. The 50<sup>th</sup> percentile, not the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile, is to be used for the APP test.

6.13 Nominations

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6.13.1 **Motion to approve Kelly Frederickson (Ellicottville) as Alpine Skiing Chairman**

**CARRIED**  
**Ames/Ksionszyk**

6.13.2 **Motion to approve Joel Reed as Charter School Liaison**

**CARRIED**  
**Ames/Ksionszyk**

6.14 Corporate Partners

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*Nothing to report*

6.15 Hall of Fame

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6.15.1 2015 Inductees Announcement

The following individuals have been selected for the Section VI Hall of Fame, Class of 2015:

Martha Altmire	Coach	Olean High School
Robert Dinse	Athletic Director	Wilson Central Schools
Ilio DiPaolo Family	Contributors	Section VI Wrestling / Awards Ceremonies
Louis Foy	Athletic Director	Salamanca Central Schools
Chuck Funke	Athletic Director	Iroquois Central Schools
Gerry Gentner	Coach	Williamsville South High School
Brian Hull	Athlete	Southwestern High School
Paul Hutzler	Contributor	Section VI Statistician / Historian
Walt Stefani	Coach	Orchard Park High School
Jim Walker	Athletic Director	Lewiston Porter Central Schools

The ceremony will be held Friday, December 4, 2015 at The Columns Banquets located in Elma, NY. The committee is scheduled to meet October 21, 2015 to evaluate the candidate selection process and review candidates for the NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame.

## 7.0 SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

*Nothing to report*

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7.2 Charter Schools

*Nothing to report*

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## 8.0 STATE and SECTION SPORT COMMITTEE REPORTS

8.1 Girls Volleyball D. Schrufer State Meeting Minutes 6/18/15

8.2 B/G Cross Country K. Hans & N. Bennett State Meeting Minutes 8/13/15

8.3 Boys Lacrosse

The NYSPHSAA Boys Lacrosse Committee submitted a proposal (this week) requesting the Boys Lacrosse 2016 State Championship date be moved back one week (citing safety concerns). This proposal is an action item at the October 2015 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting. Section VI representatives, J. Graczyk and M. Fallacaro, will be given direction on how to vote at the following athletic council meeting.

***Motion to direct Section representatives, M. Fallacaro and J. Graczyk, to support the Boys Lacrosse proposal only if the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee will reverse the decision regarding Section VI's request to move the spring 2016 start date to March 1.***

***CARRIED***

***Anzalone/Ksionszyk***

*\*During discussion, T. Nelson informed the council that Girls Lacrosse also made a request, to the state office, to change their championship date.*

## 9.0 GUEST REPORTS

9.1 NYSPHSAA

T. Nelson

9.1.2 Bidding Process

- Indoor Track & Field
  - Received 3 bids, intent to recommend Ocean Breeze for 16-17 and two years thereafter
  - Cornell elected not to bid.
- Girls Golf
  - Only received 1 bid, intent to recommend Bethpage Black, Long Island for 15-16 unless significant concerns are presented
- Boys Basketball
  - The NYSPHSAA Boys Basketball Committee is scheduled to meet September 25 to receive and review bids from Glens Falls, Times Union Center, and Binghamton Arena
- Girls Basketball
  - Only 1 bid received, intent to recommend Hudson Valley Community College unless significant concerns are presented

9.2 NYSAAA Report

*Nothing to report*

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## 10.0 SPORTS REPORTS

### 10.1 Fall 2015 Sports Reports Items

***Motion to approve the Fall 2015 Sports Reports items – Girls Volleyball venues, Boys & Girls Soccer revised dates, Girls Swimming locations and times***

**CARRIED**

***Graczyk/Townsend***

### 10.2 Spring 2015 Post Season Reports

***Motion to approve of Spring 2015 post season reports***

***Ginestre/Townsend***

**CARRIED**

### 10.3 Winter 2015-2016 Pre-Season Reports

With a vote of 5-0, the Girls Basketball committee voted to not split the A and C classes for the 2015-2016 season. Their decision was based on the numbers in those classes and the competitiveness that is seen across A1, A2 and C1, C2. In the past, there have been issues with the competitive balance of the classes resulting from the teams that opt out. The committee's goal is to send the best representatives to the playoffs.

- T. Slade expressed concern especially with not splitting the C class. The C1 championship and C2 championship are significant events in the southern tier.
- According to the Section VI Policy Manual, eighteen schools are required to subdivide a class.

***Motion to approve the Winter 2015-2016 Pre-Season Sports Reports, excluding Indoor Track & Girls Basketball***

***Ward/Adam***

**CARRIED**

The athletic council directed that the Girls Basketball Committee be contacted to revise the 15-16 pre-season report (including the splitting of Classes A and C).

## 11.0 OLD BUSINESS

*Nothing to report*

## 12.0 NEW BUSINESS

### 12.1 Section VI 2016-17 Meeting Dates

- Sectional/Intersectional (Thurs. 9am Teleconference): Sept. 8, Oct. 27, Jan. 5, Feb. 23, Apr. 20
- Finance (Thurs.12pm Teleconference): Sept. 8, Oct. 27 (@ Section VI), Jan. 5, Feb. 23, Apr. 20
- Athletic Council (Wed): Sept. 14, Nov. 16, Jan. 18, Mar. 22, May 17
- Executive Committee (Wed.): Above dates plus (Teleconference) Oct. 12, December 14, Feb. 8, Apr. 12, June 14

***Motion to approve the proposed Section VI 2016-2017 meeting dates***

**CARRIED**

***Reed/Adam***

### 12.2 Section VI Website

In keeping with current web publishing practices, the Section recently launched a responsive web design (RWD). The RWD provides an optimal viewing experience—easy reading and navigation with a minimum of resizing, panning, and scrolling—across a wide range of devices (from desktop computer monitors to mobile devices).

In addition, the Section intends to use its website's Broadcast Alert feature, which will allow for mass communication, emergency messages to be sent via mobile texts, twitter, and email. Instructions to register will be emailed in the near future.

13.0 **GOOD OF THE ORDER/ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion to adjourn*

**CARRIED**

*DeMarco/Reed*

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Beth Fadeley