



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

September 16th, 2015

Highlights

- 3.1 **CARRIED** June 17th, 2015 Section VI Executive Committee meeting minutes



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Commenced: 9:45am

**Indicates Present*

Executive Committee

- *B. Banker, President
- *A. Gens, President-Elect
- *M. Wendt, Superintendents' Representative
- *J. Spanbauer, Principals' Representative
- *J. Graczyk, Boys Representative
- *M. Fallacaro, Girls Representative
- *J. Rabey, Past President
- *T. Slade, Executive Director
- *D. Scholla, Treasurer

1.0 MINUTES

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- 3.1 **Motion to approve the June 17th, 2015 Section VI Executive Committee meeting minutes**
CARRIED
Rabey/Wendt

4.0 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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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

Approval of the 2013-2018 officials' contract will be requested at the following athletic council meeting.

- 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. T. Slade recommended beginning the process of filling the president-elect position.
- 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 1st, 2015, coaches in NYS may utilize the NFHS online coaching courses to complete the NYS coaching certification requirements. 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.

4.6 Awards Bid: Trophys Trophys

1 st place plaques	-	\$1,755.00
2 nd 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 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.

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 2015 Football Alignment Change

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. T. Slade to contact the committee with a new 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 agreed to continue the current practice of school district prerogative with follow-up by the Executive Director.

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 recommends 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 recommends allocating Section VI co-sponsor fees towards Buffalo State's facilities usage costs pertaining to the Section VI Cheerleading championships.

*M. Ziegler, 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 committee 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 committee 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 Combining of Schools Applications

1. 2015-16 Silver Creek with Forestville, Boys & Girls Track & Field, 7th/8th/9th & 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, 7/8th
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 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)

Approval of combining of schools applications will be requested at the following athletic council meeting.

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 (largest 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 (largest school) wishes to appeal the recommendation for the subsequent season, they may appeal to the Section VI Athletic Council's Executive Committee.

Approval of the combining of schools ad hoc committee's recommendations will be requested at the following athletic council meeting.

5.3 Senior All Star Contest Applications

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

Approval of Senior All Star contest applications will be requested at the following athletic council meeting.

5.4 Outside Agency Contest Applications

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)

Approval of outside agency contest applications will be requested at the following athletic council meeting.

6.0 STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1 Finance Committee

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6.1.1 Treasurer's Report

No issues or concerns were presented.

6.1.2 Admission Prices

Approval of the Section VI post season admissions with no expire date and adjustments only brought forth by a recommendation from the Section VI Finance Committee will be requested at the following athletic council meeting.

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 - 10th 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."

Approval of a 10th game in the sport of football, to begin with the 2015 season, will be requested at the following athletic council meeting.

6.2.3 Girls Volleyball Sites

Pioneer was confirmed to host the Girls Volleyball sectional finals at no cost. Daemen College was an option, but confirmation was needed due to time frame constraints.

6.4 Modified Report

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6.4.1 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.

Approval of the modified volleyball serving rotation will be requested at the following athletic council meeting.

6.4.2 Wrestling Contests

No discussion

6.4.3 Modified Boys and Girls Cross Country – Spikes

Approval of the use of spikes in Modified Boys and Girls Cross Country will be requested at the following athletic council meeting.

6.4.4 Modified Soccer Jerseys

No discussion

6.4.5 Modified B/G Basketball – 3 Point Shot

The 3 point shot is a current discussion item at the state level.

6.4.6 Modified Football – Injury Survey Report
No discussion

6.6 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.

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- **Transfer Rule – 7th & 8th 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 executive committee recommends for member schools to consult with their attorney when dealing with gender identity, et al., 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 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 baseline during the game will be an action item at the October 2015 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting. Section VI representatives, J. Graczyk and M. Fallacaro, will be directed how to vote on this item at the following athletic council meeting.
- **Private/Parochial Schools Enrollment 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 1st, 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 NYSPHSAA Boys Lacrosse Committee submitted a proposal (this week) requesting the Boys Lacrosse State Championship date be moved back one week. This 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.

- 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.
- Football Classification Numbers Proposals
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 6th 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

Discussion regarding Section VI's stance on this item will take place at the following athletic council meeting.

- 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.

*Member schools' competitive teams must participate in 2 competitions before they may participate in sectionals.
- Girls Swimming & Diving State Qualifying Standards
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.

6.9 Transfer/Foreign Student

Reports were e-mailed

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6.10 Sportsmanship

6.10.1 Section VI Recognition Dinner

The 2015 Recognition Dinner was held August 26th 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.

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6.11 Veterans

6.11.1 Section VI Veterans Dinner

The Section VI Veterans Dinner was held Thursday, September 10th. 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.

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6.12 Mixed Competition

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 50th percentile, not the 85th percentile, is to be used for the APP test.

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6.13 Nominations

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6.13.1 Alpine Skiing Chairman

Approval of Kelly Frederickson (Ellicottville) as Section VI Alpine Skiing Chairman will be requested at the following athletic council meeting.

6.13.2 Charter School Liaison

Approval of Joel Reed (CSAT) as Section VI Charter School Liaison will be requested at the following athletic council meeting.

6.15 Hall of Fame

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6.15.1 2015 Inductees Announcement

J. Dunnigan, Hall of Fame Chairman, is scheduled to announce the 2015 candidates at the following athletic council meeting.

9.0 **GUEST REPORTS**

9.1 NYSPHSAA

Nothing to report

9.2 NYSAAA Report

Nothing to report

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10.0 **SPORTS REPORTS**

10.1 Fall 2015 Sports Reports Items

Approval of the fall 2015 sports reports items – Girls Volleyball venues, Boys & Girls Soccer revised dates, Girls Swimming locations and times will be requested at the following athletic council meeting.

The following concern was presented regarding Girls Soccer:

C. Durr, Girls Soccer Chairman, is seeking Niagara University as a venue. If Niagara University proves cost ineffective as anticipated, Amherst High School is confirmed to host.

10.2 Spring 2015 Post Season Reports

Approval of the spring 2015 post season reports will be requested at the following athletic council meeting.

10.3 Winter 2015-2016 Pre-Season Reports (excluding Indoor Track)

Approval of the winter 2015-2016 pre-season reports will be requested at the following athletic council meeting.

The following concern was presented regarding Girls Basketball:

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.

These concerns will be presented and addressed at the following athletic council meeting.

11.0 **OLD BUSINESS**

Nothing to report.

12.0 **NEW BUSINESS**

12.1 Approval of the Section VI 2016-17 meeting dates (listed below) will be requested at the following athletic council meeting.

- 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 17th
- Executive Committee (Wed.): Above dates plus (Teleconference) Oct. 12th, December 14th, Feb. 8th, Apr. 12th, June 14th

12.2 Transfer Student

T. Slade notified the committee of a student-athlete's (from a Section VI member school) possible violation of the transfer rule. T. Slade will update the committee as more information becomes available.

13.0 **GOOD OF THE ORDER/ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn

CARRIED

Gens/Fallacaro

Respectfully Submitted,



Beth Fadeley