

**SECTIONAL/ INTERSECTIONAL COMMITTEE
January 13th, 2014 REPORT
Chairperson: Timm Slade**

Action Items for the Athletic Council

- 4.1 Approve the Spring 2014 Softball Pre-Season Report
- 4.2 Approve Section Starting Dates for Winter & Spring 2014-2015
- 4.3 Approve the 2013 Fall Post Season Reports with the following recommendations:
 - Recommendation for the higher seed to host the boys' volleyball semi-finals moving forward.
 - Recommendation to not support no longer splitting classes in girls volleyball.
 - Recommendation to only require coaches to enter win/loss records and officials' ratings on the sports' websites and encourage entering individual stats.
- 4.4 Approve the seeding policy terminology change from "league" games to "league/division" games

SECTIONAL/INTERSECTIONAL COMMITTEE MINUTES January 15th, 2014

Attendance (* indicates present)

T. Slade* (Chairman), A. Lloyd (Buffalo), B. Drake (CCAA), J. Graczyk* (ECIC), P. Burke (NFL), D. Carson* (NO), C. Bullis* (Girls Rep.), D. Scholla* (Boys Rep.)

1.0 **Sports Concerns:**

1.1 WNYSO Contract / Fact Finding Update

Fact Finding is scheduled for March 28th, 2014 in Albany. T. Slade along with another yet to be selected Section VI representative and 2 representatives from the WNYSOs team will be in attendance.

T. Slade to notify Section VI athletic directors of a 0% officials' fees increase in all sports for 2013-2014.

2.0 **Section Concerns:**

2.1 **Football Scheduling / Combining of School Dates 2014**

The proposed 2014 football schedule will be created in mid-February. Flexibility was given to the scheduling process as a number of possible combining of schools will not be decided until board of education meetings are held. This primarily affects the C & D class schools.

The football chairman is aware that draft schedules should be NOT be distributed.

2.2 **Wrestling Venue Update**

Niagara County Community College (NCCC) will host the 2013-2014 wrestling sectional championships. Large schools are scheduled to compete Friday, February 14th, 2014 during the day. Small schools are scheduled to compete Saturday, February 15th, 2014.

3.0 **NYSPPHSAA Concerns:**

3.1 **Protest Procedures**

An incident recently occurred where officials did not follow proper overtime rules during a CCAA girls basketball game. R. Zayas informed T. Slade that NCAA rules do not allow for protests; however, a league may file a protest if it is allowed within their by-laws. T. Slade requested that recourse for officials' misapplication of sports rules be placed as an agenda item for the next NYSPPHSAA meeting.

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

4.1 **2014 Softball Pre-Season Report**

There will no longer be a flipping of the coin unless there is a crossover contest.

4.2 **Section Starting Dates 2014-2015 (Winter & Spring)**

Concern was expressed at the last athletic council meeting regarding the early start dates that were initially proposed for winter and spring 2014-2015. Representatives were asked to discuss with their leagues moving the dates one week later.

4.3 **Fall 2013 Post Season Reports**

Boys Volleyball – Through an evaluation of the playoff season, higher seeds hosting the semi-finals proved to be successful.

Recommendation for the higher seed to host the boys' volleyball semi-finals moving forward.

Concerns:

- All WNY selection process - It was determined that the Section should not address the issue as it is not a Section team.
- The type of information that should be reported on a Section document was reviewed.

T. Slade to meet with the boys volleyball chairman to address concerns.

Girls Volleyball-

Concerns:

- The use of lines people was reported as inconsistent during play-offs. Lines people should be used in both boys and girls volleyball during all play-off contests.
- A request was made to no longer split classes. However, the constitution gives the splitting of classes as an option.

Recommendation to not support no longer splitting classes in girls volleyball.

Boys & Girls Soccer-

Concerns:

- Past issues necessitate coordination of the boys and girls soccer schedules from the 1st round of playoffs on. It was requested that the chairmen create the schedules minimizing as many conflicts as possible.
- It is the responsibility of the host school to provide a field for a scheduled play-off contest. Contests should not be rescheduled unless there is a weather related emergency. T. Slade to contact the chairmen regarding this issue.
- T. Slade to contact the boys' soccer chairman for clarification on the wording pertaining to how Section VI rates in cards compared to other sections.
- Concern was expressed regarding the requirement for coaches to enter individual stats on sports' websites. The committee feels that requiring the win/loss record and officials' ratings are sufficient pertaining to instituting consequences, and entering individual statistics should only be encouraged.

Recommendation to only require coaches to enter win/loss records and officials' ratings on the sports' websites and encourage entering individual stats.

4.4 Seeding policy terminology change from "league" games to "league/division" games

There is a need to differentiate between league and division contests as some coaches within the ECIC, Buffalo, and CCAA leagues are counting non-division contests in the seeding process.

The CCAA league will be making a presentation to the athletic council in the near future regarding powerpoints.

4.5 NCAA 30 second shot clock rule change to 35 seconds, Girls Basketball

This action item is dependent on the outcome of 4.6.

4.6 Consider all NYSPHSAA sports to use NFHS rules

Section VI chairman have reported that they are in favor of staying with the currently used rules.

5.0 Old Business:

5.1 Section VI Wall of Fame Update

B. Banker and J. Dunnigan are reviewing the current Section VI individuals who are NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame members as a possible first class for the Section VI Hall of Fame.

5.2 Section VI Winter Sports Chairpersons Positions Update

Winter sport chair applications are due March 14th, 2014. Approximately 50% of the incumbents have submitted their application to the Section office.

5.3 Section VI Boys Rep., NYSPHSAA

As approved at the December 2013 executive committee meeting, D. Scholla will finish out his term as Section VI Boys Representative.

6.0 New Business:

6.1 Spring 2014 Sport Handbooks

Section VI office staff and chairmen are currently working on the spring 2014 handbooks. In the near future, it is anticipated that all handbooks will be sent to the sectional intersectional committee for review.

6.2 Safe Sport Zone

Safe Sport Zone offers seminars that provide safety training to mitigate liability at athletic events. Section VI is coordinating a seminar, for member athletic directors, to be held Monday, January 27th, 2014. Although this seminar is not mandated, attendance will be encouraged. A certificate of completion will be issued to each attendee at the conclusion of the seminar. B. Banker has offered to help fund the program on behalf of the NYSAAA. There will be no cost to districts.

Respectfully Submitted,



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<p>Dates for 2013-14 teleconference meetings 9:00am- noon: (Thursdays): Sept. 12th, Oct. 31st, Jan. 13th, Feb. 27th, Apr. 24th</p>
