

**Athletic Council Meeting March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**SECTION VI  
SECTIONAL / INTERSECTIONAL COMMITTEE  
February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Report  
Chairperson: Timm Slade**

**Action Items/Recommendations for the Athletic Council**

- 4.1 **CARRIED**    *Recommendation to support the 2014 fall post season reports*
- 4.2 **CARRIED**    *Recommendation to support the spring 2015 Boys Tennis pre-season report*

# SECTIONAL/INTERSECTIONAL COMMITTEE MINUTES February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015

## Committee Members: (\*Indicates present)

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

## 1.0 Sports Concerns:

- 1.1 WNYSOs Contract Update  
B. Breidenstein, Superintendents' Representative, and T. Slade are confirmed to attend arbitration, scheduled for May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015.
- 1.2 Girls Field Hockey – Officials Recruitment  
T. Slade and L. Piscitelli, Chairperson of the WNY Chapter of the NYS Association of Certified Field Hockey Officials, are in the process of scheduling a meeting date to address concerns with the newly established procedure to recruit field hockey officials.

## 2.0 Section Concerns:

- 2.1 Sectional Contest Change Requests  
Any sectional contest change requests need to be submitted before the seeding meeting is complete.

## 3.0 NYSPPHSAA Concerns:

- 3.1 Max Number of Contests Update  
On January 30<sup>th</sup>, the NYSPPHSAA Executive Committee approved a method to balance the maximum number of contests based on actual length of the three respective sport seasons, starting with the 2015-2016 school year.

### Approved Maximum Contest:

**Fall:** 9 Contests (*Football*)  
16 Contests (*Field Hockey, Soccer, XC, Girls Swimming & Diving, Girls Tennis*)  
20 Contests (*Volleyball*)

**Winter:** 12 Contests (*Cheer*)  
16 Contests (*Rifle, Skiing, Boys Swimming & Diving, Indoor Track & Field*)  
20 Points (*Wrestling*)  
20 Contests (*Basketball, Ice Hockey, Bowling*)

**Spring:** 16 Contests (*Golf, Lacrosse, Outdoor Track & Field, Boys Tennis*)  
20 Contests (*Baseball, Softball*)

- 3.2 Standard Calendar Update  
On January 30<sup>th</sup>, the NYSPPHSAA Executive Committee approved the NFHS standardized procedure for numbering calendar weeks to ensure consistency and uniformity in establishing NYSPPHSAA championship dates and a common sport season start date. The consistent method for establishing annual calendar events (regional and state championship dates, start and end dates, meeting dates, etc.) will begin with the 2015-2016 school year.

Committee members were asked to make sure their respective leagues are aware of the starting and championship dates.

The Section VI Sports Season Calendar will be an agenda item for the March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015 athletic council meeting. An evaluation of its necessity is needed now that a state standardized calendar has been approved.

### 3.3 Combined Teams Formula Update

The continuation of the combining of teams formula for 15-16 & 16-17 was approved at the January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting.

Concern was expressed regarding Bennett High School's BEDS numbers. Bennett High School, for BEDS purposes, only has 11<sup>th</sup> grade. As it stands now, Bennett falls within Class C for 2015 football. An invitation was extended to A. Lloyd, Buffalo Public Schools Athletic Director, to attend the March 25<sup>th</sup> Section VI Executive Committee meeting to discuss the status of the BPS (combining teams, merging schools, and the process for the placement of students).

In addition, at the March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Section VI Athletic Council meeting, the Section VI Combining of Schools Ad Hoc Committee will be asked to reconvene in order to define issues and establish policies as a proactive measure with regards to combining schools.

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

### 4.1 2014 Fall Post Season Reports

#### Boys Gymnastics

As per the May 2014 Section VI Athletic Council meeting, the following was discussed and approved:

#### *6.2.2 Section VI Boys Gymnastics*

*Only 4 teams (Hamburg, Williamsville North, Williamsville South, & Williamsville East) are participating in boys gymnastics for the 2014 fall season.*

*As per the Section VI Policy Manual (220.2):*

*In order to have classification matches, meets, or tournaments, there must be a minimum of five (5) teams per classification. All exceptions to the minimum number must be approved by the Athletic Council.*

- *There are no regional or state championships for boys gymnastics.*
- *Although minimal, there is a cost to the Section (ticket takers, awards, officials, etc.).*

***Motion to approve a waiver from the Section VI Policy Manual regarding Boys Gymnastics, (Policy 220.2 Sectional Activities Requirements), for the 2014-2015 school year.***

***Graczyk/Bradley***

***CARRIED (7 opposed)***

Boys Gymnastics will be an agenda item at the March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Section VI Athletic Council meeting.

#### Football

The DD division was eliminated.

#### Boys Soccer

The Boys Soccer chairmen, T. Marquardt and J. Luce, reported concern regarding the consistency of the yellow and red card website reporting process. T. Slade will meet with the chairmen to discuss these concerns including questioning the relevance of reporting yellow cards.

### Girls Tennis

A rotation of venues is used for the Girls Tennis. The Lakewood, NY YMCA is the 2015 sectional championship venue.

### Boys Volleyball

The neutral sites selected for the 2014 sectional playoffs worked well.

Note: The Girls Volleyball post season report was received just prior to the meeting and will be emailed to the committee members for review.

### ***Recommendation to support the 2014 fall post season reports***

***Carried***

***Drake/Przybysz***

#### 4.2 Spring 2015 Boys Tennis Pre-Season Report

The 2015 Boys Tennis pre-season report will be an action item for the March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Section VI Athletic Council meeting as it was submitted after the January 2015 athletic council meeting where all other spring pre-season reports were approved.

### ***Recommendation to support the spring 2015 Boys Tennis pre-season report***

***Carried***

***Drake/Przybysz***

## 5.0 Old Business:

#### 5.1 Section VI Fall Sports, Chairpersons' Positions

The Section VI fall sports' chairs' terms are set to expire June 30, 2015. Incumbents were notified and asked to submit the job application indicating their wish to return or step down from their respective positions. Outstanding incumbent applications include Girls Gymnastics (D. Aquino), Assistant Boys Soccer (J. Luce), and Girls Volleyball (D. Schrufer and S. Pernick). The sport chair job description and application requirements are posted on the Section VI website (under *General Information, Bulletin Board*). All applications, from incumbents and new applicants, are due by Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Interviews will be conducted by the Section VI Nominating Committee for the Boys and Girls Cross Country chairman positions. T. Slade will contact A. Gens, Section VI Nominations Committee Chairman, to establish a time frame for interviews and candidate selections.

#### 5.2 Hall of Fame Update

Committee members were asked to remind their leagues to submit applications for any deserving individuals by June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Instructions and application forms are posted on the Section VI website.

## 6.0 New Business:

#### 6.1 Spring 2015 Sports' Handbooks

Since no questions or concerns were presented regarding the spring 2015 sports' handbooks, they will be posted on the Section VI website.

#### 6.2 Boys Volleyball Proposal

The Boys Volleyball committee submitted a proposal to implement a two-libero system. T. Slade will inquire with R. Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director, if this proposal would change an NFHS rule. Once received, T. Slade will email the response to the sectional intersectional committee members.

#### 6.3 Conflict of Interest Policy

A Section VI conflict of interest policy proposal will be an agenda item for the March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015 athletic council meeting. Adopting the policy will ensure that Section VI's covered personnel act in the Section's best interest and comply with the applicable regulations set forth under New York State Not for Profit Law and Section VI's Constitution and By-laws.

#### 6.4 Fall 2014 Sports Financial Reports

The financial reports are not final until the end of the fiscal year (July 1<sup>st</sup>). The fall 2014 report submitted to the committee was up-to-date as of Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Points of interest:

- Football  
The Section has yet to receive the check from the Buffalo Bills.
- Girls Volleyball  
The Section is looking to repeat the hosting venues for the 2016 playoffs as they proved successful this past fall.
- Girls Swimming
  - a) T. Slade and D. Scholla plan to meet with the swim chairmen to re-evaluate ECC City as a sectional championship venue. The constant increase in pricing is no longer viable for the Section to sustain.
  - b) The fall 2014 expenses for the use of ECC were excessive; in part because of the standoff situation in the city of Buffalo. The Section was charged a percentage of the costs quoted for the confirmed date (Thursday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015) because of the late notice of cancellation. The Section was also charged additional costs for the re-scheduled date (Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015) as ECC considers Saturdays as overtime for its employees.

The financial reports will be sent to the Section chairmen for their files. D. Scholla, Treasurer, will investigate any areas of possible improvement.

## 7.0 Good of the Order

- 7.1 Advanced Placement Process  
The NYSED informed R. Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director, that no changes will be made to the advanced placement process. On March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015, R. Zayas is scheduled to meet with the New York State Superintendents Association members to inquire about the possibility of instituting an APP waiver.
- 7.2 Ejections  
The numbers of Boys Ice Hockey ejections have decreased significantly, and have been minimal in all other sports this year.
- 7.3 March 2015 Section VI Athletic Council Meeting  
Committee members were asked to remind their respective league representatives that the Section VI Athletic Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Respectfully Submitted,



Beth Fadeley