

# **NYS PHAA Soccer Committee Meeting**

Wednesday, Feb.3, 2016

10 AM Latham

Joint Boys & Girls

1. **COMMITTEE CHANGES:** Joe Vasile-Cozzo called the meeting to order and Mike Andrew cited changes to the structure of the boys committee. Matt Allen- Section I, Ian Lewis- Section II, and Bill Donald, Section III were introduced as new section reps. Mike expressed thanks to Jim Gillis, Charlie Engel, and Jay Karol for their many years of service.
2. **NYS PHSAA OFFICE STAFF:**
  - a. Robert Zayas: office organization, bid process, gifts and ball, dates and sites,
  - b. Joe Altieri: office organization, bid process, gifts and ball, dates and sites, lifetime passes, NYS PHSAA HoF, coordinator elections,
  - c. Todd Nelson: programs, classifications, officials, safety, waivers??
  - d. Joe Agostinelli: social media, web site,
  - e. Kristen Jadin: Ball, student programs,
  - f. Chris Joyce: sponsorships
3. **TOURNAMENT BALL:** Kristen Jadin is in charge of the tournament ball distribution. The Spalding TF-5000, model #64-7929 is the only ball to be used in State tournament play. Al Freeman, section VIII, questioned if we are receiving the newest generation ball. Beware that vendors will try to pass off their over stocked model #28 ball. Mike Andrew reminded us not to accept the blue & grey ball, only accept the black & gold ball.
  - A. The Spalding model 29 ball must be used for all sectional & state games.
  - B. Schools must provide the Spalding ball for first round sectional games.
  - C. The state will provide balls to the sectional coordinator for all other games.
  - D. The process of requesting & distributing the balls is still to be worked out.
  - E. Spalding ball bags will also be provided to transport balls.
  - F. If schools fail to comply with providing the Spalding balls the section has the right to place them on probation.
4. **NEW TOURNAMENT BID PROCESS:** Reminder that the sport soccer committee makes recommendations to the state for site selection but the State has the final say in which site is selected. Playing conditions for the athletes is of utmost importance but the financial cost to the state is also of significant importance. It was pointed out that the state basketball and hockey tournaments are moving to new sites after several years at their former site.
5. **STUDENT ATHLETE GIFTS:** The state has informed the committee that the only gifts given to the participants will be championship and runner up medals and a championship tee shirt to the tournament winners. Previously 10 of the 32 state championship tournaments were given additional gifts. Example, jackets, bags shirts. Now all sports will be treated equally. A maximum of 25 medals and championship tee shirts will be provided at state cost. The schools may purchase additional items.

6. **ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME:** All sections were requested to provide nominees to the state athletic Hall Of Fame. It was noted that very few soccer coaches, players, and administrators have been inducted. Nomination forms can be found on the NYS web site.
7. **LIFE TIME SERVICE PASS:** Gary Pollock, section V and Bill Reed, section X were presented with lifetime passes for 15 + years of service.
8. **UNIFORM WAIVER:** The uniform waiver has expired. Home teams are now required to wear all white jerseys and socks. Shorts do not have to be white. A motion made by Mike Anderson and seconded by Bill Reed was made to extend the waiver for junior varsity and freshmen teams for two more years. Motion was carried unanimously. Varsity teams may seek and request a waiver from the state. If a team shows up not in compliance of the uniform rule the game will be played, the game officials should contact the section and the section should take appropriate action.

\*\*\*\*\*The joint meeting was concluded and the gender specific committee meetings were continued in separate conference rooms.\*\*\*\*\*

#### **BOYS COMMITTEE MEETING:**

1. Attendance:
 

Section I	Rob Castagna (absent)	Matt Allen
Section II	Ian Lewis	
Section III	Bill Donald	Charlie Engle
Section IV	Mike Andrew	Adam Heck
Section V	Gary Pollock	Joe Borrosh
Section VI	Todd Marquardt	
Section VII	Rob McAuliffe- Absent (Ice)	
Section VIII	Al Freeman	
Section IX	Tony Martelli- Absent (back)	Pete Ferguson
Section X	Bill Reed	
Section XI	Mike Huey	Al Ellis
Modified Coordinator	Matt Wood	
Referee liaison	Jonh Hogan- Absent	
Recording Secretary	Ted Woods- Absent	
2. Mike Andrew reintroduced Bill Donald, Matt Allen, and Ian Lewis.
3. Minutes of November meeting were approved. Motion by Al Freeman with a second by Mike Huey - carried
4. **ROTATION OF OFFICIATING BYE.** Mike Andrew suggested we return to a 10-section rotation from the existing 3-section rotation. The state financial situation is now more solvent and the effort to save money with the 3-section rotation is presently not necessary. Al Freeman (8) moved to have all but the host section to be involved in the rotation. Motion was seconded by Bill Reed with much discussion following. Motion was voted on and passed by a 9-1-1 margin. Section one was opposed, section 9 abstained and section seven absent. Mike Andrew volunteered section 4 to sit out in 2016. Coordinators were reminded that they have the final say in the selection of the officials selected to represent their section. Mike Andrew also recommended that

section 5, 6, and 10 sit out last. After presentation to CAC and approval by Executive Council, Mike will determine the rotation.

5. **MODIFIED REPORT:** (Matt Wood) Sectional coordinators should know who the modified contact is in there section. Do not expect any rule changes regarding modified competition to occur without proper procedure to be followed. If a modified rule exists the section has the right to make the modified rule more stringent.
6. **2015 NYS TOURNAMENT REPORT:** Pete Ferguson stated that Section IX was happy with the tournament. Pete reminded everyone that a max of 10 hotel rooms for each school would be provided for each team. Teams may request more and every attempt would be made to accommodate the request. New hotels are being built but there are a limited number of rooms available. Concerns were expressed about the use of the Twin Towers Field. Suggestions for improvement was made were made and would be considered by the committee. There is no plan for finding a different field but improvements have been made and will continue to be made. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the inclusion of Class AA and Class A in the rotation of the Twin Towers Field. No motion was made and we will not change the rotation in 2016.
7. **FUTURE BIDS:** Mike Andrew encouraged all sections to pursue bidding on future teams. The tournament is no longer required to be held in the middle of the state. Interested bidders are referred to the bid suggestion sheet in the package. The bid must have the team's interest in regards to fields and accommodations and must be financially appealing. Contact Mike Andrew if interested in making a bid.
8. **HALL OF FAME DINNER:** Attendance must improve. Every section should do everything possible to have representatives from their section in attendance. Section IX will not subsidize the banquet in the future. It is our HoF not the NYSPHSAA or Section Nine. The committee will seek outside sponsorship to help defray the cost but there will be changes in future banquets. Any nominations for future inductees should be sent to Mike Andrew, Mike Huey, Pete Ferguson or Ron Zorn as soon as possible. If we know who will be inducted early we can inform possible attendees earlier so that they can attend.
9. **YELLOW/ RED CARD REPORT.** Jim Gillis shared the current data on number of cards per section. Coordinators that have not sent data to Jim should do so immediately.
10. **REFEREES:** Mike complimented John Hogan on a job well done, if you haven't already done so please drop John a thank you. Neil Edkins and Mike Andrew developed an Officials Liaison to the NYSPHSAA Job Description. A motion was made by Pete and seconded by Bill Reed to adopt the job description. It was voted on and passed unanimously. Al Freeman suggested that the assignment of officials needs to be tweaked Mike Andrew and John Hogan will work on this. This will be discussed again at the next meeting.
11. **BRACKETS & CLASSIFICATIONS:** Classification cut offs remains the same for next year. Class AA will have 16% of the teams, Class A, B, and C each have 20 % of the teams and class D 24 %. All Ellis distributed the brackets for the 2016 tournament.
12. **ALL AMERICA / ALL STATE:** Lou Hanner stated through Al Ellis that once again our number of ALL America and All Region players will be reduced next year.

Is strongly recommended that coach's rejoin or join the NSCAA before September 1. That is the date that NSCAA makes the determination regarding the allotment of players given recognition. It is common for a lot of us to join either when the season is underway or even after it is over. If you plan on joining please do so before September 1.

**13. Section Concerns:**

I. good

II. good

III. good

IV. good

V. good

VI. good

VII. Tweak the Sunday referee's assignment procedures and Friends is a B school next year

VIII. good

IX. good

X. good

XI. Echo section eight's concerns about the referee assignments.

Adjournment

Moved by Matt Allen and seconded by Mike Huey- carried 2pm

Submitted by

Joe Borrosh

Approved by

Mike Andrew