



SECTIONAL INTERSECTIONAL COMMITTEE MINUTES

January 5, 2017

HIGHLIGHTS

- 1.1 Recommendation to create the 2017 Class B JV and Varsity football schedule according to the BEDS numbers and create the 2018 football schedule, all classes, according to the BEDS numbers
- 1.2 Recommendation to not support the addition of item "e" regarding head to head goal differential as an addition to the Boys Soccer identical power rating criteria as proposed by the Boys Soccer Committee
- 5.2 Recommendation to approve the Fall Sports 2016 Post Season Reports with the exception of the Girls Soccer "new classification policy" suggestion



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Committee Members: (* indicates present)

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

Guests:

- *K. Stoldt, Football Chairman

1.0 Sports Concerns:

1.1 Football Alignments

The Football Committee is looking to institute a consistent method to create the football schedule in order to eliminate equitability disputes.

Recommendation to create the 2017 Class B JV and Varsity football schedule according to the BEDS numbers and create the 2018 football schedule, all classes, according to the BEDS numbers

CARRIED

Graczyk/Reed

1.2 Boys Soccer Coin Tosses

Currently, the following criteria are used to break ties for teams with identical power ratings:

If teams have identical power ratings, the following criteria will be used to break the tie:

- a. The team with the most league/division wins will be the higher seeded team. If still tied:
- b. The team with the fewest league/division losses will be the higher seeded team. If still tied:
- c. The team with the higher winning percentage of games scheduled will be the higher seeded team.
Determined by total league/division wins divided by total league/division games scheduled. If still tied:
- d. If teams are in the same league/division, use head-to-head results. If still tied:
- e. A toss of a coin will determine the higher seeded team.

The Boys Soccer Committee is proposing to alter the criteria to the following:

If teams have identical power ratings, the following criteria will be used to break the tie:

- a. The team with the most league/division wins will be the higher seeded team. If still tied:
- b. The team with the fewest league/division losses will be the higher seeded team. If still tied:
- c. The team with the higher winning percentage of games scheduled will be the higher seeded team.
Determined by total league/division wins divided by total league/division games scheduled. If still tied:
- d. If teams are in the same league/division, use head-to-head results. If still tied:
- e. If teams are in the same league/division, use head-to-head goal differential. If still tied:**
- f. A toss of a coin will determine the higher seeded team.

Criteria of this nature is not used in any other sport. Also, the committee believes that the proposed addition of 'If teams are in the same league/division, use head-to-head goal differential', will encourage teams to run up scores, thus promoting poor sportsmanship.

Recommendation to not support the addition of item "e" regarding head to head goal differential as an addition to the Boys Soccer identical power rating criteria as proposed by the Boys Soccer Committee

CARRIED

Fallacaro/Graczyk

2.0 Section Concerns:

2.1 Chemical Awareness Chairman Vacancy

T. Slade is scheduled to meet with Jeff Alger, North Tonawanda Athletic Director, following this meeting, regarding his interest in the Chemical Awareness Chairman position.

3.0 NYSPHSAA Concerns (J. Graczyk/M. Fallacaro):

The following are action/discussion items for the January 18, 2017 Section VI Athletic Council Meeting:

3.1 Approval to direct J. Graczyk, Boys Representative, and M. Fallacaro, Girls Representative, to support permitting Sections to send a second relay to the Girls and Boys Indoor Track & Field Championships (4 x 200m Relay, 4 x 400m Relay, and 4 x 800m Relay)

- No issues or concerns were presented.

3.2 Approval to direct J. Graczyk, Boys Representative, and M. Fallacaro, Girls Representative to support Girls Volleyball to have a yellow card followed by a red card.

- Concern was expressed that an infinite number of yellow cards can be issued with no consequences. J. Graczyk and M. Fallacaro to bring forth this issue for discussion at the January 2017 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting.

3.3 Approval to direct J. Graczyk, Boys Representative, and M. Fallacaro, Girls Representative to support an Oversight Committee to oversee Sectional placement of non-public and charter schools.

- There is concern within the membership that Sections may classify non-public and charter schools in a manner which has the potential to negatively impact schools from other Sections during post-season play. The Oversight Committee would review the placement of non-public and charter schools and have the ability to remand the item back to the Section for rationale and further review; the Oversight Committee would not have the ability to place non-public and charter schools in a classification they believed to be most appropriate, but they could make a recommendation to the Section for placement.

The Oversight Committee's responsibilities would be:

- Review the placement of all non-public and charter schools.
- Accept the placements of non-public and charter schools.

-OR-

- Remand placements back to the Sections for rationale and further review. The Oversight Committee would have the ability to make a recommendation on the placement.

If remanded back to the Section, the Section may:

- 1) Revise the placement of the non-public or charter school.
 - If revised, the Oversight Committee will review again.
- 2) Keep the classification placement of the non-public or charter school.
 - Note: any NYSPHSAA member school may abide by the defined NYSPHSAA appeal policy. The NYSPHSAA Appeal Panel shall have the power to affirm, reverse, or modify the decision of the Section Athletic Council.

The Oversight Committee would consist of the following:

- NYSPHSAA Executive Director would serve as Chair of the Committee
- NYSPHSAA President would appoint five representatives from the five classifications at the beginning of the two year term of the presidency, along with a sixth member from a non-public/charter school.

For voting purposes, if the committee cannot come to a consensus (i.e. 3-3 vote) no change/recommendation would take place (i.e. accept the placement).

The Oversight Committee would meet at least three times and as required, to review the classification placement of non-public and charter schools.

- The Sectional Intersectional Committee is in support of the institution of a NYSPHSAA Oversight Committee.

3.4 Approval to direct J. Graczyk, Boys Representative, and M. Fallacaro, Girls Representative to support a pitch count regulation in Baseball for the Spring 2017 season.

- J. Conley, Section VI Baseball Chairman, and the Baseball Committee are in support of the pitch count regulation. The home book is the official book. Any violation of this rule will be considered in the same light as using an ineligible player- the game will be forfeited. Any game in question should be brought to the League level and, if necessary, the Section level. T. Slade to obtain clarification on protest procedures.
- Violation procedures will be a discussion at the January 18, 2017 Athletic Council meeting. The following was implemented at the March 24, 2010 Athletic Council meeting: *When coaches do not fulfill the penalty of the Sportsmanship Regulation during the regular season and sectional competition, the Section will impose a penalty on the coach/school. During regional/ state competition, the NYSPHSAA Exec. Director will impose the penalty. For approval at the State level: the coach will sit-out the next two regularly scheduled contests.* At the January 18, 2017 Athletic Council meeting, T. Slade will seek language clarification regarding *next two regularly scheduled contests* versus *the two next regular league contests* or, for post season, *the two next regularly scheduled contests*
- The Sectional Intersectional Committee is in support of the Baseball pitch count regulation

3.5 Approval to direct J. Graczyk, Boys Representative, and M. Fallacaro, Girls Representative to support adding Wet Bulb (*gold standard*) reading to heat index and wind chill procedures.

- No issues or concerns were presented
- The Sectional Intersectional Committee is in support of adding the Wet Bulb reading to the heat index and wind chill procedures

3.6 Girls Lacrosse Headgear

- The girls lacrosse helmet is a discussion item for the January 2017 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting. The helmet is not approved by the standards set forth in other sports. There are concerns that implementation of the helmet will instigate rougher play and an increase in potential for concussions as review by physicians was not favorable. Updates will be given as they become available.

3.7 NYSPHSAA Section 12 Concept

- The Sectional Intersectional Committee is in support of continued investigation into the creation of a non-public school Section.

3.8 NYSPHSAA Combining of Schools survey

- The NYSPHSAA Combining of Teams Committee met in October 2016 and decided it was necessary to continue investigating the current graduated scale. It was determined that a survey would be created and distributed to the Sections and no changes would be recommended for the 2017-2018 school year. T. Slade requested Section VI member schools complete and return the survey to the Section office prior to January 14, 2017. T. Slade will compile the information and forward it on to the NYSPHSAA office.

3.9 Approval to direct J. Graczyk, Boys Representative, and M. Fallacaro, Girls Representative, to support the use of video replay for Safety and Deduction points only at the NYSPHSAA Cheerleading Championships.

- M. Ziegler, NYSPHSAA Cheerleading Coordinator and Section VI Cheerleading Chairperson, and T. Nelson, NYSPHSAA Assistant Director are in favor of the proposal
- Only safety and deductions may be challenged
- The Sectional Intersectional Committee is in support of the use of video replay for safety and deduction points only at the NYSPHSAA Cheerleading Championships

4.0 Old Business:

4.1 Winter Sports Chairs Positions Update

The winter sports chair terms expire June 30, 2017. Applications are due Friday, January 6, 2017. D. Kaplan (Boys Bowling), L. Jones (Boys Basketball), M. Ziegler (Cheerleading), R. Hopkins (Girls Ice Hockey), E. Ventry (Girls Bowling), C. Durr (Girls Basketball), M. DeBarbieri (Wrestling), I. Martinez (Wrestling), and P.

Borkowski (Rifle) have all submitted applications requesting to be considered for term renewal. Outstanding applications include K. Frederickson (Alpine Skiing), M. DiFilippo (Boys Ice Hockey), P. Szymanski (Boys Indoor Track), B. Lombardo (Girls Indoor Track), and J. Roth (Boys Basketball Assistant). Tim Menges and Nathan Bourke were approved at the September 14, 2016 Athletic Council meeting as Boys Swimming Co-Chairmen.

5.0 New Business:

5.1 Unified Basketball Sports Summit

The unified basketball sports summit is scheduled for Wednesday, January 11th, 2017 at University at Buffalo's North Campus Student Union. Currently, 20 schools are committed. A north and south division format, 6 game schedule (3 home, 3 away), is expected for the spring 2017 season.

5.2 2016 Fall Post Season Reports

The Boys Soccer Committee requests a clear process to report yellow/red cards. Red cards are reported to the Section office by the officials. Yellow cards are self-reported by each coach. The website helps, but it is uncertain coaches are in full compliance. T. Slade to investigate the process, distribution of responsibility, and ways to ensure reporting compliance.

It was requested that all schools belonging to a championship team be listed as such within the post season report.

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CARRIED

Fallacaro/Reed

6.0 Good of the Order:

6.1 Adjournment

Motion to adjourn

CARRIED

Przybysz/Graczyk

Respectfully Submitted,



Beth Fadeley
Recording Secretary