



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

May 17, 2017

Highlights

- 3.1 **CARRIED:** March 22, 2017 Section VI Executive Committee meeting minutes
- 6.2.1 **CARRIED:** Treasurer's report
- 12.3 **CARRIED:** Not consider any requests for football mergers beyond the November 30, 2016 deadline for the fall 2017 season.

Action Items for the Athletic Council

- 3.1 **ACTION ITEM:** Approval of the March 22, 2017 Section VI Athletic Council meeting minutes
- 4.2 **ACTION ITEM:** Approval of Boys Ice Hockey Williamsville North and Niagara Wheatfield participating in Division 1, 2017-2018
- 4.3 **ACTION ITEM:** Approval of Violation Policy Revision Proposal
- 4.8 **ACTION ITEM:** Approval of City Honors 2017 Girls Swim Independent Schedule
- 4.9 **ACTION ITEM:** Approval of City Honors 2017 Girls Volleyball Independent Schedule
- 5.1 **ACTION ITEM:** Approval of Combining of Schools Applications
- 5.2 **ACTION ITEM:** Approval of Outside Agency Applications
- 5.3 **ACTION ITEM:** Approval of Friends & Neighbors Applications
- 6.5.1 **ACTION ITEM:** With section and league approval, extended playing time in modified volleyball may consist of 6 games per match, and the number of points per game shall be limited to 20 points in these matches. Effective Fall 2017.
- 6.14.1 **ACTION ITEM:** Approval of Winter Sports Chairs Candidates 2017-2020
- 7.2.1 **ACTION ITEM:** Approval of the 2017-2018 Independent Schedule
- 10.0 **ACTION ITEM:** Approval of the Winter 16-17 Post Season Reports

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1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Commenced: 9:37am

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3.0 MINUTES

- 3.1 **Motion to approve of the March 22, 2017 Executive Committee meeting minutes**
CARRIED
Fallacaro/Spanbauer

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4.0 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

4.1 Boys Ice Hockey Report

The Section VI Ice Hockey Committee is in support of the proposed 17 minute, 3 period contest. The Section VI Ice Hockey Committee is not in support of the proposed 4 on-ice officials. Both proposals are action items for the July 2017 NYSAAA Central Committee meeting.

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- 4.2 **ATHLETIC COUNCIL ACTION ITEM:** Approval of Williamsville North and Niagara Wheatfield participating in Boys Ice Hockey Division 1, 2017-2018

- 4.3 **ATHLETIC COUNCIL ACTION ITEM:** Approval of Violation Policy Revision Proposal

Violations of the NYSPHSAA and the Commissioner of Education Regulations as outlined in the NYSPHSAA Handbook

Coach-1st Offense

- Suspension of 10% of the maximum number of contests/points allowed by NYSPHSAA as outlined in the NYSPHSAA handbook not to be rounded up.
- (the next regular scheduled contest(s) either regular or post season)

Coach-2nd Offense

- Suspension for the remainder of the season

Sport	Maximum No. Contests	Suspension
Baseball	20	2 contests
Basketball	20	2 contests
Bowling	20	2 contests
Cheerleading	12	1 contest
Cross Country	16	1 contest
Field Hockey	16	1 contest
Football	10	1 contest
Golf	16	1 contest
Gymnastics	16	1 contest
Ice Hockey	20	2 contests
Lacrosse	16	1 contest
Rifle	16	1 contest
Skiing	16	1 contest

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Soccer	16	1 contest
Softball	20	2 contests
Swim/Diving	16	1 contest
Tennis	16	1 contest
Track/Field	16	1 contest
Volleyball	20	2 contests
Wrestling	20	2 contests

4.4 2017 Athletic Director Workshop

The 2017 athletic director workshop is scheduled for Monday, August 21, 11am, at Erie 1 BOCES. An agenda will be distributed via email. It was noted that Monsignor Martin athletic directors were also invited.

4.5 Football Officiating Assignments

Section VI is actively involved in the recruitment of sports officials. Of late, advertisement posters were distributed to member schools and area colleges to display in their facilities.

4.6 ArbiterSports RefPay

T. Slade will present RefPay to member schools' business officials on Wednesday, May 24, 2017 at Erie 1 BOCES. RefPay is an offering, it is not mandated.

4.7 Waiver of the 7 Day Rule

Section VI's request for a waiver of the 7 day rule was denied, 18 to 4, at the state level.

4.8 **ATHLETIC COUNCIL ACTION ITEM:** Approval of City Honors 2017 Girls Swim Independent Schedule

Schools that choose to have independent schedules will be reminded that they may have to schedule outside of Section VI in order to fulfill their schedules.

4.9 **ATHLETIC COUNCIL ACTION ITEM:** Approval of City Honors 2017 Girls Volleyball Independent Schedule

4.10 Unified Basketball

Concerns regarding violating the rules and regulations set forth by the NYSPHSAA and the principle by which the program was intended will be addressed.

5.0 COMMUNICATIONS

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5.1 **ATHLETIC COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS:**

1. Bowling (G), **West Seneca West**, West Seneca East, V, (pending League signatures)
2. Basketball (B/G), **Ellicottville**, West Valley, V/JV/7&8
3. Ice Hockey (G), **Amherst**, Sweet Home, Clarence, V
4. Ice Hockey (G), **Frontier**, Kenmore West, Grand Island, Pending application
5. Ice Hockey (G), **Kenmore East**, Orchard Park, Lake Shore, Pending application
6. Ice Hockey (G), **Lancaster**, Depew, Iroquois, Pending application
7. Ice Hockey (G), **West Seneca West**, WS East, Hamburg, Eden, Pending application
8. Ice Hockey (G), **Williamsville North**, Williamsville South, Williamsville East, V, Pend. League Sign.
9. Indoor Track (B/G), **Falconer**, Cassadaga Valley, V,
10. Rifle, **Kenmore East**, Kenmore West, , Pending application
11. Skiing (B/G), **Ellicottville**, Olean, West Valley, V,
12. Boys Swimming, **Kenmore East**, Kenmore West (pending application)
13. Boys Swimming, **West Seneca West**, West Seneca East, V (pending League signatures)
14. Wrestling, **Akron**, Alden, (pending application)
15. Wrestling, **Depew**, Cleveland Hill, V/7&8
16. Wrestling, **Royalton-Hartland**, Baker, V/JV/7&8
17. Wrestling, **Kenmore West**, Kenmore East, (pending application)
18. Wrestling, **Williamsville North**, Williamsville East, V (pending League signatures)
19. Boys Tennis, **West Seneca West**, West Seneca East, V (pending League signatures)

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5.2 **ATHLETIC COUNCIL ACTION ITEM:**

- a) Fredonia Cheerleading and Dance Competition, Jan. 21, 2018 9:30 am at SUNY Fredonia, co-sponsored by Dunkirk High School and Section VI,

5.3 **ATHLETIC COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS:**

- a) Christian Central Academy
b) Saint Gregory the Great School
c) Northern Chautauqua Catholic School

6.0 **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

6.1 Combining of Schools Committee

Nothing to report

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6.2 Finance Committee

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6.2.1 Treasurer's Report

Motion to receive the treasurer's report

CARRIED

Spanbauer/Rabey

6.5 Modified Report

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6.5.1 Modified Volleyball

ATHLETIC COUNCIL ACTION ITEM: "With section and league approval, extended playing time in modified volleyball may consist of 6 games per match, and the number of points per game shall be limited to 20 points in these matches". Effective Fall 2017.

6.5.2 Items requiring action at the Fall '17 NYSPHSAA Modified Committee Meeting

- The elimination of game conditions 4, 5, and 7 in the sport of modified boys lacrosse. All three game conditions relate to contact and checking.
- The elimination of game condition 1 in the sport of modified softball. This would put the nights rest to one evening for all softball pitchers, regardless of the number of innings pitched. The rationale behind this proposal is that the arm motion for softball pitchers is not as fatiguing as the overhead throw and has little wear and tear on the arm of a softball pitcher.
- In program 2, a proposal to change modified wrestling rest periods from 45 to 30 minutes. Rationale – Modified athletes are now allowed to wrestle 3-4 matches per event. With 45 minutes in between each match, the new match allowance become obsolete because of time restrictions or it would result in matches lasting longer.
- In program 2, a proposal to change the weight group variance at the modified level to a generic 10 and 15 pound variance, weight class dependent.
Rationale – Currently there are 10 pound weight classes with a 6 pound variance (i.e. A 128 lb. wrestler can wrestle a 134 lb. wrestler). The proposal would allow a wrestler to wrestle anyone within 10 pounds of their recorded weight. This could potentially increase the number of possible matches a wrestler is eligible for as well as create greater ease in scheduling matches. The upper weights would require a 15 pound variance.

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6.6 Policy

Nothing to report

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6.7 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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- Practice Rule
Language clarifying warm-ups are not considered practice into the practice rule was approved at the May 2017 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting.
- Ineligible Students to Practice
The following proposal is an action item at the July 2017 NYSPHSAA Central Committee meeting:
Consideration of approval to permit students who are ineligible as per the NYSPHSAA Transfer Rule to practice during their period of ineligibility
Rationale for the proposal: Currently, students who are ineligible are not permitted to practice during their period of ineligibility. If students who were ineligible as per the NYSPHSAA Transfer Rule (i.e. transfer without a corresponding change of address) were allowed to practice, this would help the student integrate into the school setting and could reduce the number of appeals and lawsuits, while having no impact upon other schools.
- Combining of Schools Proposal
The current graduated scale for combining of teams is as follows: Class AA - 50%, Class A – 40%, Class B – 30%, Class C – 30%, Class D – 20%. The Combining of Teams Committee formula adjustment proposal will be a discussion item at the May 2017 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting. The proposal is as follows:

Class AA – 100%, Class A – 100%, Class B – 100%, Class C – 40%, and Class D - 30%. In addition, if 4 or more teams in team sports combine, 100% of the BEDS would be taken of all 4 schools.

Section VI does not fully support the Combining of Schools Formula Proposal. M. Fallacaro, Section VI Girls Representative, will seek to alter the proposed percentage for Class B from 100% to 50% of the BEDS at the July 2017 NYSPHSAA Central Committee meeting.
- Drone Policy
Proposed additional language to the Drone Policy was approved at the May 2017 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting: *If there is a report of UAS activity at an athletic event, school, Section and/or State Association officials will, in consultation with the sports officials, suspend the play until such time as the UAS is removed from the area as defined above or the school, Section/State and sports officials determine it is safe to proceed.*
- Athletic Directors Admission to NYSPHSAA Championships
Approval of free admission to all NYS Athletic Directors will be an action item at the July 2017 NYSPHSAA Central Committee meeting.

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- Girls and Boys Cross Country Classification Number Change
The following revision of the 4 class cross country cut-off numbers was approved at the May 2017 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting:
Class A 830+ (previous 850+)
Class B 446-829 (previous 445-849)
Class C 240-445 (previous 261-444)
Class D 239 & below (previous 260 & below)
*Effective start date – Fall 2018

- Transgender Guidelines
The following revision to the transgender guidelines is an action item for the July 2017 NYSPHSAA Central Committee meeting:
 1. The student ~~and~~ OR the parent(s)/guardian shall notify the Superintendent that the student would like the opportunity to participate in interscholastic athletics consistent with the gender he/she identifies as.
 4. ~~Once a member school has rendered a determination of eligibility to try out for an interscholastic sports team or teams which corresponds to the student's gender identity the eligibility is granted for the duration of the student's participation in interscholastic athletics.~~
 4. On a seasonal basis, the school will provide approval of the eligibility to try out for an interscholastic sports team or teams, which corresponds to the student's gender identity.

6.10 Transfer/Foreign Student

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Reports were emailed. Reminder: It is the involved school district's responsibility to verify residency regarding the transfer rule criteria.

6.11 Sportsmanship

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D. Ames, Sportsmanship Co-Chair, will report on 6.11.1 through 6.12.3 at the following Athletic Council meeting.

- 6.11.1 Sportsmanship Promotion Survey results
- 6.11.2 Coaches Appreciation Day
- 6.12.3 Student-Athlete 101

6.14 Nominations

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6.14.1 **ATHLETIC COUNCIL ACTION ITEM:** Approval of Winter Sports Chairs Candidates 2017-2020

6.14.2 Girls Modified Representative Position Vacancy
At present, no applications have been submitted.

7.0 SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

7.2 Charter Schools

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7.2.1 **ATHLETIC COUNCIL ACTION ITEM:** Approval of the 2017-2018 Independent Schedule

10.0 SPORTS REPORTS

10.1 **ATHLETIC COUNCIL ACTION ITEM:** Approval of the Winter 16-17 Post Season Reports

It is anticipated that the Girls Basketball report will be held back from approval until the Girls Basketball Chairman submits the remaining required information.

11.0 OLD BUSINESS

11.1 Officials Negotiations

Section VI is seeking a 3 year extension of the current officials contract. Updates will be provided as they become available. The next negotiations meeting is scheduled for May 31, 2017.

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12.0 **NEW BUSINESS**

12.2 NYSPHSAA Summer Meeting

The 2017 NYSPHSAA summer meeting is scheduled for July 25 and 26 at Islands Harbor Resort in Clayton, NY. Details will be provided once received from the state office.

12.3 Combining of Schools

The Section VI office was notified of an impending combining of schools request for Randolph and Frewsburg in the sport of Football. November 30, 2016 was the established deadline for submission of fall combining of schools applications.

Motion to not consider any requests for football mergers beyond the November 30, 2016 deadline for the fall 2017 season.

CARRIED

Banker/Rabey

13.0 **GOOD OF THE ORDER/ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn

CARRIED

Rabey/Spanbauer

Respectfully Submitted,



Beth Fadeley
Recording Secretary

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