



SECTIONAL INTERSECTIONAL COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 19, 2018

Attendance: (*indicates present)

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

1.0 Sports Concerns:

1.1 Wrestling Weigh-In Procedures

Due to concerns regarding following the proper protocol at the NYSPHSAA Wrestling Championships, Section 8 is proposing the elimination of the honor weigh-ins, replacing them with mat side weigh-ins.

1.2 Cheerleading – Game Day

R. Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director, is proposing to offer game day cheerleading in the fall and an invitational type championship (East and West).

Also, changes to competitive cheer - eliminating the rubric and implementing a nationally used score sheet, were proposed. If implemented, judges and schools will need to be retrained.

Concern was expressed over adding additional championships when the reduction of contests remains. Section VI representatives will bring this item forward at the May 4, 2018 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting.

1.3 Football – 8 man

The Section has received requests to implement 8 man football. If enough teams commit, 8 man football will be implemented in 2019.

1.4 B/G Golf (Representation Rule)

Allowing girls who participate on a Boys Golf team to participate in the Girls Golf post season will be a discussion item at the May 4, 2018 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting.

1.5 Unified Sport Age Rule

NYSPHSAA is seeking a medical waiver for the age/duration of competition rule for a very specific student population that participates in Unified sports. These students are classified with an intellectual disability- a cognitive deficit requiring them to have more time to complete their education. This population is delayed both intellectually and developmentally, presenting much younger in all aspects of their development than their typical peers. Under the New York State Commissioner's Part 200 Regulations, students with these disabilities may remain in high school until age 21, as they often require more time in order to gain a meaningful exit credential (Career Development and Occupational Studies Commencement Credential (CDOS) or Skills and Achievement Commencement Credential (SACC)). The New York State Education Department has always recognized this population of students as requiring different supports and has put into place a variety of safety nets in order for them to successfully complete their education. The request is for similar recognition to be given in the area of those students participating in Unified sports. The age and duration of their ability to play should be in line with

their overall development and the overall timeline NYSED has already allowed them to complete their education. The waiver is not globally sought for all students with disabilities, but only for those students with a significant disability, that has deemed them eligible to participate in Unified sports.

2.0 Section Concerns:

2.1 ArbiterPay

ArbiterPay registration directions will be distributed to member schools in the near future.

2.2 Officials Contract

T. Slade and C. Amo are in the process of finalizing a contract between Section VI and the Western New York Sports Officials. Items still under negotiation include pay rates, recruitment, and some language items. The Section VI Negotiations Committee will convene in the near future to determine how to proceed regarding possible stalemated items.

2.3 Staff Development

- LTC and LTI courses will be offered following the August 2018 mandatory athletic directors meeting.
- A presentation by Tim Connors (motivational speaker) is scheduled for September 21, 2018.

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

The NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for May 4, 2018.

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

6.14.1 **AC ACTION ITEM:** Approval of the candidate for the Boys Representative position

6.14.2 **AC ACTION ITEM:** Approval of the candidate for the President-Elect position

5.0 Old Business:

Nothing to report

6.0 New Business:

6.1 Spectrum Sports

Section VI has expressed concern regarding Spectrum Sports lack of coverage and recognition for member schools. Alternate vendors are being investigated. Updates will be presented when available.

7.0 Good of the Order:

7.1 NYSPHSAA Participation Survey

Thirty-four member schools have completed the NYSPHSAA Participation survey.

7.2 Coaches Appreciation Day

Coaches Appreciation Day is May 16, 2018.

7.1 **Motion to adjourn**

CARRIED

Graczyk/Przybysz

Respectfully Submitted,



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Recording Secretary