



SECTIONAL INTERSECTIONAL COMMITTEE MINUTES

January 4, 2018

HIGHLIGHTS

- 1.1 Recommend to support the Boys Golf Tournament Representation Proposal with implementation for spring 2018



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Committee Members: (* 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)

Guests:

- *Nate Leary, Boys Golf Chair

Commenced: 9:02am

1.0 Sports Concerns:

1.1 Boys Golf Tournament Presentation Proposal

TOURNAMENT REPRESENTATION FOR SECTIONALS (CURRENT):

1. Each league receives one spot in the Section VI State Qualifier Tournament for each team it has in its league, plus an alternate. Unless notified by the sport chair, alternates will play.
2. Leagues cannot trade Qualifier spots with one another. Each league is to fill its spot with its own players.
3. If a qualified player from a league cannot make it to the Section VI tournament, that players' spot is to be filled by the alternate from that league. The vacant spot cannot be filled by a player from another league.
4. Players who are in their Junior year in high school, or below, and who qualify for the Section VI State Team, will be invited back to the qualifier for the next year, and will not count in the total number of spots provided to each league.

ADDITIONAL CRITERIA (NEW):

5. In addition to the standard number of Sectional Qualifiers represented each year, each of the six (6) Section VI League Team-Champions (ECIC, NO, NFL, CCAA I, CCAA I E, CCAA II W) will send five (5) players to Sectionals for the purpose of conducting a Section VI Team Championship. The players from each League-Champion-Team who have already qualified for Sectionals as individuals, WILL count against the total number of players who will represent that 5-player team in the Section VI Team-Championship-event. In the event there are more than 5 players from a League-Champion-Team who qualified for Sectionals, the League Champion Coach will have the freedom to declare which 5 players will be considered for the Team-Championship-event BEFORE the event begins. Players representing League-Champion-Teams who have not qualified for Sectionals as individuals via their League Qualifier, will be simply added to the field for the purpose of conducting a Sectional Team Championship. Out of the five (5) players entered into the Team-Championship-event, only those players who qualified as individuals (for Sectionals) from their League Qualifiers, will be eligible to a) contend for the Section VI Individual Champion Title and b) qualify for States as an individual. League-Champion-Teams may also send 4 players (instead of 5) and forfeit the ability to drop one (1) high score from their overall team-score. Any League-Champion-Team that can't field a minimum of 4 players, automatically forfeits for the Section-Team-Championship event.
6. ELIGIBILITY FOR TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP: Players who did not qualify as individuals for Sectionals, but will be added to the field for the purpose of conducting a Sectional Team Championship, must have been on their team's roster from the time of his/her team's first league match and remain on their roster in good standing, until the end of their regular season-of-play (either Fall or Spring).
 - The Section VI Boys Golf Committee will assist the Section VI Chairman in verifying player eligibility.
 - The Section VI Boys Golf Committee will approve player eligibility for any player who was added to their team roster after their first match or did not complete their season due to extenuating circumstances.

7. CCAA LEAGUES (NO, NFL and ECIC plays in the Fall, CCAA plays in the Spring): The potential arises for CCAA Leagues to be unable to declare league Team-Champions by the time Sectionals occurs each year (Spring) due to inclement weather and course conditions. In this case:
 - If it is not possible to choose the CCAA I, CCAA II East, and/or CCAA II West League-Champions on the field of play before Sectionals, then the Section VI Boys Golf Committee will make the choices. This should happen only if the weather makes it impossible to play the requisite number of matches to declare a league Team-Champion. The selection(s) should be based only on the play of the golfers during league matches held that year. The Boys Golf Committee should try and pick the strongest team in each league (as necessary) based on the Top-5 players from each school roster only, regardless of the regular match format for that league. The CCAA League Chairmen will make their recommendations to the committee, and the Section VI Boys Golf Committee will discuss and vote on the recommendations before Sectionals.

RATIONALE FOR AMENDMENTS TO SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT REPRESENTATION:

1. At the Sectional level, individuals are celebrated more than the teams simply because there is no team competition at Sectionals for Boys Golf like other Section VI Team Sports. This could quite easily be rectified.
2. Adding a Section VI TEAM Champion element to Sectionals where each League Team Champion sends 5 players would mirror what is done at the collegiate level. In addition to being fun and exciting for our participants, **this would also better prepare HS players for the transition to College Golf** where matches are also played 5 vs 5.
3. Boys Golf is one of the few Section VI Sports that does not have a Sectional TEAM-Championship. These amendments to the selection process will allow Boys Golf to compete in a similar manner as all of the other sports in Section VI.
4. This would NOT be intrusive to the way we already do things because most League Champion Teams will already have some (if not most) of their top-5 players in the field already. Additional players will be minimal and easily accommodated. It will not require additional supervision.
 - For example: The ECIC League annually holds an Individual League Championship with field sizes between 80-90 players with 21 schools represented & 21+ coaches present for supervision. The Section VI Qualifier/Championship annually fields (approximately) 60-70 players each year and players are paired in threesomes. We could easily accommodate additional players by pairing players in foursomes. There would be no change or stress to regular operational procedures in the way Sectionals has been conducted for many years now.
5. We are NOT disrupting the current format at Sectionals – nothing actually changes except the fact that we are simply adding a minimal number of players to the field, in order to conduct a Sectional Team Championship. There will still be an Individual Champion and nine (9) individual-qualifiers (plus an alternate) for States.
6. The Section VI Boys Golf Committee is unanimous in their support for these amendments.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PROPOSAL:

- Unanimously supported by the Boys Golf Committee
- Allows for a Section VI Boys Golf Team Champion
- A sectional team champion supports team play at the league level
- Falls in line with all the other Section team sports that have team championships
- Mirrors NCAA Men's Golf where 5 vs. 5 matches are played
- The sectional event will continue to be conducted the same, the proposal will simply allow for the addition of an 18 hole event

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CARRIED

Fallacaro/Graczyk

If approved at the Section VI Athletic Council, a team championship plaque and a 2nd place plaque will be provided by Section VI.

1.2 2018 Football Alignments

The Football Committee is currently working on the 2018 alignments/schedule. Class B and potentially Class A will be determined by the BEDS with potential modifications. A finalized schedule is anticipated early February 2018.

2.0 Section Concerns:

2.1 Charter School Classification Committee Formation – League Representation

The formation of a Charter School Classification Committee to look at the placement of all charter schools in all sports was approved at the December 13, 2017 Executive Committee meeting

J. Rabey will chair the Charter School Classification Committee. A representative from each league to sit on the committee will be sought at the January 17, 2018 Athletic Council meeting.

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

3.1 J. Graczyk and M. Fallacaro will attend the February 1, 2018 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting.

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

4.1 Approval to implement Section-wide sport meetings **(AC action item 4.1)**

Instituting Section-wide sport meetings was proposed at the November 15, 2017 Athletic Council meeting. The meetings would be modeled after the annual NYSPHSAA athletic director workshop including a mandate that a representative from each participating school attend. Non-compliance **may** result in ineligibility for post season play. Council members were asked to discuss this item with their respective Leagues

4.2 Approval of the 2018-2019 Section VI proposed budget **(AC action item 6.3.2)**

4.3 Direct M. Fallacaro, Girls Representative, and J. Graczyk, Boys Representative, to support revising the required minimum time between contests for all softball players, including pitchers, shall be reduced from two (2) nights to one (1) night. The Modified Sports Standards Chart for Interscholastic Competition will be edited for the softball pitcher. **(AC action item 6.8c)**

4.4 Direct M. Fallacaro, Girls Representative, and J. Graczyk, Boys Representative, to support State adoption, with section & league approval, a game ending procedure Run Rule. The Run Rule would state that the game will end with a run differential of 10 runs after 5 innings (or 4 ½ if the home team is winning). Two-year pilot (trial) at the high school level. **(AC action item 6.8c)**

5.0 Old Business:

5.1 Soccer League Dates Update

The stakeholders of the northern leagues that share officials and the soccer officials' organizations that service those member schools met December 21, 2017. Potential resolutions to persistent issues regarding closed dates, exhausted rosters, and shortage of officials were discussed. T. Slade, J. Kramer (President, WNF Board of Officials for Women's Soccer, Inc.), and B. Helwig (Assigner, WNY Soccer Officials Association & WNF Board of Officials for Women's Soccer, Inc.) are in the process of investigating the possibility of implementing incentives provided by their respective organizations for outlying schools in order to alleviate the aforementioned issues. Updates will be provided when available.

5.2 Officiating College Course

T. Slade is working in conjunction with Buffalo State College leadership to establish 2 college courses, one on officiating (301) and one that is sport specific (302). In addition, NCAA approval will be sought. Implementation would begin 2018-2019. P. Burke and T. Slade will contact Niagara County Community College leadership to inquire about providing the same offering.

5.3 Officials Recruitment

T. Slade will forward the recruitment agreement of the officials' contract to B. Banker for review.

6.0 New Business:

6.1 Fall Sports Chairs Term Expirations

All fall sports chair incumbents have indicated they would like to be considered for term renewal (July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021). Approval of candidates will be sought at the May 2018 Athletic Council meeting.

7.0 Good of the Order:

7.1 Unified Sports

Unified Bowling and Basketball activation committee workshop to be held Thursday, January 11, 2018 at Starpoint High School from 9:15am to 1:15pm.

7.2 Adjournment

Motion to adjourn

CARRIED

Fallacaro/Graczyk

Respectfully Submitted,



Beth Fadeley
Recording Secretary