



ATHLETIC COUNCIL MINUTES

May 16, 2018

Highlights

- 3.1 **CARRIED:** March 21, 2018 Section VI Athletic Council meeting minutes
- 6.14.1 **REMOVED:** Boys Representative position
- 6.14.2 **BALLOT VOTE:** Brett Banker was elected to the President-Elect position
- 4.2 **CARRIED:** Timm Slade (NYSPHSAA) proxy for 2018-2019 school year
- 4.4 **CARRIED:** Independent Schedules for the following BPS teams: Buffalo Girls Swim & Dive (fall), Hutch Tech Boys Volleyball, Lafayette Boys Volleyball, Olmsted Boys Volleyball, City Honors Girls Volleyball, City Honors Softball
- 4.11 **CARRIED:** Boys Ice Hockey Williamsville North and Niagara Wheatfield participating in Division 1, 2018-2019
- 5.1a **CARRIED:** Combining of Schools applications, numbers (1) through (48)
- 5.2 **CARRIED:** Friends & Neighbors applications, letters (a) through (e)
- 5.3 **CARRIED:** Senior All-Star applications, letters (a) and (b)
- 6.2.1 **CARRIED:** Treasurer's Report
- 7.2.1 **CARRIED:** 2017-2018 Independent Schedule
- 7.2.2 **CARRIED:** Marc LaMorticella as Charter School Liaison
- 10.1 **CARRIED:** Winter 17-18 Post Season Sports Reports (with the exclusion of Cheerleading)

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ATTENDANCE (*indicates present)

Executive Committee		Committee Chairpersons		Sportschairs
President	Al Gens*	Chemical Awareness	Jeff Alger	
President-Elect	Adam Stoltman*	Extended Eligibility	Timm Slade*	
Superintendents Rep.	Jeff Rabey*	Finance	Steve Penhollow*	
Principals Rep.	Jim Spanbauer*	Boys' Modified	Matt Librock*	Guests
Boys Rep.	Jim Graczyk*	Girls' Modified	Julie Arnold*	C. Watson, NYSPHSAA
Girls Rep.	Marisa Fallacaro*	Nominations	Adam Stoltman*	M. LaMorticella
Past President	Brett Banker*	NYSAAA	Mark DiFilippo*	
Executive Director	Timm Slade*	Policy Handbook	Marisa Fallacaro*	
Treasurer	Don Scholla*	Safety	Brian Wild*	
		Sectional Intersectional	Timm Slade*	
		Sportsmanship	Doug Ames*/Jim Graczyk*	
		Transfer	Timm Slade*	
		Veterans	Jim Trampert*	
		Hall of Fame	Jim Dunnigan*	
		Combining of Schools	Jeff Rabey*	

League	Representative	Alternate
BUFFALO		
Superintendents Rep./AD	Aubrey Lloyd, Emerson*	TBA
Principals Rep.	TBA	TBA
Girls Rep.	Andrea Norton, City Honors*	TBA
Boys Rep.	TBA	TBA
CHAUTAUGA CATTARAUGUS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (CCAA)		
Superintendents Rep.	Steve Penhollow, Falconer*	TBA
Principals Rep.	Jason Halpainy, Randolph	TBA
Girls Rep.	Carol Zirkle, Fredonia*	Lynne Bemis, Clymer
Boys Rep.	Rick DeKay, Retired*	Kevin Salisbury, Southwestern
ERIE COUNTY INTERSCHOLASTIC CONFERENCE (ECIC)		
Superintendents Rep.	Sandy Anzalone, Eden	Jeff Rabey, Depew*
Principals Rep.	Scott Zipp, Cheektowaga*	Steve Smith, Alden
Girls Rep.	Kiel Illg, Amherst*	Daryl Besant, Lake Shore
Boys Rep.	Greg Kaszubski, Clarence*	Mark DiFilippo, Williamsville East
NIAGARA FRONTIER LEAGUE (NFL)		
Superintendents Rep.	Paul Casseri, Lew-Port*	TBA
Principals Rep.	Chris Ginestre, Hoover Middle*	TBA
Girls Rep.	Jon Roth, Grand Island	Joe Contento, Niagara Falls*
Boys Rep.	Todd Sukdolak, Lockport*	Jon Roth, Grand Island
NIAGARA ORLEANS LEAGUE (NO)		
Superintendents Rep.	Mike Baumann, Newfane*	Mark Kruzynski, Medina
Principals Rep.	Joe Lucenti, Akron*	Steve Dimitroff, Akron
Girls Rep.	Jeff Roth, Wilson*	Randy Knaak, Albion
Boys Rep.	Doug Ames, Newfane*	Dave Carson, Barker
SUPERINTENDENT REPRESENTATION (BOCES)		
Erie 1 BOCES	Jon MacSwan, Cleveland Hill*	TBA
Erie 2 BOCES	Maureen Donahue, Southwestern*	TBA
ON BOCES	Michelle Bradley, Lockport*	TBA
CA BOCES	Robert Breidenstein, Salamanca*	TBA

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1.0 CALL TO ORDER

A. Gens

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Commenced: 11:45am

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance

2.0 INTRODUCTIONS & AWARD PRESENTATIONS

A. Gens

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2.1 Winter State Champions

- a) Sweet Home, Boys Ice Hockey, Division II – represented by Matt LaRoach, Coach Dave Gerspach, and Student-Athletes Tyler Edholm and Andrew Czyz
- b) Willie McDougald, Niagara Falls, Wrestling, 132 lbs., Division I – accompanied by Athletic Director Joe Contento, and Coach DJ Giancola
- c) Bryce Rowe, Chautauqua Lake, Wrestling, 160 lbs. Division II – accompanied by Coach Brad Rowe
- d) Anthony Robinson, Starpoint, Wrestling, 285 lbs. Division II – accompanied by Athletic Director Tom Sarkovics and Coaches Steve Hart and Joe Buscaglia
- e) Emilee Hanlon, Dunkirk/Silver Creek, Indoor Track & Field, High Jump – accompanied by Athletic Director Mike Sarratori and Coach Adam Woelfle
- f) East, Boys Basketball, Class D – represented by Athletic Director Aubrey Lloyd, Coach Starling Bryant, and Student-Athletes Willard Anderson and Xavier Turner
- g) Cheektowaga, Girls Bowling, Division II – represented by High School Principal Scott Zipp, Coach Dan Kaplan, and Student-Athletes Paige Onisk and Krista Hctor
- h) Frontier / Lake Shore / Orchard Park, Girls Ice Hockey – represented by Frontier Athletic Director Rich Gray, Coach Bob Klimowicz Frontier Student-Athletes Gabby Demo and Sirena Fitzery, Lake Shore Athletic Director Daryl Besant, Lake Shore Student-Athletes Mary and Emily Kromer, Orchard Park Athletic Director Dave Hack and Orchard Park Student-Athlete Brooke Becker
- i) Lancaster, 3P Air Rifle – represented by Athletic Director Brian Wild, Coach Leif Johnson, and Student-Athletes Jessica Clark and Nick Seth
- j) Kiersten Mucha, Lancaster, Rifle, Prone & Standing – unable to attend
- k) Jon Surdej, Lancaster, Indoor Track & Field, Shot Put – accompanied by Athletic Director Brian Wild and Coach George Rak
- l) Alexis Kirk, Clarence, Rifle, Kneeling & Overall Aggregate – accompanied by Athletic Director Greg Kaszubski and Coach Bob Neubauer
- m) Rachel Donner, Iroquois, Indoor Track & Field, Shot Put – accompanied by Athletic Director Pete Tonsoline and Coach Scott Rollo

2.2 NIAAA Scholar Athlete Essay Winners

- a) Abby Borkowski (Kenmore West)
- b) Michael Peppy (Maple Grove)

2.3 NYSAAA Award Winners

- a) Community Service – Mike Masters (Cross Training Football)
- b) Distinguished Service – Jim Spanbauer (Section VI Principals Representative)
- c) Judith Martens Secretarial Award – Pegge Cook (Hamburg)
- d) Athletic Director of the Year – Doug Ames (Newfane)

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3.0 MINUTES

A. Gens

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3.1 **Motion to approve the March 21, 2018 Section VI Athletic Council meeting minutes**

CARRIED

Zirkle/Spanbauer

6.14 Nominations

A. Stoltman

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6.14.1 **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM:** Boys Representative position

This item was removed from the agenda. The current Boys Representative, J. Graczyk, has one year left on his term.

6.14.2 President-Elect Position, 2018-2020

Brett Banker was elected to the President-Elect position via a ballot vote.

4.0 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

T. Slade

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4.1 Governor's Opioid Announcement

The Governor's opioid announcement was distributed to member schools. Opioid use prevention is a new program that should be incorporated into school districts' health curriculums. School districts can request information and materials/kits from the New York State Department of Health.

4.2 **Motion to approve Timm Slade (NYSPHSAA) proxy for 2018-2019 school year**

CARRIED

Rabey/Spanbauer

4.3 Football-Proposals

Proposal #1:

The NYSPHSAA is looking to move the championships to the weekend after Thanksgiving.

Proposal #2:

The following proposal was submitted by the Section VI Football Committee:

CURRENT RULE SYNOPSIS: A football player may dress in any junior varsity or varsity football game in a given week. If he/she participates in one play during that contest, the athlete is no longer eligible to participate in another contest until they have had 4 nights rest.

PROPOSAL: A football player may be allowed to participate in both the junior varsity and varsity contests within the same week. The stipulation is that during one of the contests, the athlete would have a ten (10) play limit. During the other contest, the athlete would be free of any restriction on plays.

For example, On Friday evening a junior varsity player may dress and participate in a maximum of ten plays. That player would still remain eligible to participate in the junior varsity game the following day with no restriction on a play limit. If the player would play in eleven or more plays on Friday night, they would only be eligible for ten plays on Saturday.

The same scenario would allow for a junior varsity player to play in their game on a Thursday night and still dress and participate in a maximum of ten plays during the varsity game on Friday night.

RATIONALE: In many areas, schools are facing declining roster sizes in their football programs due to decreasing enrollments and safety concerns surrounding the game of football. This has led to postponements and/or forfeits at either level. This proposal could possibly eliminate those concerns while at the same time protect our athletes. If a team only has 16-20 players dressed for a game, it is likely that some of those players never come off the field. This proposal would increase roster sizes and allow players to receive a much needed rest during their contest providing a safer environment for all.

Example: A varsity team has 18 eligible players for their game. By allowing ten junior varsity players to dress and participate with a maximum of ten plays, the varsity team has now gained 100 plays in which their players can get a rest during the game.

TRACKING PROTOCOL: Both junior varsity and varsity teams are normally required to submit rosters. The varsity roster could include junior varsity players that may or may not be dressed for the varsity game. These players could be denoted on the roster with an asterisk for those watching and/or tracking. The same could be done for the junior varsity roster if they were allowing varsity

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players to participate at the junior varsity level.

Coaches/AD's would be responsible for verifying an athlete did not participate in more than 10 plays. Coaches/AD's are currently required to track pitches thrown in baseball, so I am confident the same could be done in football.

POINTS OF EMPHASIS:

*Players that participate in both games are only charged with one game played that week.

*If a school questions another school, they must be able to provide verification that a given player did not exceed the ten-play limit in both games. Coaches/AD's could sign off after a game if required. In most cases film could be used as verification as well. A simple tracking sheet could be developed that could be used as a standard form if requested.

*Currently, an athlete may participate in 90 plays at "full live" level of contact in a scrimmage. That same player is eligible to participate in another 90 plays of "full live" contact just two days later in another scrimmage. That is 180 plays over a two-day period. This proposal would be asking for substantially less.

An average junior varsity game might see between 110-130 plays. Even if an athlete participated in every play and they also participated in the varsity contest for a maximum of ten plays, they would not be close the 180 plays allowed in the scrimmages.

*If a school violates the rule and allows a player to participate in more than ten plays at both levels, a forfeit would/could be assessed at either or both levels. The coach could be assessed a one game suspension as well. Further rules could be set if this scenario occurred again.

*If desired, individual sections could adopt a rule which states any player that participates in the majority of the varsity contest is ineligible for the junior varsity contest. The premise of this rule would be to prohibit schools from allowing a talented 10 or 11th grader to participate fully in the varsity game then play in the junior varsity game as well simply to create a stronger line-up. This proposal is designed for the safety of our athletes and to eliminate postponements/forfeits, not to gain a competitive advantage at the junior varsity level.

*The committee believes this proposal creates a much safer environment for our student athletes choosing to participate in the sport of football.

*This proposal could also greatly decrease the number of postponements/forfeits in the sport of football and in some cases, ultimately save programs.

The Athletic Council will be updated as the proposal moves forward at the state level.

Proposal #3:

Section III submitted a proposal to move back the fall start and winter start dates at the state level.

4.4 ***Motion to Approval of Independent Schedules for the following BPS teams: Buffalo Girls Swim & Dive (fall), Hutch Tech Boys Volleyball, Lafayette Boys Volleyball, Olmsted Boys Volleyball, City Honors Girls Volleyball, City Honors Softball***

CARRIED

Graczyk/Sudolak

4.5 The Sport of Rifle

A state lawmaker from New York City has authored a bill that would end riflery, trap shooting, and archery as a sport in public schools. Assemblywoman Linda B. Rosenthal, a Democrat who represents the 67th Assembly District in western Manhattan, introduced the bill on April 20. At this point, there is no co-sponsor for it in the state Senate. The bill, if approved, would impact a number of Upstate school districts, who have competitive teams in such sports as riflery, trap shooting, and archery.

4.6 Rifle Chairman Vacancy

P. Borkowski stepped down from the Rifle Chairman position. A. Stoltman and T. Slade will interview candidate(s) for the position.

4.7 Cheerleading All-Star

A proposal to allow using All-Star cheerleaders at the Kensington Lions All-Star Football game was approved.

4.8 Sectional Spring Seeding

Initially, due to weather, there was concern regarding spring seeding. Currently, seeding meetings are set as originally scheduled.

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4.9 Combining of Schools Discussion

There is a proposal at the state level for the combining of schools formula to be sport specific. Adoption of the proposal would allow for the percentage of the other teams' beds numbers to be calculated using that sport's classification instead of 5 sport classification numbers.

4.10 **Motion to approve of Boys Ice Hockey Williamsville North and Niagara Wheatfield participating in Division 1, 2018-2019**

CARRIED

Stoltman/Breidenstein

4.11 ArbiterPay Update

T. Slade is scheduled to provide an update and answer questions regarding ArbiterPay at the May 23, 2018 business officials meeting to be held at Erie 1 BOCES. Instructions to register for ArbiterPay were emailed to member schools.

4.12 Baseball

Section VI was notified that Diethrick Park is unavailable to host Class C and Class D Baseball. Jefferson Middle School was secured as the replacement venue.

5.0 COMMUNICATIONS

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5.1a **Motion to approve Combining of Schools applications, numbers (1) through (48)**

- 1) Basketball B/G, **Ellicottville**, West Valley, V, *Pending League Signature*
- 2) Basketball B/G, **Newcomer**, Lafayette International, JV Only
- 3) Basketball B/G, **Riverside International**, Riverside Academy, V
- 4) Basketball Girls, **Brocton**, Westfield, V/JV
- 5) Bowling B/G, **Allegany-Limestone**, Olean, Portville, V,
- 6) Bowling B/G, **Clymer**, Sherman, V,
- 7) Bowling B/G, **Hinsdale**, Cuba, V, *Pending League Signature*
- 8) Bowling B/G, **Newcomer**, Lafayette International, V
- 9) Bowling B/G, **Riverside International**, Riverside Academy, V
- 10) Bowling Girls, **West Seneca West**, West Seneca East, V, *Pending League Signature*
- 11) Cheer, **East Aurora**, Holland, V
- 12) Ice Hockey Boys, **Iroquois**, Alden, V/JV
- 13) Ice Hockey Girls, **Amherst**, Clarence, Sweet Home, V
- 14) Ice Hockey Girls, **Frontier**, Orchard Park, Lake Shore, V, *Pending All Signatures*
- 15) Ice Hockey Girls, **Kenmore East**, Kenmore West, Grand Island, V
- 16) Ice Hockey Girls, **Lancaster**, Iroquois, Depew, V
- 17) Ice Hockey Girls, **West Seneca West**, WS East, Hamburg, Eden, V
- 18) Ice Hockey Girls, **Williamsville East**, Williamsville, South, Williamsville North, V
- 19) Indoor Track, **Allegany-Limestone**, Franklinville, Olean, V
- 20) Indoor Track, **Dunkirk**, Silver Creek, V
- 21) Indoor Track, **Falconer**, Cassadaga Valley, Maple Grove, Frewsburg, V
- 22) Indoor Track, **Fredonia**, Westfield V, *Pending All Signatures*
- 23) Indoor Track, **Holland**, East Aurora, V
- 24) Rifle, **Kenmore East**, Kenmore West, V
- 25) Skiing, **Williamsville South**, Williamsville East, Williamsville North, V
- 26) Swimming Boys, **Dunkirk**, Westfield, Brocton, V
- 27) Swimming Boys, **Eden**, Gowanda, V, *Pending League Signature*
- 28) Swimming Boys, **Fredonia**, Cassadaga Valley, V, *Pending All Signatures*
- 29) Swimming Boys, **Frewsburg**, Southwestern, V
- 30) Swimming Boys, **Hutch Tech**, Emerson, V
- 31) Swimming Boys, **I-Prep**, Leonardo da Vinci, V
- 32) Swimming Boys, **Jamestown**, Falconer, V
- 33) Swimming Boys, **Kenmore East**, Kenmore West, V
- 34) Swimming Boys, **MEC**, LJ Bennett, V
- 35) Swimming Boys, **Newcomer**, Lafayette International, V
- 36) Swimming Boys, **Olean**, Allegany-Limestone, Franklinville, Portville, V
- 37) Swimming Boys, **Panama**, Chautauqua Lake, Maple Grove, V
- 38) Swimming Boys, **Riverside International**, Riverside Academy, V
- 39) Swimming Boys, **West Seneca West**, West Seneca East, V, *Pending League Signature*
- 40) Wrestling, **Chautauqua Lake**, Westfield, Panama & Clymer, V /JV & 7/8
- 41) Wrestling, **Depew**, Cleveland Hill, V /JV & 7/8
- 42) Wrestling, **East Aurora**, Holland, **7/8 ONLY**
- 43) Wrestling, **Falconer**, Cassadaga Valley, V /JV & 7/8

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- 44) Wrestling, **Franklinville**, Ellicottville, V, JV, 7/8
- 45) Wrestling, **Fredonia**, Silver Creek, Brocton, Forestville, Pine Valley, V, JV, 7/8, *Pending All Signatures*
- 46) Wrestling, **Kenmore East**, Kenmore West, V
- 47) Wrestling, **Olean**, Allegany-Limestone, V, JV, 7/8
- 48) Wrestling, **Royalton-Hartland**, Barker, V, JV, 7/8

CARRIED

Rabey/Penhollow

5.1b Demerging

1. Swimming G, **Kenmore East**, Kenmore West, V & JV, (will demerge 5/16/18)
2. Volleyball G, **Eden**, North Collins, V/ JV & 7/8, will demerge)

5.2 **Motion to approve Friends & Neighbors applications, letters (a) through (e)**

- a) Elmwood Franklin School, Pending application
- b) New Life Christian School
- c) Southern Tier Catholic School, Pending application
- d) St. Mary's School for the Deaf
- e) West Seneca Christian School, Pending application

Baumann/Ginestre

CARRIED

5.3 **Motion to approve of Senior All-Star Applications, letters (a) and (b)**

- a) Boys Lacrosse Exceptional Senior Game, 6/13/18 at Orchard Park High School, *Pending Application*
- b) Girls Lacrosse Senior Game, 6/12/18 at Sweet Home High School, *Pending Application*

CARRIED

Zirkle/Norton

6.0 **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

6.1 Combining of Schools Committee

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The Combining of Schools Committee reviewed the results of the winter end of season reports. No issues or concerns were presented. The spring combined schools end of season reports are due June 20, 2018.

6.2 Charter Schools Classification Committee

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Data will be gathered from the charter schools and public schools that send district residents to charter schools. This will help to establish factors when reviewing classification of the charter schools. J. Rabey is reviewing the charters via the State Education Department website to determine all parameters that comprise enrollment. The intent of the committee is to build a profile for charter schools to determine the appropriate classification placement. The committee will convene in August 2018.

6.3 Finance Committee

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6.3.1 **Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report**

CARRIED

Penhollow/DeKay

6.4 Sectional/Intersectional

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- 6.4.1 T. Slade and league representatives will meet following this meeting to discuss proposals submitted by the Track and Field and Boys Swimming and Diving committees.

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6.5.1 Updated Certified Athletic Trainer-Sub Committee Recommendation

B. Wild participated in the April 12, 2018 Safety Committee conference call. The Safety Committee has submitted the following proposal at the state level.

Proposal: To add the following language to the NYSPHSAA recommendations in the NYSPHSAA Handbook. "NYSPHSAA recommends and supports the 'Best Practice' that every member High School has a Certified Athletic Trainer providing full-time coverage to the athletic program."

Rationale: The NYSPHSAA Strategic Plan contained a goal of increasing athletic training services to all member schools. The NYSPHSAA Safety Committee formed a sub-committee to look at three areas, (1) benefits of athletic training services, (2) obstacles of providing athletic training services, and (3) ways to provide athletic training services. We all share the goal to minimize risk to student athletes participating in our athletic programs and Certified Athletic Trainers are imperative to meeting this goal.

Effective start date: Fall 2018

B. Wild was asked to share with his committee that Erie 2 BOCES does have an athletic trainer co-ser in place.

6.5.2 Modification Proposal to the Football Participation Standard

See agenda item 4.3.

6.6 Modified Report

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6.6.1 Modified Proposals

The 11 discussion items included in the attached document will be voted on in April 2019. Council members were asked to share these items with their modified representatives so any additional changes and answers to the discussion items can be addressed at the Fall 2018 Modified Committee meeting.

6.7 State Executive Committee/Central Committee

a) Superintendent

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Nothing to report

b) Principal

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Nothing to report

c) Boys Rep./Girls Rep.

J. Graczyk/M. Fallacaro

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- Use of NFHS rules

Proposal: Consideration of using NFHS rules for all sports that currently do not abide by NFHS Rules (Girls Basketball, Girls / Boys Volleyball, and Softball)

Rationale: Membership continues to express concern with the use of rules that are not NFHS rules.

- Ice Hockey Video Replay

Proposal: "If video replay is available, it may only be used in post season play including Sectionals, Regionals, State Semi-Finals and State Championship games and may be used only for determining goals and undetected goals and for determining correct time on the game clock as per the NFHS rulebook (rule 9-13)."

Rationale: Most of the facilities we use for our Sectional and Regional play and the facility we have under contract for the State Semi-Final and Championship games (The HarborCenter) has this technology and the Ice Hockey Committee would like to make use of it. Critical situations have come up in a number of State level games in the past that would have assisted us in making confident and correct decisions in these situations. Many of the other States using the NFHS rulebook have approved the use of this technology.

Effective start date: Winter 2018

- Wheelchair Track and Field Athletes

Proposal: To have a standard scoring procedure for all wheelchair athletes participating in NYSPHSAA regular season and post season Outdoor Track and Field competitions.

Rationale: Over the past two seasons we have had two wheelchair track and field athletes participate in track and field at the modified level. Now that they are entering the HS level of competition we need to establish a uniformed and consistent procedure for scoring and competing during the regular season and post season.

Effective start date: Spring 2019

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- **Bowling**
Proposal: The NYSPHSAA Bowling State Committee proposes a change in the length of the state tournament from two days of competition to three. In order to accommodate for the third day, the official practice session on Friday will be eliminated. Division 2 boys and girls teams will compete on Friday afternoon. Composite teams will compete on Saturday with the girls and boys being separate competitions with one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Division 1 will compete on Sunday morning. A rotation schedule will be established to prevent the same division from losing school time each year.
Rationale: The addition of the Division 2 component to the tournament added another event to the NYSPHSAA Bowling Championships. In order to accommodate spectators so they are not denied access due to fire code, the composite event would be split into two separate competitions on the Saturday of the tournament with one group competing in the morning and another in the afternoon. In order to schedule all events for the tournament and accommodate the larger than capacity crowd for the composite event, we would need to eliminate the Friday practice session.
 Effective start date: March 2019
 - **Bowling – Substitution Rule for the State Tournament**
Proposal: The Bowling Committee is seeking to allow substitutions within a game during only the NYSPHSAA State Tournament beginning in 2019. Currently, substitutions may only be made in between games.
 Terms of the substitution rule:
 1. One (1) substitution may be made per game.
 2. A substitution may be made prior to the first ball being thrown of any frame.
 3. The athlete who begins a frame must finish that frame. EXCEPTION: 10th frame: In the 10th frame, a substitution may also be made prior to the “fill-ball” for any bowler. This substitution may only be made after one spare or after the second strike.
 4. If a substitution is made, the score for that game is credited to the athlete who began the game. However, that game score AND six game series is ineligible to be used toward individual awards.
 5. When a substitution is made, the head coach must indicate the change on the team scoresheet. The game score (for the bowler who began the game) should be circled. For the substitute, the coach should enter an asterisk (*) along with the frame number that bowler entered the game.
 6. Penalty: If an illegal substitution is made, an individual score of 0 will be given for every illegal frame. Once a scoresheet is verified (signed) by the opposing coach, scores will NOT be adjusted.
 Effective start date: Winter 2018-2019 season
 - **Outdoor Track & Field – Super Qualifying Standard**
Proposal: The NYSPHSAA Outdoor Track & Field Committee is seeking approval for a new set of qualifying standards beginning in the Spring 2019 for a two-year experiment. The new set of standards would allow for much more stringent times/marks, thus qualifying approximately 10-12 additional athletes in the State Track Meet. This Super Standard is based on a five-year average of the 4th place finish at the State Meet finals for each event. Athletes can meet these standards at any time during the regular season or post season to qualify for the State Meet. Athlete/Relay must participate in that particular event at the State Qualifier meet. This standard will be adjusted each year by the State Coordinators after review of the numbers. This would allow those athletes who place below the present second place finish in each Section's final qualifier to advance to the State Meet.
Rationale: Currently: there are approximately 1,400 athletes participating in the NYSPHSAA State Meet. This is 3.4% of the approximately 43,500 Outdoor Track and Field athletes in New York State. Per Championship Philosophy Committee, the required range of participation for the Outdoor Track State meet is 5%-8%. More deserving athletes could be allowed to compete in the state tournament.
 - **Duration of Competition Waiver**
 This proposal was postponed. The age and duration of competition rule must still be followed for Unified Sports programs.
 - **Cheerleading**
Proposal: Consideration of revisions to the format of the NYSPHSAA Cheerleading Championship to include a scoresheet and GameDay competition.
Rationale: The NYSPHSAA has struggled to successfully blend the two distinct styles of cheerleading that exist in NYS today in a rubric scoring system. This is similar to the challenges that other State Athletic Associations have experienced. Varsity has an established scoresheet that has been tested and successfully been used by several state high school athletic associations throughout the United States.
 Effective start date: 2018-2019 school year
- Approved Items:**
- **8 Man Football Field Dimension Waiver**
Proposal: To allow sections to play 8-man Football with an alternate field dimension from NFHS rules with Section/League approval.
Rationale: Sections that are starting 8 man Football teams need the flexibility to alter the playing field dimensions so as not

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to incur additional expenses while getting their programs up and running. Schools moving to 8 Man Football already have permanent structures such as goal posts set in the ground and or field markings. Giving Sections the ability to set their own dimensions would alleviate any issues with their current fields. This conforms to NFHS rules which allow 8 man alternate field dimensions with state association approval.

Effective start date: Fall 2018

- Representation Rule
When a school district doesn't have a team designated for each singular sex, a waiver may be granted by the executive director. The student must meet qualification for participation in the current school year's champ event. The waiver must be submitted to the executive director before sectional competition begins.

6.8 Extended Eligibility

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Section VI anticipates an appeal for a recent denial of eligibility.

6.9 Chemical Awareness

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Nothing to report

6.10 Transfer/Foreign Student

T. Slade

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Reports were emailed

6.11 Sportsmanship

J. Graczyk/D.Ames

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- A reminder was given that today is Coaches Appreciation Day
- League representatives were asked to remind their leagues to submit spring coaches recognition nominations
- There will be a brief presentation on sportsmanship at the August 2018 mandatory athletic directors meeting

6.12 Veterans

J. Trampert

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6.12.1 Veterans Dinner September 2018

League representatives were asked to remind member schools that retired athletic directors are invited to the annual Veterans Dinner, which will be held Thursday, September 13, 2018 at The Columns Banquets with the option to participate in golf (Harvest Hill). Dinner/golf invitations will be sent in early August.

6.13 Mixed Competition

J. Spanbauer

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Nothing to report

6.14 Corporate Partners

T. Slade

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- Spectrum –\$16,000 (FULL RIGHTS TO FOOTBALL)
- Potential partnerships with the National Federation of High Schools and NFHS are being investigated
- A-Turf - \$10,000

6.15 Hall of Fame

J. Dunnigan

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A reminder of today's deadline to submit nominations for the 2018 Section VI Hall of Fame was given.

7.0 SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

7.1 All-WNY Scholar Athlete

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The All-WNY Scholar Athlete Committee is scheduled to meet tomorrow, May 17, to select the spring scholar athletes.

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7.2.1 **Motion to of the 2018-2019 Independent Schedule**

CARRIED
Graczyk/Spanbauer

7.2.2 **Motion to approve of Marc LaMorticella as Charter School Liaison**

CARRIED
Graczyk/Sukdolak

8.0 **STATE & SECTION SPORT COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Girls & Boys Bowling [State Report - March 9, 2018](#)
Girls Volleyball [State Report – March 28, 2018](#)
Boys Volleyball [State Report – April 12, 2018](#)

9.0 **GUEST REPORTS**

9.1 NYSPHSAA Report

Chris Watson
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- A reminder was given to those schools who have yet to complete the Participation Survey
- NYSPHSAA Scholar-Athlete applications are due Monday, May 21, 2018
- Schools of Excellence and Schools of Distinction will be released in the near future

9.2 NYSAAA Report

Nothing to report

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10.0 **SPORTS REPORTS**

10.1 **Motion to approve the Winter 17-18 Post Season Sports Reports (with the exclusion of Cheerleading)**

CARRIED
Lucenti/Ames

11.0 **OLD BUSINESS**

11.1 A. Gens was thanked for his service in the position of Section VI President.

12.0 **NEW BUSINESS**

Nothing to report

13.0 **GOOD OF THE ADJOURNMENT**

13.1 **Motion to adjourn**

CARRIED
Lucenti/Norton

Respectfully Submitted,



Beth Fadeley
Recording Secretary

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