



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

November 15, 2017

Action Items

- 3.1 **CARRIED:** October 11, 2017 Section VI Executive Committee meeting minutes
- 6.2.1 **CARRIED:** Treasurer's report

Action Items for the Athletic Council

- 3.1 **ACTION ITEM:** Approval of the September 13, 2017 Section VI Athletic Council meeting minutes
- 4.1 **ACTION ITEM:** Approval of City Honors 2018 Independent Softball Schedule
- 5.1 **ACTION ITEM:** Approval of Combining of Schools Applications
- 5.2 **ACTION ITEM:** Approval of Outside Agency Applications
- 6.3.1 **ACTION ITEM:** Approval of the Boys Basketball Committee proposal to move Health Sciences from Class B to Class A or Class AA for the 2017-2018 season
- 6.3.2 **ACTION ITEM:** Approval of the Cheerleading Committee's cheerleading championships classification proposal
- 6.3.3 **ACTION ITEM:** North/South Timelines for Schedules/Assignment of Officials
- 6.7c **ACTION ITEM:** With Section and League approval, to eliminate the 99lb. weight class in league matches only in Wrestling
- 10.1 **ACTION ITEM:** Approval of the 2017 Spring Pre-Season Reports with the exception of Girls Lacrosse
- 12.1 **ACTION ITEM:** Approve Section VI 2018-2019 meeting dates

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1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Commenced: 9:31am

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3.0 MINUTES

3.1 **Motion to approve the October 11, 2017 Section VI Executive Committee meeting minutes**

CARRIED

Graczyk/Fallacaro

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4.0 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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4.1 **AC ACTION ITEM:** Approval of City Honors 2018 Independent Softball Schedule No issues or concerns were presented.

4.2 Classification Variations

The following classifications variations were approved by the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee

Cross Country	2017	2018	Girls Volleyball	2017	2018	Boys Volleyball	Football	2017	2018
Class A	850+	830+	Class AA	941+	950+	Division I 950+	Class AA	930+	1025+
Class B	445-849	446-829	Class A	587-940	598-949	Division 2 949-below	Class A	570-929	585-1024
Class C	261-444	240-445	Class B	345-586	368-597	Winter	Class B	365-569	355-584
Class D	260-below	239-below	Class C	203-344	221-367	Class B 340+	Class C	240-364	230-354
			Class D	202-below	220-below	Class C 339-below	Class D	239-below	229-below

4.3 Lafayette Appeal/Decision

The NYSPHSAA Appeal Panel upheld Section VI's denial of Buffalo Public Schools application for a merger between Lafayette and Newcomer in the sport of Boys Soccer for the 2017 season.

4.4 Section-wide Sport Meetings

Section-wide sport meetings may be instituted in the near future if proven advantageous and if all leagues are in support. 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.

4.5 Modified Female Representative Vacancy

Approval of Julie Arnold, Brocton Co-Athletic Director, will be requested at the following Athletic Council meeting.

4.6 League Dates

Continued non-adherence to pre-established league dates (North) has created a significant lack of official coverage in the sport of soccer. A meeting to discuss possible resolutions will be scheduled sometime in December. Once confirmed, an invitation and meeting details will be emailed to all involved parties.

4.7 Golf Tournament Representation Proposal

The following proposal was brought forth by the Boys Golf Committee and is an action item for approval at the January 17, 2017 Athletic Council meeting:

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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**

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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.

4.8 Combining of Schools Applications

At today's Athletic Council meeting, it will be requested to include the *East Aurora with Holland, Cheerleading, 2017-2018* combining of schools application to action item 5.1. M. Librock, East Aurora Athletic Director, will be present to address the rationale for the late request to combine.

4.9 President-Elect 2018-2020

As per the geographic rotation procedure within the Section VI Constitution, the candidate for the 2018-2020 president-elect term, must be affiliated with either the Niagara Orleans or Niagara Frontier Leagues. If several candidates are presented, a ballot vote will be taken by the Athletic Council. A resume and letter of interest including Section involvement throughout the candidate's career is required. Applications are due no later than March 13, 2018. Interview(s) will be scheduled thereafter and approval of the selected candidate will be sought at the May 16, 2018 Athletic Council meeting.

4.10 Football

At the request of the Football Committee and as approved by the Athletic Council (January 2017), the 2017 Class B JV and varsity football schedules were created according to the BEDS numbers. It is anticipated that the Football Committee will propose creating the Class A and Class B football schedule according to the BEDS numbers for the 2018 season.

5.0 COMMUNICATIONS

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5.1 **AC ACTION ITEM:** Approval of Combining of Schools Applications

1. Basketball (B/G) **Lafayette**, Newcomer at Lafayette, Lafayette Int., **Add Alternative Ed**, V, JV
2. Bowling (B/G), **East High**, East Community, V
3. Bowling (B/G), **Lafayette**, Laf. Inter. Laf. Newcomers, V
4. Indoor Track, **Pioneer**, Allegany-Limestone, V
5. Swimming (B/G), **I-Prep**, Leonardo da Vinci, V
6. Swimming (B/G), **Lafayette**, Laf. Inter. Laf. Newcomers, V
7. Swimming (B/G), **MEC**, Lewis J. Bennett, V
8. Wrestling **Chautauqua Lake**, Westfield, Panama, **Add Clymer**, V/7&8
9. Wrestling **Dunkirk**, Forestville, Silver Creek, **Add Pine Valley**, V
10. Baseball, **East High**, East Community, V
11. Baseball, **Lafayette**, Laf. Inter. Laf. Newcomers, V
12. Baseball, **MEC**, Lewis J. Bennett, V
13. Baseball, **Silver Creek**, Forestville, V/JV/7/8/9
14. Golf Boys, **Forestville**, Pine Valley, V
15. Lacrosse Boys, **Eden**, Springville, V/JV
16. Softball, **East High**, East Community, V
17. Softball, **Lafayette**, Laf. Inter. Laf. Newcomers, V
18. Softball, **MEC**, Lewis J. Bennett, V
19. Tennis B/G, **East High**, East Community, V

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- 20. Tennis B/G, **Lafayette**, Laf. Inter. Laf. Newcomers, V
- 21. Tennis G, **MEC**, Lewis J. Bennett, V
- 22. Track & Field B/G, **East High**, East Community, V
- 23. Track & Field B/G, **Falconer**, Cassadaga Valley, V
- 24. Track & Field B/G, **Lafayette**, Laf. Inter. Laf. Newcomers, V

It will be recommended that the Athletic Council approve to table application #1 since Buffalo Public Schools will not have representation present to address concerns. CCAA representatives will be asked to address concerns with application #8 and #9.

5.2 **AC ACTION ITEM:** Approval of Outside Agency Applications

- a) 2017 UB Spirit Challenge, 11/5/17 at SUNY University of Buffalo Alumni Arena, co-sponsored by Hamburg High School and UB (Retroactive approval, *TS approved 10/10/17 received after October Executive Committee agenda deadline.)
- b) 4th Annual Hot Cheer 11/4/17 at Starpoint High School, co-sponsored by Starpoint High School and Elite Heat All Stars. (Retroactive approval, *TS approved 9/17/17)
- c) Alden State Bank Tipoff Tournament Girls Basketball, 12/1/17 & 12/22/17, at Alden High School, co-sponsored by Alden State Bank & Alden High School
- d) JHS Boys & Girls Basketball United Way Tourn., Girls 12/16/17 & Boys 1/6/18, at Jamestown High School & United Way of Southern Chaut. Co.
- e) Bank of Holland Southtowns Classic, 12/14/17 through 12/16/2017, at East Aurora High School, co-sponsored by Bank of Holland and East Aurora HS. (Pending insurance)

6.0 **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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6.1 Combining of Schools Committee

The Fall 2017 end of season reports are due by November 30, 2017. Approximately 50% of the reports have been submitted. A reminder will be emailed to schools who have outstanding reports.

6.2 Finance Committee

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6.2.1 Treasurer's Report

Motion to accept the treasurer's report

CARRIED

Rabey/Graczyk

6.2.2 2018-2019 Proposed Budget

The proposed budget was distributed to committee members. It is an action item for approval at the January 17, 2018 Athletic Council meeting.

6.3 Sectional/Intersectional

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6.3.1 **AC ACTION ITEM:** Approval of the Boys Basketball Committee proposal to move Health Sciences from Class B to Class A or Class AA for the 2017-2018 season

The Athletic Council will be reminded of the policy regarding placement of classification of charter schools and move forward accordingly:

Per policy 511, phase #4:

Phase 4: Charter Schools as League Members:

1. A charter school will become a regular member of a league upon league approval. As a regular member of a league, the charter school is exempt from the Placement Portion of the Guidelines for Charter Schools. (Phases 1-3)
2. The classification of a charter school as a league member will be by BEDS numbers.
3. A review and potential adjustments will be made annually by the Special Committee on Charter Schools based on the program strength of a specific sport as well as the overall capacity of the program.
4. Section VI and the State Association have the right to override BEDS classification based on strength of program.

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6.3.2 **AC ACTION ITEM:** Approval of the Cheerleading Committee's cheerleading championships classification proposal

Section VI had previously approved to allow 10% of each Cheerleading Division to move on to the State Championships after Sectional finals. This is determined by having the Sectional winner in each Division move on to the State competition. If there are more than 10 in a Division then it will be the Sectional winner plus the school or schools with the next highest scores.

- Proposal: To divide Division 2 Small (BEDS 750 or less) into classifications (B, C, D) of equal numbers, send the winner of each classification and the additional team(s) will be determined by the next highest scores within the entire division. Effective Start Date: Winter 2017-18 season

6.3.3 **AC ACTION ITEM:** North/South Timelines for Schedules/Assignment of Officials

As stipulated in the Policy Manual, annual Timelines for schedules and assignment of officials will be established for the North and South and approved by the Section. The enclosed proposed 2018-2019 North and South Timelines were reviewed by the assigning agents of each League.

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.

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- Consideration of approval to revise 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.

Athletic Council representatives will be asked to discuss this item in order to give direction to the Boys and Girls Representative at the January 17, 2018 meeting.

- Consider approval for 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.

Athletic Council representatives will be asked to discuss this item in order to give direction to the Boys and Girls Representative at the January 17, 2018 meeting.

- **AC ACTION ITEM:** With Section and League approval, to eliminate scoring the 99lb. weight class in league matches only in Wrestling

6.10 Transfer/Foreign Student

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Reports were emailed

6.15 Corporate Partners

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6.15.1 A-Turf Presented By

6.16.1 Spectrum Contract

T. Slade to get clarification regarding the live streaming process and stipulations of Section VI's agreement with Spectrum.

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10.0 SPORTS REPORTS

10.1 **AC ACTION ITEM:** Approval of the 2017 Spring Pre-Season Reports

Note: Girls Lacrosse is an action item for approval at the December 13, 2017 Executive Committee meeting as it was submitted after the agenda was finalized.

11.0 OLD BUSINESS

11.1 Representation Rule:

"In extenuating circumstances where the student does not have a medical reason for a waiver of the representation rule, the NYSPHSAA Executive Director, in consultation with the Section Executive Director and NYSPHSAA President shall have the ability to grant a waiver of the representation rule. Waiver requests must be made in writing by the Section's Executive Director." (Approved NYSPHSAA October 2017)

11.2 Championship Venues – Neutral Sites

The process for selection of post season neutral sites has been shared with member schools who have expressed concerns.

11.3 2017 FOIL Request

The request was fulfilled.

12.0 NEW BUSINESS

12.1 **AC ACTION ITEM:** Approve Section VI 2018-2019 meeting dates

- Sectional/Intersectional (Thurs. 9am Teleconference): Sept. 6, Oct. 25, Jan. 3, Feb. 14, Apr. 18
- Finance (Thurs.12pm Teleconference): Sept. 6, Oct. 25 (@ Section VI), Jan. 3, Feb. 14, Apr. 18
- Athletic Council (Wed): Sept. 12, Nov. 14, Jan. 16, Mar. 20, May 15
- Executive Committee (Wed.): Above dates plus (Teleconference) Oct. 10, December 12, Feb. 6, Apr. 10, June 12

12.2 Cheerleading Judges

T Slade will notify Michele Ziegler, Cheerleading Chair, it is a conflict of interest for individuals to who either own a club or work with member schools at the club during the school year to judge the Section VI Championships.

13.0 GOOD OF THE ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn

CARRIED

Graczyk/Stoltman

Respectfully Submitted,



Beth Fadeley
Recording Secretary

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