



ATHLETIC COUNCIL MINUTES

September 13, 2017

HIGHLIGHTS

- 3.1 **CARRIED:** May 17, 2017 Section VI Athletic Council meeting minutes
- 4.9 **CARRIED:** Holland Boys Volleyball 2017 Independent Schedule
- 4.10 **CARRIED:** Hutch Tech Boys Volleyball 2017 Independent Schedule
- 5.1 **CARRIED:** Combining of Schools applications, numbers 1 through 17
- 5.2 **CARRIED:** Outside Agency applications, letters (a) through (f)
- 5.3 **CARRIED:** Senior All Star application, letter (a)
- 5.4 **CARRIED:** Friends and Neighbors application, letter (a)
- 6.2.1 **CARRIED:** Treasurer's Report
- 6.7c1 **CARRIED:** Direct the Girls and Boys Representatives to support the following language for the 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."* Effective Start Date: 2017-2018.
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- 6.7c4 **OPPOSED:** Direct the Girls and Boys Representatives to support, with League and Section approval, to have the 99 lb. weight class not count in league matches only. Effective Start Date: 2017-2018 season.
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- 6.14.1 **CARRIED:** R. Parry (Depew) as the Section VI Baseball Chairman
- 10.1 **CARRIED:** Girls Basketball 2016-2017 Post Season Report
- 10.2 **CARRIED:** Winter 2017-2018 Pre-Season Reports
- 10.3 **CARRIED:** Spring 2017 Post Season Reports
- 12.1 **CARRIED:** Week 18 of the NFHS calendar as the permanent start date for Leagues with 4 sport season participation at the modified level

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1.0 CALL TO ORDER

A. Gens

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Commenced: 11:41am

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance

2.0 INTRODUCTIONS & AWARD PRESENTATIONS

A. Gens

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2.1 Luncheon Sponsor – Trophy's Trophy's

2.2 Sportsmanship Promotion Survey Award Winners

- a) Cleveland Hill (ECIC) – Represented by Jason Przybysz, Athletic Director, and Chris Urban, Student-Athlete
- b) Franklinville (CCAA) – Unable to attend
- c) Iroquois (ECIC) – Represented by Pete Tonsoline, Athletic Director, and Olivia D'Amato, Student-Athlete
- d) Maryvale (ECIC) – Represented by Steve Griffin, Athletic Director, and Julia Carter, Student-Athlete
- e) Panama (CCAA) – Unable to attend
- f) Akron (NO) – Represented by Joe Lucenti, Principal

2.3 Spring 2017 Individual State Champions

Outdoor Track & Field

- a) Nia Stevens, Tapestry, 200M Dash, Division II, accompanied by Marc LaMorticella, Athletic Director, and Dan Tryon, Coach
- b) Nia Stevens, Taylor Hunter, Kim Bostic, Mirielle Ngoopos, Tapestry, 4x100M Relay, Division II, accompanied by Marc LaMorticella, Athletic Director, and Dan Tryon, Coach
- c) Shevaughn Allen, JFK, Triple Jump, Division II, accompanied by Mark Ostempowski, Athletic Director, and Jeff Clark, Coach
- d) Anthony Williams, Eric Johnson, Thomas Rivera, Nathaniel Davis, Sweet Home, 4x100M Relay, Division I, accompanied by Matt LaRoach, Athletic Director, and Coach Lombardo
- e) Paul Kemsley, Lancaster, Discus, Division I (Unable to attend)
- f) Anton Kunnas, North Tonawanda, Pole Vault, Division II (Unable to attend)
- g) Samantha Spinella, Depew, Long Jump, Division II (Unable to attend)
- h) Emilee Hanlon, Dunkirk, High Jump, Division II, accompanied by Mike Sarratori, Athletic Director, and Adam Woelfle, Coach

3.0 MINUTES

A. Gens

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3.1 ***Motion to approve the May 17th 2017 Section VI Athletic Council meeting minutes***

CARRIED

Rabey/Baumann

4.0 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

T. Slade

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4.1 Boys Federation Ice Hockey

T. Slade to address multiple issues regarding the Boys Ice Hockey Federated program, including but not limited to the disparity in the number games played by Section VI schools as compared to Monsignor Martin schools. Updates will be given when available.

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- 4.2 Section VI Policy Chairman
The Section VI Girls Representative will no longer be responsible for updates to the policy manual. Moving forward, Section VI office Staff will update the manual.
- 4.3 Charter School Liaison Vacancy
J. Reed is no longer the CSAT athletic director; therefore he no longer holds the Charter School Liaison position. The need for the position will be evaluated as M. LaMorticella, Tapestry Athletic Director, already attends all Athletic Council meetings.
- 4.4 Baseball Chairman Position
See item 6.14
- 4.5 Section VI President-Elect Position (Term July 2018 – June 2020, North)
A. Stoltman, current Section VI President-Elect, will become Section VI President on July 1, 2018. As per the Constitution, the next president-elect candidate must hold an NFL or NO position. Approval of the selected candidate will be requested at the May 16, 2018 Athletic Council meeting. Interested parties should submit an application to the Section VI office (posted online, www.section6.e1b.org), *Bulletin Board*)
- 4.6 Section VI Boys Representative Position (Term Expiration June 2018)
J. Graczyk's term expires June 2018. The incumbent has expressed interest in staying on in the position.
- 4.7 Combined Schools Graduated Scale Revision (Implementation 2018-2019)
The NYSPHSAA Central Committee approved (July 2017) a revision to the graduated scale for combining of teams. The revision increases the percentages for Class AA, A, and B to 100%, while Class C will now be 40%, and Class D having 30%. The Membership of NYSPHSAA had concerns the previous graduate scale was too low and resulted in unintended consequences. Implementation begins 2018-2019.

Current Numbers

Class AA = 50%
Class A = 40%
Class B = 30%
Class C = 30%
Class D = 20%

2018-19 Numbers

Class AA = 100%
Class A = 100%
Class B = 100%
Class C = 40%
Class D = 30%

The graduated scale will be used for up to 3 "team" mergers and mergers with 4 or more "teams" would take 100% of their BEDS; this would ONLY be for team sports.

- 4.8 ArbiterPay Update
Returned ArbiterPay surveys indicate the majority of members schools are not interested in adopting ArbiterPay. In the near future, Section VI will hold an ArbiterPay presentation for those interested or who need more information.
- 4.9 ***Motion to approve the Holland Boys Volleyball 2017 Independent Schedule***
CARRIED
Rabey/Fallacaro
- 4.10 ***Motion to approve the Hutch Tech Boys Volleyball 2017 Independent Schedule***
CARRIED
Rabey/Fallacaro

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4.11 NYSPHSAA Championship Bids

Section VI has submitted a bid to host the NYSPHSAA Alpine Skiing Championships, Boys Ice Hockey and Wrestling bids are currently being worked on by the chairmen, and the Bowling Committee is not interested in hosting a state championship. Section VI was approved and is scheduled to host the NYSPHSAA Field Hockey Championships for the 2018, 2019, and 2020 seasons.

4.12 Modified Female Representative Vacancy

Council members are asked to notify their respective Leagues of the Modified Female Representative position vacancy. Interested parties should submit an application to the Section VI office (posted online, www.section6.e1b.org), *Bulletin Board*)

4.13 Implementation Unified Bowling, Winter 2018

The NYSPHSAA Unified Sports Committee teleconference took place this morning. Section VI will pilot Unified Bowling this upcoming winter season. A mandatory meeting for representatives of school districts that intend to participate will be held Thursday, October 12. Details regarding the meeting will be emailed.

4.14 Transfer Rule / "Residency Change"

At the October 11, 2017 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting, T. Slade will request clarification of the transfer rule process.

5.0 COMMUNICATIONS

T. Slade
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5.1 **Motion to approve of Combining of Schools Applications, numbers 1 through 17**

1. Cross Country B/G, **Fredonia**, Westfield, JV & V,
2. Field Hockey, **West Seneca West**, West Seneca East, Modified
3. Soccer Boys, **Oracle**, WNY-Maritime, V
4. Swimming Girls, **Allegheny-Limestone**, Franklinville, V (*pending league signature*)
5. Swimming Girls, **Fredonia**, Dunkirk/Forestville/Silver Creek, ADD BROCTON, V
6. Basketball (G), **Westfield**, Brocton, V/JV
7. Ice Hockey (G), **Frontier**, Orchard Park, Lake Shore, V
8. Wrestling, **Fredonia**, Brocton, V/JV
9. Baseball, **Ellicottville**, West Valley, V/JV, Mod
10. Golf B/G, **Chautauqua Lake**, Westfield, Sherman, V
11. Golf B/G, **Ellicottville**, West Valley, V
12. Softball, **Brocton**, Westfield, V/JV, 7/8/9
13. Softball, **Ellicottville**, West Valley, V/JV, Mod
14. Tennis Boys, **Eden**, North Collins, V
15. Track (B/G), **Eden**, North Collins, V
16. Track (B/G), **Franklinville**, Ellicottville, West Valley, V/JV, 7/8/9
17. Track (B/G), **Westfield**, Brocton, V/JV, 7/8/9

CARRIED

Rabey/Spanbauer

5.2 **Motion to approve of Outside Agency Applications, letters a through f**

- a. NY Icon Revolution Cheerleading, 10/21/17 at Maryvale HS, Co-sponsored by Maryvale HS & NY Icons NCCC *pending insurance*
- b. Fall Fest Cheerleading Competition, 10/29/17 at NCCC sponsored by Niagara Cheer Productions & Grand Island High School
- c. Mike Blest Cross Country Run, 9/16/17 at Beaver Island State Park, Grand Island HS and WNY Track & Field Officials
- d. Cataract Basketball Classic (Boys), 12/8/ & 12/9/17 at Niagara Falls High School sponsored by Niagara Falls Education Foundation, *pending insurance*
- e. NFHS Festival of Lights Bowling Tournament (B/G), 12/28/2017 at Tonawanda Bowling Center *pending insurance*
- f. Cataract City Hockey Classic (Boys), 12/29 & 12/30/17 at Hyde Park Ice Rink, hosted by Niagara Falls Education Foundation *pending insurance*

CARRIED

Lucenti/Jon Roth

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5.3 **Motion to approve of Senior All Star Application, letter a**

- a) Chautauqua Co. St. All-Star Games, Soccer (B/G) 11/12/17 at Martin Road Athletic Complex sponsored by Jamestown High School **insurance in process (Section6)**

CARRIED

Penhollow/Norton

5.4 **Motion to approve of Friends and Neighbor Application, letter a**

- a) Central Baptist Christian School, Yorkshire, NY

CARRIED

Baumann/DeKay

6.0 **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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6.1 Combining of Schools Committee

Council members were asked to remind their respective Leagues that the combined schools end of season report is due no later than November 30, 2017.

6.2 Finance Committee

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6.2.1 Treasurer's Report

Motion to approve treasurer's report

CARRIED

Sukdolak/Zirkle

6.2.2 Section VI 2016-2017 Audit

The Bonadio Group conducted the 2016-2017 audit this past August. They will submit their final report in the near future.

6.2.3 Travel Policy Update

The Finance Committee's goal is to make the allotted meal expenses more equitable and then possibly be able to share the savings with member schools that send team sports to state competition. T. Slade and D. Scholla plan to meet with each respective chairperson in the near future to discuss the Finance Ad Hoc Committee's proposal.

6.3 Sectional/Intersectional

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Items 6.7c1 through 6.7c18 were discussed at the September 7, 2017 Sectional Intersectional meeting in order for committee members to review them with their respective Leagues and provide direction to the Boys and Girls Representatives at today's meeting.

6.4 Safety

B. Wild

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B. Wild joined the NYSPHSAA 5 year strategic plan sub-committee. The sub-committee is currently working on providing schools with better access to athletic trainers. Updates will be given when available. Note: Erie 2 BOCES is the only BOCES, currently, in NYS that offers athletic trainer services.

During the next scheduled state Safety Committee meeting teleconference, B. Wild will present safety concerns regarding the Cheerleading rubrics.

6.5 Modified Report

M. Librock

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The Modified Committee will vote in favor of the following motions at the September 20, 2017 NYSPHSAA Modified Committee meeting:

Changes in Modified Wrestling Game Conditions

- *Motion: Modified Wrestling Program I Game Condition #6b) "There must be a 45 minute rest period between bouts." will be reduced to "There must be a 30 minute rest period between bouts."*

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- *Motion: Modified Wrestling Program 2 Game Rule #1 Weights shall be edited to allow a 10 pound (rather than the previous 6 pound) variance per weight class. The Game Rule would be edited to read:
2. Weights: Weight class is listed first, variance second: 70-80 lbs. (10 lbs.); 80-90 lbs. (10 lbs.); 90-100 lbs. (10 lbs.); 100-110 lbs. (10 lbs.), 110-120 lbs. (10 lbs.); 120-130 lbs. (10 lbs.); 130-140 lbs. (10 lbs.); 140-150 lbs. (10 lbs.); 150-160 lbs. (10 lbs.); heavier weights (as much as 10 lbs.).
Variance: The variance listed above permits a contestant to compete against a contestant who is either in a lower or upper weight group. As long as both wrestlers stay within the variance listed (i.e. a wrestler in the 70-80 lbs. group who weighs 78 pounds can compete with a wrestler in the 80-90 lbs. group as long as the heavier wrestler does not weigh more than 88 lbs.)*

Change in Modified Softball Game Condition

- *Motion: "Softball Game Condition #1 'Any pitcher pitching more than four (4) innings in one game must have at least two (2) nights of rest before pitching again. When removed from pitching, the contestant may play any other position and only requires one night rest between games. 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."*

6.6 Policy

Nothing to report

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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***The Section VI Boys and Girls Representatives will vote on items 6.7c1 through 6.7c18 at the October 2017 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting:**

- 6.7c1 ***Motion to approve to direct the Girls and Boys Representatives to support the following language for the 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." Effective Start Date: 2017-2018.***

CARRIED

Bradley/Ames

The rationale of this proposal, which originated by R. Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director, and R. James, NYSPHSAA Legal Counsel, stems from NYSPHSAA and its 11 Sections encountering circumstances of students who do not meet the representation rule for medical reasons, but have extenuating circumstances. Past examples of extenuating circumstances include a student who had a family member pass away and a student who did not meet the representation rule because of a foster care issue.

- 6.7c2 ***Motion to approve to direct the Girls and Boys Representatives to support the following proposal: As a result of the AD Hoc Committee on Classification a proposal, which was approved. Since that time, there seems to be a misunderstanding that needs clarification. The language should say presented for review to CAC as they are a recommending body only. Secondly, in the Handbook, the language does not include voted on at the "May" meeting. The numbers should be voted on and then the earliest implementation should be fall of the next school year-May 2017 vote, September 2018 earliest implementation.***

CARRIED

Zirkle/Baumann

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- 6.7c3 ***Motion to approve to direct the Girls and Boys Representatives to support an oversight committee, to review the classification placement of non-public and charter schools.***

CARRIED

Penhollow/Norton

The Oversight Committee's responsibilities would be:

- Review the placement of all non-public and charter schools.
- Accept the placements of non-public and charter schools.

-OR-

- Remand placements back to the Sections for rationale and further review. The Oversight Committee would have the ability to make a recommendation on the placement.

If remanded back to the Section, the Section may:

- 1) Revise the placement of the non-public or charter school.

- If revised, the Oversight Committee will review again.

- 2) Keep the classification placement of the non-public or charter school.

- Note: Any NYSPHSAA member school may abide by the defined NYSPHSAA appeal policy. The NYSPHSAA Appeal Panel shall have the power to affirm, reverse, or modify the decision of the Section Athletic Council.

- 6.7c4 ***Motion to approve to direct the Girls and Boys Representatives to support, with League and Section approval, to have the 99 lb. weight class not count in league matches only. Effective Start Date: 2017-2018 season.***

OPPOSED

Fallacaro/Zirkle

The rationale provided for this proposal, generated by the NYSPHSAA Wrestling Committee, stems from the Federation not recognizing the 99lb. weight class. By giving Leagues their choice of counting the class in their scoring the Committee hopes to see how serious coaches and administrators are in either keeping or eliminating it altogether. All non-league matches and tournaments will count in scoring. Small schools are forfeiting this weight class or going into modified to bring one up to fill the weight class.

*The Section VI Wrestling Committee was split regarding support for this proposal.

- 6.7c5 ***Motion to approve to direct the Girls and Boys Representatives to support limiting the number of two-day non-bracketed tournaments to a maximum of two of the allotted six tournaments in the sport of wrestling. Effective Start Date: 2017-2018 season***

CARRIED

Zirkle/DeKay

The NYSPHSAA Wrestling Committee generated this proposal because these types of tournaments are leading to a higher number of individual wins, which aids the at large criteria. Smaller schools with budget concerns are unable to attend many of these tournaments, and thus are not able to establish the win/loss ratio needed to possibly get an at large bid at the state tournament.

*The Section VI Wrestling Committee is in favor of this proposal.

- 6.7c6 ***Motion to approve to direct the Girls and Boys Representatives to support of Girls Volleyball Standard Operating Procedure for all Regional and State Tournament matches. Effective Start Date: Fall 2017.***

CARRIED

Baumann/Ames

The rationale provided for this proposal, generated by the NYSPHSAA Girls Volleyball Committee, is to have consistency and familiarity for players in both regional and state tournament games.

- 6.7c7 ***Motion to approve to direct the Girls and Boys Representatives to support, in the sport of Boys Volleyball, when there are three teams in a division, if during Championship pool play the teams each win one set (game) a third set (game) would be played immediately. Effective Start Date: November 2018***

CARRIED

Ginestre/Jon Roth

The rationale provided for this proposal, generated by the NYSPHSAA Boys Volleyball Committee, is an attempt to avoid a one set (game) playoff at the end of pool play for second place and create a more natural flow of play.

*The Section VI Boys Volleyball Committee is in support of this proposal.

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- 6.7c8 ***Motion to approve to direct the Girls and Boys Representatives to support the 2017-18 Cheerleading Rubrics and Progression Sheets. Effective Start Date: 2017-18 season.***

OPPOSED

Sukdolak/Zirkle

The proposal was generated by the NYSPHSAA Cheerleading Committee. The Rubrics have been updated and simplified for coaches and judges. The progression sheets give further clarification for both the judges and coaches.

- 6.7c9 ***Motion to approve to direct the Girls and Boys Representatives to support requiring all schools competing in the NYSPHSAA State Championship that they have legally purchased the music they will use during their routine. Effective Start Date: Winter 2017-18 season.***

CARRIED

Bradley/Zirkle

The NYSPHSAA Cheerleading Committee generated this proposal as they expect all schools to follow copyright laws and puts the responsibility on the school to ensure they are following the copyright laws.

- 6.7c10 ***Motion to approve to direct the Girls and Boys Representatives to support allowing Sections the ability to use video replay at the Section Cheer Championships. Effective Start Date: Winter 2017-18 season.***

OPPOSED

Zirkle/Fallacaro

The rationale provided for this proposal, generated by the NYSPHSAA Cheerleading Committee, stems from NYSPHSAA's success of the use of video replay at the Cheerleading Championship and the committee feels that a Section could also benefit if allowed to use video replay for their Sectional Championship.

*The Section VI Cheerleading Chair is in favor of this proposal.

- 6.7c11 ***Motion to approve to direct the Girls and Boys Representatives to support eliminating the Softball International Tie Breaker Rule for all Regional contests as a two-year experiment 2018 & 2019. Effective Start Date: Spring 2018***

CARRIED

Norton/DeKay

The rationale provided for this proposal, generated by the NYSPHSAA Softball Committee, is the same International Tie Breaker Rule waiver in place for State Semifinals and Finals.

*The Section VI Softball Committee is in favor of this proposal.

- 6.7c12 ***Motion to approve to direct the Girls and Boys Representatives to support a Run Rule, in the sport of Softball, for Regional and State Tournament play. The rule would be for 12 runs once a contest becomes an Official game. Effective Start Date: Spring 2018.***

CARRIED

Baumann/Spanbauer

The rationale provided for this proposal, generated by the NYSPHSAA Softball Committee, stems from the fact that many contests have lopsided scores and the Committee feels it would be in the best interest of both teams to end the contest when there is a 12-run difference between both teams.

- 6.7c13 ***Motion to approve to direct the Girls and Boys Representatives to support, in the sport of Softball, Regional and Championship contests be played to completion consisting of 7 innings or more in the event of extra innings. Effective Start Date: Spring 2018.***

CARRIED

Zirkle/Sukdolak

The rationale provided for this proposal, generated by the NYSPHSAA Softball Committee, stems from fairness to all teams, all regional and championship contests should be played to completion. There could be extenuating circumstances that may cause a contest to end once it is an official game. When a game is on the "edge" of being suspended there is always a disadvantage to the teams. With this rule in place, an umpire can now suspend a game at the best possible time for both

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teams in order to create a balance that currently does not exist. Officials may be pushing the game to become "official" and teams may be playing in conditions that are unsafe for all participants.

- 6.7c14 **Motion to approve to direct the Girls and Boys Representatives to support, in the sport of Softball, the elimination of Regional Certificates handed out at Regional games. Effective Start Date: Spring 2018.**

OPPOSED

MacSwan/Lucenti

The NYSPHSAA Softball Committee unanimously supported this proposal stating that the certificates have become anything but special to the athletes. They have been found in the trash. It is also difficult to distribute to teams, especially the losing teams, when some regionals do not have awards ceremonies following the games.

*The Section VI Softball Committee does not support this proposal.

- 6.7c15 **Motion to approve to direct the Girls and Boys Representatives to support, in the sport of Baseball, 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). Effective Start Date: Spring 2018**

CARRIED

Zirkle/Baumann

The Run Rule will have a saving impact on pitch counts and the number of pitchers that are used in games when there is a lack of competitiveness.

- 6.7c16 **ACTION ITEM:** Approval to direct the Girls and Boys Representatives to support, in the sport of Baseball, increasing the maximum number of games to 22. Effective Start Date: Spring 2018

***The NYSPHSAA Baseball Committee rescinded the above proposal**

- 6.7c17 **Motion to approve to direct the Girls and Boys Representatives to support, in the sport of Baseball, adjusting the regional rotations when a section, because of byes, would go directly to the State Semifinals. Establish May 18, 2018 as a final date to inform the state coordinator of intent to pull out of the regionals and state tournament. Effective Start Date: Spring 2018**

CARRIED

Zirkle/Norton

The rationale provided for this proposal, generated by the NYSPHSAA Baseball Committee, involves the currently approved regional rotations (6 year rotations), and additional approval to modify the rotations at our annual January meeting when it is announced that a Section will not have a team from a class. This past year there was a situation where the regionals were finalized and approved at the February 2nd meeting and in May, a Section which did have a team in a class, informed us that the team would not be participating in the state tournament. As the Baseball Committee finalized the schedule at the February meeting, they did not readjust in May. With approval of this proposal, the Baseball Committee would be allowed at that point, in May, to adjust the Regional schedule to prevent a team from advancing directly to the final four. This cutoff date would allow the coordinator and the committee to adjust and still announce the schedule a minimum of a full week prior to the regional game schedule.

*This proposal does not impact Section VI.

- 6.7c18a **Motion to approve to direct the Girls and Boys Representatives to support limiting alternates for relays at the Boys & Girls Swimming State Championship Meets. A school may bring ONE ALTERNATE ONLY FOR A RELAY; AND ONLY IF THE SCHOOL HAS NO OTHER INDIVIDUAL MEMBER PARTICIPATING IN THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP MEET IN AN EVENT THAT THEY MAY USE IN CASE OF ILLNESS OR INJURY. Effective Start Date: August 14, 2017.**

OPPOSED

Norton/MacSwan

The Girls Representative was directed to propose, at the October 2017 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting, that a school may bring TWO ALTERNATES ONLY FOR A RELAY; AND ONLY IF THE SCHOOL HAS NO OTHER INDIVIDUAL MEMBER PARTICIPATING IN THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP MEET IN AN EVENT THAT THEY MAY USE IN CASE OF ILLNESS OR INJURY. Effective Start Date: August 14, 2017.

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6.8 Extended Eligibility

T. Slade
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6.8.1 Revised NYSED Commissioner's Athletic Eligibility Regulations

The following was approved June 13, 2017

Duration of Competition:

Commissioner's regulation relating to the duration of competition, limits the participation of students in high school athletic competition to four consecutive seasons commencing with the student's entry into the ninth grade and prior to graduation. However, the regulation provides that a request for an extension of duration of competition may be granted if sufficient evidence demonstrates that the student's failure to enter competition during one or more seasons was directly caused by illness or accident, and such illness or accident will require the student to attend school for one or more additional semesters to graduate. In response to public comment, the Department revised the amendment to clarify and further define the circumstances under which extended eligibility may be granted. The approved language is as follows:

"If sufficient evidence is presented by the chief school officer to the section to show that the pupil's failure to enter competition during one or more seasons of a sport was caused by illness, [or] accident, or documented social/emotional condition or documented social/emotional circumstances beyond the control of the pupil such pupil's eligibility shall be extended accordingly in that sport..."

Furthermore, school districts will have to determine if students will have a "significant adverse effect" if their eligibility is extended.

Additionally, the Department anticipates issuing further guidance relating to the implementation of the proposed amendments.

6.9 Chemical Awareness

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Nothing to report

6.10 Transfer/Foreign Student

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Reports were emailed

6.11 Sportsmanship

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6.11.1 18th Annual Recognition Dinner Review

The Recognition Dinner was held Wednesday, August 30, 2017 at The Columns Banquets. Sixteen coaches and 4 honorees received awards.

6.12 Veterans

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6.12.1 Veterans Dinner

The Veterans Dinner and Golf Outing is scheduled for Thursday, September 14, 2017.

6.13 Mixed Competition

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Nothing to report

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6.14 Nominations

A. Stoltman
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6.14.1 **Motion to approve R. Parry (Depew) as the Section VI Baseball Chairman**

CARRIED
Spanbauer/DeKay

6.15 Corporate Partners

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July 2016 through June 2017

NYSPPHSAA TWC Revenue Share	\$6,038.00
Trophys Trophys AC Luncheon Sponsor	350.00
Toth's Sports AC Luncheon Sponsor	350.00
The Legend Group Recognition Dinner Sponsor	2,500.00
NYSPPHSAA Corporate Sponsor – Spalding	42,862.00
Spectrum Sports Section VI Rights	8,000.00
G&G Fitness Hall of Fame Sponsor	2,000.00
GOFan Ticket Revenue Share	<u>4,121.00</u>
Total:	\$66,221.00

6.16 Hall of Fame

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The 2017 Section VI Hall of Fame ceremony is scheduled for Friday, December 8th at the Columns Banquets.

7.0 SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

7.1 All-WNY Scholar Athlete

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The All-WNY Scholar Athlete Committee will be evaluating their process for candidate selection. The committee would like to achieve a balance between academics and athletics.

7.2 Charter Schools

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T. Slade is scheduled to attend the upcoming charter schools meeting. Current concerns to be discussed include the charter school liaison position and the classification placement of Health Sciences in the sport of Boys Basketball.

8.0 STATE & SECTION SPORT COMMITTEE REPORTS

Outdoor Track & Field W. McLaughlin/P. Ksionzyk [State Meeting June 8, 2017](#)

9.0 GUEST REPORTS

9.1 NYSPHSAA Report

9.1.1 Hazing Prevention Course

The purchase order code, which allows access to the course, was emailed by NYSPHSAA staff to member schools. The 30 minute course provides a training kit, facilitator's guide, multimedia presentation, and completion certificate.

9.1.2 Captains Club

NYSPHSAA is transitioning to documentation videos to enhance student-athlete inspirational stories.

9.2 NYSAAA Report

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9.2.1 Conference Scholarship & Attendance

In an effort to increase NYSAAA conference participation, a scholarship will be offered to 3 athletic directors annually.

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9.2.2 Membership

The CCAA is reviewing the addition of NYSAAA membership fees to their League dues.

10.0 SPORTS REPORTS

10.1 *Motion to approve the Girls Basketball 2016-2017 Post Season Report*

CARRIED

Ginestre/Lucenti

10.2 *Motion to approve the Winter 2017-2018 Pre-Season Reports*

CARRIED

Ginestre/Lucenti

10.3 *Motion to approve the Spring 2017 Post Season Reports*

CARRIED

Ginestre/Lucenti

11.0 OLD BUSINESS

Nothing to report

12.0 NEW BUSINESS

12.1 *Motion to approve week 18 of the NFHS calendar as the permanent start date for Leagues with 4 sport season participation at the modified level*

CARRIED

Fallacaro/Ames

13.0 GOOD OF THE ADJOURNMENT

13.1 *Motion to adjourn*

CARRIED

Zirkle/Penhollow

Respectfully Submitted,



Beth Fadeley
Recording Secretary

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