



**Executive Committee Meeting  
September 16, 2020  
MINUTES**

**HIGHLIGHTS**

- 3.1 **CARRIED:** June 10, 2020 Executive Committee meeting minutes



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Attendance (\*indicates present)

- \*B. Banker, President
- \*M. Donahue, President-Elect
- \*J. Rabey, Superintendents Representative
- \*A. Gens, Principals Representative
- \*J. Graczyk, Male Representative
- \*M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative
- \*A. Stoltman, Past President
- \*T. Slade, Executive Director
- \*D. Scholla, Treasurer

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER** (Brett Banker)

Commenced: 9:33am

1.1 Discussion/Review Post Card Ballot

Over 70 districts submitted votes through the ballot process with 67 pledging their support for a September 21 start date. A recommendation to move forward with fall sports will be made at the following Athletic Council meeting.

Schools who did not submit a response will be asked to provide their status regarding fall sports for scheduling purposes.

**3.0 MINUTES** (Brett Banker)

**3.1 Motion to approve of the June 10, 2020 Executive Committee meeting minutes**

**CARRIED**

**Fallacaro-Dougherty/Rabey**

**4.0 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** (Timm Slade)

4.1 Officials Contract - Negotiation Team 2021

Last year, Leagues were asked to submit the name to be a member of the Section VI Negotiations Team. The NFL has indicated their representative. The other Leagues will be reminded to do so at the following Athletic Council meeting.

4.2 Fall Sports – Plan Bs

Discussed during item 1.1

4.3 Venue Policy (Plan B)

Last year, the athletic council approved to void the venue policy due to Section VI moving to the higher seed in team sports throughout post season for the fall 2020.

4.4 Diversity Committee

President Banker will implement a Diversity Committee this year.

4.5 Post Season/Daylight Savings

Daylight savings will be taken into consideration for the fall season.

4.6 Athletic Council Alternates

Athletic Council members will be reminded to notify the Section office staff of their alternates.

#### 4.7 Open Tournament?

There will not be an open tournament (everyone qualifies) for post season. A 500 record will be required to be eligible for fall post season. This is a direct result of daylight savings. Sports Chairpersons will be reminded of this change.

##### 4.7.1 Post-Season Seeding Criteria

The Section will move to the number of contests played as opposed to the number of contests that were originally scheduled.

#### 4.8 Boys Golf Chairperson Vacancy

A reminder of the vacancy will be shared at the following athletic council meeting.

#### 4.9 Girls Swimming

Girls Swimming does not and will not have a sectional venue.

##### Cross Country

Concern over hosting a significant number of schools at a site.

##### Girls Gymnastics

Section VI is working with clubs to host competitions.

T. Slade will reach out to the respective sports chairpersons for ideas regarding competition.

## 5.0 COMMUNICATIONS (Timm Slade)

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

#### Fall

1. Swim G, Allegany-Limestone, Ellicottville, V, 335
2. Volleyball B, Eden, North Collins, V, 7/8, 386 D2

#### Winter

3. Bowling B/G, Clymer, Sherman, V, 132 D2
4. Indoor Track B/G, Fredonia, Westfield, V, 376
5. Swimming B, Fredonia, Cass. Valley, V, 384
6. Swimming B, Olean, Allegany Limestone & Franklinville, V, 604
7. Wrestling, Fredonia, Silver Creek, Forestville, Brocton, V, JV, 513 D2
8. Wrestling, Olean, Allegany Limestone, V, 7/8, 591 D2

#### Spring

9. Baseball, Bennett, Alt Ed., V, 297 B
10. Baseball, Burgard, Performing Arts, V, 761 A
11. Baseball, Emerson, Buffalo Culinary Arts, V, 494 B
12. Baseball, MST, East Community, V, 697 A
13. Baseball, MEC, Research Lab, V, 296 B
14. Baseball, Panama, Clymer, Sherman, V 7/8/9, 160 C
15. Baseball, Silver Creek, Forestville, V, 7/8/9 242 C
16. Lax B, City Honors, All BPS HS, V, A
17. Lax B, Kenmore East, Kenmore West, V, JV & 7/8, 1118 A
18. Lax G, Kenmore East, Kenmore West, V, JV & 7/8, 1118 A
19. Softball, Emerson, Buffalo Culinary Arts, V, 494 B
20. Softball, I-Prep, Performing Arts, V, 895 A
21. Softball, MEC, Bennett, Research Lab, V, 423 B
22. Softball, MST, East Community, V, 697 A
23. Softball, Riverside, Burgard, V, 507 A
24. Softball, South Park, Davinci, Alt Ed., V, 1056 AA
25. Tennis B, Eden, North Collins, V, 386 D2
26. Tennis B/G, Emerson, Buffalo Culinary Arts, V, 496 D2

27. Track B/G, **Clymer**, Panama, Sherman, V, 179 D2  
28. Track B/G, **Eden**, North Collins, V, 7/8, 386 D2  
Track B/G, **Silver Creek**, Forestville, V, 7/8/9 252 D2

5.2 **AC ACTION ITEM:** Approval of Friends & Neighbor Applications

- a. West Seneca Christian School (pending application)

**6.0 STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

6.1 Combining of Schools Committee (Jeff Rabey)

*Nothing to report*

6.2 Charter Schools Classification Committee (Jeff Rabey)

- 6.2.1 **AC ACTION ITEM:** Approval of the recommendation of the Section VI Charter School and Boys' Basketball Committees to place Health Sciences Charter School Boys Basketball in Class AA for the 2020-2021 Winter Season

6.3 Finance Committee (Don Scholla)

- 6.3.1 **AC ACTION ITEM:** Approval of the Treasurer's Report (Appendix A)

6.4 Sectional/Intersectional Committee (Timm Slade)

6.4.1 Boys/Girls Basketball Seeding Proposal (Appendix B)

Per the Executive Committee (September 2019), the Boys Basketball Committee was asked to run their seeding proposal with 2018-2019 and 2019-2020's data. T. Slade will request this information from the Boys Basketball Committee and present it to the Executive Committee.

6.4.2 Girls Tennis – State Team Championship Proposal (Appendix C)

6.4.3 Girls Tennis – Team Sectionals Proposal (Appendix D)

The NYSPHSAA has approved team championships in the sports of Boys (Spring 2022) and Girls Tennis (Fall 2021). Section VI will prepare for team championships in both sports. Transportation to tennis team championships will be discussed at the next Finance Committee meeting.

6.7 State Executive Committee /Central Committee

- a) Superintendent (Jeff Rabey)

*Nothing to report*

- b) Principal (Al Gens)

*Nothing to report*

- c) Female Rep. / Male Rep. (M. Fallacaro-Dougherty / J. Graczyk)

**Items Approved at the July 2020 NYSPHSAA Central Committee Meeting:**

- Modify the NYSPHSAA Player Sportsmanship Standard
- Only present NYSPHSAA awards during NYSPHSAA State Championships award ceremonies beginning in Fall 2020
- Friends & Neighbors and new member schools
- NYSPHSAA State Coordinators
- NYSPHSAA Officials Contracts
- Albany Capital Center as the host of the 2021-2023 NYSPHSAA Boys Volleyball State Championships

- Cool insuring Arena as the host of the 2021-2023 NYSPHSAA Girls Volleyball State Championships
- Revise Rule 4.22 (Game Clock) in the sport of Field Hockey
- Allow defensive players to wear a face mask on penalty corners only (with certain protocols) in the sport of Field Hockey
- Waiver of the nights rest rule and the max number of contests for JV Football Players
- Utilize 13 wrestling weight classes (currently 15) beginning in the 2020-2021 season as a two-year pilot
- Changes to the Wrestling Handbook
- Adopt 17-minute periods (currently 15 minutes) and adjust penalty times from 1.5 minor, 4 major and 7.5 misconduct to 2-minute minor, 5-minute major and 10-minute misconducts in the sport of Boys Ice Hockey beginning in the 2020-2021 season
- Adopt a 2 referee, 1 linesman officiating system for all regional and State Final Four games in the sport of Boys Ice Hockey beginning in the 2020-2021 season
- Allow a maximum of 1 relay team per school at the NYSPHSAA B/G Indoor Track/Field State Championships
- Amend Bowling Rule #5.01 in the NYSPHSAA Handbook to adopt USBC Playing Rules (Chapter No. 2 “General Playing Rules” and Chapter No. 8 “Equipment Specifications” Only) and #5.07 Waivers of USBC Rules
- Advance the 2020 state tournament at-large rotation to the spring 2021 season for Boys Tennis
- Revise the baseball pitch count restrictions

**Items Tabled at the July 2020 NYSPHSAA Central Committee Meeting (Appendix E):**

- Consider approval to amend the current NYSPHSAA Lightning and Thunder Policy
- Consideration of approval to require all sections to wrestle to a true second place finish in the Sectional Wrestling Championships beginning in the 2020-2021 season

**Action Items to provide direction for the Male and Female Representatives to vote at the October 2020 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting (Appendix F):**

1. **AC ACTION ITEM:** Direct J. Graczyk, Boys Representative, and M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Girls Representative, to support to change designation from individual to team/individual and adopt the NYSPHSAA Girls and Boys Tennis State Team Championship in addition to the state (individual) championship format already in place – to begin in Fall 2021 (girls) and Spring 2022 (boys).
2. **AC ACTION ITEM:** Direct J. Graczyk, Boys Representative, and M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Girls Representative, to support to utilize NCAA Rule for two libero system in Boys Volleyball
3. **AC ACTION ITEM:** Direct J. Graczyk, Boys Representative, and M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Girls Representative, to support a waiver of rule 9.2.4.3 in Girls and Boys Volleyball and allow players to go to the bench and then switch sides.
4. **AC ACTION ITEM:** Direct J. Graczyk, Boys Representative, and M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Girls Representative, to support adding additional value parts for the uneven bars to the current NYSPHSAA Gymnastics Technical Handbook
5. **AC ACTION ITEM:** Direct J. Graczyk, Boys Representative, and M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Girls Representative, to support permanently adopting the 2018 pilot that established a structure, training and scoring format for the NYSPHSAA Competitive Cheerleading Championships
6. **AC ACTION ITEM:** Direct J. Graczyk, Boys Representative, and M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Girls Representative, to support modifications to the scoring areas of the State Scoresheet for Competitive Cheerleading
7. **AC ACTION ITEM:** Direct J. Graczyk, Boys Representative, and M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Girls Representative, to support implementing Game Day Cheer Regional Competitions in the fall of 2021 to be held during week #17 on the NYSPHSAA calendar
8. **AC ACTION ITEM:** Direct J. Graczyk, Boys Representative, and M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Girls Representative, to support permitting annually approving sites to host Boys Ice Hockey regional contests

9. **AC ACTION ITEM:** Direct J. Graczyk, Boys Representative, and M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Girls Representative, to support implementing a two-year pilot program to change from the current At-Large Procedure for the NYSPHSAA Championship to an Automatic Qualifying Procedure effective for the 2020-2021 season

6.8 Extended Eligibility (Timm Slade)

An appeal to the NYSED Commissioner regarding a member school's student-athlete is anticipated. Updates will be provided when available.

6.10 Transfer/ Foreign Student (Timm Slade)

*Reports were emailed to the Executive Committee*

6.11 Sportsmanship (Jim Graczyk & Doug Ames)

*Nothing to report*

6.13 Mixed Competition (Al Gens)

*Nothing to report*

6.15 Corporate Partner (Timm Slade)

*Nothing to report*

## 7.0 SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

7.2 Charter Schools (Timm Slade)

Discussed during item 6.2

## 10.0 SPORTS REPORTS

10.1 **AC ACTION ITEM:** Approval of the Winter 20-21 pre-season reports (Appendix G)

Recommendation to table winter 20-21 sport reports because the start date for winter has changed since the reports were submitted.

## 11.0 OLD BUSINESS

*Nothing to report*

## 12.0 NEW BUSINESS

12.1 Girls Field Hockey

Two individuals are required at the scorer's table, one for timing and one for the scorebook.

Officials representatives have since stated they will not start a contest unless 2 individuals are at the scorer's table. Section VI is seeking a waiver from the state.

## 13.0 GOOD OF THE ORDER/ADJOURNMENT

13.1 Executive Session – Voting Members Only

**Motion to break into Executive Session.**

**CARRIED**

**Fallacaro-Dougherty/Graczyk**

Respectfully Submitted,



Beth Fadeley  
Recording Secretary