



**SECTIONAL INTERSECTIONAL COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

October 12, 2023

HIGHLIGHTS

- 1.1 Recommendation to schedule the Baseball and Softball seeding meetings on May 15, 2024 and the Softball finals on May 25, 2024. The Softball Chairman will be directed to correct the post season days and dates based on a seeding meeting date of May 15 and finals date of May 25.
- 1.2 Recommendation to implement a split classifications after opt-out pilot for 2 years, 23-24 and 24-25, in the sports of Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Baseball and Softball
- 1.3 Recommendation to conduct an end of year evaluation regarding league scheduling and address an all-star event next year. M. DiFilippo to share with D. Ames that the Sectional/Intersectional Committee does not support an all-star event at this time. The S/I Committee is interested in offering the opportunity, however an explanation on the characteristic of that event and qualifications for selecting participants must be shared and reviewed. M. DiFilippo to request this information be detailed in the 2024 post season report and an invite to the chairman to attend a future meeting will be extended, if needed.

SECTIONAL INTERSECTIONAL MINUTES

Committee Members: (*indicates present)

*M. DiFilippo, Chairman
*A. Lloyd, Buffalo Representative
B. Drake, CCAA Representative
*J. Przybysz, ECIC Representative
*B. Halgash, NFL Representative
*J. Reed, NO Representative
*M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative
*J. Roth, Male Representative

1.0 Sports Concerns:

1.1 Softball 2023 Post Season Report (Appendix A)

The committee discussed transportation and coordination issues surrounding the current, proposed seeding meeting date. In addition, the post season dates listed are not accurate in terms of day of the week and date.

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1.2 Split Classifications after Opt-Out Proposal – Baseball, Softball, Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball

- The Boys Basketball and Baseball committees are amenable with moving forward with this proposal if it helps Girls Basketball and Softball respectively.
- The intent of this proposal is to resolve the inequity that presents with the current process
- Possibly taking away a sectional championship and thus opportunities for student-athletes is still of concern.

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CARRIED

Roth/Marisa

M. DiFilippo to make sure the leagues are aware this will be an action item at the November 15, 2023 athletic council meeting.

1.3 Unified Basketball (M. DiFilippo) – Clarification of All-Star event listed in 2023 post season report

Chairman D. Ames shared the Unified Basketball Committee's intention is to hold a senior all-star contest the same as in other sports. Participation would be optional and only for seniors. However, as opposed to standard practice, the qualification would be only senior status and not performance, to which the committee expressed concern.

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1.4 Boys Ice Hockey (M. DiFilippo) – Status of Sweet Home program

Sweet Home/Depew and North Tonawanda are now going to combine and play out of the ECIC league.

1.5 Spring 2024 Pre-Season Reports

The spring 2024 pre-season reports are due November 1. The S/I Committee was reminded of the quick turn around time between this due date and the November 15 athletic council meeting to review and address any concerns.

A November 9th, 2023 meeting will be scheduled in case concerns present with any spring 2024 preseason reports.

2.0 Section Concerns:

2.1 Awards Policy – S/I Committee to report any recommendations for the Constitution/ByLaws/Policy Manual Ad Hoc Committee

There is no current documentation regarding recognition and, at present, there is a varied approach regarding awards across sports. The S/I committee agrees to generate a written process regarding awards at the section level. To develop a process, a current account of all awards needs to be supplied for review.

M. DiFilippo will provide a list of awards, by sport, to the S/I committee for the next meeting.

2.2 Policy Manual

At the last S/I meeting, the committee was asked to review the policy manual and bring forth suggestions, recommendations, updates, and concerns to move forward to the Section VI Constitution, ByLaws, and Policy Manual Ad Hoc Committee

- Section 160 is an area that would require revision if the currently recommended split classifications after opt out proposal is approved.
- The point chart would need adjustment because we are not using it for all sports (*if the pilot is approved to move forward)
- Travel to states needs to be reviewed
- Language change needed under cheerleading - all coaches are coaches and not advisors
- Section 130, mixed competition requires review

The Policy Manual will be added to the January 11, 2024 agenda as special agenda item.

3.0 NYSPHSAA Concerns (J. Roth/M. Fallacaro-Dougherty):

3.1 Next Scheduled NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Meeting – October 17, 18, 2023

J. Roth shared that he is the Section VI representative on the newly formed NYSPHSAA Regional Rotation Committee. The committee has convened once. Discussions have started on how to better conduct regionals across the state. A couple of proposals have been structured and are being discussed as well.

4.0 Next Athletic Council Actions Items: (informational only)

4.1 *AC ACTION ITEM:* Approval of Spring 2024 Pre-Season Reports

4.2 *AC ACTION ITEM:* Approval of the proposed 2024-2025 North & South Timelines - Schedules/Assignment of Officials

5.0 Old Business

5.1 Boys Golf Chairperson Vacancy Update

The Section has not received any applications at present.

5.2 April 4th meeting date

Due to conflict with the holiday break, the April 4th, 2024 meeting date is rescheduled to Wednesday, April 10.

6.0 Good of the Order:

6.2 Next meeting date – November 9, 2023

Respectfully Submitted,



Beth Fadeley
Recording Secretary