



**SECTIONAL INTERSECTIONAL COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

**February 9, 2023**

**HIGHLIGHTS**

**RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPROVAL BY THE ATHLETIC COUNCIL**

- 2.1 Recommendation for a 2-year pilot, implementing a 4,5,6 Point System across all six sports (Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer, Girls Basketball, Boys Basketball, Softball, and Baseball) for the 23-24 and 24-25 school years. \*Boys and Girls Basketball are already piloting this proposal, beginning with the 22-23 school year, and will extend a year through 24-25.
- 2.5 Recommendation to remove the exception for Boys Ice Hockey within 12.3 of Article 12 Classification of the Section VI Constitution.
- 5.4 Recommendation to approve all three Girls Swimming proposals. Beginning 2023-2024.
- 5.5 Recommendation to have Unified Basketball non-competitive programs schedule on their own. Beginning 2023-2024.

**Committee Members:** (\*indicates attendance)

\*M. DiFilippo, Chairman  
\*D. Matos, 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

**Guests:**

\*L. Jones, Boys Basketball Chairman  
\*C. Durr, Girls Basketball Chairman  
\*D. Schruefer, Girls Volleyball Chairwoman  
\*J. Hall, Softball Chairman  
\*T. Marquardt, Boys Soccer Chairman

**1.0 Sports Concerns:**

*Nothing to report.*

**2.0 Section Concerns:**

**2.1 Power Points and Seeding based on 6 Classifications (all sports)**

The Section VI Seeding Policy is based on 5 classifications. With the fall 2023 implementation of the state approved 6 classifications, the Section VI seeding policy needs to be revised.

The committee and chairpersons had a thorough discussion on universal versus sport specific seeding policy.

Other concerns discussed included:

- Anticipated issues with girls and boys teams of the same sport for the same school falling into different classifications
- Unbalanced class sizes and thus number of games during the post-season
- Consensus for the sports to be able to adjust and adapt as they do now, with the opportunity to bring forth concepts and recommendations originating from their committees for review by the Sectional Intersectional Committee and possible implementation via the Athletic Council.

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- 5 points would still be awarded for a win vs an opponent the same Class size. For a win against a Class larger than you, 6 points would be the MAXIMUM point total, and 4 points only if the larger Class school should win.
- Data from the pilot will be collected for review and recommendation by the Sectional Intersectional Committee.
- This pilot will allow keep procedural consistency across all 6 sports, but still allow the chairpersons to set schedules.

**a) Boys Volleyball - Proposal to Change Power Point Tie Breakers (Appendix A)**

The Boys Volleyball Committee did not submit any further information clarifying this proposal. Therefore, the Proposal does not move forward.

## 2.2 Tie Breakers

Committee members were asked to review 212.4 of the Section VI Policy Manual with their respective leagues and report back to M. DiFilippo no later than March 12 with their inclination, to keep it as is or change it.

The current tie breaker procedure in the Policy Manual is as follows:

212.4 If teams have identical power ratings, the following criteria will be used to break the tie:

- a. The team with the most League/Division wins will be the higher seeded team. If still tied:
- b. The team with the fewest league League/Division losses will be the higher seeded team. If still tied:
- c. The team with the higher winning percentage of games scheduled will be the higher seeded team (determined by total league wins divided by total League/Division games scheduled). If still tied:
- d. If teams are in the same League/Division, use head-to-head results. If still tied:
- e. A toss of a coin will determine the higher seeded team.

L. Jones will be recommending to eliminate (a) and (b), and go by (1<sup>st</sup>) league winning percentage. (2<sup>nd</sup>) Head to head (3<sup>rd</sup>) Overall winning percentage (4<sup>th</sup>) Coin flip

## 2.3 Sectional Activities Requirements

Per 220.2 under Sectional Activities Requirements of the Section VI Policy Manual, *In order to have classification matches, meets, or tournaments, there must be a minimum of five (5) teams per classification. All exceptions to the minimum number must be approved by the Athletic Council.*

It was noted that the Section has not been following the Policy Manual with regards to seeking athletic council approval when there are not 5 teams per classification.

## 2.4 Subdividing a Classification

Per 160.1 of the Policy Manual, *when eighteen (18) or more schools are in a specific classification, the classification must be split. (i.e. A1, A2)*

C. Durr expressed concern with requiring a split at 18, creating 2 nines. It was noted that there are unbalanced brackets every year in the sports of Softball, Girls Soccer, and Girls Basketball due to the significant number of schools that drop out. C. Durr to generate and submit a proposal to the Sectional Intersectional Committee.

- 2.5 12.3 of Article 12 of the Section VI Constitution (Boys Ice Hockey) – Committee member reports from leagues Williamsville North and Clarence are anticipated to request to move up in classification for the 2023-2024 school Year as their BEDS will fall below 1000. Both schools have traditionally placed at the higher classification.

***Recommendation to remove the exception for Boys Ice Hockey within 12.3 of Article 12 Classification of the Section VI Constitution.***

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

- 3.1 *The following items will be action items at the March 22, 2023 Athletic Council meeting to provide M. Fallacaro-Dougherty and J. Roth direction for the May 2023 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Meeting*

- 2023-2024 Membership Dues
- NYSPHSAA Spectator Sportsmanship Regulation

## 4.0 **Next Athletic Council Actions Items:**

- 4.1 AC ACTION ITEM: Approval of Fall 2023 pre-season reports: Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer, Boys Volleyball, Girls Volleyball, Cross Country, Football, Girls Field Hockey, Girls Swimming, Girls Tennis, Girls Gymnastics
- Pre-Season reports due March 1, sectional intersectional review reminder

## 5.0 **Old Business:**

### 5.1 Section VI E-Sports Survey Results

The data resulted as predicted.

### 5.2 Girls Swimming – Proposal to implement cross league competition beginning 2023 (Appendix B)

This proposal provides a day to schedule non-league contests.

### 5.3 Girls Swimming – Proposal to increase Thursday evening dual meet competitions

### 5.4 Girls Swimming – Proposal 2023 Schedule

This schedule proposal allows for post-season preparation.

***Recommendation to approve all 3 Girls Swimming proposals. Beginning 2023-2024.***

### 5.5 Unified Basketball

The following leagues reported their intention regarding Unified Basketball:

- BPS – 4 schools involved, interested in non-competitive only, understands there will be travel issues
- NFL – 6 schools in favor of non-competitive (with the understanding of travel issues), 2 schools in favor of competitive programs, CSAT does not have a unified basketball program
- NO – 3 schools involved, interested in non-competitive, travel does not impact them
- CCAA – 2 schools involved, interested in non-competitive
- ECIC – representative to seek clarification

Committee members were asked to review the 2023 unified basketball schedule (in Arbiter) with their respective leagues and report any concerns to M. DiFilippo.

***Recommendation to have Unified Basketball non-competitive programs schedule on their own. Beginning 2023-2024.***

## 6.0 **New Business:**

### 6.1 Swimming, Wrestling, Track

The swimming, wrestling and track chairpersons will be invited to attend an upcoming sectional intersectional meeting for discussion and clarification regarding the make-up of their respective sports' post season. Currently, there is no uniformity or consistency across these sports.

Noted items:

- There is current discussion about terminating class meets in the sport of wrestling
- Wrestling issues awards at all post season competition
- Track issues awards at the class meets
- Swimming issues awards at the state qualifier

## 7.0 **Good of the Order:**

### 7.1 Next Meeting Date: Thursday, March 30, 2023