



**SECTIONAL INTERSECTIONAL COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

May 10, 2023 – 9am

HIGHLIGHTS

- 1.1 Recommendation to support the field hockey overtime rule proposal
- 2.1 Recommendation to approve all winter reports except the recommendation to classify Tapestry in A and Health Sciences in AA in the sport of Boys Basketball and the wrestling proposals
- 5.4 Recommendation to approve all fall 2023 pre-season reports

Committee Members:

*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:

*J. Otto, Girls Field Hockey Chair

1.0 Sports Concerns:

1.1 Girls Field Hockey – Overtime Rule, ECIC Proposal (Appendix A)

The Overtime Rule/Sudden Victory Format proposal originated from the ECIC. The intention of the proposal is to create a fair procedure as opposed to the current process where a coin toss breaks tied games and thus can significantly affect seeding.

If the sudden victory format moves forward and is ultimately approved, concern was expressed with ensuring officials follow through with the implementation of that procedure.

Recommendation to support the field hockey overtime rule proposal

CARRIED

Fallacaro-Dougherty/Przybysz

The proposal will be a discussion item for the May 17, 2023 athletic council meeting and will be included along with the male/female NYSPHSAA actions items google survey vote, due mid-June.

2.0 Section Concerns:

2.1 Winter 22-23 Post Season Reports (Appendix A)

2.1.2 Boys Basketball:

The recommendation regarding the 2023-2024 classification for Tapestry and Health Sciences will be forwarded to the Charter School Classification Committee for review and recommendation and excluded from approval of the post season reports at the May 17, 2023 athletic council meeting.

The opinions of the Boys Basketball Committee will be removed from the report and returned to L. Jones, Chairman, for his files.

It was noted that the report also comments on a forthcoming tiebreaker proposal.

2.1.2 Girls Basketball – concern was noted regarding the 17 schools that dropped out of 22-23 sectionals. The Girls Basketball Committee continues discussions about when to set the classifications, before or after teams drop out

2.1.3 Boys Ice Hockey – moving from 16 to 15 league games. They are eliminating 1 league game so as to not force the public schools to play private schools. However, public schools have the option to play private schools, if inclined. B. Fadeley and M. DiFilippo will review the financials before a decision is made regarding league dues.

2.1.4 Girls Ice Hockey – Contest start times, necessitating athletes to consistently leave school early, continue to be of concern. The reason the start times are set early is so the athletes can make it to their evening travel games.

2.1.5 Bowling – No concerns

2.1.6 Boys Swimming – No concerns

2.1.6 Cheerleading – NYSPHSAA expects all school to follow copyright rules and regulations regarding music.

2.1.7 Wrestling – 2 proposals

1. Leagues / Coaches would like to have the opportunity to enter up to 15 wrestlers into the postseason with a maximum of two entries per weight class (both entries must have 6 separate contests on 6 separate dates with a better than .500 record). Most of the Sections across the state allow for more than 13 entries into the postseason.
2. Open Sectional event (with a 2 year pause on the Class tournaments).

These proposals stem from discussions with the sports chairs at the last Sectional Intersectional meeting. The proposals are detailed and well thought out, but considering implementation would be a significant change, the Sectional Intersectional Committee recommended the chairmen present them at the league level first. The leagues will then provide direction to their sectional intersectional committee (SIC) representative and the SIC will provide recommendation to the athletic council. With consideration of such a drastic change within the sport of wrestling as well as the task of obtaining venues if passed, and the timeline by which to review and pass through each committee, 24-25 will be sought for implementation.

M. DiFilippo to coordinate scheduling the chairs to present at league meetings, etc.

2.1.8 Female Wrestling

- Committee members were asked to convey the problems and concerns of female wrestling at their respective league meetings. Last year, emails were ignored regarding seeding and state invitational entries.
- Because this is an emerging sport, the Section did not issue patches nor t-shirts at the sectional invitational. Several complaints from parents were received. To remain consistent across all sports, the committee recommended to issue patches moving forward.

2.1.9 Indoor Track

Houghton College was highlighted as a great facility to hold competition, but complaints continue about its location. The significant length meets of meets also continues to be a complaint. The committee agreed that the length of the meets is, simply, the nature of the sport and there is no other local multi-purpose facility that has the accommodations needed to support competition.

2.1.10 Rifle

Discussions continue on whether Rifle should be a league or federated sport. The committee recommends to leave as a league sport.

2.1.11 Alpine Skiing – No concerns

2.1.12 Unified Bowling – No concerns

Recommendation to approve all winter reports except the recommendation to classify Tapestry in A and Health Sciences in AA and the wrestling proposals

CARRIED

Brad/Jason

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

The following are discussion items on the May 17, 2023 athletic council meeting agenda. The council will be asked to review these proposals with their respective leagues in preparation to vote via google survey. The outcome of the votes will provide M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, direction for the July 2023 NYSPHSAA Central Committee meeting.

1. Consider approval to continue the use of the standby official at the semifinal and final games as an on-field working official in the sport of Football for one year

2. Consider approval of the NYSPHSAA Officials Fees & Policies Document for 2023-2026
3. Consider approval to add the following to the NYSPHSAA Handbook under Representation, letter d. "Board Approved Coaches may help facilitate practice."
4. Consider approval to add language to the NYSPHSAA Undue Influence Rule
5. Consider approval to mandate the Anyone Can Save a Life program for all NYSPHSAA teams.
6. Consider approval of an addition to the current overtime procedure in Modified Wrestling.
7. Consider approval to require all NYSPHSAA Standing Committee members and staff to take free NFHS Implicit Bias course
8. Consider approval to add the following to the NYSPHSAA Handbook Penalties section: "NYSPHSAA Sections may sanction, censor or place schools on probation that fail to protect those involved in interscholastic activities from derogatory or inappropriate behavior deemed harmful to physical or mental well-being."
9. Consider approval to add the following to the NYSPHSAA Handbook Sportsmanship section: "Use of derogatory or racially explicit language; discriminatory harassment or bias conduct that creates a hostile environment that is disruptive to the educational environment. Spectators shall not be permitted to use vulgar/offensive or racially/culturally insensitive language or engage in any racially/culturally insensitive action. NYSPHSAA Sections may sanction, censor or place schools on probation that fail to protect those involved in interscholastic activities from derogatory or inappropriate behavior deemed harmful to physical or mental well-being."
10. Consider approval to implement a "Purple Card" to assist with management of sportsmanship issues with spectator in the sports of Boys and Girls Volleyball.
11. Consider approval to revise the Girls Volleyball state tournament format to bracket play (semifinals in place of pool play), beginning with the 2023 state tournament
12. Consider approval of Girls Volleyball Regional Rotations for 2023-2025
13. Consider approval of Girls Soccer Regional Rotation for 2023-2026
14. Consider approval of Boys Soccer Regional Rotations for 2023-2026
15. Consider approval of Classification cut-off numbers for Competitive and Game Day Cheerleading
16. Consider approval for scoring changes in Gymnastics Technical Handbook
17. Consider approval of Boys/Girls Bowling becoming a variation sport and keep the classification cut-off numbers at 600 and above for Division 1 and 599 and below for Division 2
18. Consider approval of Boys Swimming & Diving Qualifying Standards
19. Consider approval of Baseball Regional Rotations for 2024-2029
20. Consider approval of Boys Lacrosse Regional Rotations for 2028-2033
21. Consider approval to start Boys and Girls Lacrosse on the Saturday of Week #36, two days earlier than the traditional spring sports start date.

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, Cheer Game Day
- 4.2 AC ACTION ITEM: Approval of Winter 2022-2023 Post Season reports: Alpine Skiing, Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Bowling, Cheerleading, Boys Ice Hockey, Girls Ice Hockey, Indoor Track, Rifle, Boys Swim, Wrestling, Unified Bowling.

- 4.3 AC ACTION ITEM: 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.
- 4.4 AC ACTION ITEM: Remove the exception for Boys Ice Hockey within 12.3 of Article 12 Classification of the Section VI Constitution.
- 4.5 AC ACTION ITEM: approve Alpine Skiing, Girls Gymnastics, Rifle, and Girls Ice Hockey competition for a sectional championship (per Policy 220.1) and the sports that will not have a minimum of five (5) teams per classification (per Policy 220.2) for the 23-24 school year at the May 17, 2023 Athletic Council meeting
- 4.6 AC ACTION ITEM: Approve Section VI digital certificates
- 4.7 AC ACTION ITEM: Approval of the following Winter Sports Chairs, term July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2026, incumbent renewals (Alpine Skiing – Jason Lehmbeck, Boys Basketball – Larry Jones, Girls Basketball – Chris Durr, Boys Bowling – Dan Kaplan, Girls Bowling – Joe Biondo, Cheerleading – Justina Grudzinski, Boys Ice Hockey – Rick Brooks, Girls Ice Hockey – Rick Hopkins, Boys Indoor Track – Pete Szymanski, Girls Indoor Track – Emilio Mancino, Rifle – Kristina Brown, Boys Swimming – Nate Bourke & Tim Menges, Wrestling – Mike DeBarbieri & Izzy Martinez, Girls Wrestling – Alex Conti, Unified Bowling – Doug Ames)
- 4.8 AC ACTION ITEM: Approval of the candidate for the Section VI Superintendents Representative position (Term July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2027 term)
- 4.9 AC ACTION ITEM: Girls Varsity City Honors Volleyball Independent for the 2023-24 season
- 4.10 AC ACTION ITEM: BPS Wrestling as Independent for 2023-24 season
- 4.11 AC ACTION ITEM: Niagara Falls Boys Basketball independent for the 2023-24
- 4.12 AC ACTION ITEM: City Honors, Hutch Tech, McKinley, and Olmsted Boys Volleyball Independent for the 2023-24 season
- 4.13 AC ACTION ITEM: City Honors Softball Independent for the 2024 season
- 4.14 AC ACTION ITEM: CSAT Girls Soccer Independent for the 2023 season
- 4.15 AC ACTION ITEM: Lackawanna Girls Soccer Independent for the 2023 season
- 4.16 AC ACTION ITEM: Eden Girls Volleyball Independent for the 2023 season

The committee was asked to make sure their respective leagues are ready to vote on the athletic council action items.

5.0 **Old Business:**

5.1 Six classification sport tiebreakers (reminder)

The chair people were asked to make any tiebreaker proposals in the near future.

5.2 Class Meets/State Qualifiers (Track/Swim/Wrestling)

This was discussed at the last sectional intersectional committee meeting. Committee members were asked to continue discussions with their respective leagues.

5.3 Outside awards

M. DiFilippo was directed to notify all chairpersons that outside awards are not approved nor allowed at Sectionals in addition to providing a follow-up reminder at the beginning of each season. He was also asked to research and compile a list of awards for all sports to present to the Sectional Intersectional Committee at a future meeting.

5.4 Fall 2023 Pre-Season Reports (Appendix B)

- Concern was noted about boys and girls soccer scheduling crossovers on Halloween.
- Boys and girls soccer and boys and girls volleyball did a job of scheduling opposite each other, but a reminder was given that with the implementation of the 6-classification format, many schools will have each gender of a sport in different classifications.
- October 27th is slated for both girls and boys volleyball quarterfinals, which may pose an issue with officials. M. DiFilippo indicated he will speak with the boys and girls sport chairs about adjusting the schedule.

Recommendation to approve all fall 2023 pre-season reports

CARRIED

Jason/Reed

6.0 **New Business:**

7.0 **Good of the Order:**

7.1 Next Meeting Date: September 14, 2023

7.2 ***Motion to adjourn***

CARRIED

Przybysz/Fallacaro-Dougherty

Respectfully Submitted,



Beth Fadeley
Recording Secretary