



SECTIONAL INTERSECTIONAL COMMITTEE Minutes

September 6, 2018

Committee Members (* Indicates present)

- *T. Slade, Chairman
- A. Lloyd, Buffalo Representative
- B. Drake, CCAA Representative
- *J. Przybysz, ECIC Representative
- *B. Banker, NFL Representative
- *D. Ames, NO Representative
- *M. Fallacaro, Girls Representative
- *J. Graczyk, Boys Representative

Commenced: 9:05am

1.0 Sports Concerns:

1.1 Football – 8 man

Section VI is hosting an 8-man football session where Section III representatives along with their executive director will present as this offering has flourished in their area. The session is scheduled for October 22, 2018 at Erie 1 BOCES. An invitation to attend will be sent to Section VI superintendents and athletic directors.

1.2 Female Wrestling Tournament

A recommendation to implement a female wrestling tournament will be presented at the September 12, 2018 Athletic Council meeting. If approved, a chairperson will be sought. Also, Sections III, IV, and V would need to be invited to participate as Section VI does not have enough athletes to fill the brackets.

2.0 Section Concerns:

2.1 ArbiterPay

Including Buffalo Public Schools, 36 member schools have registered for ArbiterPay. Section VI continues to work with Arbiter to ensure a smooth and efficient registration process.

2.2 Unified Sports

There have been several inquiries from unified coaches regarding implementing additional unified sports. Section VI will only continue to offer Unified Bowling and Unified Basketball at this time.

A recommendation to split the Unified Sports chairmanship into 2 positions will be presented at the following Finance Committee meeting.

2.3 Representation Rule B/G Golf

Committee members were asked to remind their coaches and Leagues that a female participating on a Boys Golf team can now participate in the Girls Golf Sectional Championship. Scores must be used from the men's tees. If interested in qualifying for the Girls Sectional Championship, the athletic director must notify the Executive Director, Timm Slade, or Girls Golf Chairman, Rick Wargala.

3.0 NYSPHSAA Concerns (J. Graczyk/M. Fallacaro):

Approved Items (July 2018 NYSPHSAA Central Committee Meeting)

- Add Representation Rule related to “practice” to the “Practice Rule”
- Remove “sneakers and molded cleat” restrictions from the NYSPHSAA Handbook
- NYSPHSAA Officials Contract for the 2018-2019 & 2019-2020 school years
- Finalize 7 non-public school classification numbers for the 2018-2019 school year
- Revise the format of the NYSPHSAA Cheerleading Championships to include revisions of the score sheet and coaches education and judges training. (Rationale: To provide a fair and equitable NYSPHSAA Competition experience that maximizes the strengths of student athletes and their programs). Effective Start Date: Fall 2018.
- Recognize Game Day Cheer. (Rationale: Consider approval to recognize GameDay Cheer in an effort to provide an opportunity for member programs to explore a different style of Cheerleading, increase participation and promote community and school spirit. Effective Start Date: Fall 2018 & Winter 2018-2019.
- Revise the NYSPHSAA Championship Philosophy
- Revised graduated scale percentage for the combining of teams to be sports specific. The percentage is dependent upon the association’s specific sport classification cut-off numbers. Sports with two divisions, Division One will follow AA combining of team guidelines (100%) and Division Two will follow class C combining of team guidelines (40%). school year. (Rationale: If two schools combine for the sport of football as an example, we currently use the five class numbers for determining classification for the sports of soccer, basketball, baseball and softball. It makes more sense to use the sport specific numbers.) Effective Start Date: 2019-2020
- Revisions to the Volleyball scrimmage rule
- Moving the Bowling Championships from Week #35 to Week #36. (Rationale: The change would allow bowling to conduct a three-day state tournament at available suitable sites a week later. In addition, it would allow for bowling to move off a weekend where five other NYSPHSAA events are conducted and provide for better media coverage, NYSPHSAA staffing and promotion of the sport on a weekend with just one other NYSPHSAA tournament (Ice Hockey).) Effective Start Date: March 2019.
- Moving the Bowling Championships from a two-day tournament to a three-day tournament. In order to accommodate for the third day, the official practice session on Friday would be eliminated. Division 2 boys and girls teams will compete on Friday afternoon. Composite Teams will compete on Saturday with the girls and boys being separate competitions with one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Division 1 will compete on Sunday morning. A rotation schedule will be established to prevent the same division from losing school time each year. (Rationale: The addition of the Division 2 component to the tournament added another event to the NYSPHSAA Bowling Championships. In order to accommodate spectators so they are not denied access due to fire code, the composite event would be split into two separate competitions on the Saturday of the tournament with one group competing in the morning and another in the afternoon. In order to schedule all events for the tournament and accommodate the larger than capacity crowd for the composite event, we would need to eliminate the Friday practice session. The spectator experience at the venue will be improved because there will be more space to view the athletes, shorter concession lines and bathroom lines during the composite team event. Bowler and spectator safety will be improved because there will be less equipment laying around the settee area and more space for spectators to move around. Competition will end earlier so that schools could depart back home after competition instead of staying another night in a hotel, saving school districts money. Improved travel itineraries for sections furthest from event because of tournament end times. (i.e. If Section 11 is the host Section, Sections 5 and 6 would be most affected by length of travel.) Student-athletes would lose less classroom instructional time because not all teams would need to travel during school hours on the Friday of the Championship weekend due to the elimination of the official Friday practice. The potential for student-Athlete codes of conduct violations will be minimized because athletes competing will return home after competitions instead of staying in the hotel.). Effective Start Date: March 2019.
- Amending the Girls & Boys Bowling Substitution Rule at the NYSPHSAA State Championships
Below are the proposed terms of the new substitution rule:
 1. One (1) substitution may be made per game.
 2. A substitution may be made prior to the first ball being thrown of any frame.
 3. The athlete who begins a frame must finish that frame. EXCEPTION - 10th frame: In the 10th frame, a substitution may also be made prior to the “fill-ball” for any bowler. This substitution may only be made after a spare or after the second strike.
 4. If a substitution is made, the score for that game is credited to the athlete who began the game. However, that game score AND six-game series is ineligible to be used toward individual awards.
 5. When a substitution is made, the head coach must indicate the change on the team scoresheet. The game score (for the bowler who began the game) should be circled. For the substitute, the coach should enter an asterisk (*) along with the frame number that bowler entered the game.
 6. Penalty: If an illegal substitution is made, an individual score of 0 will be given for every illegal frame. Once a scoresheet is verified (signed) by the opposing coach, scores will NOT be adjusted. Effective Start Date: Winter 2019.

- Revision to the Girls & Boys Bowling maximum contest rule
- Addition of a "Super Qualifying Standard" for the NYSPHSAA Outdoor Track & Field Championships. The new set of standards allow for a much more stringent times/marks, thus qualifying approximately 10-12 additional athletes in the State Track Meet. This "Super Standard" is based on a five-year average of the 4th place finish at the State Meet finals for each event. Athletes can meet these standards at any time during the regular season or postseason to qualify for the State Meet. Athlete/Relay must participate in that particular event at the State Qualifier meet. This standard will be adjusted each year by the State Coordinators after review of the numbers. This would allow those athletes who place below the present second place finish in each Section's final qualifier to advance to the State Meet.
Effective Start Date: Spring 2019.
- Ice Hockey Regional Rotation
- Ice Hockey post season games to use video replay for determining goals, undetected goals and for determining correct time on the game clock (NFHS rule 9-13). Effective Start Date: 2018-2019 season.
- Ice Hockey regular season warm-up procedures
- Waivers of the representation rule for the Sections and sports below: **Section I 6 to 0 Wrestling Dual Meet Championships** (Rationale: Central Committee approval required for waivers of the Representation Rule.)
- Friends & Neighbors and new member schools
- Move the Softball Championships from Week #49 to Week #50 (June 15, 2019) for the 2019 State Championships. (Rationale: This would allow the leagues and Sections to have an additional week to get League games and Sectionals completed. With the poor weather, teams have been forced play a season in about three weeks. The 2018-19 calendar allows the state tournament to be pushed back a week. Moving to week #50 also moves the tournament away from the annual Americade Motorcycle Weekend, which drives hotel prices very high and rooms are at a premium. At this time, no hotel or venue contracts have been signed yet for week #49 of 2019. Furthermore, the current venue has indicated they could host the State Tournament on week #50 instead of week #49.) Effective Start Date: June 2019.
- Update the current Wrestling Skin Infection form to include the editorial changes made by the NFHS SMAC
- Adopt the 6th Edition of the NYSPHSAA Gymnastics Technical Handbook. Effective Start Date: 2018-19 season
- Move the Baseball Championships from Week #49 to Week #50 for the 2019 State Championships

Discussion/Information Items (July 2018 NYSPHSAA Central Committee Meeting)

- 2019-2020 classification numbers - NYSED will not release finalized numbers until September; vote to be held at the October 16th Executive Committee Meeting
- Girls Volleyball Standard Operating Procedures
- Proposal: Consideration of revision to the classifications to allow six classifications for sports with more than 500 schools participating at the NYSPHSAA Championships
Presenter: Representative from Section V
Effective Start Date: 2019-2020 School Year
Rationale: Based on the current NYSPHSAA Championship Philosophy the following formulas are used: Add: 501 – above 6
Notes: This was a discussion item on the March 27th, 2018 Football Committee Meeting Report
- Proposal: Consider the ability to have the NYSPHSAA office readjust BEDS numbers of schools based on a recommendation from a Section Executive Director that fit into the following categories:
 - 1.) When a school is closing or splitting into multiple schools due to NYSED receivership or similar status.
 - 2.) When a school closes and a large influx of students enroll in a nearby school(s).
 - 3.) When a school experiences a significant decrease in enrollment due to loss of industry or other unique circumstance.Effective Start Date: Summer 2019
Rationale: To allow for statewide equity to attempt to have as many schools participating in their appropriate classification. With the change in when BEDS classifications projecting two years out, this allows a way for schools to play in their appropriate classification.
Proposal Originated: Several times schools have competed in and/or won NYSPHSAA championships in classifications that did not match their current class size. Section VII expressed concern at the May 4, 2018 Executive Committee meeting.
Notes: The current BEDS formula projects two years out uses the sum of grades 9, 10 and the average of 9/10. NYSPHSAA will have the ability to gather current information from the schools that may be in this unique situation and place them in the appropriate classifications.
- Review of NFHS/ NCAA/ USA rules survey data
Information: A survey has been administered at the direction of the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee to gain feedback on the sport playing rules used in the sports of Girls Basketball, Girls Volleyball, Boys Volleyball and Softball. The deadline for the

survey to be completed is July 17th. Survey results will be provided at the Central Committee meeting. This will be one of three topics discussed during the Cracker Barrel meetings on Wednesday, July 25.

As of July 12th, the following responses were received to the various surveys:

Girls Basketball (*NCAA Rules*) **389**

Girls & Boys Volleyball (*NCAA Rules*) **376**

Softball (*USA Rules*) **332**

Officials **1123**

Below are the minutes from the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meetings related to this topic: The October 12, 2017 Executive Committee minutes state (pg. 21):

“President Osborne asked the Girls Basketball Committee to review and compare/contrast the NCAA Rules and NFHS Rules and come back to the Executive Committee with a recommendation or a rationale for staying with NCAA rules. He also directed the Section Executive Directors to take this back to their Sections for discussion. It will be a discussion item on the agenda of the May Executive Committee meeting.”

Link: <http://nysphsaa.org/Portals/0/PDF/Committees/Executive/October%2012%202017%20EC%20Meeting%20Minutes.pdf>

This request came after the girls' basketball committee requested several waivers of the NCAA rules. **The February 2, 2018**

Executive Committee minutes state (pg. 16):

“At the October 2017 Executive Committee meeting, NYSPHSAA President Jim Osborne asked the Girls Basketball Committee to review and compare/contrast the NCAA Rules and NFHS Rules and come to the February Executive Committee with a recommendation or a rationale for staying with NCAA rules. He also directed the Section Executive Directors to discuss in their Sections.”

Link to minutes: <http://nysphsaa.org/Portals/0/PDF/Committees/Executive/February%202018%20EC%20Minutes.pdf>

May 4, 2018 Executive Committee minutes state (pg. 23):

“Survey Related to NFHS Rules

- *Robert Zayas, Executive Director, presented a proposal for consideration to administer a survey to coaches, officials and Athletic directors related to the use of NFHS rules in sports currently using other rules (i.e. girls' basketball-NCAA, girls & boys' volleyball-NCAA, softball-USA, etc.).*
- *The Philosophy Committee is interested in gathering data from coaches, officials and athletic directors on this topic before providing a recommendation.”*

Link: <http://nysphsaa.org/Portals/0/PDF/Committees/Executive/May%202018%20EC%20Minutes.pdf>

- Consideration of approval of Track & Field Wheelchair procedures

Proposal: To have a standard scoring procedure for all wheelchair athletes participating in NYSPHSAA regular season and post season outdoor Track & Field competitions.

Effective Start Date: Spring 2019.

Rationale: Over the past two seasons we have had two wheelchair track and field athletes participate in track and field at the modified level. Now that they are entering the HS level of competition we need to establish a uniformed and consistent procedure for scoring and competing during the regular season and post season.

Notes: We formed a committee to develop the proposal. The committee consisted of the Boys and Girls Track and Field State Coordinators, the NYSPHSAA office staff, the athletic directors and coaches from the two schools and the families of the two athletes. The NYSPHSA office staff surveyed all the state associations to inquire on any current procedures and practices utilized within their state. PA has had a procedure in place that has worked well for them for over 10 years. The committee had a lengthy discussion on all the possible options and agreed to model this proposal after the PIAA procedure. The committee feels that this will be fair to all students and teams competing in the sport of Track and Field. The NYSPHSAA Officers approved this proposal as a one-year pilot for the 2018 Outdoor Track & Field season. This proposal was discussed at the May 4, 2018 Executive Committee and requested to be a discussion item at the Central Committee meeting to afford the Track & Field Committees to provide input at their Fall meetings.

- Consideration of endorsing a NYSAAA Resolution related to LTC course 631 Administration: Emergency Management of Interscholastic Athletic Events

- Football – Modification to the Participation Standard

Proposal: The NYSPHSAA Football Committee is seeking approval for a football player to be allowed to participate in both the junior varsity and varsity contests within the same week. The stipulation is that during one of the contests, the athlete would have a ten (10) play limit. During the other contest, the athlete would be free of any restriction on plays.

Effective Start Date: 2018-19 season

Rationale: In many areas, schools are facing declining roster sizes in their football programs due to decreasing enrollments and safety concerns surrounding the game of football. This has led to postponements and/or forfeits at either level. This proposal could possibly eliminate those concerns while at the same time protect our athletes. If a team has only 16-20 players dressed for a game, it is likely that some of those players never come off the field. This proposal could increase the roster size at any given game allowing players to receive a much-needed rest during the contest providing a safer environment for all.

Notes: Both junior varsity and varsity teams are normally required to submit rosters. The varsity roster could include junior varsity players that may or may not be dressed for the varsity game. These players could be denoted on the roster with an asterisk for those watching and/or tracking. The same could be done for the junior varsity roster if they were allowing varsity players to participate at the junior varsity level. The NYSPHSAA Football Committee unanimously supports this proposal.

- Best Practices for Athletic Training Services

Proposal: To add the following language to the NYSPHSAA recommendations in the NYSPHSAA Handbook. *“NYSPHSAA recommends and supports the ‘Best Practice’ that every member High School has a Certified Athletic Trainer providing full-time coverage to the athletic program.”*

Effective Start Date: Fall 2018.

Rationale: The NYSPHSAA Strategic Plan contained a goal of increasing athletic training services to all member schools. The NYSPHSAA Safety Committee formed a sub-committee to look at three areas, (1) benefits of athletic training services,

(2) obstacles of providing athletic training services, and (3) ways to provide athletic training services. We all share the goal to minimize risk to student athletes participating in our athletic programs and Certified Athletic Trainers are imperative to meeting this goal. **GOING BACK TO SAFETY COMMITTEE TO CHANGE VERBAGE**

- SED Age and Duration of Competition

Proposal: Consideration to support revised age requirement within NYSED Regulations for Unified Sports.

Effective Start Date: 2018-2019 school year

Rationale: With the expansion, popularity and benefits of Unified Sports many of our schools have raised a concern that students that have participated in the Unified Sports program are no longer eligible to participate due to the SED Age and Duration of Competition rule. The Unified Sports Committee formed a sub-committee to make a proposal to grant a waiver of the Age and Duration of Competition rule. Please see the particulars below:

Notes: The recommendation would follow the following parameters to grant a waiver:

1. Identification of the student with a classification as **alternately assessed students**.
2. The data that would be collected for the review panel. APP fitness test would be given, and the scores would be compared to then fitness levels in the Mixed Competition regulations.
3. Review panel. School Medical Director, Athletic Director, Special Education Director, Physical Education Teacher, and a Unified Sport Coach.
4. Approval by the Review Panel.

Attachments: Identification requirements for students to receive the waiver.

STUDENT IDENTIFICATION FOR AGE AND DURATION OF COMPETITION WAIVER

A medical waiver is being sought for the age / duration of competition rule for a very specific student population that participates in Unified sports through the NYSPHAA.

These students are classified with an intellectual disability---a cognitive deficit that requires them to have more time to complete their education. This population is classified as **alternately assessed students**. These students do not qualify for a regent's diploma, local diploma, or GED. Under the New York State Commissioner's Part 200 Regulations, students with these disabilities may remain in high school until age 21, as they often require more time in order to gain a meaningful exit credential (Career Development and Occupational Studies Commencement Credential (CDOS) or Skills and Achievement Commencement Credential (SACC)). The New York State Education Department has always recognized this population of students as requiring different supports and has put into place a variety of safety nets in order for them to successfully to complete their education.

This urges for the same recognition to be given in the area of those students participating in Unified sports. The age and duration of their ability to play should be in line with their overall development and the overall timeline NYSED has already allowed them to complete their education. The waiver is not being sought for all students with disabilities, but only for those students with a classification of **alternately assessed students**, that have been deemed eligible to play in Unified sports.

- Consideration to revise the NYSPHSAA Boys Tennis Championship format for a separate NYS Federation Championship

Proposal: Consideration to revise the format of the NYSPHSAA/ NYS Federation Boys Tennis Championships.

Effective Start Date: Spring 2019

Rationale: The rationale for this proposal is to offer an equitable, healthy and safe NYSPHSAA Boys Tennis Federation State Championship for all participating associations to include NYSPHSAA, PSAL, NYSAISAA, and CHSAA. This opportunity would allow for all four association champions in both singles and doubles to commit to compete in an organized championship event that which is not scheduled concurrently with any of the named associations' championships. It is suggested that the Boys Tennis Federation Championship be scheduled for week #49 of the scholastic calendar, as the NYSPHSAA Boys Tennis State Championship and other association championships are scheduled on or before week #48. This schedule adheres to the USTA Regulations for tournament participation of sanctioned events and would also allow all competitors appropriate rest periods between championship events. This proposal must provide each of the four associations the opportunity to appoint an association coordinator to participate in tournament responsibilities, such as to complete a tournament draw or round robin format based on the number of participating associations to give all competitors equal contests, to structure the rules and guidelines of competition not limited to scoring, coaching, officiating, etc., keep and report results, secure a venue, athletic trainers, provide first aid/AED and awareness of emergency procedures for the benefit of all in attendance.

Budgetary Impact: The budgetary impact of this proposal would include additional travel and food expenses to those athletes and coaches traveling to the Federation Championship on the scheduled day of competition. In past Federation Championships, the budgetary impact of tennis balls, court time, awards, officials and athletic trainers are consistent per hour and would not impose additional costs than what is currently projected. The Federation Championship does not impose a lodging expense to competitors traveling great distances, as competition can be completed in one day with indoor courts available in case of inclement weather.

Notes: The NYSPHSAA Boys Tennis Committee unanimously agreed to the rationale of this proposal on 5/30/18, as well as 5/18/18 email to Robert Zayas which indicate the concerns of the NYSPHSAA Boys Tennis Committee in regards to the Federation Championship for Boys Tennis.

- Softball-Standardize Regional Play to only Thursday to Monday Prior to State Tournament

Presenter: Cathy Allen, NYSPHSAA Softball Coordinator

Proposal: The NYSPHSAA Softball State Committee is requesting approval for Regional play to be scheduled Thursday through Monday only, prior to the State Tournament.

Effective Start Date: 2019 season.

Rationale: Setting a schedule of certain days for regional contests to be completed would help maintain a fair and equitable schedule. This would allow for the same play and rest periods for teams heading to Regionals and coming out of Regionals across the state and additionally keep Sections accountable in maintaining similar schedules (to other Sections). This has been a discussion for some time. The committee voted 10-1 in favor of this proposal.

* Proposal originated at the NYSPHSAA State Softball Committee meeting June 8, 2018

- Wrestling – Scheduling of new matches after week #28
Proposal: No new matches may be scheduled after week #28 unless they are a make-up for a cancelled match.
Effective Start Date: 2018-19 Season
Rationale: Schools were scheduling matches at the end of the year to get wrestlers weigh-ins but not actually wrestling. This does not follow the spirit of the 50% rule.
 Proposal Originated: NYSPHSAA Wrestling Committee
- Wrestling – Pound Allowance for Sectional Tournaments due to school closings
Proposal: To allow a pound allowance for all wrestlers competing in a Sectional tournament when schools are closed due to a weather emergency.
Effective Start Date: 2018-19 Season
Rationale: We currently use this procedure throughout the entire regular season and the Wrestling Committee feels that we should continue with the procedure for Sectional tournaments.
- Wrestling – Extension of the appeal timeline
Presenter: Marty Sherman, NYSPHSAA Wrestling Chairmen
Proposal: When a school is closed due to a weather emergency on the 3rd day of the appeal timeline the wrestler will be given one extra day to appeal their original weight assessment.
Effective Start Date: 2018-19 Season
Rationale: Currently the 3-day appeal timeline is strictly enforced and does not allow any deviation for school closing due to weather emergencies.
- Bowling – Fully adopt USBC Rules for Competition statewide
Presenter: Mike O'Connell, NYSPHSAA Boys Bowling Coordinator, Eileen Shultis, NYSPHSAA Girls Bowling Coordinator
Proposal: The NYSPHSAA Bowling Committee seeks approval to fully adopt the USBC rules for competition statewide.
Effective Start Date: 2018-19 Season
Rationale: USBC rules were adopted but noted "for scoring only" in the NYSPHSAA Handbook. Additionally, some sections were using their own rules for competition. The CAC was informed of this on June 20th during a different bowling proposal. Fully adopting USBC rules will provide consistent, uniform rules to be followed.

UPDATE:

1. NOCSAE Baseball Stamp:

In May 2017, the NFHS informed its member state associations throughout the country that baseballs would be required to include a NOCSAE stamp starting in January 2019. Concern was expressed to the NFHS and worked with other State Athletic Associations to bring attention to the expedited implementation period. Many NYSPHSAA member schools indicated they had 40, 50 or 60 dozen baseballs in storage, since they purchased baseballs in bulk. Thankfully the NFHS has delayed the implementation of this rule until January 1, 2020.

2. Homeschool Legislation:

NYSPHSAA continues to work with Kevin Banes, from Statewide Public Affairs, on legislative relations and initiatives. Kevin and R. Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director, met with several elected officials towards the end of the 2018 Legislative session to express concern with the proposed Homeschool bill. The bill proposed permitting homeschooled students to participate in interscholastic sports in the district they live. The bill did pass the Senate, however was not voted upon in the Assembly.

3. Unified Sports: This past year, the NYSPHSAA and Special Olympics New York were proud to work with 140 schools that offered Unified Basketball and 32 schools that offered Unified Bowling. In the upcoming year, the NYSPHSAA will be working with all 11 Sections in Unified Sports with the addition of Section 10. Unified Sports has continued to provide an opportunity to many students to receive the benefits of an interscholastic sports program. As with all of our interscholastic programs, Unified is not perfect but the pros definitely outweigh the cons. The NYSPHSAA is hopeful that one or two Sections will expand into the fall season which will provide an Unified opportunity in all three seasons. Section 5 offered a Modified Unified Basketball program this past spring. The schools reported this program as a huge success. We thank our wonderful partner Special Olympics New York for their continued support and expertise.

4. Sanctioning: The NYSPHSAA Sanctioning process is on-line at www.nysphsaa.org. Anytime a school is traveling out of state for a competition they must complete the "notice of entry" on-line. Schools will be able to check the status of an out of state event on the website. If a school is hosting an event that involves a school(s) from another state, they must complete the NYSPHSAA sanctioning application or the NFHS on-line sanctioning application. For further assistance, please feel free to contact Todd Nelson (tnelson@nysphsaa.org) in the NYSPHSAA office.

5. Professional Development: Schools are encouraged to be proactive and encourage their coaches, students, and parents to take advantage of the wonderful courses offered by the NFHS. These courses are well put together and provide excellent resources. Many of these courses are absolutely free of charge and the ones that do charge a fee are very reasonable. Athletic Administrators are encouraged to use these courses as tools to improve and continually educate their coaches to help benefit the entire athletic program. The NFHS offers more than 60 courses and over 6 million courses have been taken by administrators, coaches, students, officials, and parents. To learn more please visit www.nfhslern.com.

6. School of Excellence: The School of Excellence is awarded to schools who had 75% of their varsity programs qualify for and receive the NYSPHSAA Scholar-Athlete Team Award during the 2017-2018 school year. Qualified is interpreted to mean teams having met all of the Scholar-Athlete Team Award program's criteria (i.e. received a certificate), including *having met the deadline date* to apply as set for each sport season. Deadline to apply was June 30th. The press release including the school names was distributed in early July.

7. School of Distinction: The School of Distinction is awarded to schools who had 100% of their varsity programs qualify for and receive the NYSPHSAA Scholar-Athlete Team Award during the 2017-2018 school year. Qualified is interpreted to mean teams having met all of the Scholar-Athlete Team Award program's criteria (i.e. received a certificate), including *having met the deadline date* to apply as set for each sport season. Deadline to apply was June 30th. The press release including the school names was distributed in early July. Schools have expressed concern with the requirement of including merged teams on a school's application. This concern will be brought to the SADC for discussion in September.

4.0 AC Action Items for the next athletic council meeting to date include:

4.1 (AC Action Item) Approval of the Officials Contact (2018-2021)

Committee members were asked to remind their Leagues to hold officials' payments until the contract is approved and the fees are updated in ArbiterOne. Schools will be notified when payments can be released.

4.2 (AC Action Item) Approval of Hamburg's Boys Lacrosse Independent Schedule (2019)

4.3 (AC Action Item) Approval of Eden Boys Lacrosse Independent Status (2018-2019)

E. Greenway, Boys Lacrosse Chairman, with the Boys Lacrosse coaches will review the division alignments. If the alignments are altered, Eden and Hamburg may rescind their independent status.

4.4 (AC Action Item) Approval to place Health Sciences Charter school in Class A in the sport of Boys Basketball

After review of the data from the past two years and in accordance with the criteria for dominance, the Boys Basketball Committee and the Charter Schools Classification Committee recommend for Health Sciences Charter School to be moved to Class A in the sport of Boys Basketball.

4.5 (AC Action Item) Approval of Kristina Brown as Section VI Rifle Chair

4.6 (AC Action Item) Approval Justina Grudzinski as Section VI Cheerleading Chair

4.7 (AC Action Item) Approval of the 2018-2019 Winter Pre-Season Sports Reports

Committee members were reminded to submit a response after review of their assigned sports pre and post season reports.

4.8 (AC Action Item) Approval of the 2018 Spring Post Season Reports

After today's meeting, committee members will be emailed their assigned sport's spring 2018 post season report to review and are asked to respond in advance of the athletic council meeting.

5.0 Old Business:

Nothing to report.

6.0 New Business:

Section VI is offering a staff development day on September 21, 2018. T. Slade will resend the invitation today. Committee members were asked to remind their Leagues of this opportunity.

7.0 Good of the Order:

Motion to adjourn

CARRIED

Fallacaro/Przybysz

Respectfully Submitted,



Beth Fadeley
Recording Secretary