



## ERIE COUNTY INTERSCHOLASTIC CONFERENCE

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**Athletic Directors –2/2/21**

Webex/Teleconference

12:00 PM

**Minutes taken by Sharon Groden**

### **Opening Remarks:**

***Vinny Dell'Oso***

How is everyone doing? Is there anything we can help with? If you need anything let us know.

### **President's Report:**

***Vinny Dell'Oso***

#### ***Approval of Minutes from 1/5/21***

Motion to approve minutes

1<sup>st</sup> Joe DiMartino, Springville

2<sup>nd</sup> Daryl Besant-Cleve-Hill

Motion Passed

### **Executive Director's Report:**

***Jim Graczyk***

#### **• *Winter Schedules Update***

Review of basketball schedules and dates to make changes to dates, etc. Director responded to calls with regard to scheduling. Schedule needed to be condensed to accommodate the current dates for scheduling purposes. Basketball scheduled dates 1/4/21 to 3/13/21. There are less days to play than the usual schedule for the season. Sundays were eliminated from schedule. Monday February 15, 2021 was needed to schedule for girls' basketball (which is a holiday), due to the lack of days. If that date is inconvenient, the date can be changed. Scheduling prepared in order to avoid conflict with other leagues due to the lack of officials.

Sweet Home modified game schedule with 2 extra games due to the alignment and (8) vs. (7). Schedules not changed except with the exception of division III where (4) games were added that were originally to be added at the end. For the modified basketball games question regarding playing back to back games. If schools would like to do a back to back game, please schedule accordingly. This will help with assigning officials. During the week of winter break if officials are available games can be scheduled earlier in the day. Starpoint not on winter break this week.

The D3 basketball schedule is based upon which division has the extra team (8 vs. 7). The proposal for this year was based on the alignment and the extra team was in division 3. This was a division 3 proposal for this year. The agreement 2 years ago was that we would rotate that extra team. The same division would not have that extra team. The extra team is in division I for the 2021-2022 alignment. That would be up to the division I coaches if they want the proposal.

Director fielding calls regarding no spectators during games as per decision of Section VI. Section director indicates that section not allowing spectators. The Department of Health indicates two (2) spectators allowed. Changes occur on a daily basis. The league needs to prepare to go to a vote if section allows spectators. If the section does allow (2) spectators, membership to vote by ballot if league will allow spectators as a league. Athletic directors requested to have conversation with superintendents as soon as possible to be prepared to vote.

All gym's not available for spectators. Spectators in schools a major problem for some schools. Section needs to hear perspective of schools regarding spectators. If section allows for spectators, league to vote by specific schools. Swimming currently does not allow spectators. Communication with superintendent is important regarding subject of spectators if section allows spectators. Impossibility for some schools to allow spectators for swim and possibly basketball.

### ***Fall II Schedules***

ECIC to begin commencement of Fall II schedules. Dates needed from activity board to commence volleyball schedules for Fall II. Dates to be compiled for volleyball by activity board. Dates to be approved by activity board. Converse with volleyball chairs with regard to dates for volleyball.

### ***Spring Schedules***

ECIC to begin commencement of Spring schedules in coordination with Activity Board. Discussions with chairpersons, etc., and other leagues to avoid conflict of dates.

## **Activity Board:**

***Marisa Fallacaro-Dougherty***

### ***Fall 2021 alignments/winter 2021-2022 alignments***

Proposed fall alignment provided to directors. Basketball alignments for Winter 2021-2022. Members provided proposed alignments for next year. Division 3 is not scheduled to have extra team due to rotation in alignment. Division I is scheduled for the extra team for this season. Review the alignments and discussion of alignment on March 9, 2021 for a vote. Suggested change in field hockey proposal provided.

### ***Procedure for appearance at games***

Continue with procedure as took place in fall I for soccer. Each school expected to do due diligence with regard to COVID screening, temperature check. No documentation required. Treat as was followed in fall. Sweet Home previously did paper check. Paper check eliminated. Sweet Home to do a temperature screen for opponent. Thermal scanner used.

### ***Review League Protocols***

Members of the boys/girls' activity board whose term will expire for 2020-2021. Positions available for boys/girls' activity board for following year for next year to be discussed during the March 2, 2021 athletic director's meeting. Vote to take place at the March 9, 2021 athletic council meeting. Vinny Dell'Oso, Brian Hickson and Jason Przybysz term expires for boys' activity board. Pat Cauley,

Daryl Besant and Dave Hack term expires for girls' activity board. Board members that wish to continue notify president, Kiel Ilig for vote on March 9, 2021 athletic council meeting. Any other member wishing to be on activity board either boys/girls please notify president for vote on March 9, 2021 athletic council meeting.

### **Guidelines**

COVID guidance. Regulations provided by Section director in the fall discussing the Department of Health, the New York State Public High School Athletic Association and as well as New York state Education guidance. Sent out with policy changes and ECIC membership schools will ensure a distance of at least 6 feet as maintained among individuals, at all times, whether indoor or outdoor unless safety or the core activity requires a shorter distance. If a shorter distance is required, individuals must wear acceptable face coverings unless players are unable to tolerate a face covering for the physical activity provided however, that coaches trainers and other individuals who are not directly engaged in physical activity are required to wear a face covering. This is the exact guidance that is from the Department of Health, so we are not being more restrictive as we talked about in the past. This gives our membership all the same exact guidance.

ECIC membership schools who are hosting competitions will send out correspondence to visiting schools advising of facility plans and game expectations prior to contests so that everyone is clear that host schools will send out to visiting schools your expectations. We will also be putting in there about visiting schools for basketball must bring their own basketballs for warm-ups as well as athletic trainers for the home school should tape their individual athletes prior to the competition.

Goggle document folder still available, however, google drive created by prior ECIC Executive Director. Unable to access and add to google docs. Athletic Director request to have all documents in one place to avoid every school sending out separate documents.

If unable to enter documents in Google docs, president will send out Microsoft shared document containing protocol.

**Section VI/NYSPHSAA report:** *Marisa Fallacaro-Dougherty, Vinny Dell'Oso, and Dave Hack*

- **State Meeting Report** *Marisa Fallacaro-Dougherty*  
No Report

- **Committee Reports**
  - **Sectional/Intersectional** *Jason Przybysz*  
First meeting with Section VI Executive Director with new Executive Director of Section VI, Mark DiFilippo on January 14, 2021.

Health Science Charter Schools boys' basketball for season 2020-2021 is an AA for sectional play. They do have to complete in six (6) contests to be eligible for sectional play.

Review of assignments for pre-season and post-season reports. No real concerns.

Reviewed voting aspects of classifications as a reminder.

Spoke about the girls' softball/tennis with adding team championships. Individual championships for the sport of girls' tennis. The week of October 15, 2021 and October 16, 2021 were proposed, and we are still in discussion with boys' swimming and post-season competition to make sure consistent and that student athletes would have the opportunity to compete in post season for league and sectional championships.

- **Modified** *Daryl Besant*  
No Report

- **Safety** *Brian Wild*  
No Report

- **Chemical Awareness** *Brian Wild*  
No Report

- **Finance** *Vinny Dell'Oso*  
Section is looking to work with a group called TPG for corporate sponsorship. A national sponsorship company that has contracted with NYSPHSAA for sponsoring rights with Section VI for a one (1) year contract. TTG will work on behalf of the section trying to garner more sponsorship. It looks like a pretty decent opportunity. We will hopefully have more information as we move forward on how it will work.

Indoor track at schools resulting from cancellation of the indoor track season. Participating school districts dues paid will receive a refund either to be held in escrow to be used for next year or you can request a refund returned as a district due to cancellation of indoor track. This information will be provided by Don Scholla.

- **Sportsmanship** *Sandy Gauthier*  
No Report

- **Charter Schools** *Jeff Wheaton*  
No Report

- **Combining of Schools** *Daryl Besant*  
No Report

- **Recruitment of Officials** *Brian Hickson*  
No Report

### **Old Business:**

- **Principal representative opening**

One high school principal who is interested James Bialasik, from Springville. We will vote at the March 9, 2021 athletic council meeting.

### **New Business:**

- **Post season seeding**

Non scheduling of non-league games. Only league contests played. Games canceled and not made up due to COVID divided by 10 instead of 12. Top 8 to be used. Boys' basketball seeking a change in B classification.

- **Unified Bowling Pre-Season Webinar to take place**

- **Unified basketball schedule May 10, 2021 to June 30, 2021 slight overlap.**

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

**Next meeting Date:**

**Athletic Directors – March 2, 2021**

**Athletic Council – March 9, 2021**