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ATHLETIC DIRECTORS – 6/8/21

In-Person Meeting
Microsoft Teams
12:00 PM

ATHLETIC COUNCIL:

Motion to enter into Athletic Council. Votes are needed on a number of items to be completed at the beginning of this Athletic Director meeting

Motion to enter into Athletic Council

1st Pat Cauley (Hamburg)

2nd Jason Przybysz (Cleveland Hill)

ATHLETIC COUNCIL:

Steve Smith - President (1 year term) Kiel Ilig (President) and Scott Zipp (President Elect) are resigning from the current roles of President and President Elect, effective June 30, 2021. July 1, 2021, is the effective date for the newly voted replacements for these positions. The Athletic Council will elect for these positions as per the Constitution.

Steve Smith from Alden, who is currently on the Executive Committee as the Middle School Principal representative, will fill the position for President for the remainder of the term which is a one-year appointment. He will fill the role previously held by Kiel Ilig. Steve Smith will then fill the role of past president for two (2) years after his term.

Vinny Dell'Oso - President Elect (1 year term) Vinny Dell'Oso is interested in becoming the president elect filling the role for Scott Zipp, who currently is in the president elect role. After a full year as president elect, Vinny Dell'Oso will fill the role of president for a full year term.

TBA - President of Athletic Directors The role as president for the athletic directors must also be filled. Vinny Dell'Oso will not be able to continue in his current role at president for the athletic directors and a new member from the membership must be elected.

These individuals must be approved, nomination and be elected by the Athletic Council for these roles.

Motion to appoint Steve Smith and Vinny Dell'Oso for the position of president (Steve Smith) and president elect (Vinny Dell'Oso)

1st Matt Adams (Holland)

2nd Chris Koselny (East Aurora)

Motion passed

NEW BUSINESS: NYSPHSAA VOTING ITEMS

1. Action Item - Boys/Girls Volleyball – Modify the Selection Process of Officials for the NYSPHSAA State Tournament.

The Championship Advisory Committee is recommending modifying the language in the NYSPHSAA Fees and Policies document for Selection of Officials for Boys and Girls Volleyball to the following:

“Two officials from each participating Section”

Discussion: I believe this was discussed at our last meeting. Questions?

Motion for approval of Modification of the Selection Process of Officials

1st Marissa Fallacaro-Dougherty (West Seneca)

2nd Pat Cauley (Hamburg)

Motion passed

Effective Start Date: 2021 Fall Season

2. Action Item - Handbook Committee - Revising TASC language to the NYSPHSAA Handbook under Bona Fide student regulations

The NYSPHSAA Handbook Committee is recommending revising the current language in the NYSPHSAA handbook regarding TASC (GED) students to the following. “Students enrolled in a TASC program (GED) must be receiving 2.5 hours of instruction daily and also meet the physical education requirement in accordance with SED Bona Fide student regulations”.

Discussion: The verbiage is the same. The only difference is they are adding (GED) wording to TASC program.

Motion for approval of Revising TASC language to the NYSPHSAA Handbook under Bona Fide student regulations

1st Pat Cauley (Hamburg)

2nd Kiel Ilig (Lackawanna)

Motion passed

Effective Start Date: Updated following the May Executive Committee Meeting

3. Action Item - Modified Field Hockey – Overtime procedure

The NYSPHSAA Modified Committee is recommending to the following language to the NYSPHSAA Handbook under Modified Field Hockey. “4. With Section/League approval, one (1) 4-minute overtime period will be allowed if the score is tied at the end of regulation. The overtime period will be played with teams at full strength and full field.

Discussion: What is the current practice? Do they end in a tie? What do we do in other sports for extra, lacrosse, soccer, basketball, etc.? No extra payment for basketball. Why the inconsistency?

Motion for approval of Overtime procedure for Modified Field Hockey

1st Matt Adams (Holland)

2nd Jason Lehmbeck (Clarence)

1 opposed

Motion passed

Effective Start Date: Fall 2021

4. Action Item - OCF – School Based Official

The OCF is recommending NYSPHSAA allow schools to use a School Based Official with the following criteria. This would be for a two-year pilot program.

- The SBO would only work non-varsity games
- SBO will be paid based on the Section's Officials Contract
- SBO will be certified through the local chapters training and testing protocols.
- Assignments will be offered to all members of the local chapter and if non-varsity game remain unassigned then the assigner will contact the SBO
- SBO will not have to pay the local or state dues (excluding insurance and assignor fees) in the first year. SBO will be required to pay full dues starting in year two.

Effective date Fall 2021/Winter 2021-2022

Motion to entertain discussion

1st Dave Hack (Orchard Park)

2nd Jason Przybysz (Cleveland Hill)

Approved (5) Against (15)

Discussion: If it is a 2 year pilot program, why would you have to pay dues in the second year, if they may discontinue the actual program? Piloting a 2 year program, why pay dues in the second year if you do not know if you are going to continue the program? This relinquishes overall power in wanting a physical education teacher to officiate a game. It is opposite of what is needed. No benefit to having program.

5. Action Item - Boys & Girls Tennis – Adopt Lineup Rule for Regionals & States

The NYSPHSAA Boys & Girls Tennis State Committees are seeking approval to adopt a new Lineup Rule for Team Championship competition at the Regional and State Tournament levels for a two-year experiment.

Motion to continue discussion

1st Matt Adams (Holland)

2nd Kiel Ilig (Lackawanna)

Discussion: Teams come in and say my No 1 guy can't beat their No 1 guy, I am going to put my number 1 guy at no 4 because I know he can beat their no 4 and earn us points there.

Effective Start Date: October 2021

6. Action Item - Boys Volleyball – Modify line rule to follow NCAA rule of Shared Space

The NYSPHSAA Boys Volleyball Committee is seeking approval to remove the following language from the NYSPHSAA handbook under Volleyball for a 1-year trial. “9. A player may touch the opponent’s court with hands(s) or feet, provided some part of the hand(s), foot/feet remain either in contact with or directly above the centerline, and the penetration does not interfere with the opponents play.”

Motion to discuss

1st Marissa Fallacaro-Dougherty (West Seneca)

2nd Daryl Besant (Lake Shore)

Discussion saving kids from trying to keep themselves from failing. Not a bad thing.

7. Boys Volleyball – Extend rule using 2 libero players with modifications

The NYSPHSAA Boys Volleyball Committee is seeking approval of a 1-year extension of the use of the two-libero rule with modifications.

Motion for discussion

1st Dave Hack (Orchard Park)

2nd Matt Adams (Holland)

Discussion: Anyone seen their team use 2 liberos? Not seen anything. If there is a trial and they are just asking for an extension like when does that end? A year. A one-year extension. Can they just keep ask for 1 year extensions? The pilot is for the fall 2020 season. During Covid many schools did not play volleyball.

Combining of Schools

Fall 2021 Season:

Holland & East Aurora

Field Hockey (Var./JV/Mod.)

Holland & West Valley

Girls Soccer (Var./JV/Mod.)

Boys Soccer (Var./JV/Mod.)

Winter 2021-2022 Season:

Holland & East Aurora

Indoor Track (Varsity)

Wrestling (Var./Mod.)

Motion to combine the fall 2021 and the winter 2021/2022 season of combining of schools

1st Ken Partell (Alden)

2nd Jason Przybysz (Cleve-Hill)

Motion passed

Motion to leave athletic Council

1st David Hack (Orchard Park)

2nd Daryl Besant (Lakeshore)

Motion passed

ATHLETIC DIRECTORS:

Opening Remarks:

Divisional Meetings

Vinny Dell'Oso

President's Report:

Approval of Minutes from 5/4/21

Motion to approve minutes

1st Dave Hack (Orchard Park)

2nd Pat Cauley (Hamburg)

Motion passed

Vinny Dell'Oso

Executive Director's Report:

Jim Graczyk/Kiel Illg

- **Next year's meeting dates**
 - **Food or no food?**

Next Year's meeting dates to be forwarded via email. Meetings scheduled for 2021-2022 year will be in person and held at Erie 1 Boces. Food to be provided at AD meetings. Both the Athletic Council and Athletic Directors are meeting on September 13, 2021.

- **Modified Wrestling**

Turned from 100 athletes and 18 schools and down to 13 schools and about 50 athletes. These have been combined to one site and matched up. No visiting spectators. If there are modified wrestlers attending Orchard Park, no visiting spectators. Cheektowaga hosting. Cheektowaga not allowing any spectators and live-streaming both mats. Wrestlers only.

- **Boys Tennis ECIC Championships at Sweet Home – 6/14 & 6/15**

Rain date is 6/16. Since it is a school day, parking could possibly become a problem. No parking behind school. Please advise bus drivers, coaches, etc. no parking in the back by the tennis courts.

- **Officials Update**

Lack of officials' problem. Modified either had one (1) official or usually no official. Situation with no officials out of control of ECIC. Track officials' unavailability a problem.

- **Fall Schedules Update**

Play dates

ECIC/NFL/NO Meeting

Var./JV Sports dates worked out with NFL, NO, Buffalo, and Monsignor Martin. The idea was trying to pick dates to widen opportunity of officials. All leagues use the same group of officials. Soccer, the first group has a need of 64 officials and the second group on those dates have a need of about 56 officials. Some of these dates may require changes. If schools can stick to the dates provided, you will have a better guarantee that you will have an official. Increasing changes to have an official. Sticking to specific dates per league will help with the shortage of officials. There is always an effort to recruit more officials. Problem continues. Boys/Girls soccer play on the same dates. Sticking to the dates, even if you move there are 18 days and as a league you only need 14 days to play. There are extra dates. Stick to dates increases chances of getting good officials. Leagues trying to work together to get groups of dates to accommodate leagues and officials. Schedule a 5/7 to use same officials.

Modified Sports dates to be selected shortly. Need to first accomplish dates for Varsity and JV. Input relative to scheduling. How to play, how many days, etc. Monday/Wednesday/Friday one week and Tuesday/Thursday/Saturday next week. Need input to complete schedule. Rotation is acceptable scheduling 3 days per week. Soccer started on same date. Varsity/JV usually a week later. Schedule 1st day of school. League made decision in past not to start until a week after the start of school. Majority of schools do start a week later. This year was different with Covid. Schools just trying to have athletes play as soon as possible. Schedule 1st week with 2 and then 3 per week. Start with 2 games per week and end with 3 games per week. Season should be finished at a certain point in time due to start of darkness.

Fall Season

Fall sports start 8/23 Varsity and JV
Fall modified start on 8/30, up to discussion
Modified Football start on 8/26

Winter Season

Varsity/JV 11/15
Modified 11/22

Spring season

Varsity/JV 3/14
Modified 3/21

These dates have been approved by membership

- **Cross Country Schedules – not yet complete**

Cross Country Discrepancy in the divisions, Walt Laughlin in process of changing.

Girls Swimming decide on how to proceed

Winter Schedules - Met with Larry Jones and Mark Kensy and play dates are set for basketball. Tried to increase number of available officials. Division 1 plays one night, Division II plays the next night, Division III plays next night so Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, then we start again with Division I. Division IV 1st week play on Monday, Next week Tuesday Trying to limit the number of games played on same date not playing 16 games or 12 games, try to play no more than 4. Sometimes play 8 ECIC games on those nights just to get the games in. All League

contests, January, and February. We needed last week before school is out in December to get 1 game in. Needed one game before Christmas as a league contest.

Fall Schedules - Fall schedules received by end of week, except for 2 schedule issues of swim and cross country.

Fall East Aurora/Holland boys' volleyball in the fall which division. Fall division alignment discussion took place at last meeting relative to division alignment being changes. Rotation of the number of teams in each division. Lowest division should have more teams. Extra team in ECIC that rotates. 6/6/7, East Aurora/Holland goes down to division III which is correct. Alignment must be changes.

Golf alignment. Demerge of East Aurora. No golf chairperson. Nate Leary, no longer chair. Golf schedules left to the schools to schedule. No officials assigned for golf.

Officials contract questions. Fees to increase by fall. Contract continues as is for another year and not increasing. Negotiations will be at a later date.

ECIC Executive Director/Athletic Director Update - We had interviews for this position. The committee felt that we did not have any applicants that were interviewed that would be a good fit for membership. Worked with Executive Committee to let them know a game plan of trying to secure a person. We have spoken to Jim Gryczak, Jim Gryczak has agreed to maintain the executive direction position on an interim basis and has also discussed that he will provide more time, if needed, to stay on for as long as we need him until we hire a replacement Executive Director. Jim has agreed and Executive Committee has voted to approve. Recommendation for Jim Graczyk to continue as Interim Executive Director. Posting for full time position of Executive Director to take place next year. New posting of position of Executive Director will be decision of President and President Elect to take place sometime next year. This decision will be based upon the membership. Direction of membership is to continue to move to hiring a full time Executive Director. Will the membership take this direction upon review of next-year's budget and the dues fees associated with full time Executive Director. If full time director position still needed should be discussed by membership.

Activity Board:

Marisa Fallacaro-Dougherty

Modified Tennis Proposal – Tennis chairs were looking at possibly adding modified tennis or a modified tennis schedule. Does league want to look at possibly forming a modified tennis schedule. Discuss with coaches and gauge interest level. This would be for both girls and boys for separate seasons. Why no for same season. Comment to stay status quo. Was there a discussion concerning 7/8/9 division program? No modified schedule. Any value in tennis in picking 3, 4, or 5 dates and meet at one school to see, do as an intramural? Is there something that can be done to facilitate modified tennis. Lancaster/Orchard Park, host have multiple courts and do as a play day, like with modified wrestling, under Covid to see interest, not compete in matches at play day they could get come feel for the game. Problem comes into play is coaches.

- 1) One coach coaching 7-12, and if so are those kids qualified through APP, then shouldn't be practicing with varsity kids. You are getting into contractual things in regard to how many coaches you will hire.
- 2) A jamboree is a great idea. That is the purpose of the intention sheet. Are you going to have a team so logistically we know how many teams are coming? If say it is open to everyone and then random kids show up from every school and you have 8 kids there, that is not going to be a good experience. Intention different than reality.

Girls Swimming - Any discussion at state level regarding moving girls swimming out of fall? No discussion.

Sport Season Start Dates – previously discussed

Update on NYSPHSAA Classification Committee - Proposal going to the Championship Philosophy Committee at the state level next week. This Ad Hoc committee for classifications was put together and met about 3 or 4 times and the current proposal reached. They would rank all the sports top to bottom, take the top 75 that would be class AAA. Take the bottom 100 that would be class B and then the remaining 4 in the middle would be divided equally. Took schools and sports and boys soccer, boys' basketball, baseball, wrestling, girls' soccer, girls' basketball, and girls' softball just give you an example of what it would look like if we went to 6 classes. Should be discussed if 6 classes wanted. It is not a discussion of where you fit in 6 classes and how you would vote. New York State needs 6 championships for all of their sports. This proposal is going to the philosophy committee. Right now State Championship Philosophy wants to keep between 4 and 8% of all participants in any sport would reach the championship state level in any sport. This philosophy is going to be if you won a state championship, but you only had 6 schools in your division does that really constitute a state championship. At the large school level, you cannot have a school that has 4000 playing a school that has 800 athletes. That is where 75 became the number of trying to compress that top division. It also works at the bottom of the division in the class D. If it moves from there and it most likely will, at least come up for discussion for the end of July state meeting and then possibly up for a vote in October. Would you say the 5 class system were a little under 4% of the total population being involved in championships and this would put us up in to the 6/7/8%? Yes. It should provide a better chance to win a state championship. Discuss with coaches, other ads, as a league. Financially more of a cost. How can we add a section, regional or state championship where it will not cost more money? Realize that when traveling away, the state is anticipating 2 student athletes in a room as opposed to 4. Hotel cost doubled.

Section VI/NYSPHSAA report:

*Marisa Fallacaro-Dougherty, Vinny Dell'Oso,
and Dave Hack*

State Meeting Report

Marisa Fallacaro-Dougherty

Meeting scheduled next week no report

Committee Reports

Sectional/Intersectional

Jason Przybysz

No report	
Modified No Report	<i>Daryl Besant</i>
Safety No Report	<i>Brian Wild</i>
Chemical Awareness No report	<i>Brian Wild</i>
Finance No report	<i>Vinny Dell'Oso</i>
Sportsmanship No Report	<i>Sandy Gauthier</i>
Charter Schools No Report	<i>Jeff Wheaton</i>
Combining of Schools No Report	<i>Daryl Besant</i>
Recruitment of Officials No report	<i>Brian Hickson</i>

Old Business:

ECIC Track and Field Championship - Update

The schools hosting, change in regulations, what are you doing with spectators. Are we sticking with no spectators? Group split on spectator. Up to each individual school to allow.

ECIC President and ECIC President-Elect Needed

New Business

JFK is potentially adding boys and girls golf in the fall for fall of 2021-2022. Played at Elma Meadows. Elma tough to hold golf. Kids signed up (12). 3 or 4 others playing 2 sports. Students and old coach approached about running golf program. currently.

1. No current chairperson
2. Unsure of site, Elma available?
3. Fall is here

Try to have all matches away. No home courses. If want to have a golf team, travel everywhere else. Move forward with idea to see where it goes. Schools based upon home

course availability make their schedule. You would contact other ad's in division and make the schedule. JFK, no home course.

Varsity Girls Swimming - Jamestown competing in CCAA – Update alignments no response from Jamestown taking Jamestown out. What is division breakdown? 8,9,9 Division 1 Jamestown is crossed off and everyone stays the same. Resend email with change.

REMINDER - NYSPHSAA Mandatory AD's Meeting –

August 18, 2021 @ Salamanca HS – Time TBA The superintendent for Salamanca was working with Seneca Alleghany Casino on booking discounted rooms. Information to follow.

2021-2022 ECIC Cheerleading Championships

- Fall: 10/23/21 or 10/24/21 (depending on playoffs)
- Winter: 2/5/22 looking for venues.

Fall Sweet home- did not agree to fall. Clarence will host

2022

Pioneer track

Alden cross-country

Clarence- girls swimming

Sweet home- boys swimming

Lancaster-boys tennis

Lackawanna-Wrestling

Good of the Order:

Lancaster, Brian Wild steps down as athletic director and returning to physical education, coach varsity football.

Next Meeting Dates:

Athletic Directors – 9/13/21

Athletic Council – 9/13/21