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Minutes - 10/6/20
Webx/Teleconference
12:00 PM

Absent: Marisa Fallacaro-Dougherty

Opening Remarks:

Vinny Dell'Oso

Vinny welcomed Timm Slade to the meeting and congratulated him on his retirement.

Timm explained there are still some concerns with the upcoming winter season and whether we will start on time on the scheduled 11/30 start date or not. We will keep everyone up to date as we are made aware. October 20th is the next State Meeting and hoping to have a clearer picture of the winter. He also mentioned that some sections are looking to start fall 2 football even earlier in February instead of the March 1st agreed upon date. Starting early impacts the winter as well as the spring season. Much talk about eliminating state championships in the winter and spring to help extend local seasons. No decisions have been made.

He also clarified that fall team sports (Soccer/Field hockey) for this year only will need to have a 500-league record to qualify for sectionals. Section 6 Cross country will be held in Beamus Point and split over two days Saturday and Sunday. Chairs are working on getting kids in and out quickly and staggering starts and handing out awards after the fact. Gymnastics is not going to have spectators for this fall. Most likely sectionals will be at Stumpfs.

President's Report:

Vinny Dell'Oso

Vinny announced that Mark will be moving on to the Section office with his last day in the ECIC office November 11th.

He reminded us all to make sure you take the AD workshop that is online. This link was emailed to all Directors by Chris Watson. If you do not have the email from Chris, let Mark know right away so we can get you on his email list.

Approval of Minutes from 9/15/20

Besant (Przybysz) Approved

Executive Director's Report:

Mark DiFilippo

Final update of Fall alignments – should be all set with teams that have recently dropped out. Mark will have the final document in the shared folder for your review.

Soccer assignments are looking much better. Only a handful of games without officials. Larry will reach out if there is a problem with a game you are involved in.

Practice definitions – Virtual practices do not count. For a practice to be counted it has to be under direct supervision of a BOE approved and certified coach for safety purposes. Sports must also be sport specific so 2 sport athletes need to get the required number of practices in for each sport.

Winter practice requirements will revert to the NYSPHSAA handbook with 6 practices except for wrestling which needs 10.

21-22 intention sheets – Mark will be sending something out soon. Please get your intentions into him ASAP so he can begin to prepare the budget for 21-22.

Fall APP-please send Mark your Fall APP lists so he can put in the share folder. No need to email to all.

Spectators – who you give your passes to and how you enforce it is your own business. How you control your own venues is up to you. It is important that you share that info with your opponents. Please list that in your protocols that we are putting into the shared folder.

Please note email was sent out about the change to Theory and Techniques change for this year.

Field Hockey timers – NFHS rule book states it is required to have a timer and a scorer. They do not have to be an adult and do not need to be paid. You are just required to have someone to do each job. If your timer is up in the press box, you still need one person at the table field level. There are no longer time-outs due to playing 4 quarters.

Mod cross country rates for officials \$58 for 2 schools and \$75 for 3 or more schools.

Activity Board:

Fall ECIC Championships

Cross Country – **Motion to approve the proposal presented by Walt McLaughlin to host a 2 day – socially distanced ECIC Championship without spectators. Details in Attachment A**

Illg (Besant) Approved

Swimming – Please see **Attachment B** ECIC Virtual swim meet guidelines. We need to make sure officials are at both sites and try to make the virtual meet as real as possible. Holland is having pool issues so Matt Adams will be in contact with you about future meets.

Tennis @Miller Tennis Oct 16/17

Golf @Glen Oak Oct 19 –9:30 Shotgun. ECIC will bill \$30 per player \$10 per coach after the event. Rain Date is 10/23

Section VI/NYSPHSAA report:

Marisa Fallacaro, Vinny Dell'Oso, Dave Hack

Sectionals – FH/Soccer not open need 500 record to qualify

Higher seed is home throughout – waived policy of host school cannot play at home

No cross over championships, regionals, or states for the Fall

Health Sciences Charter school will be moved to AA for boys' basketball

Committee reports

Sectional/Intersectional No report

Modified No report

Safety - Read over report that was emailed out. Discussion about return PE and concussion protocols being improved. Only way a high-risk sport can be changed to moderate or low is through the DOH. NYSPHSAA is not the one classifying sports as high/moderate/low risk. Getting better technology for the Thunder/Lightning policy and the weather bug app. The 2019-20 injury report is now on the NYSPHSAA website.

Chemical Awareness No Report

Finance No report

Sportsmanship Sandy Gauthier

Charter Schools- As mentioned earlier Health Sciences will be moved up to AA in boys' basketball for 20-21

Combining of Schools No report

Recruitment of Officials No report

Old Business:

Spectator passes – concerns/issues – discussion about who should get them who does the pass cover, etc. Some schools are letting families with small children in without a pass. Some are saying school aged means they should have a pass. **Therefore it is important to have your expectations in our shared folder and if you are traveling to another school look at those plans. Most are not sharing. Make it clear so we can get it in the shared file and communicate with each other.**

Please remember that non-ECIC schools may have different expectations and may not know yours, so reaching out to those schools ahead of time is important.

New Business:

Section VI Officials Negotiations Representative – Anyone interested in serving on the negotiations team for the section please let Mark know with an email.

Section Golf chair – Section VI is still looking for a golf chair. If we do not have one before the spring, we will not have a sectional championship.

Field Hockey either has 4 or 5 league games on their schedule. So, a team will need to have a 2-2 record or 3-2 record in those games to qualify this year for sectionals.

Good of the Order:

It was brought up about not waiving the physical examination policy. Concern there may be problems with kids not having updated physicals for the winter. Especially if kids are not in school and we can't chase them. Kids could be playing in the fall and then be ineligible in winter.

Mark mentioned the concern for the maskless kids non socially distanced on social media, in the paper, etc.

Next meeting Date: November 2

2020 ECIC Cross Country Championships Proposal

Goal: To change the format to 4 separate Divisional contests taking place at different times.

- Reduce race sizes to 25% of previous meets
- A maximum of 10 runners per race, per school will be allowed (10 boys, 10 girls)

Proposed schedule:**Day 1- Saturday 10/31/20**

Division 1-	8:00-8:30am arrival D1 busses arrive at this time	10:00am Girls Varsity	10:45am Boys Varsity
Division 2-	12:00-12:30pm arrival D2 busses arrive at this time	2:00pm Girls Varsity	2:45pm Boys Varsity

Day 2- Sunday 11/1/20

Division 3-	8:00-8:30am arrival D3 busses arrives at this time	10:00am Girls Varsity	10:45am Boys Varsity
Division 4-	12:00-12:30pm arrival D4 busses arrive at this time	2:00pm Girls Varsity	2:45pm Boys Varsity

****There will not be a JV race on either day. There will be NO SPECTATORS at this event. We are hoping to live stream the event. We are currently working on exactly how to do this and who will do this.**

Pre-Race Procedures:

1. All coaches and athletes should be temperature checked and complete an East Aurora COVID screening sheet (see example provided) prior to getting on their bus at their home school. EA athletes will be screened @ EAHS upon arrival.
2. All coaches and athletes will be screened upon arrival by event personnel/volunteers. If a runner or coach has a temperature of 100* or higher, that school/bus will not race. All athletes and coaches will turn in an "East Aurora COVID sheet" upon arrival.
3. All school busses will park in the Athletic parking lot off Center Street. The bus will serve as the team "shelter/area." No team tents will be set up on school grounds.
4. All social distancing and mask wearing protocols will be enforced.
 1. Masks should be on at all times.
 2. Teams should stick with their "cohort", or team.
5. There will be 6 porta potties on site plus the stadium bathroom. Each school will have a designated porta potty for their team.
 1. These will be sanitized between events on each day.

Race procedures:

1. Teams will come to the starting line at their designated times with a mask on.
 - Masked to the starting line
 - Remove the mask when instructed to do so
 - Race
 - Grab a mask at the finish line

2. All teams will be given assigned starting line positions to be socially distanced from each other.
 - a. The course offers a very large starting area. This is not a problem.
3. Chip timing will be used. Chips will be collected by coaches after the finish.

Post-Race Procedures:

1. Runners will grab a disposable mask at the finish to wear immediately.
2. Athletes will remove their timing chips at their team's designated area or on the bus, not at the Finish Line. Coaches will collect and return the chips for results to be determined.
3. There will be no awards ceremony. Awards will be given directly to coaches once results are determined.
4. Teams will leave after their last race has concluded.

*****Girls will be able to watch the boys race. They should stay with their team, wear masks at all times, and follow social distancing guidelines.**

ECIC will:

- Provide all race officials (3-5 officials?)
- Provide disposable masks for the finish line or reimburse East Aurora Schools for the masks.
 - 500 masks roughly \$140-\$150
- Reimburse for other costs accrued as a result of hosting the event. Porta potties, trainer, etc..
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**There will be a trainer on site for both days.

**Emergency personnel will be on call.

**There will be a collection of volunteers who will be used to run this event, primarily EAXC boosters. These volunteers will be there over the course of 2 full days to help this event take place. All volunteers and EA Schools personnel will be screened upon arrival.

**The HS building will be accessible for emergency purposes only.

ECIC Virtual Dual Meet Guidelines

1. If a team is asking for a virtual meet then they must be the one to initiate with the other team.
2. Prior mutual consent must be reached by the Athletic Directors at least three days prior to scheduled competition.
3. In order for a meet to be recognized by the ECIC, each competition site must have at least one official on the pool deck.
4. Scoring **MUST** be tabulated by the lane scoring of the home team (ie. If the home team would have used 4 lane scoring then 4 lane scoring must be used no exception). By prior mutual consent, you could use 6 lane scoring, since even a four lane pool can accommodate 3 entries for a single team.
5. The team that is initiating the virtual meet must alert both officials to determine who is going to which location. The requesting school should notify the assigning agent at least 3 days ahead or more if possible.
6. Home school is still responsible for paying both officials.
7. Both locations must hold the virtual competition on the same day and designated start time.
8. Each location must/should find a way to have video conferencing set up between both schools so that officials and scorers can communicate throughout the meet. The goal is so that by the end of the meet, both schools can determine a winner of the competition. One or more computers may be used to accomplish this goal.
9. If there are more than 4 lanes at a pool only use lanes 1-4. Lanes 5-8 must be left empty the entire meet. You cannot use them for cool down or warm ups while the competition is happening.
10. Swimmers must swim in lanes next to each other. You cannot leave an empty lane in between swimmers.
11. Normal entries must be done as per the NFHS rule book. It is recommended that for a virtual meet that each location has the line-ups for each school prior to the start of the meet. Entries can still be changed up until the start of an event but it must be communicated with the other location.
12. Participants in each race must be limited only to those eligible to score points. For example, non- scoring swimmers, specifically to establish pace, should not be permitted.

13. The same timing protocol should be used at all venues involved in the “virtual” competition. There should be no mixing of fully automatic timing, semi-automatic timing, or manual watches.
14. An official meet result with meet date, all splits, meet manager signature and officials’ signatures will be required. Additional paperwork or information may be required by NISCA for application (links to video streams, Athletic calendar, etc).
15. After the completion of competition both teams are responsible for submitting final times to Swimcloud.

