



## ERIE COUNTY INTERSCHOLASTIC CONFERENCE

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### ATHLETIC DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES 12/5/2022

**10:30 AM Activity Board**

**11:30 AM Lunch**

12:00 PM Meeting

Erie 1 BOCES Room B-1

#### **Guest Speaker: Mark Difilippo, Section IV:**

Section discussions regarding mixed competition rules and regulations. Boys playing on girls' teams and girls playing on boys' teams. Need approval.

Mileage concerns. Section compiling data from the mileage fee for officials. Data will show how much mileage is paid to officials to each school. Fall for ECIC Springville paid mileage fees of \$500; Lake Shore paid \$480; East Aurora paid \$420. Albion paid \$1,800 and Medina close behind.

#### **Opening Remarks:**

*Dave Hack*

- **Division Breakouts:** League play dates ending closer to Sectionals, JV/Modified beyond Sectionals

**Division I:** Some concern from some coaches regarding league play dates ending so close to sectionals. Some sports have more than a week before sectionals. Bigger gap in between league play dates and sectionals. Playing of JV/modified beyond sections, as division in favor of modified playing beyond. Against JV playing beyond start of sectional dates with JV athletes moving up to Varsity.

**Division II:** Same as above, however, modified start 1<sup>st</sup> week in June, if possible, in order to get ready for the end of the year, the play-offs, awards night, etc. Against JV playing beyond start of sectionals.

**Division III:** Same as above, okay with pushing back a little, but want Varsity and JV matched up together. Modified if need to play longer schools will be making changes based on if appropriate for school.

**Division IV:** No discussion

#### **Athletic Council**

- Next Meeting is Wednesday 1/17/2023 @ E1B Room B-1

## President's Report:

*Dave Hack*

### ***Approval of Minutes from November 2022 Meeting***

Motion to approve minutes

1<sup>st</sup> Marissa Fallacaro-Dougherty (West Seneca)

2<sup>nd</sup> Jason Iwanko (Eden)

Motion passed

- **ECIC Sport Chair for Flag Football needed/Coaches determined:** Check with coach to see if your school is participating. Marissa Dauria still section chair. Chair person needed for ECIC. Dan Reiford is the AD. Coach needed. Pilot program last year. Approval at next meeting.

- **Discuss ECIC Dues proposal for next 3 years:** Proposed dues for the 2023-2024 year for review. New York State Public High School Association increasing dues for students over 300 in 2024-2025 \$95; to \$1.00 for students over 300 2025-2026. Do we as a league wish to follow suit this amount to increase our dues? Budget for 2023-2024 season currently available for review. Please review to make sure all information is correct. Budget is based upon the intention sheet submitted and numbers from SED. 7-12<sup>th</sup> grade included in budget.

## Executive Director's Report:

*Jim Graczyk*

- **Office Communications needs:** none
- **Reminder: changing dates, times, contests require a conversation with opposing school Athletic Office**
- **Nominees Leadership positions current year/President Elect/Matt Libroek of East Aurora:** Matt Libroek not interested. Need to fill president elect position to follow Vinny Dell'Oso. Next term filling would be a non-athletic administrator. A superintendent, a principal, an assistant principal can fill the position.
- **WINTER '22-23 Any Concerns:** No concerns to address
- **Charter Schools placement concerns:** Vote coming soon. Any comments to voice input.
- **NYSAAA please complete application on Final Forms, League paid all memberships:** Memberships paid, need necessary completed forms. AAA offering an additional staff development, professional development scheduled possibly in January.
- **Budget/ECIC Dues spreadsheet ( Handout):** Review for accuracy.
- **Coaches meeting attendance:** Only received one (1) response. Attendance poor for girls modified basketball attended only by six (6) coaches for this zoom meeting. Attendance report on all coaches' meetings requested. Commencing in spring attendance report will be provided.

## Activity Board:

*M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Dave Hack*

- **Spring'23 alignments for Track:** Spring alignments adjusted Jamestown is not participating in track. Division I removal of Jamestown. Division I (5); II (6); III (6); Division IV (6); Division V (5).
- **F. Hockey/Pete Tonsoline, Chair:** Proposed concerns of Field Hockey coaches. Currently in field hockey after game play if there is a tie goes into overtime. If still a tie after overtime a shootout takes place with five (5) players. If still tied, after shoot out game ends. A team during regular season tied in power point ranking. Due to the tie in regular season a coin flip took place. Currently field hockey using home field advantage through the semi-finals there is a big difference. Field hockey requesting that ECIC League approach the section with a new proposal stating that if the game remains tied after the five (5) player shootout, singles commence. Remains 1/1 until someone scores. Only short time added to play. Activity approved this proposal and writeup will be provided to section for review. Affects ECIC League (mainly). Does not affect NFL.
- **JFK Modified 7,8,9 proposal:** Proposal considered, however, already at state level. Discussion at modified committee. Currently no change as league.
- **Winter Sport Standards Updates/all ready to date 11/22:** Updates complete for review.
- **Girls Golf Standards/ Discuss/Approve ready:** Removing the word “required” and replacing with “recommended” as relates to the marker. Schools can have two (2) markers watching 2 groups, payment required, but two (2) markers not required. Discussion with coach relative to two (2) markers indications must be made relative to away coach to be appointed third coach watching the groups. If away coach not in agreement, they coach not required to watch group.
- **Spring Sport Standards/January approval/AD, Chairperson input:** Copies provided to league. Currently updating in process. Vote to take place in January.
- **Baseball Dates, Softball Dates:** Confirmed. Baseball chair provided proposed dates. Division I, II, and III will follow the back-to-back. Games will be scheduled WS vs. Lancaster on Monday, Lancaster vs. WS on Tuesday. Division IV not following same schedule.  
**Softball:** League director’s meeting. Concern is softball pre-quarters are 5/17; softball quarters are 5/18 for A(1), A(2), B(1), B(2); 5/22 for AA, C, D; semi 5/22 for A(1), A(2). Semi B(1), B(2) on 5/23; semi for AA, C, D 5/24. Concern that there are so many days in between. Reason for schedule is tournaments.
- **Modified Swim/Scoring:** Beginning of season questioned why modified does not score for swimming wherein other sports are scored such as basketball, softball, baseball, etc. Activity board discussion took place. At this particular point it is based upon philosophy of modified. Leave modified swim as it is, but a future discussion is slated to take place.

1. **Boys Wrestling—Eliminate the NYSPHSAA Honor Weigh-In:** The NYSPHSAA Boys Wrestling Committee is recommending eliminating the NYSPHSAA honor weigh-in. Eliminate the honor weigh-in. Currently teams weigh in the morning of a match and if the students make the weight for a particular weight class, they are given a 3lb allowance for the mat side weigh-in during the evening match. The honor weigh-ins are required to be monitored by a school administrator or their designee. There are doubts in most Sections that an administrator is monitoring the honor weigh-ins. If the 1.5% weight loss plan is approved, the practice of honor weigh-ins would allow students to keep fluctuating during the season which is not in the best interest of the student.

2. **Boys Wrestling—NFHS 1.5% Weight Loss Plan:** The NYSPHSAA Boys Wrestling Committee is recommending following the NFHS 1.5% weight loss plan. Currently wrestlers are certified to a minimum wrestling weight and must weigh in 50% of their matches at the weigh in which they want to compete in the post season.

Approved eliminating the honor weigh-in and the 1/5% weight loss plan by the wrestling state committee. Section VI chairpersons are in favor. Tags along with NFHS 1.5 weight loss plan. Discussion should take place with coaches. If the weight plan passes it eliminates the need for the honor weigh-in because it sets up a weight loss plan for each wrestler allowing them to only lose 1/5% of their weight throughout the season. Section committee voted yes on 1.5% and eliminating honor.

3. **Boys Wrestling—2023-2024 Weight Classes:** The NYSPHSAA Boys Wrestling Committee is recommending using the following NHHS weight classes plus a NYSPHSAA lower weight. The weight classes would be 101 (NYSPHSAA), 108, 116, 124, 131, 138, 145, 152, 160, 170, 190, 215, 285. Section VI voted yes, while Section II, III, VII, VIII were opposed. 12 weight classes would be offered which would include the lowest at 101.

4. **Boys Wrestling—Division Cut-Off Numbers:** The NYSPHSAA Boys Wrestling Committee is recommending that Boys Wrestling become a variation sport and is recommending having the Division cut-off numbers be 600 and above Division 1 and 599 and below being Division 2. The state sets the numbers for a non-variation sport.

5. **Modified Committee—Changing Soccer Mouth Guard Requirement to Recommendation:** The NYSPHSAA Modified Committee is recommending changing the following language in the NYSPHSAA Handbook under the sport of soccer. “a mouthpiece shall (replace with may) be worn by the soccer goalie for protective purposes”. This would be optional, but not required.

6. **Modified Committee—Increasing Max Number of Events for Track and Field:** The NYSPHSAA Modified Committee is recommending increasing the maximum number of events for a track athlete from 3 to 4 providing one of the 4 is a relay. They are also recommending eliminating the distance restrictions in the modified Track and Field regulations.

7. **Sportsmanship--NYSPHSAA Spectator Sportsmanship regulation:** The NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Committee is recommending adding the following NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Spectator Regulations to the Handbook.

“Any negative, inappropriate, derogatory comments or actions that brings direct attention to a supervisor or school administrator by a spectator or group of spectators are required to be addressed by the host school, Sectional or NYSPHSAA representative in the following non-sequential order depending on the comments or behavior:

First warning: direction to refrain from negative comments

Second warning: a persona discussion

Removal from the contest

Penalty for being removed from a game or event

State Tabled this item in October. Discussion of items regarding action that state would support. Not an action item. Discuss with superintendents and Board of Education. Cleveland Hill superintendent to represent BOCES 1 and BOCES 2 and Mark Difilippo attend the superintendent meeting.

8. **Handbook Committee—Removing the NYSPHSAA Note under Mixed Competition:** The NYSPHSAA Handbook Committee is recommending removing the following NYSPHSAA Note under Mixed Competition regulations in the NYSPHSAA Handbook.

*“NYSPHSAA Note: This clause is to meet the need of the exceptionally talented girl”.*

9. **Football--Amend guidelines for combined practice:** The NYSPHSAA Football Committee is seeking approval of an amendment to the Combined Practice guidelines for 11-man football. Discussed 9 v 9 instead of 11 v 11.

**PROPOSAL:**

d) While working on team situational aspects, drills may not exceed a maximum of nine (9) players from either team. This will allow for teams to conduct a 9 v 9 period for skill positions or it may be designed to focus on an inside run package to emphasize offensive/defensive line play.

\*\*8-Man Football teams will only be allowed a maximum of seven (7) players from either team.

e) 11-Man teams using more than nine (9) players in a team drill will be in violation of this rule

8-Man teams using more than seven (7) players in a team drill be in violation of this rule.

10. **Girls Flag Football: High School Sport Standards:** The NYSPHSAA Girls Flag Football Committee is recommending the following High School Sport Standards for Girls Flag Football.

Minimum 6 practices to represent your school

Maximum 16 games during the regular season

1 night rest between contests

1 contest allowed per day

NFHS Football Rules plus NYSPHSAA Rules

1 scrimmage per day

11. **Girls Flag Football—NFHS/NYSPHSAA Playing Rules:** The NYSPHSAA Girls Flag Football Committee is recommending following the NFHS Football playing rules along with the NYSPHSAA Girls Flag Football rules.

12. **Girls Flag Football—Establish A State Championship in 2024:** The NYSPHSAA Staff and Girls Flag Football Committee is seeking to conduct a state championship starting in spring 2024.

- **Committee Reports**

**Sectional/Intersectional**

No report

**Jason Przybysz**

**Modified**

No report

**Daryl Besant**

**Safety**

No report

**Eric Rupp**

**Chemical Awareness**

No report

**Jason Iwankow**

**Finance**

No report

**Vinny Dell'Oso**

**Sportsmanship**

No report

**Sandy Gauthier**

**Charter Schools**

No report

**Marisa Fallacaro-Dougherty**

**Combining of Schools**

No report

**Daryl Besant**

**Recruitment of Officials**

No report

**Brian Hickson**

**Standards/By-Laws**

Finalized and up on website

**Jason Lehmbeck**

**Old Business:**

- April meeting date is now the 19<sup>th</sup>. Mark this change on your Calendar.

**New Business:**

- 2023-2024 NYSPHSAA Dues \$900 for initial 300 students, \$.90 for 301 & up. Does ECIC wish to mirror this process?

- Interest in UNIFIED Bocce as a FALL Sport (count). (12) schools interested.

- Discussion of 6<sup>th</sup> grade playing modified sports. It was suggested that school play an extramural.

**Good of the Order:**

- UNIFIED Bowling Coaches meeting 12/14 5:00pm @ E1b Room B1, if coach unable to attend there will be a schedule zoom meeting.
- ECIC Cheer now on Sunday 2/12 8:00am start @ Amherst HS
- Administrative Contract: Share any thing in school contract that may be helpful to others.

**Motion to adjourn meeting**

1<sup>st</sup> Marisa Fallacaro-Dougherty (West Seneca)

2<sup>nd</sup> Daryl Besant (Lake Shore)

**Next Meeting Dates:**

*Athletic Directors 1/9/2023 @E1B Room B1*  
*Athletic Council –1/17/2023 @ E1B Room B1*