



ERIE COUNTY INTERSCHOLASTIC CONFERENCE

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Athletic Directors Minutes 6/5/2023

10:00 AM Activity Board

11:15 AM Lunch with Secretaries

12:00 PM (-ish) Meeting

Erie 1 BOCES Room B-1

Opening Remarks:

Dave Hack

- **Division Breakouts:** Review NYSPHSAA Voting items

Athletic Council:

- Next Meeting is Monday 9/11/2023 @ E1B Room B-2a

President's Report:

Dave Hack

Approval of Minutes from May 1, 2023 Meeting

Motion to approve minutes

1st Pat Cauley (Hamburg)

2nd Matt Adams (Holland)

Motion passed

- **Winter Drafts:** Available to schools by 6/20/2023
- **ECIC Fall 2023 DRAFTS:** No concerns at this time. Reviewing 2nd draft.

Executive Director's Report:

Jim Graczyk

- **Office Communications:** none
- **Reminder:** changing dates, times, contests require a conversation with opposing school Athletic Office
- **Need Modified Wrestling Chairperson:** none at this time
- **Schedule June 2024 council meeting:** Schedule meeting, if necessary for voting. If not necessary cancel meeting. June AC needed to approve spring mergers. Schedule June 10, 2024.
- **Section Coaches meetings:** Section scheduling 8/17 all fall sports meeting on same day.

ACTIVITY BOARD:

Marisa Fallacaro-Dougherty,
Dave Hack

- **F. Hockey:** Vote on ballot
- **Track Champs:** Finances due to moving from 1 day to 2-day meet. During spring decision to follow whether 1 day meet or changing to 2-day meet. Financially there was a loss of monies to run a 2-day event. Restructure to make money, not lose money. 1 day vs. 2-day champion. Which is best discussion. Discussion on September agenda.

- **CHEER Divisions by BEDS:** Alignment DRAFT
- **Softball Seeding & Playoff Dates:** Dan Seelig looking for extra dates. After everyone decides if they are in or out of softball, Dan wishing for a reseeding of dates.
- **Modified Wrestling:** Modified wrestling if it continues to be a tie does a continued overtime take place? When does the game end? Is there a cap?

Section VI/NYSPHSAA Report:

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

Review/Discuss/Q & A on 21 NYSPHSSA voting items for July (Handout)

Committee Reports:

Sectional/Intersectional

Jason Przybysz

No report

Modified

Ken Partell

No report

Safety

No Report

Eric Rupp

Chemical Awareness

Jason Iwankow

No report

Finance

Brian Hickson

Discussion of ways to balance the section budget. Discussing fees regarding extra \$20 for mileage for officials and possible ways to distribute the cost of the mileage.

Sportsmanship

Sandy Gauthier

Sportsmanship nominees, patches. Each team would nominate

Charter Schools

Marisa Fallacaro-Dougherty

No report

Combining of Schools

Daryl Besant

No report

Recruitment of Officials

Brian Hickson

No report

Standards/By-Laws

Jason Lehbeck

No report

Old Business

• **ECIC Coaches Sportsmanship Award Nominees:** Total of six (6) male ECIC nominees for coaches' sportsmanship and three (3) female ECIC nominees for coaches' sportsmanship.

• **Two Team Division Placement – Greg Witman:** Frontier 2 team. Move Frontier 2nd team to lower division. Discussion for school with second team to schedule extra games and removed from division. ECIC to provide schedule for second team.

Constitutional alignment states that schools with 2 or more teams to follow beds numbers and placed in specific division. Provide school with 2 or more teams for JV or modified with additional schedule and follow beds.

Any school having a 2nd team will be placed the division based upon beds. Division will have 2 teams if more than one. Division alignment based on beds no matter how many teams school has. Frontier currently in division 1 (7). Alignment continues by beds going forward.

- **Boys Soccer D3 coaches Representative:** Trevor Lawler -Will. South

New Business:

Good of the Order:

- **ECIC Student Leadership Summit (SAAC) Update J. Lehmbeck:** no information
- **Wednesday 8/16/2023 NYSPHSAA MANDATORY AD's meeting:** Section VI discussion regarding a winter mandatory AD's meeting in January 2024.
- **Eden & Cleveland Hill are ECIC League Sportsmanship Winners:** Plaque provided at mandatory AD's meeting or 1st Section meeting in September.
- **West Seneca West HS host for GameDay CHEER on 10/22**
- **Pat Cauley:** retiring from Hamburg

ATHLETIC COUNCIL

Motion to enter into Athletic Council to vote

1st Pat Cauley (Hamburg)

2nd Daryl Besant (Lake Shore)

Motion passed

Action Items:

1. **Action Item: CHAMPIONSHIP ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Continue Use of Standby Official on the Field for Football State Semifinals and Finals for 2023 Season.**

The NYSPHSAA Championship Advisory Committee is seeking approval, at the request of the Football Committee, to continue use of the standby official at the semifinal and final games as an on-field working official for the 2023 season.

Motion for approval of continued use of the standby officials for the 2023 season. officials.

Motion passed

Effective Fall 2023

2. **Action Item: Championship Advisory Committee: NYSPHSAA Fees & Policies**

The NYSPHSAA Championship Advisory Committee is recommending an update to the NYSPHSAA fees and Policies document. These recommended fees and policies would be in place from September 2023 to June 2026.

Motion for approval of the NYSPHSAA Officiating Fees & Policies 2023-2026

Motion passed

Effective Fall 2023

3. **Action Item: Handbook Committee: Adding Language to the Representation Rule**
The NYSPHSAA Handbook Committee is recommending adding the following language to the Representation Regulation letter d. *“Board approved coaches may help facilitate practice”*.

Motion for approval of Handbook Committee adding language to the representation rule

Motion passed

Effective Fall 2023

4. **Action Item: Undue Influence Prescribed Penalty**

Consider approval to add the following to the NYSPHSAA Undue Influence Rule:
“The use of undue influence to secure a student for competitive purposes in a sport is prohibited. Any infraction shall cause the student to forfeit eligibility in that sport until the student’s eligibility is reinstated. One year from the date of enrollment is the earliest a student may request reinstatement of eligibility.

Motion for approval of Undue Influence Prescribed Penalty

Motion denied

Effective Fall 2024

5. **Action Item: Safety Committee: Mandating Anyone Can Save a Life Program**

The Safety Committee is recommending mandating all interscholastic teams complete the Anyone Can Save a Life Program within the first two weeks of the season. A copy of the Emergency Action Plan for the team will be submitted to the AD office by the coach after completion of the program. Teams would also be required to conduct 1 emergency drill prior to 50% of the games being played for that team.

Motion for approval mandating anyone can save a life program

Motion denied

Effective 2023-2024

6. **Action Item: Modified: Addition to Modified Wrestling Overtime**

The Modified Committee is recommending changing Wrestling Game Condition 6c. “With Section approval, When the contestants are tied at the end of the three regular periods, they may wrestle overtime. Overtime will first consist of one 30 second sudden victory period in which the wrestlers will start in the neutral position, and if the score is still tied after this sudden victory overtime period wrestlers may use another 30-second ultimate ride out tiebreaker using the NFHS game rules for overtime”.

Motion for approval of addition to modified wrestling overtime.

Motion passed (against 1)

Effective 2023-2024

7. **Action Item: NFHS Implicit Bias Course:**

Consider approval to require all NYSPHSAA Standing Committee Members and staff to take free NFHS Implicit Bias course.

Motion for approval for free NFHS Implicit Bias Course

Motion passed

Effective Fall 2023

8. Action Item: **Penalties: Derogatory or inappropriate behavior**

Consider approval to add the following to the NYSPHSAA Handbook Penalties section:

“NYSPHSAA Sections may sanction, censor or place schools on probation that fail to protect those involved in the interscholastic activities from derogatory or inappropriate behavior deemed harmful to physical or mental well-being.

Motion for approval for Penalties: Derogatory or inappropriate behavior

Motion denied

Effective Fall 2024

9. Action Item: **Sportsmanship: derogatory or racially explicit language: discriminatory harassment or bias conduct.**

Consider approval to add the following to the NYSPHSAA Handbook Sportsmanship section:

“Use of derogatory or racially explicit language; discriminatory harassment or bias conduct that creates a hostile environment that is disruptive to the educational environment. Spectators shall not be permitted to use vulgar/offensive or racially/culturally insensitive language or engage in any racially/culturally insensitive action. NYSPHSAA Sections may sanction. Censor or place schools on probation that fail to protect those involved in interscholastic activities from derogatory or in appropriate behavior deemed harmful to physical or mental well-being.

Motion for approval for Sportsmanship: derogatory or racially explicit language: discriminatory harassment or bias conduct

Motion denied

Effective Fall 2024

10. Action Item: **GIRLS/BOYS VOLLEYBALL**--Implement “Purple Card”

**Sportsmanship
Policy**

The NYSPHSAA Girls/Boys Volleyball Committee is seeking approval to implement a “Purple Card” to assist with management of sportsmanship issues with spectators.

Motion girls/boys’ volleyball—implement “purple card” sportsmanship policy

Motion denied

Effective Fall 2023

11. Action Item: **GIRLS VOLLEYBALL**—Revise State Tournament Format to Bracket Play

The NYSPHSAA Girls Volleyball Committee is seeking approval to review the state tournament format to bracket play (semifinals in place of pool play) for the 2023 state tournament.

Motion to approve Girls Volleyball—Review state tournament format to bracket play

Motion denied

Effective Fall 2023

12. Action Item: GIRLS VOLLEYBALL—New Regional Rotations with Six (6) Classes for 2023-2025

The NYSPHSAA Girls Volleyball Committee is seeking approval of a new Regional Rotation for 2023-2025 with six (6) classes starting in 2023.

Motion to approve girls' volleyball new regional rotations with six (6) classes for 2023-2025.

Motion passed (against 1)
Effective November 2023

13. Action Item: GIRLS SOCCER – New Regional Rotations with six (6) classes for 2023-30

The NYSPHSAA Girls Soccer Committee is seeking approval of a new Regional Rotation for 2023-2030 with six (6) classes starting in 2023.

Motion to approve girls' soccer – New Regional Rotations with six (6) classes for 2023-2030

Motion passed
Effective November 2023

14. Action Item: BOYS SOCCER – New Regional Rotations with six (6) classes for 2021-2026

The NYSPHSASA Boys Soccer Committee is seeking approval of a new Regional Rotation for 2021-2026 with six (6) classes starting in 2023.

Motion to approve boys' soccer new regional rotations with six (6) classes for 2021-2026.

Motion passed
Effective November 2023

15. Action Item: Cheerleading: Classification Cut-Off Numbers

The NYSPHSAA Cheerleading Committee is recommending the following Classification Cut-Off numbers for Competitive Cheerleading and Game Day Cheerleading. The proposal also includes establishing a minimum of 2 stunt groups (8 athletes) and maximum of 20 athletes for Class C and Class D.

Motion to approve Cheerleading Classification Cut-Off Numbers

Motion passed
Effective 2023-2024

16. Action Item: GYMNASTICS – Approval of Revised Scoring Changes to its Technical Handbook

The NYSPHSAA Gymnastics Committee is seeking approval for scoring changes in its Technical Handbook

A. Value Part Recognition on Floor Acro Passes

B. Lower the Start Value of a Handspring Vault to an 8.5 from an 8.6.

Motion to approve gymnastics approval of revised scoring changes to its technical handbook.

Motion passed
Effective Fall 2023

17. Action Item: **GIRLS AND BOYS BOWLING**: Classification Cut-Off Numbers

The Boys and Girls Bowling Committees are recommending Bowling become a variation sport and keep the classification cut-off numbers at 600 and above for Division 1 and 599 and below for Division 2.

Motion to approve girls and boys bowling classification cut-off numbers

Motion passed

Effective 2023-2024

18. Action Item: **BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING** – Qualifying Standards for 2023-2024 Season

The NYSPHSAA Boys Swimming & Diving Committee is seeking approval to keep the qualifying standards the same as 2022-2023 despite exceeding the 5%-8% standard set forth by Championship Philosophy Committee (CPC).

Motion to approve boys swimming & diving qualifying standards (leave as is)

Motion passed

Effective Winter 2022-2023

19. Action Item: **BASEBALL**—New Regional Rotations with Six (6) classes for 2024-2029

The NYSPHSAA Baseball committee is seeking approval of a new Regional Rotation for 2024-2029 with six (6) classes starting 2024.

Motion approving baseball new regional rotations with six (6) classes for 2024-2029

Motion passed (against 1)

Effective March 2024

20. Action Item: Boys Lacrosse – New Regional Rotation for 2028-2033 creating equitable number of out-bracket games for all regions.

The NYSPHSAA Boys Lacrosse Committee is seeking approval for a new Regional Rotation for 2028-2033 which would create an equitable rotation with each region playing an equal number of out-bracket (sub-regional) games over six years.

Motion approving boys' lacrosse new regional rotation for 2028-2033 creating equitable number of out-bracket games for all regions

Motion passed (against 1)

Effective June 2028

21. Action Item: **BOYS & GIRLS LACROSSE** – Request Earlier Start Date for 2024 and beyond

The NYSPHSAA Boys Lacrosse and Girls Lacrosse Committees are seeking approval to start the Saturday of Week #36 (March 9, 2024)—two days earlier than the traditional spring sports start date.

Motion approving boys & girls lacrosse request earlier start date for 2024 and beyond

Motion passed (against 2)

Effective March 9, 2024

Information presented by google survey

Motion to move out of Athletic Council and adjourn meeting

1st Pat Cauley (Hamburg)

2nd Dave Hack (Orchard Park)

Motion passed

Next Meeting Dates:

Athletic Directors 9/11/2023 @ E1B Room B1

Athletic Council 9/18/2023 @ E1B Room B1