

Section VI

Executive Director's Report Mark DiFilippo

Open Positions:

May be found at the Bulletin Board Link

https://www.section6.e1b.org/bulletinboard

Boys Rep. to NYSPHSAA - Deadline 1/30/21

Winter Sports:

Start January 18, 2021 – Low & Moderate Risk Sports
Bowling, Rifle, Skiing, Boys Swim
Start February 22, 2021 – Unified Bowling

High Risk Sports * Basketball, Cheer, Hockey, Wrestling As soon as Governor allows them to start

Fall 2 Sports: Start Date: March 1, 2021 Football, Volleyball & Cheer.

Spring Sports: Start Date: April 19, 2021

Fall 2021: Fall Sport Chairs are planning ahead, business as usual for the Fall 2021. Combining of Schools forms are needed. Send completed forms into the Section Office. Link to COS Form - AD Tool Kit

Scholar Athlete Results:

https://www.section6.e1b.org/SA

From: Mark's Desk

Important Reminders:

- ii 1/20 Athletic Council Meeting- Section Vote on Classification changes at the NYSPHSAA February Executive Meeting
- W NYSPHSAA Return to Interscholastic Athletics updated 1/12/2021 Link to NYSPHSAA
- **ü** Register for NYSAAA Virtual Conference.
- ü Take a NIAAA LTI Class, NIAAA.org
- School Health Examinations in Light of Covid-19
 Pandemic & "New" School Health Examination Form
- Coaches First Aid/CPR Extension

Please Review:

- **▼** Check Football Helmet Inventory. All Helmets purchased in 2010 need to be discarded.
- Make sure Health Updates for Winter Athletes are not more than 30 day old!
- ▼ Transfer Paperwork Must be submitted for any student who returns to your school or is new to your school & participated in athletics.
- ▼ As of January 31, 2021 New NYSED School Health Examination Form will be required.

Please know that our Executive Committee is committed to providing participation opportunities for all Section VI student-athletes across all sport programs. However, this winter sports season is unlike anything the Section has seen in the past.

The decision to cancel any sport's season is never easy or taken lightly. For instance, all resources and measures were exhausted in seeking to conduct the 2020-2021 Indoor Track season, which ultimately and unfortunately, had to be cancelled.

With regard to high-risk sports, we wait, we advocate, and we hope for them to begin soon. We are optimistic the Governor will be able to clearly see that we can provide interscholastic athletic opportunities for our student-athletes in a safe environment. In the meantime, member schools should be prepared to start in the event clearance is issued.

While we wait for updates from the state, I want to extend my appreciation to all the sport chairpersons for their flexibility and cooperation with all the hurdles they have overcome thus far.

Furthermore, I would ask that everyone please remain patient and continue to project positivity while advocating for your student-athletes.