



ERIE COUNTY INTERSCHOLASTIC CONFERENCE

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AD MEETING 6/6/2022

10:30 AM Activity Board

11:30 AM Lunch

12:00 PM Meeting

Erie 1 BOCES

Room B2-A&B

Opening Remarks:

Rich Gray

- **GIPPER Presentation/Brian Amos:** Social Media presentation. Contains season schedule, student athletes' accomplishments. Over 2000 high schools' athletic departments are using GIPPER. Provide high level content on any device. All social media accounts can be connected. Integration with Hometown Ticketing. Partnership with Hudl. Go to email www.gipper.com and can schedule time with sales department directly from website.

- 100% of league participation a 30% discount of basic and 40% of pro

- 50% or less league participation a 20% discount of basic and 30% of pro.

- 29 schools for athletic pro \$900 per year; basic \$430 per year. Prices are per school.

- Schools could either go pro or basic, their choice.

- Could be included in school dues which are aid able through BOCES

- **Division Breakouts--ECIC Coaches Meetings for 2022-23—form:** How to conduct coaches' meetings. Meetings held virtual; meeting held at Erie1Boces meeting rooms; meetings at individual schools. Meetings can be "tagged" on to section meetings. Meeting previously were held at schools. Schools provided a lunch and ECIC paid for the lunch. All modified, JV and Varsity coaches meet and meeting ended. Necessary to provide lunch. Meetings will continue as is.

- **Determine Division Sportsmanship Honorees for 8/24:**

- Division I:** Ron Fortuna: indoor track, boys' X-country, girls outdoor track (Hamburg)
Jeff Bauda, girls' lacrosse (West Seneca East)

- Division II:** Dianne Weinert, (Sweet Home); Mike Chatelle basketball/softball

- Division III:** Sarah Lawson: boys' soccer (Pioneer); Mike Bartolotti: Lake Shore

- Division IV:** Barb Helm: Softball (Holland)

Athletic Council

Rich Gray

- Next Meeting is Monday 9/12/2022 @ E1B Room B1

President's Report:

Rich Gray

Approval of Minutes from May Meeting

Motion to approve minutes

1st Vinny Dell'Oso (Starpoint)

2nd Marissa Fallacaro-Dougherty (West Seneca)

Motion passed

- **Office Hiring Timeline—Update:** scheduling of 2 interviewees in very near future.
- **Discussion on future Modified start dates:**
 - Fall start dates:* This arose from the change in football.
 - All sports Varsity/JV Start date August 22, 2022 for Varsity/JV; Modified start date August 29, 2022
 - Varsity/JV Football start date August 20, 2022. Modified football, August 25, 2022
 - Winter start dates:* Varsity/JV start date November 14, 2022; modified start date November 28, 2022. Completion of modified sports before February 20, 2023
 - Spring:* Varsity/JV start date March 13, 2022; Modified start date March 20, 2022 end date, June 2, 2023. Getting games in before Memorial Day is not realistic.
- **Patches for Division Champs--Notify Office:** If anyone needs patches, let the office know how many are needed and for what sport.
- **Secretaries Lunch Today ! Welcome & Thank You !**

Executive Director's Report:

Jim Graczyk

- **Office Communications--Any needs:** none
- **Charter School Placement--Report back on who scheduled CHARTERS:** How many schools playing against a charter school.
- **ECIC Binders--Located:** Who is in need of an ECIC binder. New updated version should be on line.
- **June 9th A.D. Professional Development:** Cancelled, not enough registered
- **Modified Football--Sign Ups progressing:** Enough teams.
- **Modified Tennis--Report back on success:** Unsure of status
- **Tennis--Absent player procedure:** If first single player is out, everyone moves up. Best player available for the day is #1 singles player. Not included in standards.

- **Nominees needed for Leadership positions next year:**

President: Vinnie Dell'Oso

President Elect: vacant (non-athletic administrator); after 2 years move to president

President-Athletic Directors: Dave Hack

ECIC Alternate Superintendent's Representative: vacant, attend Section VI athletic council meetings and vote on behalf of ECIC at meeting.

Sr High School Alternate Representative: vacant

Middle School Alternate Representative: vacant

Boys Alternate Representative to Section 6: Matt Adams

Boys Activity Board Representative: Bill Weidner

Activity Board:

Marisa Fallacaro-Dougherty

- **Fall alignments--Any issues:** None
- **Golf--Chairperson Needed:** Clarence??
- **Winter '22-'23 alignments Feedback:** In process

Section VI/NYSPHSAA Report: *M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, V. Dell'Oso, D. Hack*

- **Change ECIC to allow Senior participation on JV for September:** Needs vote, if interest. Leave standard/by-laws as is.
- **NYSPHSAA Meeting on May 4, 2022**
- **Committee Reports**

Sectional/Intersectional

Jason Przybysz 6/6/22 meeting

Girls' Swimming: Emergency meeting discussion item included girls' swimming class meets to change format not changing next year. No further discussion needed.

Rifle: Discussion rifle going federated vs. currently in ECIC. Discussion Kenmore and possibility of Franklinville combining. May move to federated sport. ECIC has the most teams. Kenmore accepted into ECIC league schedule for rifle. Another league entering with another team promotes the possibility that rifle should be a federated sport.

Boys' Basketball: Discussion of classifications and playoff seeding. Nothing decided. Proposal suggested. Determination of how playoffs are played. Section handbook #1 criteria is the number of wins. Possibly changing to a win percentage. Some playing (10) league games; some playing (12) league games; some playing (16) league games. Others have every contest count. Further discussion to take place in September, 2022 to see if a pilot would work with boys' basketball. Current seeding points a "B" class school playing against an equal class school, power points, incremental games, etc.

Football tie breaker: Seeding criteria, Seeds 1,2,3 go to division winners seeds 4,5,6 go to 2nd place finish; seeds 7,8 go to 3rd place; seed 9 goes to the remaining 3rd place finish; seeds 10-12 go to the 4th place.

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	Jeff Wheaton
Combining of Schools No report	Daryl Besant
Recruitment of Officials No report	Brian Hickson
Standards/By-Laws	Jason Lehmbeck

Quote for signage--\$149 for a 2' X 3' indoor/outdoor sign. ECIC to purchase one sign for each school and if more needed payment if the responsibility of the school. 12" X 14" is \$100. Cannot be added to current years dues. If one ordered every year aid able on school dues. New logo for wall. Possibly a sticker.

Old Business:

- **All ECIC Handbook & Signage--Follow up Jason Lehmbeck:** See above
- **Priority of officials assigned to games--Agreed "order":** Not enough officials
Provide an official for ECIC teams. Same official to do both a boys/girls modified volleyball back-to-back. Put pressure on officials' organization. This is a crisis situation for all sports. Games without officials hurts participation. Looking at a more efficient path in becoming an official at modified level. Play of a non-league game that is not an ECIC school, these games will be filled last. Others would like the Varsity game that is non-league covered by official. Forced to go outside for non-league games due to not enough players for league vs. non-league games.
Varsity league games covered
Non-league Lakeshore vs. Canisius not covered. Cover non-league and then cover JV or do we cover JV West Seneca vs. Eden 1st and then if any officials left cover the varsity Lakeshore vs. Canisius game.

Need direction on how to fill games with lack of officials. Days given to ECIC are also problem days due to the number of games/officials. 100 officials per sport would be a good goal.

Collect 3-4 people from schools and pay a chaperone pay for modified games. Double header for boys'/girls' volleyball. Not enough officials for modified volleyball or modified soccer, West Seneca and Lake Short would like to find someone officiate a scrimmage for the entire season. Would there be issues with exhausted roster and school finding someone? Issue of having an official and then official being removed to put elsewhere. Lake Shore do not take official to fill other games. Do not remove official from schools with official. Reschedule varsity or JV game if no official available. Suggestion to have 1 varsity/1 JV. Lake Shore no need for 2 on varsity.

Fill all Varsity regardless of who playing if league or non-league, then fill JV and modified.

1. Varsity (fill all)
2. JV
3. Modified

- **ECIC Basketball tourney:** await further discussion

ATHLETIC COUNCIL

Motion to enter into Athletic Council to vote on items for July Section VI meeting

Section: Football playoff class A tie breaker. 3 divisions in football.

Percentage on decision on who attending.

Motion for approval of Football tie breaker

1st Marisa Fallacaro-Dougherty (West Seneca)

2nd Jeff Wheaton (Amherst)

Motion passed

Action Items:

The following items are to be reviewed by member leagues in preparation to provide Jim Graczyk, Male Representative, and Marisa Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, direction at the July 26-27, 2022 Central Committee Meeting on how to vote.

1. **Action Item: Championship Advisory Committee -- Officials Fees and Policies Revision for Football Officials Submission Procedures at State Semifinals and Finals.**

The NYSPHSAA Championship Advisory Committee is seeking approval of a change in the submission of the Football Officials for the NYSPHSAA Semifinals and finals.

Motion for approval of officials' fees and policy revision

1st Marisa Fallacaro-Dougherty (West Seneca)

2nd Jason Przybysz (Cleveland Hill)

Approved (all present); against (0)

Effective Fall 2022

2. **Action Item: Championship Advisory Committee -- Use of the Standby Official on the Field State Semifinals and Finals.**

The NYSPHSAA Championship Advisory Committee is seeking approval, at the request of the Football Committee, of a one-year pilot program to use the standby official at the semifinal and final games as an on-field working official.

Extra official assigned but not on field. The extra official fills in if another official is unable to officiate. Extra official would fill in. Side line person to become 6th official on field at state semi-finals and finals. Still in need of a sideline official in addition to 6th official.

Motion for approval of stand-by official becoming 6th official: yes 6th official on field; no leave as is. Only 5 officials and practice with 5 officials.

Approved (3); against (20)

Motion denied

Effective Fall 2022

3. **Action Item: Safety Committee – Voting Members**

The NYSPHSAA Safety Committee is recommending the following individuals to the voting members to the committee.

Dr. John O'Bryan (physician)

Dr. Tony Donatelli (physician)

Connie Griffin (RN)

Jarett Rhoads (certified athletic trainer)

These individuals will be added to the state safety committee and will vote on matters of our schools. Favor (vote in and be able to vote); Against or amend (on the committee but unable to vote).

Approved (0); against (all in attendance)

Amending to a non-voting position

Effective Fall 2022

4. **Action Item: Safety Committee -- Tornado policy**

The NYSPHSAA Safety Committee is recommending adding a Tornado Policy to the NYSPHSAA Handbook. The following policy language is being recommended.

Tornado Policy

- Tornado Watch indicates tornados are possible. Event staff must continue to monitor situation
- Tornado Warning—Tornado siren sounds signaling tornado sighted or tornado indicated by radar

Currently no tornado policy for future to be placed in ECIC Constitution

Approved (all present); against (0)

Effective Fall 2022

5. **Action Item: Modified Committee -- Swimming Coordinator**

The Modified Committee needs a Swimming and Diving Coordinator. John has coached at all levels of swimming and diving. John is current Assistant Coordinator for Girls Swimming and Diving in Section 5. John is a retired teacher from the Webster School District.

John Doerner as modified swimming coordinator for state

Approved (all present); against (0)

Effective Fall 2022

6. **Action Item: NYSPHSAA Strategic Plan for 2022-2027**

- a. **Increase Student Participation**
- b. **Diversity, Equity and Inclusion**
- c. **Officials Recruitment and Retention**
- d. **Long-term financial stability.**

Approved (7); against

Effective Fall 2022

7. **Action Item: BEDS Enrollment used by NYSPHSAA Classifications**

Consider approval to use enrollments of grades 9, 10, and 11 for the NYSPHSAA Classifications for the following school year.

Beds numbers submitted to section director to be used. Attempt to submit numbers earlier. State Education cannot give numbers any earlier. Change to self-reporting and using grades 9/10/11

Approved (0); against (all present)

Effective Fall 2022

8. **Action Item: Add Positions to the NYSPHSAA Budget/Audit Committee**

Consider approval to add the following positions to the NYSPHSAA Budget/Audit Committee:

- Two outside CPA Representatives with not-for-profit experience
- Schools' business official

Members to have voting rights

Approved (all present); against (0)

Effective Immediately

9. **Action Item: 6th Classification -- APPROVE ALL SPORTS THAT ARE RECOMMENDING GOING TO 6 CLASSES STARTING IN THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR.**

The NYSPHSAA Sport Committees are seeking approval for the following sports to begin competition in six classifications starting in the 2023-2024 school year:

- Boys/Girls Basketball
- Boys/Girls Soccer
- Baseball
- Softball
- Girls Volleyball

Approved (0); against (all present)

Effective 2023-2024 school year

10. Action Item: Girls Soccer -- Review Overtime Procedure

The NYSPHSAA Girls Soccer Committee is seeking approval of the following changes to the overtime procedure for the regular season and post season:

Regular season games should consist of two (2) 40-minute halves with two (2) 10-minute sudden victory overtimes. Beginning with Section play and continuing through the State Tournament, overtimes would consist of two (2) 15-minute sudden victory periods and, if still tied, penalty kicks. The only exception to this would be in a State Championship game where co-champions would be declared after the two (2) sudden victory overtime period.

Approved (all present); against (0)

Effective Fall 2022

11. Action Item: Football -- 8-Man Playing Rules

The NYSPHSSA Football Committee is recommending following the NFHS rules for 8-man football with the following waivers and NYSPHSAA specific rules.

Approved (all present); against (0)

Effective Fall 2022

12. Action Item: FOOTBALL -- Adopt Revised Classification Cut-Off Numbers for 2023

The NYSPHSAA Football Committee is seeking approval to use the following revised Classification Cut-Off numbers for the 2023 Season:

Class AA	1025-above	55 schools	14.78%
Class A	665-1024	88 schools	23.66%
Class B	385-664	88 schools	23.65%
Class C	261-384	88 schools	23.66%
Class D	260-below	53 schools	14.25%

Approved (all present); against (0)

Effective date fall 2023

13. Action Item: BOYS AND GIRLS TENNIS -- Eliminate Consolation Matches and Add Only Medal Playoffs at the NYSPHSAA State Tournament

The NYSPHSAA Staff is seeking approval to eliminate consolation matches and add only medal playoffs for the top eight finishers at the Girls and Boys Individual Tennis State Championships.

Approved (all present); against (0)

Effective Fall 22

14. **Action Item: GYMNASTICS -- Allow Competitors the Option to Wear Spandex/Lycra Shorts During Competition.**

The NYSPHSAA Gymnastics Committee is seeking approval to revise its Technical Handbook related to wearing of spandex/lycra pants (Section II, A) to read:

The following option is acceptable attire:

- A solid black spandex or lycra type shorts, with no embellishment, may be worn over the leotard.
- The shorts must be above the knee or shorter.

Approved (all present); against (0)

Effective Fall 2022

15. **Action Item: GYMNASTICS -- Approval to Make Three Scoring Changes in Technical Handbook**

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

- Lower the straddle vault value from 7.5 to 7.2 (Section II, A, page 73)
- Implement a courtesy score of 3.0 for all events (Section VII, 1, page 12)
- Adjust timing of falls on beam from 30 seconds to 45 seconds (Section XII, E, page 42)

Approved (all present); against (0)

Effective Fall 2022

16. **Action Item: BOYS ICE HOCKEY -- Revise Postseason Overtime Procedure**
The NYSPHSAA Boys Ice Hockey is seeking approval to revise the NYSPHSAA Handbook under Ice Hockey 13.08 Post Season Overtime as follows:

c. In Sectional, Regional and NYSPHSAA Championship Play: After the third period the ice will be resurfaced and teams will switch ends. Play shall be continued until the first goal is scored in Overtime for no more than two overtime periods of 17 minutes.

d. If the game shall be tied at the end of the first overtime period, teams will play another overtime period of 17 minutes, after the ice is resurfaced and teams switch ends. If the score is still tied, the "shoot out" procedure will be used.

(13.08.12)

Approved (all present); against (0)

Effective Winter 2022-2023

17. **Action Item: BOYS ICE HOCKEY -- Revise Language in NYSPHSAA Handbook on Goalie Warm-Up Time**

The NYSPHSAA Boys Ice Hockey is recommending a change in the NYSPHSAA Handbook under Ice Hockey, 13.08, #10 to read, "A maximum of TWO minutes warm-up per substitute goaltender per game shall be required."

Approved (all present); against (0)

Effective Winter 2022-2023

Motion to adjourn meeting:

1st Marisa Fallacaro-Dougherty (West Seneca)

2nd Vinny Dell'Oso (Starpoint)

Motion passed

New Business:

- Have an ENJOYABLE RELAXING Summer ! 😊
- BOCES Bids for Supplies & Equipment

Good of the Order:

Next Meeting Dates:

Athletic Directors 9/12/2022 @E1B Room B2 A&B

Athletic Council –9/19/2022 @ E1B Room B1