

Athletic Council Meeting January 20, 2010 - Agenda Item 6.2

SECTIONAL/ INTERSECTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairperson: Timm Slade

January 2010

ACTION ITEMS FOR THE ATHLETIC COUNCIL

(See recommendations in the minutes that follow)

- 1.2 Approve the girls lacrosse proposal for 4 sectionals championships A, B1, B2 and C.
APPROVED by the Athletic Council 1/20/10 (item 6.2)
- 2.2 Approve the updated Policy on Travel to State Competition:
APPROVED by the Athletic Council 1/20/10 (item 6.2)
<http://www.section6.e1b.org/1139104911730900/lib/1139104911730900/Misc%20Reports/Travel%20Policy%20Oct.09%20DRAFT.pdf>
- 3.4 Approve the Sports Season Calendar for 2010-2011.
APPROVED by the Athletic Council 1/20/10 (item 64.5)
- 5.3 Item (5): Reconvene the Ad Hoc Committee on Sportsmanship to discuss separating regular season and post season accumulation of cards as is state policy.

SUPPORT WAS GIVEN FOR THE FOLLOWING

- 3.1 A change to the By-Laws that would give the Executive Director the authority to approve Outside Agency and Senior All-Star contests, with formal (retroactive) approval then given by the Athletic Council at the next meeting.
- 3.2 The Proposed Budget 2010-2011.
- 4.0 Pre-Season reports: Baseball, Softball, Track
- 5.0 Post-season reports: All sports

SECTIONAL/INTERSECTIONAL MINUTES

January 7, 2010

Attendance (* indicates present)

Sect/Intsect: Buff: Dave Thomas* CCAA: Ben Drake*, Paul Ksionzyk* ECIC: Andy Jacobs*
NO: Bill Stedman* NFL: Mark DiFilippo (for Pat Burke)
Section: Timm Slade*, Loren Ratajczak, Don Scholla, Cindy Bullis
Guests: Girls Lacrosse Co-Sportchair – Rick Schmitt*
Boys Basketball Sportchair- Jim Walker*

Items highlighted in yellow are reminders to the responsible parties. Green when completed.

1.0 Sports concerns:

- 1.1 Wrestling: There will be a vote soon to adopt the National Federation rules to enter 96 & 285 lb weight classes in dual meets. Notice will be sent from the Section office if this is approved.
- 1.2 Girls Lacrosse- R.Schmitt: A proposal for a playoff format with A, B1, B2 and C sectional tournaments was discussed. Each classification would have a championship based on equal division alignment (size). Power points for seeding are then determined more equitably (head to head within your division). B1 and B2 would play a championship to determine one team to advance to the Far West Regionals. The proposed Alignment/Divisions: A (6 teams) – one division of league play; B – two divisions of league play: B1 (6 teams); B2 (6 teams); C (4 teams) – one division of league play. The cost for trophies and patches for the additional championship would be funded by outside support. All leagues were in support of this proposal.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the girls lacrosse proposal for 4 sectionals championships A, B1, B2 and C.

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- 1.3 Football Federation: The City of Buffalo has elected to join the Football Federation in 2010. The Football Committee is working on a draft schedule to include: Class AA: Bennett, Hutch Tech, Riverside; Class B: East, Lafayette, McKinley, Burgard, South Park; Class C: Intl. Prep at Grover. NYSPHSAA will approve variations to the classification numbers for sports that request variances at a meeting on January 21. This will better define the classes for the Buffalo teams.

2.0 Section Concerns

- 2.1 Seeding: Should there be a cut-off date for allowing changes to the seeding? There have been problems in the past with changes requested after the seeding was published (Girls Soccer, Boys Soccer, Volleyball, Baseball). T.Slade will contact the Chairs of the team sports affected for input. This will be an agenda item at the next meeting in March.
- 2.2 Policy on travel to state competition: Updates to the policy were reviewed. The updates clarify that a school who opts out of Section transportation, opts out of housing and meals as well. All leagues were in support of the updates.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the updated Policy on Travel to State Competition->

<http://www.section6.e1b.org/1139104911730900/lib/1139104911730900/Misc%20Reports/Travel%20Policy%20Oct.09%20DRAFT.pdf> **APPROVED by the Athletic Council 1/20/10 (item 6.2)**

- 2.3 Spring Sportchair terms expire June 30, 2010. League nominations should be submitted to the Section office.

3.0 AC action items for the January meeting to date include:

- 3.1 Senior All-Star and Outside Agency Contests: League reps are asked to remind AD's that applications must be in **by Fri. Jan. 15** for approval at the Jan 20 meeting!! It was noted that the Policy Committee was directed by the Exec Committee on 12/16/09 to develop language for a By-Laws update that would give the Executive Director the authority to approve these contests with formal approval (retroactive) given by the Athletic Council at the next meeting. This By-Laws change will be an action item at the January meeting. All leagues were in support of this concept.
- 3.2 Combining Schools for spring sports must be approved by the January meeting. Applications must be submitted **by Friday Jan. 15** for approval at the AC meeting on January 20, 2010.
- 3.3 Budget 2010-11: All leagues are in support of the proposed budget.
- 3.4 Sports Season Calendar: Variances to start dates that were requested last year have been included in the proposed calendar. Leagues are requested to submit any additional variances by **Friday Jan. 15**. A variance to the start date for modified football will be requested from NYSPHSAA. All leagues were in support of the calendar.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the Proposed Sports Season Calendar for 2010-2011.
APPROVED by the Athletic Council 1/20/10 (item 64.5)
<http://www.section6.e1b.org/1139104911730900/lib/1139104911730900/Misc%20Reports/SeasonDates1011.pdf>

- 4.0 Pre-season Spring Sports Reports: Reports that were not submitted in time for review at the October 28 meeting were reviewed. Some points discussed:
- 4.1 Baseball: Finals (AA,A,B) and Regionals (A,D) are tentatively scheduled at Coca Cola Park and Finals (C,D) at Jamestown. The Big East format may be used in 2011.
 - 4.2 Softball: The pitching distance is 40 feet. If you play at a Msgr. Martin school the distance is 43 feet.
 - 4.3 Track: Site for finals is Hamburg High School.
- 5.0 Post-season Fall Sports Reports:
All reports are posted on the website. Some points discussed:
- 5.1 Field Hockey: Concerns include conflicts with SAT dates and Amherst having home school advantage in the finals. T.Slade will work with the committee to schedule around SATs and plan alternate sites for finals if a home-school situation occurs.
 - 5.2 Girls Gymnastics: T.Slade will contact the Chair regarding the state meet in March and the poor attendance at the post season meeting.
 - 5.3 Boys Soccer Report:
Item 2: T.Slade will contact T.Marquardt for more detail on use of neutral sites for semis.
Item 3: Leagues agreed that the same site for boys and girls finals was a good idea.
Item 5: T.Slade will request that the Ad Hoc Committee on Sportsmanship reconvene to discuss the Soccer Sportsmanship Policy.
B.Stedman noted that the concept of a Section Player of the Year, Coach of the Year and Referee of the Year is not supported by the NO League. As stated in the October minutes, the Section cannot fund it and should not be involved. These awards should be handled at the league level. T.Slade requested that the other league reps to bring their league opinion on these awards to the next meeting.
 - 5.4 Girls Swim: Nina Van Erk has solicited details from each Section Chair regarding qualification for states and how many athletes we send. T.Slade will contact B.Johnson regarding the financial report.
 - 5.5 Boys Volleyball: T.Slade will contact W.Stefani regarding the financial report.
 - 5.6 Girls Volleyball:
Item 1: Linespeople in 2010: T.Slade requested league input for the next meeting in March.
Item 3: Senior Game: Since open-tryouts are conducted for this event it is not a Senior All-Star contest by NYSPHSAA standards and does not to be sanctioned. If it is not sponsored by a school, athletes who participate must have no connection to their school in the contest.
Item 5: Game ball: An official game ball for league and sectional play could be a means of generating revenue. T.Slade will ask sportchairs to survey their coaches regarding the ball used by each school for their sport.
Item 6: State numbers: More information will be available after the state meeting Jan.21. (see 1.3)
Item 7: Charter Schools: The method used by basketball should be used to calculate the power points.
- 6.0 Spring Sport Handbooks Status:
- Baseball- Waiting for information from R.Kowal
 - Softball – Updates received. Handbook in process
 - Boys Lacrosse - Waiting for information from J.Faller
 - Girls Lacrosse - Updates received. Handbook will be ready pending approval of the proposal (see 1.2)
 - Track – Some updates received. Handbook in process.
 - Golf and Tennis – completed in fall
- 7.0 Good of the Order
- 7.1 Boys Basketball – J.Walker
All schools have been informed that if the team roster and photo is not in by January 15, the team will be ineligible for sectional play. 2 rosters and 6 photos are not in to date. League reps were asked to assist by contacting the delinquent schools in their league

DATES FOR 2009-10 teleconference meetings 9:00am- noon:
Thurs. Mar. 4, Thurs. May 6