

Athletic Council Meeting March 23, 2011 - Agenda Item 6.2

SECTIONAL/ INTERSECTIONAL COMMITTEE March 2011 REPORT Chairperson: Timm Slade

Action Items for the Athletic Council

- 1.1(a) Approve: Teams that qualify for bowl or play-off games may opt-out of the 9th game if they notify the Sportchair by the end of the 6th week.
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- 1.1(b) Approve the [Proposal for the Class D Alignment for 2011](#) with 2 divisions D and DD. The DD division competing in a ""League Championship only.
Approved Athletic Council March 23, 2011
- 2.2 Approve the addition of a statement regarding practice at the championship venue to each sport handbook.
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Each sport committee should consider adding a phrase such as "No team other than the host school team may practice at a championship venue more than once during the post-season."
- 2.3 Eliminate the policy regarding Ejection Appeals.
Approved Athletic Council March 23, 2011
- 2.4 Approve adoption of the NYSPHSAA sportsmanship policy for boys and girls soccer in post-season play only.
Approved Athletic Council March 23, 2011
- 3.1 Support status quo in each sport regarding rules to be followed. (no change to NFHS).
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- 3.2 Support athletes wearing Section t-shirts at the Cross County Championships and changing the Safety Meeting mandate to every other year.
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- 4.2 Maintain flexibility with the deadline for Combining schools fro fall sports (May 18) due to budgetary concerns within districts.
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- 6.1 Accept Fall pre-season reports that were submitted in time for review March 3 ***with the exception of the Boys Soccer request for a universal start date of August 22.*** The following reports will be reviewed April 28: B & G Volleyball, Girls Gymnastics and Girls Soccer.
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Informational Items

- 1.2 The Divisional Track proposal for 2012 will be an action item at the May meeting League reps should discuss this at their league meetings and be prepared to develop a recommendation on this issue at the April 28 meeting for action at the May Athletic Council meeting.
- 1.4 Scheduling Baseball Regionals on a Sunday in 2012 will be an agenda item for the April 28 meeting. League reps are asked to discuss this at their league meetings prior to the April 28 Sectional Intersectional meeting.
- 4.3 Action items for the MAY Athletic Council meeting include the following appointments:
a) Winter Sportchair positions
b) Boys Sports Rep to the Central Committee
Please forward nominations to the Section office.

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Attendance (* indicates present)

Sect insect: Buff: Aubrey Lloyd CCAA: Ben Drake*, Paul Ksionzyk* ECIC: Jim Graczyk*
NFL: Pat Burke* NO: Bill Stedman, Dave Carson*

Section Reps: Timm Slade*, Loren Ratajczak, Don Scholla*, Cindy Bullis*

Sportchairs: Todd Marquardt*-Boys Soccer, Chris Durr*-Girls Soccer, Paul Ksionzyk*-Track,
Ken Stoldt*-Football, Bob Kowal*-Baseball

Guests: Greg Kaszubski, Past Chair Sportsmanship Committee

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

1.0 Sports concerns:

1.1 Football: -K. Stoldt

a) "9th game": The Football Chairperson clarified that for scheduling purposes, teams who have made it to the bowls or play-offs are currently required to compete in the 9th game even if they lose in week 8. Teams that do not qualify for bowl or play-offs games can opt out by the 4th week. There was much discussion. It was agreed that all teams should have the option to opt-out.

RECOMMENDATION: Teams that qualify for bowl or play-off games may opt-out of the 9th game if they notify the Sportchair by the end of the 6th week. **Approved Athletic Council March 23, 2011**

b) [Proposal for the Class D Alignment for 2011](#): The alignment is the result of several meetings with the representatives of the Class D schools including the Superintendents to address concerns such as travel, finance and the disparity in numbers amongst the Class D schools. The proposal, developed to save football programs, includes 2 divisions: a D division with 6 schools that may qualify for post season competition and a DD division with 8 schools that will have a "DD League" Championship only and not participate in other post-season competition. The Sectional Intersectional committee was not in favor of the conducting the DD championship game at Ralph

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the 2011 Football alignment for Class D schools with 2 divisions D and DD. Approve the DD division competing in a "League Championship only. **Approved Athletic Council March 23, 2011**

c) Bowl games: The structure for bowl games in 2011 is pending.

1.2 The Divisional Track proposal for 2012 provides for 5 meets of 17 teams that would serve as an additional qualifier for state competition. FAT would be used. The pentathlon and steeple chase would not be conducted due to time constraints. This format mirrors that of most other sections in the state. A concern expressed was scheduling. League meets would need to be conducted a week earlier. League reps should discuss this at their league meetings and be prepared to develop a recommendation on this issue at the April 28 meeting for action at the May Athletic Council meeting.

1.3 Girls Lacrosse! Federated sports:

a) Should there be a Federation policy on restrictions for participation in JV programs? The ECIC regulation is: Seniors are not eligible for JV competition and Juniors who have reached their 16th birthday by July 1 are not eligible for JV competition. The NFL regulation is: Any athlete in grades 7-11 can play JV and seniors can play JV if approved by the AD. It was agreed there should not be a regulation for the federated sport. Each league should make the determination for their athletes.

b) Girls Lacrosse: Varsity and JV levels are federated, modified is not.

1.4 Baseball: Bob Kowal

NYSPHSAA has approved conducting Regional baseball on a Sunday with Section approval. The Section VI baseball committee requests permission to conduct the regional contests in Section VI on SUNDAY June 5, 2011. Rationale includes a) Educational: athletes do not miss school or play late on a school night b) Financial: increased attendance on a Sunday c) An extra rain date becomes available. The NO League was not in favor. The other league reps wish to discuss the issue at their meetings next week. It was agreed that regionals for 2011 be scheduled on a day other than Sunday. **Scheduling Baseball Regionals on a Sunday in 2012 will be an agenda item for the April 28 meeting.** League reps are asked to discuss this at their league meetings prior to the April 28 meeting.

2.0 Section Concerns

2.1 Venues: T.Slade will meet with the Bills organization to discuss cost reductions for football at Ralph Wilson stadium. Use of All High Stadium for Football regionals was very expensive. Football financial reports are now posted → [Sectionals Regionals](#) A.Lloyd is working with the Section to reduce costs at All High Stadium for girls and boys lacrosse this spring.

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- 2.2 Practice at Championship Venues: It was agreed that this is sport specific and should be added to each sport handbook. The policy added to each book will be reviewed by this committee. In addition, schools that host sectionals will be encouraged to monitor practice time at their site so that practice time is equally available.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the addition of a statement regarding practice at the championship venue to each sport handbook. Each sport committee should consider adding a phrase such as "No team other than the host school team may practice at a championship venue more than once during the post-season." **Approved Athletic Council March 23, 2011**

- 2.3 Ejection Appeal policy: N. Van Erk, NYSPHSAA Executive Director, advised that the Section not get involved in appeals regarding officials calls.

RECOMMENDATION: Eliminate the policy regarding Ejection Appeals. **Approved Athletic Council March 23, 2011**

- 2.4 Soccer Sportsmanship-Red/yellow card policy G.Kaszubski/ T.Marquardt/ C.Durr
In 2005, Section VI adopted a red/yellow card policy that has since resolved the sportsmanship issues in soccer. The concern is that our cumulative card total continues into sectional competition unlike other sections in the state using the state policy where the total starts over at the beginning of sectionals. This may place our athletes at a disadvantage. Both Soccer committees have requested to keep the more stringent policy (3 yellows instead of 5) but start over at the beginning of sectionals (instead of regionals) as per the state policy.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve adoption of the NYSPHSAA sportsmanship policy for boys and girls soccer in post-season play only. **Approved Athletic Council March 23, 2011**

- 2.5 Cheerleading: There are discussions at the State level regarding Cheerleading State Championships. This would require Section VI to conduct a state qualifier. M.Ziegler, Section VI Cheerleading Rep, will report on this at the March 23 Athletic Council meeting.

3.0 NYSPHSAA concerns:

- 3.1 [NFHS vs NCAA/ ASA / etc rules](#) ← comparison. It was noted that Section VI sportchairs are not in favor of changing to NFHS rules. This committee agrees with the sportchairs.

RECOMMENDATION: Support status quo in each sport regarding rules to be followed. (no change to NFHS). **Approved Athletic Council March 23, 2011**

- 3.2 Direction is needed for a vote at the May 6 NYSPHSAA meeting on:
a) Athletes wearing section t-shirts at the Cross Country championships. Section VI chairs are in favor.
b) Changing the Safety meeting mandate from annual to every other year.

RECOMMENDATION: Support athletes wearing Section t-shirts at the Cross County Championships and changing the Safety Meeting mandate to every other year. **Approved Athletic Council March 23, 2011**

4.0 AC action items for the next Athletic Council meeting to date include:

- 4.1 [Senior All-Star](#) and [Outside Agency Contests](#)-Please remind AD's that applications must be in by **Friday March 18** for approval at the next AC meeting!! Check the charts at the hot-links for current approvals.
4.2 [Combining Schools](#) requests for fall sports are due at the May meeting and must be in by **Friday March 18** for approval at the next AC meeting!! Check the chart at the hot-link for current approvals.

RECOMMENDATION: Maintain flexibility with the deadline for Combining schools for fall sports (May 18) due to budgetary concerns within districts. **Approved Athletic Council March 23, 2011**

- 4.3 Action items for MAY include the following appointments:
a) Winter Sportchair positions: Nominees are the current chairs
b) Boys Sports Rep to the Central Committee: The nominee is the incumbent Don Scholla.
c) Chemical Awareness Chairperson: No nominees to date
Please forward nominations to the Section office.

5.0 Old Business

- 5.1 Section VI Championship facility: The quote for lights at ECC south is \$350,000. A financial package is being prepared by the light vendor and the field track vendor. UB is no longer a consideration due to their concerns about potential NCAA violations.

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6.0 New Business

- 6.1 Pre-season fall sports reports: Posted on the website for review on the [March 23 AC page](#) (bottom) Reports submitted after this meeting will be reviewed at the April 28 meeting: Boys Volleyball, Girls Volleyball, Girls Gymnastics and Girls Soccer

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- 6.2 Sport Handbooks: Spring books are posted. Work on fall books will begin in the near future.
- 6.3 Tentative Meeting Dates for 2011-12: Sept. 1, Oct. 27, Jan. 5, Mar. 1, Apr 26
- 6.4 Boys Ice Hockey Chairperson position: It was noted that the remuneration for the Boys Ice Hockey Chairperson is not in line with the duties which includes setting up the Federation schedule and reserving ice time throughout the season as well as post-season. Chairs of other sports are generally responsible for post-season only. T.Slade will meet with M.DiFilippo and bring it up at the Finance Committee meeting as well.

DATES FOR 2010-11 teleconference meetings 9:00am-noon: (THURSDAYS): April 28