

**Athletic Council Meeting January 18, 2012 - Agenda Item 6.2**

**SECTIONAL/ INTERSECTIONAL COMMITTEE  
January 2012 REPORT  
Chairperson: Timm Slade**

**Action Items for the Athletic Council**

- 1.1 Accept the Girls Lacrosse and Softball Pre-season reports.  
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- 1.2 Approve the venues selected for girls basketball semis and finals  
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- 4.2 Accept the fall post-season reports as submitted. (Girls Gymnastics not received)  
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# MINUTES SECTIONAL/INTERSECTIONAL COMMITTEE

January 5, 2012

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Attendance (\* indicates present)

League Reps: Buff: Aubrey Lloyd      CCAA: Ben Drake\*      ECIC: Jim Graczyk \*  
                  NFL: P.Burke\*              NO: Dave Carson\*

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

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

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## 1.0 Sports concerns:

- 1.1 Pre-Season [Girls Lacrosse](#) and [Softball](#) reports were reviewed. The girls lacrosse alignment was acceptable. It was noted that the softball committee clarified the cancellation policy.

**Recommendation:** Accept the Pre-season Girls Lacrosse and Softball reports as submitted.  
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- 1.2 Football:  
a) With BEDS numbers not being approved until late January, the alignment and schedules will be late. An emergency meeting of the Athletic Council may be needed for approval.  
b) \$4 admission charge for the first round of the bowl games: K.Stoldt will discuss this issue with the Finance Committee this afternoon.

- 1.3 Softball: The pitching distance for modified softball will be an action item at the January 18 Athletic Council meeting. NFL and CCAA support 40 feet. NO does not have modified. ECIC will discuss this at their meeting January 9.

- 1.4 Girls Basketball asked for approval of the following:  
a) Class AA, A, and B Finals and Crossover Finals will be held at Niagara County Community College with a backup site of Clarence HS  
b) The use of Kenmore West, Clarence, and Sweet Home, and Pioneer for Semi-Final sites.  
c) The use of home board officials for the pre-quarter and quarter final games. Semis and Finals will continue to be crossover games. Justification includes officials availability and travel concerns (distance and financial). A \$20 fee is paid to each official who works outside of his board's geographic area. This cost is assumed by the Section since officials for basketball are paid by the Section for all rounds. It was suggested that this option be used only in the case of an exhausted roster in the board representing the competing teams. Since there was no mutual agreement, no recommendation will be made at this issue. The Sportchair will be asked to follow the Officials Contract regarding assigning of Sectional level officials.

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- 1.5 [Divisional Track Proposal for 2013](#) - P.Ksionzyk: The proposal is for 5 meets: one on Thurs., two on Fri, and two on Sat. to be held two weeks before sectionals. This allows time for individual league meets to be held as in the past. Start times would be approx. 4:30 pm so lighted facilities will be required. Since it is a different type of meet, fewer officials may be needed. Several concerns were discussed. P.Ksionzyk plans to meet with every league to review this format. It was suggested that the track committee develop a cost worksheet for this format and the sportchairs attend the league AD meetings to explain the concept. League reps were asked to review this proposal at their league meetings and be prepared to develop a recommendation at the March 1 meeting for approval by Athletic Council on March 21.

## 2.0 Section Concerns

- 2.1 Venues:  
a) Winter venues were reviewed (see [Winter post season calendar](#)) Girls Basketball semis will be hosted by Clarence, Ken West, Sweet Home and Pioneer. Finals will be at Jamestown and NCCC. Sites for Wrestling Qualifiers are Lake Shore and East Aurora. The AA Tournament will be at Jamestown and the B tournament at Lew-Port.

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- b) Spring venues were reviewed. (see [Spring Post-season calendar](#)) Girls Lacrosse Regionals will be at All High and Boys Lacrosse will be at Hamburg HS on Sat. June 2. Track sectionals will be at Starpoint. Pioneer/Hamburg will be considered for track in 2013, the year for a central site in the rotation. It was noted that a centralized site for the track state qualifier each year is preferred over the current site-rotation (North, Central, South) which requires travel and sometimes lodging for some districts. **T.Slade will discuss this with the sportchairs.**

## 3.0 NYSPHSAA concerns:

- 3.1 Football: The state Safety Committee is recommending a change to 4 nights rest instead of 2 between a scrimmage and a game. This may be an action item at the May State Executive Committee meeting. Our Football Chairs recommend no change. **League Reps were asked to address this at their meetings. It will be discussed at the January 18 Athletic Council meeting.**
- 3.2 Combining of Schools: All were reminded that the deadline to request combining for spring sports and for football 2012 (NEW) is **Friday January 13**. Medina is considering combining with Lyndonville (Sec 5 school) for football and boys soccer. Concern was expressed over Section 5 athletes potentially displacing Section 6 athletes with such a merger. Barker, which has played football in Section 5 for many years, is combining with Roy-Hart in 2012. Section 5 will not accept the combined team. **League reps were asked to address this issue at their meetings.** These mergers will be action items January 18.
- 3.3 Transfer Policy: A recommendation that transfers be approved for hardship only may be forthcoming from the state committee. R.Black will report at the January AC meeting.

## 4.0 AC action items for the January meeting to date include:

- 4.1 Approvals of → [Senior All-Star](#), [Outside Agency Contests](#) and [Combining Schools](#). Applications must be in by **Friday January 13 at noon**. The deadline for Combining Schools for spring sports and **FOOTBALL (new deadline)** is at the January meeting.
- 4.2 Post-season Fall Sports Reports were reviewed. (see → [Athletic Council Page 1/18/12](#))
- a) Field Hockey: T.Slade will discuss with the sportchair the time for the seeding meeting and the potential of Orchard Park as a venue instead of Amherst.
- b) Girls Volleyball: Officials have been unavailable to work as linespeople. The pay rate is only \$18/game. If assignments cannot be made to this position, the primary officials will need to make the calls on the lines.
- c) Boys Volleyball: T.Slade will discuss potential venues with the sportchair.

**Recommendation:** Accept the post season fall reports (except Girls Gymnastics – not submitted).  
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- 4.3 The tentative Athletic Council agenda for January was emailed. League reps were asked to review the action items.
- 5.0 Old Business:
- 5.1 Spring Sports Handbooks: Sportchairs have been notified that updates are needed. Baseball updates are in. The book will be sent for review after combining schools requests have been approved January 18.
- 6.0 New Business:
- 6.1 Fall Sportchair terms expire 6/30/12. Interested parties should review the [Job Description](#) and submit a *request to be considered* for the position.
- 6.2 The Principals Rep to the Central Committee term expires 8/31/12. Jim Dunnigan is stepping down. Please forward nominations to the Section office. Click here for → [Current nominations](#)

**DATES FOR 2011-12 teleconference meetings 9:00am- noon: THURSDAYS): Mar. 1, Apr. 26**