

Section VI

ATHLETIC COUNCIL MEETING

March 21, 2012

HIGHLIGHTS

- 4.1a **APPROVED:** The timelines for assigning officials 2012-13
- 4.2 Section positions are open for nominations → [Current Nominations](#)
- 5.3-5.4 **APPROVED:** Outside Agency and Senior All-Star Contests
- 5.5 **APPROVED:** Combining Schools for 2012-13.
- 6.2 **APPROVED:**
- Girls Gymnastics Post Season Report
 - The use of laxpower in Girls Lacrosse
 - Fall Pre-Season Reports *with exceptions as noted*
- 6.3 Safety **DEFEATED:** Support a change to 4 nights rest (from 2) between a scrimmage and a game in football
- 6.4 Modified:
- DEFEATED:** Support for a modified football kick-off pilot program
 - APPROVED:** Support for implementation of a Modified/JV pilot program
 - FEEDBACK requested on Baseball pitch count vs. innings pitched: Contact K.McGowan at kmcgowan@wilson.wnyric.org before next Modified meeting on **March 30**.
- 6.6(c) Direction was given on [NYSPPHSAA items for Section discussion](#) :
- State Championships:
 - DEFEATED:** Support for a two-year moratorium on all state championships beginning with the 2013-14 school year
 - DEFEATED:** Support for curtailing the number of state championships
 - APPROVED:** Support for the proposals regarding Sites of State Championships
 - APPROVED:** Support for the elimination of Section uniforms in all sports and letting athletes wear their school uniforms at State Championships.
 - DEFEATED:** Support for a Camp Rule for High Schools and Athletic Shopping
 - APPROVED: Non-support** for eliminating the Academic Hardship Waiver from the Transfer Rule
FEEDBACK requested:
 - c6-7) Suggestions/comments for NYSPHSAA cost reductions/increased revenue and regulations on charter schools are encouraged. Email T.Slade tslade@e1b.org
- 6.8 Be aware of the new drug K2 (synthetic marijuana). Horizon Health Services is a good resource on chemical awareness → <http://www.horizon-health.org/>
- 12.1 **APPROVED:** Section VI meeting dates for 2012-13

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Roll Call (* indicates attendance)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President	* Jeff Rabey
President-Elect	* Brett Banker
Supt Rep/Past Pres.	* Mike Wendt
Principals Rep	* James Dunnigan
Boys Rep	* Don Scholla
Girls Rep	* Cindy Bullis
Executive Director	* Timm Slade
Executive Assistant	* Cindy Szczesny
Treasurer	* Loren Ratajczak
Parliamentarian	Ron Black

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Chem. Awareness	* Matt McKenna
Extended Eligibility	Jerry Baldelli
Finance	* Loren Ratajczak
Modified (Boys)	* Adam Stoltman
Modified (Girls)	* Katie McGowan
NYSAAA	* Brett Banker
Policy Handbook	* Cindy Bullis
Safety	Fred Thornley
Sect./Intersectional	* Timm Slade
Sportsmanship	Doug Beetow
Transfer Chairman	Ron Black
Veterans	Jim Trampert

SPORTCHAIRS

M. DeBarbieri	* Wrestling
S. Pernick	* G.Volleyball
W. Stefani	B.Volleyball
J. Walker	* B.Basketball
J.Conley	* Baseball

GUESTS

Todd Nelson	* NYSPHSAA Asst Director
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LEAGUE

REPRESENTATIVE

ALTERNATE

BUFFALO

Superintendents Rep/AD	* Aubrey Lloyd, Emerson	Mark Mondanaro, Emerson
Principals Rep	* Kevin Eberle, Intl Prep	Mark Mondanaro, Emerson
Girls Rep	* Andrea Norton, City Honors	Mark Mondanaro, Emerson
Boys Rep	David Thomas Jr., Intl Prep	Mark Mondanaro, Emerson

CHAUTAUQUA CATTARAUGUS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (CCAA)

Superintendents Rep	* Steve Penhollow, Falconer	Pete Morgante, Pine Valley
Principals Rep	* Jud Foy, Cassadaga Valley	Al Gens, Dunkirk
Girls Rep	* Paul Ksionzyk, Olean	Lynne Bemis, Clymer
Boys Rep	Rick DeKay, Retired	* Mel Swanson, Sherman

ERIE COUNTY INTERSCHOLASTIC CONFERENCE (ECIC)

Superintendents Rep	* Dr. Whitney Vantine, Tonawanda	Deborah Ziolkowski, Maryvale
Principals Rep	* Jim Biryła, Holland	Mark Graff, Eden
Girls Rep	* Marisa Fallacaro, Eden	Keith Lewis, CleveHill
Boys Rep	* Jim Graczyk, Pioneer	Chris DeMarco, Sweet Home

NIAGARA FRONTIER LEAGUE (NFL)

Superintendents Rep	* Bob Christmann, Grand Island	TBA
Principals Rep	* Jim Spanbauer, Niagara Falls	Joe Greco, Kenmore West
Girls Rep	* Mark DiFilippo, Niagara Wheatfield	Brett Banker, Ken-Ton
Boys Rep	* Patrick Burke, Lockport	Jon Roth, Grand Island

NIAGARA ORLEANS (NO)

Superintendents Rep	* Kevin MacDonald, Roy-Hart	Michael Bonnewell, Albion
Principals Rep	* Mark Kruzynski, Medina	Leslie Stauss, Albion
Girls Rep	* Joel Reed, Charter School for Applied Tech.	Randy Knaak, Albion
Boys Rep	* Dave Carson, Barker	Doug Ames, Newfane

Superintendent Representation by BOCES

Erie 1 BOCES	* Deborah Ziolkowski, Maryvale	TBA
Erie 2 BOCES	John O'Connor, Forestville	Pete Morgante, Pine Valley
ON BOCES	Roger Klatt, Barker	Jeff Evoy, Medina
CA BOCES	Mark Ward, Ellicottville	TBA

SECTION VI ATHLETIC COUNCIL MINUTES

March 21, 2012

Items in yellow are reminders to the responsible parties, green are completed. Blue are hot-links

Items approved since the January meeting: Football alignment for 2012 approved by email vote 2/29/12.

- 1.0 **CALL TO ORDER** J. Rabey jrabey@depew.wnyric.org
- 2.0 **INTRODUCTIONS** J. Rabey jrabey@depew.wnyric.org
President Rabey welcomed Todd Nelson, Assistant Executive Director of NYSPHSAA.
- 3.0 ***Motion to approve the minutes from the 1/18/12 meeting as submitted* CARRIED Vantine /Dunnigan**
- 4.0 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** T. Slade tslade@e1b.org
- 4.1 Officials Coordination: Central Management/Assigning of Officials:
- a) Timelines for assigning sports officials: Representatives of WNYSO and League assigners have agreed to the dates. ***Motion to approve the timelines for assigning officials*** → ***North and South*** CARRIED Dunnigan/Vantine
 - b) ArbiterGame reps were unavailable as anticipated at the NYSAAA conference. The program will be further investigated by T.Slade as a possible alternative to separate scheduling programs such as LeagueMinder or ScheduleStar. Phase one will be released by June 2012 in Michigan with an anticipated date for Phase two (mass release) in the fall and Version 3 planned for January 2013.
- 4.2 Section VI Positions: Appointments will be made to the following positions at the May Athletic Council meeting. Click here for [Current Nominations](#) Leagues and Committees are asked to forward nominations to Section VI at tslade@e1b.org or cszczyzny@e1b.org
- a) Fall Sportchair positions
 - b) Section VI Principals Rep to the Central Committee. There are three nominations to date.
 - c) Winter Sportchair Positions: Girls Ice Hockey Chairperson, Girls Indoor Track and Boys Basketball (see item 10.0) are open for nominations. Current Sportchairs are stepping down.
- 5.0 **COMMUNICATIONS:** T. Slade tslade@e1b.org
- 5.1 From NYSPHSAA: [Items for Section discussion](#) (see item 6.6c)
- 5.2 A Summons was received from the attorneys for a wrestler from Williamsville South. The Section VI attorney (Hodgson & Russ) has notified the wrestler's attorney (Shaw and Shaw) that the summons was received. T.Slade will inform the Athletic Council of any updates in the process.
- 5.3 ***Motion to approve the following Senior All-Star Contests* CARRIED Dunnigan/Ksionzyk:**
- a) Silver Hoops Boys Basketball on 3/17/12 at the Grabiarz School, cosponsored by the Buffalo Public Schools and the Butler Mitchell Alumni (pre-approved by T.Slade 3/5/12)
 - b) Chautauqua County Softball Senior All-Star contest on 6/14/12 (rain date 6/15/12) at Promenschenkle Park sponsored by Chautauqua Lake HS (pre-approved by T.Slade 3/12/12)
 - c) Chautauqua County Baseball Senior All-Star contest on 6/12/12 (rain date 6/13/12) at Diethrick Park sponsored by Chautauqua Lake HS (pre-approved by T.Slade 3/12/12)
- 5.4 ***Motion to approve the following Outside Agency Contests* CARRIED Wendt/Vantine:**
- a) Hae Jude Softball Tournament on 3/30-31/12 at Silver Creek HS, cosponsored by Silver Creek Schools and Hae Jude Signs (pre-approved by T.Slade 3/12/12)
 - b) Chautauqua County Baseball Showcase on 4/27-28/12 at Diethrick Park, cosponsored by Chautauqua Lake and Chautauqua County Baseball Umpires Association (pre-approved by T.Slade 3/12/12)
- 5.5 ***Motion to approve the following requests to Combine Schools in 2012-13* CARRIED Dunnigan/DiFilippo** The school to be represented is underlined:
- a) Kenmore East and West as Kenmore for Rifle
 - b) Kenmore East and West as Kenmore for Girls Ice Hockey *pending receipt of report from 2012*
 - c) Kenmore East and West as Kenmore for Girls Gymnastics
- 6.0 **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**
- 6.1 Finance Committee/ Treasurer's Report L.Ratajczak lratajczak@e1b.org
- a) Winter Sports: Payment of invoices is in process. Most gate receipts have been received.
 - b) Fall Sports: **Financial Reports will be released when they are complete.** Some items are still outstanding.
 - b) Buffalo Schools: Dues have been received. Overdue payment of sports officials has been addressed and is being resolved by the district.

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Standing Committee Reports continued

- 6.2 Sectional/Intersectional [March Report/Minutes 3/1/12](#) T.Slade tslade@e1b.org
The Committee recommends:
b) **Motion to accept the Girls Gymnastics Post Season Report CARRIED Reed/Dunnigan**
b) **Motion to approve the use of laxpower in Girls Lacrosse CARRIED Vantine/Biryła**
c) **Motion to accept the Fall Pre-Season Reports as noted below CARRIED Ksionzyk/Wendt:**
- Cross Country, Field Hockey, Football G.Swim, and G.Tennis as submitted
- B.Gymnastics excluding the request for 6 officials for sectionals. The contract allows for 4.
- B.Volleyball excluding Eden as the venue for finals. Crowd size is too large for this site.
- G.Volleyball excluding the reinstatement of linespeople in the regular season. The Athletic Council approved elimination of linespeople in regular season May 2011.
- B.Soccer excluding a change to the start date. Start dates were approved by the Athletic Council Sept. 2011
- 6.3 Safety F.Thornley fthornley@eastauroraschools.org
[March Report](#) Direction is needed:
a) Football - 4 nights rest between football scrimmage and a game: This will eliminate scrimmages between games. The football committee, NFL and NO leagues are not in support. The safety concerns are increased exposure to potential injuries and scrimmage guidelines are not always followed. **Motion to support a change to 4 nights rest (from 2) between a scrimmage and a game in football DEFEATED Scholla/DiFilippo**
- 6.4 Modified A.Stoltman(B) astoltman@aldenschools.org K.McGowan(G) kmcgowan@wilson.wnyric.org
Direction is needed:
a) Modified - Pilot for a kick-off in modified football: The football committee and Sectional Intersectional Committee are not in support of this change. **Motion to support a pilot program for modified football kick-off. DEFEATED Eberle/Dunnigan**
b) Modified: A Mod/JV program is a 7-8-9 model for schools that have no JV program. It follows the HS grid with a modified start date and allows for flexibility in districts. 7-8-9 teams can compete against 7-8 teams if they use like criteria (age, grade, ability, geography) and determine there will be safe and equitable competition. The program would be allowed with Section and league approval. **Motion to support implementation of a Modified/JV pilot program CARRIED Graczyk/Vantine**
c) Modified- Baseball pitch count vs. innings pitched: Pitchers are currently allowed a max of 12 innings per week. Should this be changed to a max number of pitches per game?? League input is needed Contact K.McGowan at kmcgowan@wilson.wnyric.org before next Modified meeting on **March 30**.
d) Modified - Awards for multi-school events: Leagues have indicated they are in favor of awards for modified athletes.
- 6.5 Policy C. Bullis cbullis@ntschoools.org
a) The following past practice was added to the Seeding Policy: **212.8 Seeding of Charter Schools with approved Independent Schedules: As per past practice, Charter Schools that have competed with an approved independent schedule in a team sport will have the entire schedule counted towards seeding. Power points will be calculated based on the classification of the school they have defeated. The classification used will be the classification that the school has been assigned by the section in which they participate.** Click for the → [Policy Manual](#)
b) The committee recommends status quo on the requirement that a report on a Combined Program be submitted to the Section after the season.
- 6.6 State Executive Committee/ Central Committee
a) Superintendent **No Report** M. Wendt mwendt@wilson.wnyric.org
b) Principal **No Report** J. Dunnigan jdunnigan@kenton.k12.ny.us
c) Boys Rep D. Scholla dscholla@olean.wnyric.org
Girls Rep C. Bullis cbullis@ntschoools.org

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Central Committee- Boys/Girls report continued

DIRECTION IS NEEDED on the [Items for Section discussion](#) – These items detailed below, may be discussed or voted upon at the May NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Meeting:

- c1) Status of State Championships:
 - Moratorium: It was noted that this is too great a penalty for athletes with minimal savings. Sections can opt-out of participation in state championships. **Motion to support placing a two-year moratorium on all state championships beginning with the 2013-14 school year DEFEATED Dunnigan/Wendt**
 - Curtailing: This could include reducing the # classes or ending competition with regionals. **Motion to support curtailing the number of state championships DEFEATED Dunnigan/Vantine**
- c2) **Motion to support the following proposals regarding Sites of State Championships CARRIED Vantine/Bullis :**
 - Selecting state championship sites based on a Section's desire to host.
 - Developing a new process by which members of the site selection committee are chosen.
 - Considering a change in transportation reimbursement structure with, perhaps, sections closest to the championship sites receiving less and those furthest receiving more.
- c3) **Motion to support the elimination of Section uniforms in all sports and letting athletes wear their school uniforms at State Championships CARRIED Scholla/Foy**
- c4) Camp rule: Allowing only district residents to attend camps may be too restrictive. **Motion to support a Camp Rule for High Schools and Athletic Shopping DEFEATED Dunnigan/Vantine**
- c5) Academic Hardship: Transfer for this reason is legitimate especially in districts like Buffalo that have specialized schools. **Motion for non-support for eliminating the Academic Hardship Waiver from the Transfer Rule CARRIED Banker/Wendt**
- c6) Suggestions for cost reductions and increased revenue are encouraged. Email T.Slade tslade@e1b.org
- c7) Charter Schools: Sections have the authority to re-classify charters/non-public schools. Are Sections following these regulations? Comments are encouraged. Email T.Slade tslade@e1b.org

- 6.7 Extended Eligibility **No Report** G. Baldelli balduche@aol.com
- 6.8 Chemical Awareness M. McKenna mmckenna@lackawanna.wnyric.org

March Report and Minutes from meetings on 1/20/12, 3/9/12

Schools should be aware of the new drug K2 (synthetic marijuana) that is in the high schools and communities. It is sold legally and creates a high 4-100 times that of marijuana. Info is posted → [K2](#). Horizon Health Services is a good resource on chemical awareness → <http://www.horizon-health.org/>. The committee is discussing topics for future league seminars and considering fundraising in conjunction with Kids Escaping Drugs and conducting a refresher in *Life of an Athlete*. **ADs will be surveyed in the future regarding trends and concerns within your districts.**

- 6.9 Transfer/ Foreign Student R. Black hronblack@hotmail.com Report was emailed 3/16 /12.
- 6.10 Sportsmanship **No Report** D. Beetow dbeetow@iroquoiscsd.org
- 6.11 Veterans (Retirees) **No Report** J. Trampert jtramOPspt@aol.com
- 6.12 Mixed Competition **No Report** J. Dunnigan jdunnigan@kenton.k12.ny.us

7.0 SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 7.1 All WNY Scholar Athlete G.Kaszubski gkaszubski@clar.wnyric.org
Of the 341 nominations submitted for Winter sports, there were 119 winners and 28 repeat winners from fall. The remaining 194 athletes received Honorable Mention. Click for the [results](#). Appreciation is extended to ADPRO SPORTS, the cosponsor for this program.
- 7.2 Charter Schools T. Slade tslade@e1b.org
Charter school AD's will be asked to submit a report in April to the Charter School Committee for review. The committee will report to the Athletic Council in May.

8.0 STATE and SECTION SPORT COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 8.1 Wrestling I.Martinez/M.DeBarbieri [Minutes from State Meeting 1/19/12](#)
Thanks were extended to schools that hosted post season tournaments. A request was made for schools to volunteer for next year. It was noted that the State committee is moving in the right direction.
- 8.2 Girls Tennis M. Venditti Rpt posted → [Report from State Meeting 1/23/12](#)

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State Sport Committees continued

8.3	Boys Lacrosse	J. Faller	Rpt posted→	Report from State Meeting 2/11/12
8.4	Girls Volleyball	D.Schrufer/S.Pernick		Minutes from State Meeting 3/6/12
8.5	Boys Volleyball	W.Stefani	No Report	Report from State Meeting 3/12/12

9.0 GUEST REPORTS:

- 9.1 NYSPHSAA: T. Nelson tnelson@nysphsaa.org Monthly reports are posted → [February](#) [March](#)
- a) Baseball: Please review the March report for decertified and approved bats. The required number of baseball practices for a team is now 10 for a scrimmage and 15 for a game at all levels.
 - b) The use of a pull/push cart was approved in girls golf.
 - c) Although uniform waivers were approved, schools that are on a schedule to purchase uniforms are encouraged to purchase them in compliance with the upcoming regulations.
 - d) Athletic Directors at each member school will receive a ballot for approval of NYSPHSAA Constitutional changes. **PLEASE NOTE:** It will require 4 administrative signatures: Superintendent, HS Principal, Athletic Director and a coach of the opposite sex. (If the AD is male, female coach and vice versa)
 - e) Athletic Directors are encouraged to participate in Sportsmanship Promotion Program. Schools that have completed the survey are eligible to receive a Section VI plaque and will be considered for the State Sportsmanship Banner.
- 9.2 NYSAAA Report B. Banker bbanker@kenton.k12.ny.us
Districts were thanked for allowing Athletic Directors to attend the NYSAAA Conference in Saratoga Springs this March. The winners of the 2012 NYSAAA Chapter 6 Athletic Administrator Awards and the Student Scholarship Essay contest will be recognized at the May Athletic Council meeting.

10.0 **FALL SPORTS PRE SEASON REPORTS:** Posted at the bottom of the [AC page for 3/21/12](#) (see item 6.2)

WINTER SPORTS REPORTS: No Reports due Pre-Season (May) Post-Season (May)

- a) Jim Walker presented his resignation as the Boys Basketball Chairman effective 4/30/12. He was thanked for his dedication, passion to his sport and service of 22 years to the athletes and Section VI.

SPRING SPORTS REPORTS: No Reports due Pre-Season (Nov) Post-Season (Sept)

11.0 OLD BUSINESS

- 11.1 2012-13 Section VI office/staff planning: With the retirement of C.Szczesny, a position of Senior Account Clerk Typist has been created and will be posted internally in Erie 1 BOCES on April 2. A committee of league reps has been created to review the applications. Interviews are scheduled for 4/19/12. A recommendation of a candidate for hire will be presented at the Erie 1 BOE meeting for approval on 5/9/12 and a start date for the new employee is planned for early June.

12.0 NEW BUSINESS

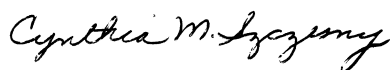
12.1 **Motion to approve the following Section VI meeting dates for 2012-13 as recommended by the Executive Committee CARRIED Dunnigan/Ksionzyk:**

- Athletic Council (Wed.): Sept.19, Nov. 28, Jan.16, Mar. 20, May 15
- Exec. Comm. (Wed.): Above dates plus Oct.17, Dec.19, Feb. 13, Apr. 17, June 19
- Sec/Intersect (Thurs. 9am):Sept. 6, Oct. 25, Jan. 3, Feb. 28, Apr. 25
- Finance (Thurs 12pm): Sept. 6, Oct. 25, Jan. 3, Apr. 25

It was noted that Nov. 28, the Wed. after Thanksgiving, may cause fewer conflicts than the Wed. before the holiday. Other dates to remember include:

- NYSPHSAA Meetings: July 31-Aug. 2 Ft. Wm Henry, Lake George (2), Oct 21-22, 2012, Jan tba 2013, May tba, 2013, July 29-31, 2013 Woodcliff, Fairport (5)
- The NYSAAA Conference is scheduled March 13-15, 2013
- Erie 1, Erie 2, Catt-Allegany, NO BOCES and Buffalo breaks for 2012-13 are:
Winter: Feb. 18-22 and Spring: April 1-5, 2013

13.0 GOOD OF THE ORDER/ ADJOURNMENT **Vantine/Wendt**
Respectfully submitted,



Cynthia Szczesny, Executive Assistant/ Recording Secretary