

SECTIONAL/ INTERSECTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairperson: Timm Slade

March 2010

ACTION ITEMS

- 2.3 Approve support for reinstating the Principals Representative position to each league on the Athletic Council.
A post-card ballot vote for the reinstatement of the Principals Representative position to each league on the Athletic Council was approved (Athletic Council March 24, 2010)

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- 1.2 Start dates for boys and girls soccer will remain as approved for 2010-11. Consideration will be given to universal start dates for fall sports for 2011-12.

SECTIONAL/INTERSECTIONAL MINUTES

March 4, 2010

Attendance (* indicates present)

Sect/Intsect: Buff: Dave Thomas CCAA: Ben Drake*, Paul Ksionzyk* ECIC: Andy Jacobs*
NO: Bill Stedman* NFL: Pat Burke*

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

Guests: Field Hockey Sportchair – Judy Otto*

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

1.0 Fall Pre-season Sports Reports: All were submitted except Girls swimming →
<http://www.section6.e1b.org/1139104911730900/blank/browse.asp?a=383&BMDRN=2000&BCOB=0&c=53046>

- 1.1 Field Hockey- The sport committee requests splitting Class B into B1 and B2. The BEDS #s for fall 2010 create the following class breakdown: A-6 teams, B-14 teams, C-5 teams. Subdividing Class B into B1 and B2 would make all classes comparably sized and balanced. B1 and B2 would play a championship to determine one team to advance to the Regionals. Sectional Intersectional Committee recommended and the Athletic Council approved doing the same for Girls Lacrosse A-6 teams, B1-6 teams, B2-6 teams and C-4 teams. Concerns:
- Past practice has been to allow a split in a class if there are 30 teams or more. Is 30 no longer appropriate? Should the # be sport specific?
 - Philosophy: Do smaller classes “water down” the competition? Or is good for the sport with equitable distribution of competition across the classes?
 - Cost: There is cost to run additional sectional tournaments. Is the revenue sufficient to make a net profit?

It was agreed that a written policy is needed for consistency in making the decision to split classes. The issue was **tabled for further review at a meeting scheduled March 22 - 1:00pm at Erie 1 BOCES to address issues concerning Championship Philosophy**

1.2 Boys Soccer:

- A split of Class A and B is requested on the same rationale as Field Hockey. The BEDS #s for fall 2010 create the following class breakdown: AA -13 teams, A-25 teams, B-20 teams, C-12 teams and D-5 teams. **Tabled until the March 22 meeting.**
- A universal start date of Aug. 23 was requested. Variances have been approved for ECIC, NFL and NO (Aug. 19). CCAA has requested a variance (agenda item for the March AC meeting). It was agreed to leave the start dates as they are for 2010-11. Standardizing the Section start date for all fall sports in 2011-12 (done in previous years) will be discussed at league meetings. Leagues can set their own start date on or after the section start date. **This will be an agenda item for the May 6 meeting T.Slade will discuss this issue with T.Marquardt.**
- Use of the state’s more lenient Sportsmanship Policy is requested. **T.Slade will meet with the boys and girls soccer chairpersons to discuss this issue March 4.**
- Use of neutral sites for semi-finals is requested again. A cost analysis from fall 2009 is needed before this decision can be made. **T.Slade will ask L.Ratajczak to present the financial reports for fall sports at the next meeting. The sportchair will be asked to obtain Venue contract proposals. This will be an agenda item for the next meeting. Districts that did not charge rent in 2009 may charge in 2010. If classes are split, home sites may be necessary.**

1.3 Boys Gymnastics:

6 schools participate. A tie breaking procedure for sectional team champion is being reviewed by the sport committee.

1.4 Football:

- A request for a Constitutional change regarding voting on sports committees will be addressed by the Policy Committee at their meeting March 4.
- Schedules: There have been concerns regarding scheduling. An alignment for equal caliber competition for D schools has been requested. **C.Funke will attend the March Athletic Council meeting to address concerns and the policies of the Football Federation.**
- A corporate sponsor is being sought to avoid a possible need for an increase in ticket prices.

1.5 Girls Volleyball:

- Linespeople: Elimination of linespeople in regular season girls volleyball was approved for 2009-10 only. Use of linespeople will return in 2010 unless addressed again at the athletic Council.
- Venues: **The sportchair will be advised to use high school sites for finals on Nov. 5-6, 2010.**

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2.0 Section Concerns

- 2.1 Seeding: Should there be a cut-off date for allowing changes to the seeding?
Tabled until the March 22 meeting.
- 2.2 Spring Sportchair terms expire 6/30/10. Leagues should forward nominations to the Section office. All current chairs have indicated an interest in continuing for another term.
- 2.3 Classification: Schools can move up to a higher classification for sectional competition but must remain at that classification through states (Section VI Constitution 13.3) There are concerns on this issue. ***Tabled until the March 22 meeting***
- 2.4 Athletic Council Representation: The Section was unable to nominate an individual for the NYSPHSAA 2nd Vice President position. The nominee must be a principals rep for the section. Jim Dunnigan is the only Principals Rep in the Section and he was not interested in the position. When J.Dunnigan retires, he will need a replacement. It should be a person who currently serves as a Principals Rep. Adding the position to each league will bring the Athletic Council back to its original size. The addition of the BOCES Superintendents in 2008 added 4 persons but the merging of Chautauqua and Cattaraugus eliminated 4. The Superintendents from the Far West region were in favor of reinstatement.

RECOMMENDATION: Reinstatement the Principals Representative position to each league on the Athletic Council.
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3.0 AC action items for the March meeting to date include:

- 3.1 Senior All-Star and Outside Agency Contests- Please remind your AD's that applications must be in **by Friday March 19** for approval at the March 24 meeting!!
- 3.2 Combining Schools for **fall sports** must be approved by the **May meeting**. Applications must be submitted **by Friday May 14** for approval at the AC meeting on May 19, 2010.
- 3.3 See the tentative AC agenda for other action/discussion items

4.0 Fall Sport Handbooks

Updating will begin early April after all pre-season reports are accepted.

5.0 New Business

- 5.1 Cheerleading: The policy listed in both basketball handbooks states "The number of cheerleaders admitted to playoff games will be limited to sixteen (16). The names of all cheerleaders must be on the Admittance Form in order to be admitted to the playoff-site without charge. Cheerleaders will not be admitted unless they are in uniform." NYSPHSAA limits cheering squads to 15 plus an advisor. Teams are arriving at sectionals with as many as 30 in the squad. Should the limit of 16 be removed and all cheerleaders be admitted at no charge? The sportchairs will be contacted for their input. A change to this policy for 2010-11 will be reviewed at the next regular meeting on May 6.
- 5.2 Wrestling: A proposal for a new tournament format with a Class AA, Class A and 3 small school tournaments will be discussed at the March 22 meeting.

DATES FOR 2009-10
Meeting on Championship Philosophy Issues 1:00pm Mon. Mar. 22 at Erie 1 BOCES
Teleconference meetings 9:00am- noon Thurs. May 6