

Athletic Council Meeting January 19, 2011 - Agenda Item 6.2

SECTIONAL/ INTERSECTIONAL COMMITTEE JANUARY 2011 REPORT Chairperson: Timm Slade

Action Items for the Athletic Council

- 1.4 Approve the Bowling proposal for a new Class breakdown (similar to wrestling) for a more equitable number of schools within each class effective 2011-12.
Approved Athletic Council Meeting January 19, 2011
- 6.1 Accept the post-season fall sports reports and the pre-season baseball, softball and track reports as submitted.
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Informational Items

- 1.2b Class D Football Alignment for 2011: Report
- 2.2 Practice at Championship Venues: Report
It was agreed that practice at the championship site depends on the sport and **should be allowed if there is a shortage of practice sites** (e.g. turf fields). Adding a statement to the Policy Manual on this issue will be an agenda item for the next Sectional Intersectional meeting.

MINUTES SECTIONAL/INTERSECTIONAL COMMITTEE

January 6, 2011

Attendance (* indicates present)

Sect/Intsect: 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: Dan Kaplan and John Seeley, Bowling

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

1.0 Sports concerns:

1.1 Girls Basketball Handbook:

- a) Page 9 states "A supervisor from each school will sit between their team bench and the scorer's table." Supervisors are not present to supervise players or the coach. It was agreed that the statement be replaced with "It is highly recommended that each school participating in sectionals provide supervision to assist Section VI supervisors as needed.". Both sportchairs have approved this change.
- b) Page 6: It was agreed that the reference to *Principal's* responsibilities be changed to *School's* Responsibilities

1.2 Football:

- a) 9th game: The Football committee would like to continue with the opt-out feature for a 9th game. It was pointed out that schools that made it to the playoffs were under the impression that they were required to play the 9th game if they lost in Week #8. The handbook indicates that losers of the sectional play-offs can opt-out if they notify the football chairman by the deadline. T.Slade will clarify the matter with the Football Chairs and report back.
- b) Alignment for 2011: The Football Committee's Proposal for Class D was forwarded to the AD's and Superintendents of the Class D schools for review. The D schools expressed concern regarding the placement of Ellicottville/ West Valley (combined). Also, BOE meetings within the week will determine whether other schools in Class D will combine. It was noted that these schools may not have a program if they did not combine. T.Slade will work with the D schools and the Football committee to reach agreement on the alignment prior to the January Athletic Council meeting.

1.3 Soccer: Awards for ties (co-Champions) has been past-practice. It was agreed that this is appropriate and should continue. This will be added to the Policy Manual.

1.4 Bowling: John Seeley/Dan Kaplan

- a) A proposal for a new Class breakdown (similar to wrestling) for a more equitable number of schools within each class was addressed. It was agreed that the proposal be implemented beginning in 2011-12.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the Proposed Class Breakdown for Bowling (similar to wrestling) for a more equitable number of schools within each class effective 2011-2012.

- b) Bowling will follow the new format of "C" schools competing against "D" schools and "A" schools competing against "B" schools for the morning half of the tournament. The afternoon session will have schools competing based on how they finished total pin-wise in the morning session regardless of classification.

1.5 Track: Divisional Track proposal for 2012 was reviewed. It was agreed that the concept of class champions is good. Coaches and the Chairpersons are in favor. Concerns addressed were potential loss of traditional league meets, the number of days (Wed through Sat.) and cost, especially for officials. League Reps were asked to discuss this proposal at their meetings. It will be an agenda item at the March Sectional/Intersectional meeting

2.0 Section Concerns

2.1 Venues:

- a) Boys Lacrosse: All High Stadium is being considered instead of Canisius College.
- b) Fall sports: The Post-season Calendar for Fall Sports was reviewed. It was noted that Field Hockey will probably not split classes as they did in 2010.

2.2 Practice at Championship Venues: Indoor sports such as basketball do not allow practice at a championship venue. It was agreed that practice at the championship site depends on the sport and should be allowed if there is a shortage of practice sites (e.g. turf fields). Adding a statement to the Policy Manual on this issue will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

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- 2.3 Ejection Appeal: There have been two instances where the officials organization overturned the call of an ejection of an athlete from a contest. The Executive Committee recommended (12/15/10) that for consistency a policy and procedure be developed that involves the Section (i.e. Executive Director and/or Sportsmanship Chairperson) in the process of overturning an ejection. It was agreed that the Section be involved in the process. T.Slade will meet with C.Bullis Policy Chairperson to develop a draft of the procedure. The draft will be forwarded to this committee for review at the March meeting.
- 3.0 NYSPHSAA concerns:
- 3.1 NFHS rules vs. NCAA, ASA, etc. rules: The majority of reps at the State Executive Committee meetings are in favor of moving to NFHS rules. Sports committees prefer remaining with NCAA, ASA, etc. rules. Direction on this issue may be needed in the near future. It was agreed that the Sport Committees are more knowledgeable in their sport and their opinion should be trusted.
- 4.0 AC action items for the next Athletic Council meeting to date include:
- 4.1 Senior All-Star and Outside Agency Contests: It was noted that some Outside Agency contests are being conducted without sanctioning. League reps are asked to remind AD's that applications must be in by **Friday January 14** for approval at the next AC meeting!!
- 4.2 Combining Schools: Requests for spring sports must be approved at the January meeting. Applications must be submitted by **Friday January 14** for approval at the Jan. AC meeting.
- 4.3 Calendar of Season Dates for 2011-12
- 4.4 Proposed Budget 2011-12
- 5.0 Old Business
- 5.1 Section VI Championship facility: A quote is expected on cost for lighting for the fields at ECC South. A package will be put together when the total cost to upgrade ECC South's facilities as a Section VI Championship site are known. At that point corporate sponsorship will be pursued. UB is also being considered. UB is interested but is investigating concerns regarding NCAA rules and guidelines on recruiting.
- 6.0 New Business
- 6.1 Pre-season Spring reports: No concerns were noted for Baseball, Softball and Track
Post-season Fall Reports: All sports reports are posted but none of the financial reports are completed. It was noted that the financial reports that indicate profitability of venues are pertinent when this committee makes decisions regarding venues. L.Ratajczak will have the reports completed prior to the Athletic Council meeting January 19.
All reports are posted on the website for Sectional Intersectional Committee review:
<http://www.section6.e1b.org/1139104911730900/blank/browse.asp?a=383&BMDRN=2000&BCOB=0&c=53146>
- RECOMMENDATION:** Accept the post-season fall sports reports and the pre-season baseball, softball and track reports as submitted.
- 6.2 Spring Sport Handbooks:
- Track: Sent to committee for review 12/22/10. To be posted 1/7/11
 - Softball: Handbook will be sent for review 1/7/11
 - Boys Lacrosse: Chair will send updates after the state meeting 1/8/11
 - Baseball: Chair will send updates after the state meeting 1/12/11
 - Girls Lacrosse : updates received
- 6.3 Voting procedure at NYSPHSAA meetings: As per the Executive committee (12/15/10), League and BOCES Superintendent reps to the Athletic Council and the Section VI reps to the State Executive and Central Committees vote according to the direction given the reps by their respective groups. This long-standing past-practice will be added to the Section VI Policy Manual and reviewed with league presidents.

DATES FOR 2010-11 teleconference meetings 9:00am- noon:
(THURSDAYS): **March 3, April 28**