

ATHLETIC COUNCIL MEETING May 19, 2010 – Agenda item 6.5

Section VI Constitution, Bylaws and Policy
Changes and Discussion Items

Constitution

1. Article 4 – Membership Voting Representation (p.5)
 - 4.3 added Principals Representative

2. Article 5 – Officers and Duties (p.6)
 - 5.1.1.1 President
 - 5.1.2.1 President Elect
Eliminated – “including all BOCES units of Section VI”

3. Article 6 – Athletic Council
 - 6.1.2.4.1.2 (p.8) Changed to Cattaraugus/Chautauqua Athletic Association and eliminated separate listing of Cattaraugus and Chautauqua
 - 6.1.2.4.3 (p.8) Changed to: Four representatives from each league.
 - 6.1.2.4.4.1.3 (p.8) Added Principals Rep
 - 6.1.2.4.4.2 (p.8) Added Principals rep
 - 6.1.6.2 (p.9) Changed to - Four (4) of the five (5) Leagues must be represented

4. Article 7 – Section VI Sport Chairperson 7.6 (p.10) changed to read:

The representative members on each sport committee will be appointed by each league and have only one vote per league. Other non-voting members may be selected by the Sport Chairperson.

Federated sport representative members that are appointed by their division, league or school will have only one vote. The Sport Chairs of Federated Sports that have divisions will verify that among division representatives each participating league is represented.

The Sport Chair may only vote when the vote is tied. A Sport Chair who also represents a league can serve in both capacities but will have only one vote.

5. Article 9 – Central Committee Representatives (p.14)
 - 9.1 Elected members must be from two of the three regions and ideally in sequential rotation. Additionally, rotation between leagues should be on an alternating term basis. Discussion: What happens if an incumbent wants to run for a second term?

6. Article 11- Grievance/Appeal Procedure (p.17)
 - 11.8 updated Appeal Panel Format

7. Article 12 – Nominating Committee (p.18)

Discussion: Do we need a nominating committee?

8. Article 13 – Moving up a Classification (p.19)

Item 13.3 changed to read:

Schools must compete within their sectional classification numbers for all sports except Ice Hockey. In the sport of Ice Hockey, teams may move up from the small school division to the large school division for the 2010-11 and/or the 2011-12 schools years. After those two years, the Ice Hockey exemption will be re-evaluated.

9. Table of Contents – added 11.8 Appeal Panel Format, p. 18

Bylaws

1. Article 3 – Executive Director (p.3)
 - 3.6 Performance Responsibilities - added
 - 3.6.2.16 Approve waivers for minimum number of contests needed to compete in Sectionals with retroactive approval by the Athletic Council.
 - 3.6.2.17 Approve applications for Senior All-Star and Outside Agency Contests with retroactive approval by the Athletic Council.
 - 3.6.2.18 Notify schools of disciplinary actions regarding violations of eligibility rules if schools response is not sufficient.
 - 3.6.2.19 Approve all venue contracts
 - 3.6.2.20 Determine in accordance with the Subsequent Arrest Policy, if the charge regarding the arrest of a sports official affects the official's duties or forward to the Section attorney to make that determination.
2. Article 4 – Standing Committees (p.8)
 - 4.9 Transfer Eligibility Committee
 - 4.9.1 Membership – changed to Chairperson appointed by the President of Section VI and members selected by the Chairperson
 - 4.10 Sportsmanship Committee – added –Activity and Review Councils
3. Bylaws – Table of Contents – renumbered pages

Policies

- 620 Subsequent Arrest of Sports Officials - Policy and Procedures
Summary of the changes (which are noted in red in the Policy Manual):
- a) The arrest will be processed only if the official is active in the assigning program arbitersports.
 - b) The arrested official is required to present a copy of the arrest/police report regarding the arrest to the Executive Director.
 - c) The Executive Director can determine if the charge affects the official's duties or forward the information on to the Section attorney to make that determination.
- 950.3 The Fund Balance will be divided into a 3 separate Reserve Accounts designated specifically for:
- a) Sports (65% of the projected expenses for Sports)
 - b) Office expenditures (an amount capped at \$50,000)
 - c) Special Use: This account will include funds for one-time special expenditures approved by the Athletic Council.
- The balance remaining after designated reserves have been set aside will be placed into a *Benefits to District Athletics Account* for items such as reimbursement for state travel, sports programs enhancements, or other uses as recommended by the Finance Committee and approved by the Athletic Council. The Benefits Account, when used as a reimbursement, will be distributed to districts at a rate of 1/3 per year.