

**SECTIONAL/ INTERSECTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Chairperson: Bob Dinse**

**September 2009**

**ACTION ITEMS FOR THE ATHLETIC COUNCIL**  
**Recommended by the Sectional Intersectional Committee**

- 2.1 Approve the change to the Travel Policy to require one coach per school rather than one coach per district to travel with the athletes  
**Approved - Athletic Council 9/16/09**

Conduct an open discussion regarding the elimination of the travel policy at the September 16 Athletic Council meeting.

- 2.2 Support continuation of the current Open Tournament for all sports (except football). A sport that prefers to discontinue the use of an Open Tournament format must submit a request with supporting rationale to the Sectional/ Intersectional Committee for review.  
**Approved - Athletic Council 9/16/09**

- 2.3 Refer the voting methods used by sport committees to the Policy Committee for review and update to the Section By-Laws if necessary.

- 4.2 Approve \$300 for the online entry fee as a standard operating cost for Track sectionals  
**Formal approval was not necessary since this is a standard operating cost .**

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

- 1.2 **BOWLING:** B.Dinse will invite the Bowling Sportchairs and Committee to the next meeting on October 28 to justify the proposed format and discuss the possibility of changing the date for sectionals
- 1.3 **BOYS SOCCER:** The decision to support the request for semis at neutral sites is postponed until cost information is provided. The Sportchair will be asked to submit the venue contracts for each site with estimated costs detailed, prior to the Sept 16 Athletic Council meeting.  
**Venue contracts received from each site indicated no additional cost. Use of these sites was approved by Sectional Intersectional committee by email 9/15/09**

# SECTIONAL/INTERSECTIONAL MINUTES

September 2, 2009

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

Attendance (\* indicates present)

Sect/Intsect: Buff: D.Thomas CCAA: B. Drake\* ECIC: T. Slade\*  
NO: B. Stedman\* NFL: P. Burke  
Section: R.Dinse\*, L.Ratajczak, T.Cowan, D.Scholla\*, C. Bullis\*  
Sportchairs: Track-P.Ksionzyk\*

## 1.0 Sports concerns:

- 1.1 Girls Lacrosse: The sportchairs clarified that the 4 divisions are for scheduling only and there would be 3 classes in sectional competition. The schools playing in B1 and B2 will be seeded together and placed in a single B bracket for sectionals.
- 1.2 Bowling: Two concerns were expressed regarding the proposed changes for sectional competition:
  - Moving into a post-season format with more elite bowlers may be a disadvantage for the C & D class bowler.
  - 3 weeks is too much time between sectionals and state competition.

B.Dinse will invite the Sportchairs and the Bowling Committee to the next meeting on October 28 to justify the proposed format and discuss the possibility of changing the date for sectionals.
- 1.3 Boys Soccer: The boys soccer committee requested approval to host semi final games at neutral sites: AA and A's at Hamburg, the B's at All High Stadium and the C's at Southwestern. The class D's will play at the higher seed for the semi finals. Concern was expressed regarding:
  - Potential additional costs charged by the host schools. The decision to support this request is postponed until cost information is provided. The Sportchair will be asked to submit the venue contracts for each site with estimated costs detailed, prior to the Sept 16 Athletic Council meeting.
  - Field of play: The neutral sites have all weather fields.

## 2.0 Section Concerns

### 2.1 Policy on Travel to State Competition:

- a) ***Motion to support a change to the Travel Policy from one coach per district to one coach per school CARRIED Slade/Stedman***
- b) The Track Chairman indicated that the Travel Policy has created additional costs for the participating schools as well as additional work and responsibility for the committee. The Track Committee recommends that the Section not be involved in transporting athletes. It was agreed that Travel Policy needs to be revisited. The Track Chairman was asked to present his concerns at the September Athletic Council meeting.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

a) Approve the change to the Travel Policy to require one coach per school rather than one coach per district to travel with the athletes

**Approved Athletic Council 9/16/09**

b) Conduct an open discussion regarding the elimination of the travel policy at the September 16 Athletic Council meeting.

### 2.2 Open Tournaments:

The Finance Committee has agreed that the open tournament is acceptable with the option to opt-out of participation. A survey of the Sportchairs (attached) indicated that the open tournament is favored and several sports agreed with the concept of a qualifying round.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Support continuation of the current Open Tournament for all sports (except football). A sport that prefers to discontinue the use of an Open Tournament format must submit a request with supporting rationale to the Sectional/ Intersectional Committee for review.

**Approved Athletic Council 9/16/09**

### 2.3 Voting Rights on Sports Committees:

It was noted at the May Athletic Council meeting that the By-Laws need revision regarding the voting rights on sports committees. Sportchairs reported past practice regarding voting on their committees (attached). It was agreed that the method of voting being used by sport committees is acceptable.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Refer the voting methods used by sport committees to the Policy Committee for review and update to the Section By-Laws if necessary.

- 3.0 Leagues are requested to review the following action items for the Sept. 16 Athletic Council meeting:
- 3.1 Appointments to the following Sportchair positions:
- Softball Co-Chair: Dan Brooks, Olean (current interim)
  - Girls Tennis Chair: Mike Venditti, Williamsville East (current interim)
- Nominations are accepted until September 16.
- 3.2 Combining Schools for winter sports must be approved at the September meeting. Report as of 9/4/09: [http://www.section6.e1b.org/1139104911730900/lib/1139104911730900/Comb\\_0910.pdf](http://www.section6.e1b.org/1139104911730900/lib/1139104911730900/Comb_0910.pdf)
- 3.3 Finance Committee recommendations: see report: <http://www.section6.e1b.org/1139104911730900/lib/1139104911730900/Finance09-8.pdf>
- 3.4 Minutes from the Executive Committee meeting with the Ice Hockey representatives 8/26/09 [http://www.section6.e1b.org/1139104911730900/lib/1139104911730900/ExecComm\\_Ice\\_Hockey\\_09-8.pdf](http://www.section6.e1b.org/1139104911730900/lib/1139104911730900/ExecComm_Ice_Hockey_09-8.pdf)
- 3.5 Minutes from the Executive Committee meeting 8/26/09 <http://www.section6.e1b.org/1139104911730900/lib/1139104911730900/ExecComm09-8.pdf>
- 4.0 2009 Post-season Spring Sports Reports (posted on the website): <http://www.section6.e1b.org/1139104911730900/blank/browse.asp?a=383&BMDRN=2000&BCOB=0&c=52953>
- 4.1 Boys Lacrosse: The Sportchair will be notified that boys lacrosse does not have enough teams in Class C to split for sectional competition (30). Splitting is possible for scheduling purposes only.
- 4.2 Track: ***Motion to support \$300 for the online entry fee as a standard operating cost for Track sectionals CARRIED Scholla/Bullis***
- RECOMMENDATION:** Approve \$300 for the online entry fee as a standard operating cost for Track sectionals  
**Approval deemed not necessary since this is a standard operating cost.**
- 5.0 Winter Sport Handbooks: Winter Chairs will be requested for updates next week.

**DATES FOR 2009-10 teleconference meetings 9:00am- noon:**  
**Wed. Oct. 28, Thurs. Jan. 7, Wed. Mar. 3, Wed. May 5**

## **SPORTCHAIR SURVEY**

### **OPEN TOURNAMENT FORMAT**

Results April 28, 2009

#### Sportchairs in favor of Open Tournament:

- Boys Soccer-A.Jaspe: Keep the open tournament. It helps to keep the interest of the less-successful teams throughout the season. It adds only one extra round of games for most schools. Teams have the option to withdraw if they choose.
- Girls soccer- C.Durr: The Girls soccer committee recommends to stay with the open tournament. Each individual school has the option to not participate for any reason - even financial! Not having an open tournament in soccer would, however, cut back considerably on field issues and availability of competent officials.
- Boys Volleyball-Walt Stefani: There is a lot of support for the open tournament. It affords valuable playoff experience to teams. He expressed interest in the boys basketball change in format as a potential for boys volleyball.
- Girls Volleyball-D.Schruefer: Stay with the open tournament, especially now that the season has been cut down to 20 games. That has a huge impact.
- Baseball-R.Kowal: In favor
- Softball- M. Kruzynski. The softball committee is in favor of keeping an open tournament. Schools certainly have the option of not participating, but we would like to allow as many people to participate as possible.
- Boys Basketball-J.Walker: Open tournament should continue, especially in light of the cutting of the number of regular season games. Participation should remain optional.
- Boys Lacrosse: The open tournament works well. Teams still have the option to opt out and some did in 2008.

#### Sportchairs not in favor of Open Tourn:

- F.Hockey-J.Otto: The majority of coaches feel that teams should have a .500 record for participation in sectionals.
- Wrestling -M.Debarbieri: I think it's ridiculous to have teams who are less than a .333 record travel to play a top team even in wrestling Izzy and I have talked about this from time to time.
- Football-C.Funke: Football would not be interested in an open tournament; the play-off structure we presently have seems to meet everyone's needs. Since we play such few games in relation to other sports, the second level Bowl Games have filled a need for many schools with 500 or better records.

**SPORTCHAIR SURVEY**  
**TEAM SPORTS with Open Tournaments**  
**A New Format** (approved for boys basketball) **for the Qualifying Rounds**  
Results 8/27/09

Field Hockey

This sport does not reflect the numbers needed to have the early playoff games as indicated in the proposed format.

Boys Soccer (7/17/09)

The boys soccer committee does like the format the b-ball follows. It does seem to reward the teams who do have a successful regular season which is fair. Todd

Girls Soccer (8/26/09)

The Girls soccer committee would like to stay with the current sectional format. Concerns:

1. This format does not address the issue of having more than 16 teams in a bracket.
2. If the bracket isn't "full", then the "new format" is no different than our current format.
3. The higher seeds would have too much time off between their final regular season game and their first sectional game.

Thanks

Boys Volleyball (8/7/09)

Boys Volleyball in Class A is doing something very similar to the Basketball New Playoff Format but we didn't for Class B (Number of participating teams were even and lent itself to the old format). Please see Class A Bracket in the Handbook (I believe page 12). I guess we will see how Class A does with the new pairings and go from there. I'd like to say that Class A seedings for playoffs for 2009 is a pilot and review it afterwards.

Walt Stefani, Boys Volleyball Chair - Sec VI

Girls Volleyball (8/10/09)

The attached format (for boys basketball) is fine.

Girls Basketball (8/11/09)

Girls Basketball will continue with the open tournament but will not use the "Big East Format". The following shall serve as rationale for the decision:

- \*we would have to start on Sunday for the first round so a team would not play back to back days and then we could have both boys and girls playing on the Monday after the seeding meeting
  - \*we had 16 teams not participate last year, thus avoiding many of the mismatches
  - \*several schools have already instituted a 33% win percentage to participate in open sectionals
- Additionally, sites and times for GBB sectionals are close to being finalized based on the above. You will be receiving them shortly. Leo

Ice Hockey (7/16/09)

The basketball format for sectionals looks good for basketball. We do something similar in Ice hockey by giving the top seeds byes in the 1st round and let the bottom teams play-off to get to the quarters. However, over the years we have not always done it this way based on the competition and number of teams. I think how a sport develops their play-off system should not be dictated by the section. Each sport is unique and different and should be treated that way. There is a process in place where one person is deciding what the play-off system is. The committee makes a proposal, it is sent out to the participating schools and leagues for input and vote and then approved by sectional intersectional and Athletic council. I understand that as a section, certain things need to be uniform but there are also certain things that need their autonomy. All sports are not equal and the same. Mark DiFilippo,

(8/10/09) I think it should be up to the sportchairs and their committees as to how to structure their play-offs. I would like to think that most sportchairs are going to act in the best interest of their sport. As far as ice hockey is concerned, we are in favor of open tournaments and usually have our bottom teams play off to get into the later rounds but that changes from year to year as we grow. I do not like the idea of the section telling us or any other sport that this is the formula that you have to use.

Baseball (8/27/09)

I find it acceptable. It does not however address baseball's biggest problem.....The City of Buffalo teams stealing seeds. Over the last 10 years City of Buffalo teams have "EARNED" number 1,2,3 seeds and all got destroyed. IT KILLS OUR BRACKETS!

Softball (7/21/09)

We would like to give this a try - our only concern is that the #1 seeds may have too long to wait. Hopefully we can compress things and make it work. Thanks, Mark

Boys Lacrosse

It would not pertain to us as it now stands- if it is needed by the basketball comm. - I would support it-john

**This sport does not reflect the numbers needed to have the early playoff games as indicated in the proposed format.**

Girls Lacrosse (8/10/09)

Girls Lacrosse maintains an open tournament. However as we have such a small number of teams in our sport, our brackets would look different than the basketball brackets you provided as an example. We have 6 A schools; 12 Bs and 4 Cs. The only classification that would reflect a bracket similar to boys basketball is the Bs. I would have to ask the coaches if they (as a higher seed) are in favor of or opposed to waiting perhaps a week or more in between their last scheduled game and first post season game.

So, if you are looking for a vote on whether girls lacrosse will maintain an open tournament, we will. If you are looking for a vote on the bracket as proposed by basketball, our sport does not reflect the numbers needed to have the early playoff games as indicated in the proposed format.

## VOTING RIGHTS ON SPORTS COMMITTEES

### Constitution:

4.4 Each committee will have one voting member from each league. In addition, a Sports chair (not co chair) has a vote on their respective sports committee.

7.5 Each Sports Committee shall have a representative from each league in the section to aid in the conduct of his office.

7.6 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 sports chairperson.

### By-Laws:

5.3.1.1 The Sports Advisory Committee shall be made up of one member selected by each of the participating leagues.

5.3.1.2 The sport chairperson can select additional members to participate on the committee on a non-voting basis such as: Meet Chairpersons, Site Chairpersons, authorities on that sport

Past practice: Voting rights on a federated sports committee are the same as league sports: one vote for each league or division represented. The chairperson generally exercises his right to vote when there is a tie.

<b>Sport</b>	<b>Leagues/ Divisions/Schools</b>	<b>Vote</b>
<b>FALL</b>		
Cross Country Boys	5 leagues: Buffalo, CCAA, ECIC,NFL,NO	1 vote per league
Cross Country Girls	5 leagues: Buffalo, CCAA, ECIC,NFL,NO	1 vote per league
Field Hockey	2 leagues: ECIC, NO	1 vote per league
<b>Football</b>	<b>Federated: 11 Divisions</b>	<b>1 vote per Division Rep</b>
<b>Boys Gymnastics</b>	<b>Federated: 4 participating districts (6 schools)</b>	<b>1 vote per district*</b>
<b>Girls Gymnastics</b>	<b>Federated: 14 participating schools</b>	<b>1 vote per school</b>
Boys Soccer	5 leagues: Buffalo, CCAA, ECIC,NFL,NO	1 vote per league
Girls Soccer	5 leagues: Buffalo, CCAA, ECIC,NFL,NO	1 vote per league
Girls Swimming	3 leagues: CCAA, ECIC,NFL	1 vote per league
Girls Tennis	3 leagues: CCAA, ECIC,NFL	1 vote per league
Boys Volleyball	2 leagues: ECIC, NFL	1 vote per league
Girls Volleyball	5 leagues: Buffalo, CCAA, ECIC,NFL,NO	1 vote per league
<b>WINTER</b>		
Boys Basketball	5 leagues: Buffalo, CCAA, ECIC,NFL,NO	1 vote per league
Girls Basketball	5 leagues: Buffalo, CCAA, ECIC,NFL,NO	1 vote per league
Boys Bowling	4 leagues: Buffalo, CCAA, ECIC,NFL	1 vote per league
Girls Bowling	4 leagues: Buffalo, CCAA, ECIC,NFL	1 vote per league
<b>Ice Hockey</b>	<b>Federated: 24 participating schools (including non-publics)</b>	<b>1 vote per officer on the committee**</b>
Indoor Track	3 leagues: CCAA, ECIC,NFL	1 vote per league
<b>Rifle</b>	<b>Federated with 2 participating leagues: ECIC, NFL</b>	<b>1 vote per league</b>
Boys Swimming	5 leagues: Buffalo, CCAA, ECIC,NFL,NO	1 vote per league
Wrestling	4 leagues: CCAA, ECIC,NFL, NO	1 vote per league
<b>SPRING</b>		
Baseball	5 leagues: Buffalo, CCAA, ECIC,NFL,NO	1 vote per league
Boys Golf	4 leagues: CCAA, ECIC, NO, NFL	1 vote per league
<b>Girls Golf</b>	<b>Federated: 7 participating schools</b>	<b>1 vote per school</b>
<b>Boys Lacrosse</b>	<b>Federated: 4 divisions (A, B, C, Non-public)</b>	<b>1 vote per division (public)</b>
<b>Girls Lacrosse</b>	<b>Federated with 2 participating leagues: ECIC, NFL</b>	<b>1 vote per league</b>
Softball	5 leagues: Buffalo, CCAA, ECIC,NFL,NO	1 vote per league
Track Boys	5 leagues: Buffalo, CCAA, ECIC,NFL,NO	1 vote per league
Track Girls	5 leagues: Buffalo, CCAA, ECIC,NFL,NO	1 vote per league
Boys Tennis	5 leagues: Buffalo, CCAA, ECIC,NFL,NO	1 vote per league

\* Boys Gymnastics: 4 districts (Am,Clar,Ham,Will), 6 schools (Am,Clar,Ham, WE, WN,WS) Joe Buscaglia as the Sportchair would generally vote only in a tie, but because he is a rep for a district he votes.

### **\*\* Ice Hockey Committee Members:**

Assistant Chair: Chris DeMarco-Sweet Home  
 Secretary: Brett Banker-KenTon  
 Treasurer: Nancy Riccio-Amherst  
 Discipline and Rules: Kevin Lester-Will South  
 Officials Liason: Steve Ferenczy-Will North  
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