

Athletic Council Meeting May 21, 2008 - Agenda Item 9.10

MINUTES SECTIONAL/INTERSECTIONAL COMMITTEE April 30, 2008

Attendance (* indicates present)

Sect/Intsect: Catt: P.Ksionzyk* Chaut: P.Slater* ECIC: T.Slade*
 NO: B. Stedman* NFL: P. Burke* Buff: D.Thomas
Section: R.Dinse*, L.Ratajczak, T.Cowan, D.Scholla*, C. Bullis*
Sportchairs: Mark Kruzynski*, Softball

- 1.0 Field Hockey: The Field Hockey Committee submitted a formal request to move modified to the spring. None of the leagues were in favor.
- 2.0 Wrestling: The state wrestling committee is proposing dual meet competition for NYSPHSAA. Currently 6 sections conduct these championships. It was noted that the concept is good but it would be an additional cost for participating the districts.
- 3.0 Indoor Track: The committee is planning to hire a site management crew to provide necessary supervision for athletes. The cost will be incorporated into the participation fee that each school is charged for the season.
- 4.0 Softball sites for sectionals: There was much discussion. The softball committee feels that it is important to conduct all 5 classes at the same site for a number of reasons including showcasing the athletes for college scouts. They plan to alternate the location each year between north and south. (Niagara Falls in 2007, Jamestown in 2008) . Due to a conflict with track sectionals, Jamestown cancelled the softball plans. The committee was unable to find an alternate southern location to conduct the 5 games so the site was moved to Niagara Falls. It was noted that the sports committees know what is best for their sport and are given the charge to make these decisions. Also, a school can opt out of participation in sectionals. A vote was taken to support the softball committee's decision to move sectionals to Niagara Falls 4 YES 1 NO. B.Dinse will contact President Amo with the result of the vote. Recommendation: All sports committees review travel time for the teams once the sectional participants are known and assist where possible.
- 5.0 State Committee updates:
 - 5.1 Classification of Non-Public Schools: The state committee met 2/28/08. A committee will be established to review a school's classification if the strength of program increases beyond the classification level as indicated by BEDS numbers. A request for a school's review can be submitted by any Section. Also, a separate post season competition for nonpublic school members is being reviewed
 - 5.2 NYSPHSAA's draft of proposed State penalties for violations of NYSED Commissioners Regulations and NYSPHSAA eligibility and sports standards was discussed. The leagues were largely not in favor. The penalties are too harsh especially for coaches and would be difficult to enforce.
- 6.0 Sports Reports: Posted on the website:
<http://www.section6.wnyric.org/minutes/min0708/ACmay08.htm>
Pre-season Fall
 - Boys Soccer report indicates that the accumulation card total would start over for post season (#4). There was disagreement with this. B. Dinse will contact G.Kaszubski.Pre-season and post-season Winter
 - Boys Basketball- Profit was down possibly due to early rounds being held during the week of winter break. This will not happen next year. Host schools need to improve control of collections at the gate. A maximum needs to be set for support staff for 2009. The basketball committee recommends continuing with open tournament for another year.

- Girls basketball- Profits were down. The Girls Committee wishes to continue with Class AA, A and B at ECC. Finance committee will review this request.
- Swimming needs to continue at ECC due to lack of deck space at high schools.
- Indoor Track- A site management crew will be hired for supervision. It was noted that offending schools should be addressed directly.

7.0 Fall Sport Handbooks:
XC, Football and Girls Gymnastics are in process.

***NEXT MEETING:**
August 27, 2008 Distance Learning Sites TBA