

SECTION SEVEN ATHLETIC COUNCIL MEETING
New York State Public High School Athletic Association
January 19 2023, 9:30am Frederick's Restaurant, Bolton Landing

MINUTES

1. Call to order and attendance

- Officers: J. Barnhart, J. Dann, J. Gardner B. Norcross
- Staff: M. Walentuk
- MVAC: M. Douglas, A. Gonyo, N. Short, M. Mills
- CVAC: V. McMillan, J. Manchester, W. Larrow
- Executive Committee: M. Graney, J. Harrica, K. McCoy
- Guests: C. Watson – NYSPHSAA
- Absent Excused – K. Lopez, M. Mills, S. Broadwell

i. Proxies:

1. C. Hartmann for G. Myers – **Harrica, Dann** **APPROVED**

2. Approval of October 6, 2022 Minutes – **Harrica, Dann** **APPROVED**

3. Financial Report – McMillan, Mills **APPROVED**

- Review of Fall Sectionals Financials
- 22-23 Budget Update

4. Executive Director Report – Walentuk

- a. Consider approval of Combining of Schools:
- Spring mergers will be approved by the Executive Committee
- b. Conflict of interest form
- c. Actions of the Executive Committee
- Approved several winter mergers
- d. Winter Sectionals Update
- Reviewed Sectional locations. Decided to host all basketball Sectionals at Clinton Community College.
- e. Girls Flag Football
- A motion was made for Matt Mills to be Girls Flag Football Coordinator
 - i. Norcross, Dann** **APPROVED**
 - A motion was made to approved Girls Flag Football as a Section VII sport.
 - i. Manchester, Mills** **APPROVED**
- f. Wrestling Sectionals Request
- A motion was made to approved the request to change the format of wrestling sectionals.
 - i. Harrica, Dann** **APPROVED**

- g. Officials Contract Negotiations
 - Discussed that negotiations will begin for the next officials contract. Our current contract is good through 2024.
- h. Sport Coordinator Vacancies
 - Football
 - i. A motion was made to appoint Pat Keleher as Section VII Football Coordinator. – Graney, Harrica **APPROVED**
 - Outdoor Track & Field – still in need of outdoor track & field coordinators.
- i. 23-24 Classification Numbers – Shared a document of BEDS numbers and classification cut-offs.
- j. Combining of Teams graduated scale
 - There will be a NYSPHSAA committee looking at the percentages for combining of teams. Unanimous support to have those increase at the C & D level.
- k. Baseball Umpires Pilot Program
 - Shared an email from Todd Nelson regarding a new system to certify baseball umpires through refpreps.com. This is even open to current HS juniors and seniors.
- l. Boys Ice Hockey update
 - Had a meeting with boys ice hockey officials and determined to get rid of the ice-cut after warmups. All of our teams will now go from warm-ups to the start of the first period.
- m. Important Dates:
 - January 26th – MVAC AD’s Meeting – Pitkins Restaurant, Schroon Lake
 - January 27th – Girls Wrestling Invitational
 - January 28th – Boys Wrestling Team Duals, Onondaga CC - Syracuse
 - February 1st – NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Meeting
 - February 8th – CVAC AD’s Meeting – Peru HS
 - March 13th – Spring Sports Start Date
 - March 14-17 – NYSAAA Conference – Saratoga Springs

5. Conference reports/concerns

- a. CVAC
 - Requested a change in the language of the operating procedures that states, “Planning of sectional activities shall be the responsibility of the Executive Director in consultation with the appointed Section VII coordinator of the sport and their committee.”
- b. MVAC
 - Concern about low number of baseball and softball teams.
 - Question on if we should have all-star meetings remotely. It is more convenient, but confidentiality is a concern.

6. NYSPHSAA report

- a) NYSPHSAA Office Report
- b) Central Committee Report
- c) Committee Reports
 - i) Handbook – There will be discussion regarding cleaning up a clinician is allowed to do at a practice vs. a board approved coach.
 - ii) CAC – discussed many items that will be coming up for action at the Executive committee meeting.
 - iii) Modified – There is preliminary discussions about adding 6th grade students to modified. Anyone with feedback is asked to send it back to Vickie McMillan.
- d) Upcoming Executive Committee Action Items**
 - i) Consider approval of removing the NYSPHSAA Note under the Mixed Competition portion of the NYSPHSAA Handbook. **Yes**
 - ii) Consider approval to change mouthguard requirement for soccer goalies to a recommendation (Modified) **Yes**
 - iii) Consider approval to increase the maximum number of events for Mod Track & Field to 4, providing one of the 4 is a relay and eliminate distance restrictions in the Modified track and field regulation. **Yes**
 - iv) **Consider various waivers of the representation rule**
 - v) Consider the league placement of Section 6 Charter schools. **Yes**
 - vi) Consider approval of the addition to the NYSPHSAA Combining of Team Rule. **No**
 - vii) Consider approval of an amendment to the Combined Practice Guidelines for 11-Man Football. **Yes**
 - viii) Consider approval of SPORTIME, Schenectady as the host of the 2024-2026 NYSPHSAA Girls Tennis Individual Championships. **Yes**
 - ix) Consider approval of Arlington High School as the host of the 2024-2026 NYSPHSAA Field Hockey Championships. **Yes**
 - x) Consider approval to follow the NFHS 1.5% weight loss plan, beginning in the 2023-2024 season. **Yes**
 - xi) Consider approval to eliminate the NYSPHSAA honor weigh-in beginning in the 2023-2024 season. **Yes**
 - xii) Consider approval to use the NFHS weight classes plus a NYSPHSAA lower weight, beginning in the 2023-2024 season. **Yes**
 - xiii) Consider approval of Boys Wrestling becoming a variation sport with Division cut-off numbers being 600 and above for Division 1 and 599 and below being Division 2. **Yes**
 - xiv) Consider approval of Ocean Breeze Athletic Complex as the 2024-2026 NYSPHSAA Indoor Track & Field Championships. **Yes**
 - xv) Consider approval of following High school sports standards for Girls Flag Football.
 - xvi) Consider approval of following the NFHS Football playing rules along with the NYSPHSAA Girls Flag Football Rules. **Yes**

- xvii) Consider approval of NYSPHSAA offering a State Championship in the sport of Girls Flag Football starting in the Spring of 2024. **Yes**
- xviii) Consider approval of Binghamton (various sites) as the host of the 2024-2026 NYSPHSAA Baseball Championships. **Yes**

e) **Upcoming Executive Committee Discussion Items**

- i) Consider approval to add a Spectator Sportsmanship Regulation to the NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship rule.
- ii) Consider approval to provide digital participation certificates for Regional and State Tournaments via email or accessible on the NYSPHSAA website.
- iii) Consider approval to revise the timeline for NYSPHSAA Executive and Central Committee meetings.
- iv) Consider approval of Boys/Girls Tennis becoming a variation sport and keeping the classification cut-off numbers at 600 and 599-below.
- v) Consider approval of revising Game Day Cheerleading State Championship to Sunday of Week #18 starting in 2023.
- vi) Consider approval of adding pre-season practice restriction in the NYSPHSAA handbook (football)
- vii) Consider approval to change the NYSPHSAA Handbook to allow the use of cell phones as distance measuring devices (DMDs) during the Boys Golf State Championship. **(Pg.)**
- viii) Consider approval to cap the scoring at three times par for each hole at the NYSPHSAA Girls Golf State Championship for a two-year experiment. Each section/league can set their own maximum at their own Sectional Championship.
- ix) Consider approval of Outdoor Track & Field becoming a variation sport and keeping the classification cut-off numbers at 600 and above for D1 and 599 and below for D2.
- x) Consider approval of removing hand timed standards for the second qualifier to the NYSPHSAA State Championship and only using FAT time as the standard.
- xi) Consider approval to remove the requirement for the Super Standard Qualifier must be in a meet with a minimum of 5 or more teams. The meet must be a formal meet using FAT timing.

7. Officials Report - We need more officials.

8. Other –

- Thank you to Mike Douglas for his time spent on the Athletic Council as an MVAC member.
- We welcome Noelle Short to the Athletic Council!
- Clarified some questions on the payment of officials process through CVES.

9. Adjournment – **Harrica, McCoy**

APPROVED

NEXT MEETING

THURSDAY, APRIL 27TH, 2023