

SECTION SEVEN ATHLETIC COUNCIL MEETING
New York State Public High School Athletic Association
September 10, 2020 10:00am Video Conference

MINUTES

1. Call to order and attendance

- Officers: B. Norcross, J. Barnhart, C. Mazzella
- Staff: M. Walentuk
- MVAC: M. Douglas, M. Mills, D. Snide, A. Gonyo
- CVAC: V. McMillan, W. Larrow, G. Myers
- Executive Committee: J. Harrica, T. Farrell, M. Lawrence S. Broadwell, K. Lopez
- Guests: R. McAuliffe – MVAC Executive Secretary
 - 1. B. Denis – Sportsmanship Chairperson
 - 2. R. Sutphen – Unified Sports Chairperson
- Proxies – R. McAuliffe for M. Lawrence
 - i. C. Hartmann for J. Manchester
 - ii. B. Denis for J. Dann
- Absent Excused – J. Manchester, M. Lawrence, J. Dann

2. Approval of June 4, 2020 Minutes - Harrica, Myers

3. Corporate Meeting

4. Regular Meeting

5. Executive Director Report – Walentuk

- a. Consider approval of Combining of Schools:
 - Football – Lake Placid w/ Saranac Lake (Mod & JV)
 - Gymnastics – Saranac w/ Beekmantown
 - Girls Swim – Seton, Saranac w/ Peru
 - Cross Country – Keene w/ Lake Placid
 - Football – Willsboro w/ AuSable Valley
 - All Sports – Indian Lake and Long Lake
 - All Modified Sports – Wells and Lake Pleasant
 - All Sports – Minerva and Johnsburg
 - B/G Soccer – Newcomb w/ Schroon Lake (all levels)
- ❖ Coaches First Aid Update
 - Working with Jay Pachter to establish time and date for a “hybrid” class of online and in-person prior to 9/21.
- ❖ NYSPHSAA Covid-19 Guidance
 - Document for Fall Sports was released on Friday, 9/4

- On Wednesday, 9/9 - NYSPHSAA moved Volleyball, Football and Fall Competitive Cheer
- Their guidance is sport-specific and incorporates DOH and NYSED protocols.
- ❖ Section VII Fall Sports Feedback Survey
 - Question 1 – Are you in favor of moving forward with the 9/21 Start date for practices?
 - 8 – Yes
 - 10 – No
 - 6 – Maybe
 - Question 2 – Do you want to push back the 9/21 start date
 - 11- Yes
 - 11 – No
 - Question 3 – What is your ideal start date?
 - 9/21 - 8
 - 9/28 - 2
 - 10/5 - 4
 - 1/1 - 2
 - Question 6 – Will you be offering all levels?
 - All levels – 13
 - Unsure or limited – 8
 - Question 7 – Are you favor of weekend only league schedule?
 - Yes –7
 - No – 14
 - Question 8 – Are you in favor of adopting a regional based schedule w/ nearby schools?
 - Yes – 13
 - No – 10
 - Question 9 – Are you in favor of being more restrictive with the face covering guidance?
 - Yes – 17
 - No – 6
 - Question 10 – Would you be in favor of delaying the start for modified?
 - Yes – 8
 - No – 13
 - Question 11 – Will your school be providing transportation during the potential fall season?
 - Yes – 15
 - No – 5
 - Question 12 – Would you support a condensed season model with Fall sports being played March-May and Spring sports April-June?

- Yes – 12
- No - 0

❖ Fall Sports Start Date?

- Much discussion surrounding the start date. Consensus was the section will support our student athletes by providing a schedule of games for schools that are ready to participate. Should a school decide to participate later than 9/21 the section will work to add those schools into the schedule and provide opportunities to those student athletes. The Section does not need to set a date unless we are being more restrictive. We will support our member schools with the start date that they feel comfortable with.

- Additional discussion involved:

- Swapping Spring and Fall sports
 - ◆ There's a lack of guidance and not a lot of time to plan
 - ◆ The feasibility of playing outdoor sports in March/April
 - ◆ The issues with overlapping seasons and multiple sport athletes
- Can Section VII run two seasons at different times of the year?
 - ◆ Yes we have the autonomy to do so, but schools would be limited to one season.

❖ Plan moving forward

- Would like to have more guidance and consistency on face coverings and adopting a potential policy for the Fall.
- Continued discussion on spectator tracking and enforcement
- Weekly scheduling to start and it's parameters
- Meeting with Section VII Superintendents on 9/11 at 1:15 PM
- Scheduled an additional Athletic Council meeting on Monday 9/14 at 9:30

❖ Important Dates:

- September 14 – Athletic Council Meeting
- October 8th – Athletic Council Meeting
- *October 21st – NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Meeting – Embassy Suites Saratoga?*
- November 30th – Winter Sports Start Date
- November 15th – Appeals Committee Meeting

6. Conference reports/concerns

- d. a. CVAC
- e. b. MVAC

7. Other

8. Adjournment – Farrell, Harrica

**NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING
8TH, 2020**

THURSDAY, OCTOBER