

SECTION SEVEN ATHLETIC COUNCIL MEETING
New York State Public High School Athletic Association
September 14, 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,
- Guests: R. McAuliffe – MVAC Executive Secretary
 1. B. Denis – Sportsmanship Chairperson
 2. R. Sutphen – Unified Sports Chairperson
 3. C. Staves – OCF & CPC Representative
- Proxies – R. McAuliffe for M. Lawrence
 - i. R. Sutphen for J. Dann
- Absent Excused – K. Lopez, J. Dann

2. Approval of September 10, 2020 Minutes – Harrica, Douglas **APPROVED**

3. Executive Director Report – Walentuk

- a. Highlights of Superintendent Meeting
 - Each superintendent reviewed where they are in terms of playing or not playing. Many superintendents were waiting for more information. Discussed the Section's stance in supporting those schools that wish to compete this fall.
 - Discussion followed centering around how to create a soccer schedule for those schools that wish to play.
 - Schools that wish to play this fall will have to tell the Section when they are able to play their first game and how many games they want to play each week.
 - Question about whether to hold Sectionals or not – no decision made.
- b. Coaches First Aid Update
 - Saturday, September 19th virtual session and on Sunday, September 20th there will an in-person session at an outdoor park. This is open for all coaches.
- c. Health Department Update
 - Spoke with Nichole Louis from the Clinton County Department of Health. She recommends everyone as masked as possible. She did think a spectator log is good idea that includes the name and phone number. Question about

how to enforce the face coverings. This is on each individual school, not on the officials to enforce.

d. NYSPHSAA Covid-19 Guidance

- Updated their guidance with football and volleyball moved to the Spring.
- Looking to move forward with some guidelines expectations for Cross Country and Girls Swim.
- The 7 day rule is waived on October 12th.
- On October 19th you can travel outside of Section VII.
- NYSED stated that if a fall athlete had a physical within the last 2 years that can count this season.
- Discussion of how to handle an athlete who cannot tolerate the mask.
- **Motion** to form committees in the sports of cross country, soccer, gymnastics, and girls swim to create sport specific Covid expectations. –

i. **Douglas, Harrica**

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e. Section VII Fall Sports Feedback Form

- Allowing schools to opt-in to the season.

f. Plan moving forward

- Sport Specific Committees as per the motion from Douglas, Harrica.

g. Important Dates:

- 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

4. **Conference reports/concerns**

- d. a. CVAC - None
e. b. MVAC – None

5. **Other**

- We will potentially meet in person at Ski Jumps. Will reach out beforehand to see who is interested.

6. **Adjournment – Harrica, Graney**

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NEXT MEETING

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8TH, 2020