

SECTION SEVEN ATHLETIC COUNCIL MEETING
New York State Public High School Athletic Association
October 11, 2024 9:30am High Peaks Resort

MINUTES

1) Call to order and attendance

- a) Officers: J. Dann, J. Gardner, J. Harrica, J. Barnhart
- b) Staff: M. Walentuk
- c) MVAC: A. Gonyo, C. Husson, R. McAuliffe
- d) CVAC: J. Manchester, V. McMillan, G. Myers, W. Larrow
- e) Executive Committee: M. Graney, K. McCoy, J. Dann, J. Harrica
- f) Guests: L. Silvernail - MVAC
- g) Absent Excused –S. Broadwell

2) Approval of September 12th Minutes – Harrica, Barnhart

APPROVED

3) Financial Report – Harrica, Norcross

APPROVED

- a) Review of Spring Sectionals
- b) Review 23-24 End of Year
 - i) Ended fiscal year with an unprecedented deficit.
- c) Finance Committee Recommendations
 - i) Increase ticket prices to \$7.50, \$8.50 and \$9.50
 - ii) Suspend Regional Reimbursements
 - iii) Shared payments of officials for team sport championships. Each school pays for 1 officials voucher and Section VII pays the remainder.
- d) 24-25 Budget Update

4) Conference reports/concerns

- a) CVAC – What are the minimum specifications for a soccer field? With new turf fields coming online in the next few years are we going to utilize them?
- b) MVAC

5) Executive Director Report

- a) Met with the SAAC on 9/15. Please periodically check in with your SAAC student-athletes.
- b) Concerns have been raised for flag football cut off numbers and earlier championship date.
- c) Complimentary Passes have been distributed. They are valid for 3 years.
- d) The new regional rotations in soccer and basketball give us a short turnaround time to set times and add locations if necessary.
- e) Robert's 3-tier proposal is a remedy

- f) Off the Field Sports will be mailing out orders this week. A big thank you goes out to Jeff Wood for setting this up.
- g) Coaches First Aid will be Monday, 11/4 at 3:30 PM – Info sent out in an email.
- h) Received a phone call from Ray Dretske, the owner of rschooltoday on Tuesday, 10/8. Playonsports will be discontinuing the Refview – assignments over the summer of 2025. More information will be forthcoming.
- i) Greg Myers is approved as the CVES special projects administrator and will be filling in my paternity leave absence. Greg will be attending the NYSPHSAA Executive Directors and Executive Committee meetings.
- j) Officials' Ratings – new process this year. Had some issues with rschool in initial setup, but also need ADs to ensure coaches are added. Otherwise ratings are not reliable.

6) Informational Items

- a) Actions of the Transfer Committee
 - i) Approved 2 hardship transfers.

7) Action/Discussion Items

- a) Consider approval of Combining of schools: - Harrica, Graney **APPROVED**
 - i) Boys Basketball (M/V) - Schroon Lake & Newcomb
 - ii) Boys Hockey – Beekmantown (host) w/ Chazy
 - iii) Boys Hockey – Saranac (host) w/ Peru
 - iv) B/G Indoor Track – Beekmantown (host) w/ Chazy
 - v) Wrestling – Beekmantown (host) w/ Chazy
 - vi) Boys Swim (M/V) – AuSable (host) w/ Beekmantown, Peru, and Chazy
 - vii) Cheer (Var) – Northern Adirondack (host) w/ Chazy
 - viii) Girls Bowling – Saranac (host) w/ Seton Catholic
- b) Off the Field Extension proposal – Myers, Barnhart **APPROVED**
- c) Executive Director absence
 - i) Motion to approve Greg Myers as the interim Section VII director and Treasurer
 - (1) Harrica, Norcross **APPROVED**
- d) Sport Coordinator Vacancies
 - i) Softball
 - (1) Motion to approve Amie Marshall as softball coordinator
 - (a) Barnhart, Myers **APPROVED**
 - ii) Boys Swim
- e) Section VII rep for the NYSPHSAA Foundation
 - i) Motion to approve Sanford Coakley as Section VII rep to the NYSPHSAA foundation. – Barnhart, Graney **APPROVED**
- f) Important Dates:
 - i) Thursday, October 24 – NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Meeting
 - ii) Monday, 11/4 – Coaches First Aid
 - iii) Thursday, 11/14 – Preseason Coaches Meeting, Peru HS – 7 PM

iv) Monday, 11/18 – Winter Season start date

8) NYSPHSAA report

a) NYSPHSAA Office Report

i) Schools without boundaries committee and start date committee will be meeting.

b) SAAC Committee Report

c) CAC Report

d) Modified Committee Report

i) Promotion Rule

e) Handbook Committee Report

f) Upcoming Executive Committee Action Items

i) Approval to add the following language to the NYSPHSAA Representation Rule,
“NOTE: For individual, individual/ team sports, when a school district does not have a team designated for each singular gender, the Section Executive Director may grant a waiver of the Representation Standard for Sectional Competition when a student has met the qualification for participation in the current school year's NYSPHSAA Championship event. The waiver request must be submitted to the Section Executive Director before the start of Sectional Competition (team and individual events are treated as separate post-season competitions for the purpose of this aspect of the Representation Rule). The athlete must meet all eligibility standards, to receive the waiver.”

ii) Consider approval to revise the following language **(BOLD)** for the NYSPHSAA Oversight Committee: “NYSPHSAA President will appoint **five six** representatives from the **five six** classifications at the beginning of the two-year term of the presidency, along with a **sixth seventh** member from a nonpublic/ charter school.

iii) Consider approval of waivers of the Representation Rule for various sections.

(1) Girls Tennis need 6-0.

iv) Consider approval of the 2025-2026 School Enrollment Numbers.

v) Consider approval of Football Classification Cut-Off numbers for 2025.

vi) Consider approval to include Game Day Rules and Regulations in the NYSPHSAA Handbook.

vii) Consider approval to regulate and impose a rule that bans choreography development of a routine to be used for Competitions prior to the beginning of the season’s official start date.

viii) Consider approval to create automatic qualifying standards for the Division 2 Indoor Track/Field relays.

ix) Consider approval for a new regional rotation in the sport of Boys Basketball for 2025-29 using the guiding principles approved by the Executive Committee.

x) Consider approval for a new regional rotation in the sport of Girls Basketball for 2025-29 using the guiding principles approved by the Executive Committee.

xi) Consider approval of Girls Wrestling USA junior freestyle rules,

- xii) Consider approval of Girls Lacrosse Classification Cut-Off numbers for Spring 2025.
- xiii) Consider approval for a new regional rotation in the sport of Girls Lacrosse for 2025-29 using the guiding principles approved by the Executive Committee.
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- xvi) Consider approval of adding a 3rd Classification and Classification Cut-Off numbers for Flag Football for Spring 2025.
- xvii) Consider approval for a new regional rotation in the sport of Flag Football for 2025-30 using the guiding principles approved by the Executive Committee.
- xviii) Consider approval for a new regional rotation in the sport of Baseball for 2025-29 using the guiding principles approved by the Executive Committee.
- xix) Consider approval for a new regional rotation in the sport of Softball for 2025-29 using the guiding principles approved by the Executive Committee.
- xx) Consider approval of NFHS Waivers for Softball playing rules.
- xxi) Consider approval for a new regional rotation in the sport of Boys Lacrosse for 2025-30 using the guiding principles approved by the Executive Committee.

g) Upcoming Executive Committee Discussion Items

- i) **(D)** Regional Rest Rule
- ii) Consider approval to add the following language to the NYSPHSAA Handbook, under 9. 2. In regard to the Foreign Exchange Policy, “This only applies to students participating at the Varsity Level. Those students that play at the sub-varsity level are not held to this regulation.”
- iii) **(D)** Championship Awards
- iv) **(D)** Consider approval to allow NYSPHSAA member Football programs to start practice on the Monday of Week #7.
- v) **(D)** Consider approval for a set of Super and At-Large Standards for the NYSPHSAA Outdoor Track/Field Championships.
- vi) **(D)** Consider approval to add language to the current rules identifying a minimum belt length. Specifically, the rules shall read: Flag length is 14 inch minimum from the bottom of the belt (including the clip) to the bottom of the flag as a measuring point
- vii) **(D)** Language change to current rules: The ball is spotted where the ball was when the player is deflagged. Proposal to change to: “The ball will be spotted where the flag is pulled.”
- viii) **(D)** Consider approval to change the spot of the ball to the 14-yard line after the following:
 - (1) The visiting team will have the choice before the toss – heads or tails.

- (2) The team who wins the coin toss has the option to defer, select offense (a 20-yard line start)- Change to 14-Yard lined start).
- (3) After a touchdown, touchback or safety- any play that results in a team starting at the first possession line (14 Yard Line).
- ix) **(D)** Consider approval for a new regional rotation in the sport of Boys Tennis for 2025-30 using the guiding principles approved by the Executive Committee.
- x) **(D)** Consider approval for a new at-large rotation to fill byes for 2026-30 NYSPHSAA Boys Tennis Team Championships.
- xi) **(D)** Consider approval to revise the Stacking and Lineup Rule for competition at the Sub-Regional, Regional, and Championship Rounds of the NYSPHSAA Tennis Team Championships.

9) Spring Post-Season Reports

10) Fall Pre-Season Plans

11) Officials' Report

- a) Attended two job fairs to recruit new officials. Covering games as best as we can.

12) Other

13) Adjournment – Myers, Harrica

APPROVED

NEXT MEETING

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23RD, 2024