

**Center for Interscholastic Athletics
Section One, Inc.**



Executive Committee Meeting

February 4, 2021

Attendance:

Dr. Marc Baiocco, Southern Westchester Supt.

Richard Calkins, Southern Westchester Sup

Michael Cring, At-large Athletic Director

Dr. Harold Coles, SWBOCES Supt.

Dr. Kris Felicello, Rockland Supt.

Dr. Matt Landahl, Dutchess Supt.

Dr. Brendan Lyons, Putnam/Northern Westchester Supt., President

James Mackin, Principal Rep, 1st Vice President

Joe Sigillo, Athletic Director, 2nd Vice President

Matt Cameron, Conference I

Roman Catalino, Conference II

John Bauerlein, Conference III

Todd Santabarbara, Executive Director, CIA/Treasurer Section One, Inc.

Jesse Merchant, Assistant Director, CIA/Section One, Inc.

Brian Howard, Director of Communications

Guests: (representatives of Putnam County)

Sandra Clohessy, Assistant Superintendent of Business

Steve Luciana, Athletic Director

Dr. Greg Stowell, Assistant Superintendent of Pupil Personnel

Absent:

Anthony DiCarlo, Supt. Liaison to Athletic Council

I. Call Meeting to Order

Meeting was called to order at 9:05 am

II. Approval of the Agenda

(A) Consider approval of the agenda:

Motion to approve the agenda: Baiocco / Cameron

Approved: Unanimous

III. Section One Report

(D) Review status of local county DOH guidance for “high-risk” sports

Dutchess County:

The DOH said they have been working with the other counties in reviewing guidance.

- *They have informed the Superintendents that this guidance can be shared as a best practice.*
- *The Dutchess County DOH does not intend to adopt any additional protocols, only as a best practice.*

- *Dutchess has received authorization from the DOH and most schools started yesterday.*

Putnam County: Did not receive the go ahead right away. Daily calls are with the DOH. Most schools have not started because they were waiting for the guidance.

- *Requiring board resolution or sign off from superintendent.*
- *Awaiting clarification on what constitutes a physical and clearance of prior Covid athlete regarding cardiovascular in writing. Discussed with legal counsel and will follow the NY State guidance as well as health history interval form.*

Rockland County: The meeting scheduled with the DOH, Superintendents and Athletic directors was postponed to Friday.

Westchester: There was a meeting held yesterday with the Westchester County Executive's staff and the Commissioner of Health. The guidance document was reviewed, and revisions were made.

- *It is important that parents understand the risk associated with playing high risk sports. The risk communication document must be shared with the families and the consent documents must be signed. This will take the liability off the school districts.*
- *Physicals: The language is now aligned with the NYSED pre-participation physicals language.*
- *Cardiological clearance: Clarification was given around the cardiology clearance for any students that have been diagnosed with Covid. The athletes will need a cardiological clearance from their physician. This is not a cardiologist appointment, unless the physician determines an EKG is needed.*
- *Wrestling remains a very high concern.*
- *The Commissioner of Health is encouraging schools to consider Covid testing but it is not mandatory.*
- *If an athlete tests positive, all students must quarantine.*
- *Code of Conduct: An additional line was added to the Code of Conduct document stating the signature below affirms that you have communicated with the district that there was a positive test result if applicable.*

Discussion:

- *It is important to have the Section One Executive Director involved in the meetings with the local county DOHs and County Executives. Information involving Section One and athletics should come directly from the Executive Director.*
- *Important for counties to consult with your legal counsel. Westchester has specified the board resolutions are a necessity and are advising against a Superintendent letter.*
- *The Athletic Directors are meeting today and will be given an update on what has been released.*

IV. General Action/Discussion/Information Items (Proposals)

(A) Consider approval to extend winter season end date for low/moderate risk winter sports

The Executive Director reported the following:

- *At the last Executive Committee meeting, the season calendar for the remainder of the year was adopted. March 14th was established as the end date for winter high-risk sports. The request to extend the end date for low/moderate risk winter sports (to mirror the end date with "high-risk" sports) has been discussed numerous times.*
- *Currently, the end date for low and moderate risk winter sports is February 28th. The Indoor Track and Ski Sport Chairs have expressed an interest in extending the season.*

- *Culminating events have already been planned and approved and would not be moved. However, extending the end date will give schools the opportunity, if they choose, to compete beyond the culminating event dates as long as they do not exceed the maximum number of contests.*

*Motion to extend the low and moderate risk season end date to March 14th for all winter sports:
Felicello / Mackin*

Defeated: 2 / 9 / 1

(I/D) Proposed Amendment to Section One Constitution

#5 Student Eligibility, letter e. Seasonal Sports Participation:

“Students may not participate in more than one sport per season”

The Executive Director reported the following:

- *The one sport per season standard is in the Section One, Inc. Constitution. Therefore, to amend the existing Constitution, a ballot vote with two-thirds of the membership in support of the change is required for adoption.*

V. Old Business

VI. New Business

VII. Good of the Order

VIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Bauerlein / Cring

Approved: Unanimous