

Section One, Inc.
Center for Interscholastic Athletics



Athletic Council Meeting Minutes

November 15, 2022

Voting Members	Representative
President	James Mackin
Conference I Athletic Director	Lindsay Zekus
Conference I Athletic Director	Steve Luciana
Conference I Athletic Director	Steve Young
Conference I Principal	<i>Vacant</i>
Conference II Athletic Director	Mike Arias (<i>Absent</i>)
Conference II Athletic Director	Anthony DeRosa
Conference II Athletic Director	Chris Galano
Conference II Principal	Rudy Arietta (<i>Absent</i>)
Conference III Athletic Director	Joe Ceglia
Conference III Athletic Director	Chris Drosopoulos
Conference III Athletic Director	Denise Kiernan
Conference III Principal	Joe Palumbo (<i>Absent</i>)
At-Large Athletic Director (Class D)	Andrine Trotman
Championship Committee Co-Chair	Tom Baker
Non-Voting Members	Representative
1 st Vice President, Athletic Director	Joe Sigillo
Superintendent Liaison to Athletic Council	Anthony DiCarlo (<i>Absent</i>)
Executive Director, CIA/Treasurer	Todd Santabarbara
Assistant Director, CIA/Assistant Treasurer	Jesse Merchant
Recording Secretary	<i>Vacant</i>
Guests	
NYSPHSAA Executive Director	Dr. Robert Zayas (via teleconference)
NYSPSHAA Assistant Director	Kristen Jadin (via teleconference)
NYSPHSAA Female Athletic Director Rep	Susan Reid-Dullea

I. Call Meeting to Order

Meeting was called to order 9:42am

II. Approval of the Agenda

(A) Consider approval of the agenda

Motion to approve the agenda: Galano / Drosopoulos

Carried: *Aye=12 Nay=0 Abstention=0*

III. Approval of the Minutes: N/A

IV. Treasurer's Report

(A) Consider approval of the Treasurer's Report

- *Cash Balance: \$812,892.15*
- *Reserve Balance: \$79,527.97*

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report: Zekus / Drosopoulos

Carried: *Aye=12 Nay=0 Abstention=0*

V. Officer's Reports: President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President

- *President – No report*
- *1st Vice President – Well wishes for the upcoming Winter season.*
- *2nd Vice President – No report*

VI. Sponsorship Presentation: N/A

VII. Section One Report

(I) Seasonal Dual Sport Participation: Ballot Vote Results

Defeated: Yes – 34; No – 40

Discussion:

Todd Santabarbara thanked the conference presidents for their hard work and commitment to working with districts to encourage those that had not previously submitted votes to cast their vote. This ballot vote had 74 out of 77 possible ballots cast.

VIII. NYSPHSAA Report: Dr. Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director & Kristen Jadin, Assistant Director

Dr. Robert Zayas reported the following:

- *The NYSPHSAA Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee is actively seeking representation from each of the 11 sections.*
- *The NYSPHSAA Executive Committee is seeking representation from each of the 11 sections to serve on a sub-committee to examine the placement of charter schools within Section VI. This sub-committee would be charged with providing a recommendation to the Executive Committee regarding these school's league placement.*
- *Ball Adoption*
 1. *The NYSPHSAA office is seeking permission from all 11 sections to complete an RFP on their behalf.*
 2. *Working toward a May 2023 – Announcement*
 3. *Implementation in Fall 2024*
 4. *Feedback has been collected from Section Executive Directors and Sport Coordinators.*
- *The US History Regents Exam recently changed it's dates of administration which now conflict with the first day of the Individual Boys Tennis Championships.*
- *The NYSPHSAA Budget Audit Committee is anticipating a roughly \$200,000 deficit for the upcoming year. In response, the committee is recommending an increase in membership dues over the next three fiscal years:*

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| 1. 2022-23 Base Fee: \$810 | Per Student Fee above 300 Students: \$0.86 |
| 2. 2023-24 Base Fee: \$900 | Per Student Fee above 300 Students: \$0.90 |
| 3. 2024-25 Base Fee: \$950 | Per Student Fee above 300 Students: \$0.95 |
| 4. 2025-26 Base Fee: \$1000 | Per Student Fee above 300 Students: \$1.00 |

- 2023 Fall Start Date: Football is approved to begin on August 24th, 2023, while all other sports are approved to begin on August 26th, 2023.

(I) Action items from the October 19th NYSPHSAA Executive Committee agenda
Susan Reid & Rob Pollok, NYSPHSAA Female & Male AD Reps

(I) Action items from the November 1st NYSPHSAA Executive Committee agenda
Susan Reid & Rob Pollok, NYSPHSAA Female & Male AD Reps

(A) Consider approval of a waiver of the representation rule for indoor track and field (6 to 4)
Motion to approve a waiver of the representation rule: Baker / Drosopoulos
Carried: Aye=12 Nay=0 Abstention=0

IX. Mergers/Combining of Teams:

(A) Consider approval of mergers for the 2022-23 school year

Motion to approve the mergers for the 2022-23 school year: Drosopoulos / Baker
Carried: Aye=10 Nay=1 Abstention=0

Discussion:

Concerns were shared by committee members regarding the approval of a combined team that included a private, non-region school.

Athletic Council has requested that the Merger / Combining of Teams committee examine the following:

- 1. The possibility of individual sports mergers advancing as an individual but not contributing to the team score and results.*
- 2. Additional consideration for application deadlines to ensure scheduling is conducted timely and accurately.*
- 3. If a school should be eligible to participate in a merger if they have enough players to meet the minimum threshold.*

X. Outside Agency Requests: N/A

XI. Self-Reports: N/A

XII. Friend & Neighbor Applications: N/A

XIII. Senior All-Star Applications: N/A

XIV. New Member School Presentations / Applications: N/A

XV. Alignment Appeal: Rye Neck Varsity Football
Joe Ceglia, Rye Neck Athletic Director

Motion to deny the appeal based on the language within the alignment document: Mackin / Trotman
Carried: Aye=12 Nay=0 Abstention=0

XVI. General Action/Discussion/Informational Items (Proposals)

- (A)** Consider approval of the three-year calendar for seasonal start dates (2023-24, 2024-25, 2025-26)

Motion to approve the three-year calendar: Luciana / Drosopoulos

Carried: Aye=12 Nay=0 Abstention=0

XVII. Sports Action/Discussion/Informational Items (Proposals)

- (A)** Consider approval of the Dual Meet and State Qualifying WRESTLING seeding standard

Jaime Block, Wrestling Sport Chair

Motion to approve the Dual Meet and State Qualifying standard: Zekus / Luciana

Carried: Aye=12 Nay=0 Abstention=0

- (A)** Consider approval of the 2022-23 Section qualifying SKIING proposal

Mike Ramponi & Jim Agnello, Ski Sport Chair

Motion to TABLE the proposal: Baker / Derosa

Carried: Aye=12 Nay=0 Abstention=0

XVIII. Standing Committee Proposals

Championship Committee, Tom Baker & Adam Lodewick, Co-Chair

- (D)** Consideration of the forfeit protocols and bonus points

Discussion:

The Championship Committee is looking to clarify language around forfeitures to prevent the team that is forfeiting to receive bonus points while preserving the ability of the team receiving the forfeit. This proposal also establishes a deadline for mutually declaring a forfeit.

- (A)** Consider approval of the amended split tournament proposal

Motion to approve the amended split tournament proposal: Ceglia / Luciana

Carried: Aye=12 Nay=0 Abstention=0

Discussion:

The Championship Committee looked to provide clarification around the language within the proposal. The following feedback was provided:

- 1. The proposal will be in effect during the Winter 2022-23 season.*
- 2. Will not be following – “Winners of each bracket play each other”
instead
Will be following – Top 2 teams in each bracket play each other, 1 bracket #1 vs 1A bracket #2,
1A bracket #1 vs 1 Bracket #2 (see proposal)*
- 3. Amended language: If an odd number of teams qualify (24 or more), the side of the bracket with the #1 overall (**seeding**) index, of all qualifying teams, will be the bracket with the fewer number of teams.*

- (I/D)** Feedback on the proposed winter 2022-23 tournament calendar and championship venues

Discussion:

The Championship Committee discussed utilizing the seeding meeting as a deadline for a decision regarding the use of a non-school based venue. The Athletic Council discussed the use of the January

30th Executive Committee meeting as a deadline instead because of concerns around the ability to host such a complex event on short notice. Final approval will remain with the Executive Committee.

XIX. Amendments to Section One Constitution: N/A

XX. Conference Reports

- *Conference 1: No report*
- *Conference 2: No report*
- *Conference 3: No report*

XXI. Membership Concerns: N/A

XXII. Standing Committee Reports: N/A

XXIII. Old Business

- Merger / Combining of Teams Presentation
- Football Scheduling Philosophy 2023 – Meeting report from October 28th
- Independent Football Declaration Criteria

XXIV. New Business

XXV. Good of the Order

XXVI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Mackin / Young

Carried: *Aye=12 Nay=0 Abstention=0*