

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



Athletic Council Meeting

November 17, 2020

Present	Absent
Anthony DiCarlo, Superintendent Liaison	Brett Miller, Principal, Conference I
James Mackin, Principal, 1st Vice President	
Joe Sigillo, Athletic Director, 2nd Vice President	
Adam Lodewick, Co-Chair Championship Committee	
Tom Baker, Co-Chair Championship Committee	
Bari Suman, Conference I	
Andy Guccione, Conference I	
Steve Young, Conference I	
Dan Belfi, Conference II	
Bill Pilla, Conference II	
Chris McCarthy, Conference II	
Joe Ceglia, Conference III	
Denise Kiernan, Conference III	
Chris Drosopoulos, Conference III	
Joe Palumbo, Principal, Conference III	
Andrine Trotman, At-Large Rep, Class D Rep	
Joseph Casarella, COVID Task Force	
Todd Santabarbara, Executive Director	
Jesse Merchant, Assistant Director	

I. Call Meeting to Order

Meeting was called to order at 9:35am

II. Approval of the Agenda

(A) Consider approval of the agenda

Motion to approve the agenda: Young / Baker

Approved: Unanimous

III. Approval of the Minutes

(A) Consider approval of the **October 27, 2020** Athletic Council Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the October 27, 2020 minutes: Young / Kiernan

Approved: Unanimous

(A) Consider approval of the **November 2, 2020** Athletic Council Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the November 2, 2020 minutes: Young / Kiernan

Approved: Unanimous

IV. Treasurer's Report

(A) Consider approval of the Treasurer's Report

Current balance is \$817,826.46

Motion to approve treasurer's report: Young / Trotman

Approved: Unanimous

V. Officer's Reports: President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President No Report

VI. NYSPHSAA / Section One Report:

(I) NYSPHSAA Officers & Executive Director's Meeting – *Monday, November 16th, 7:00pm*

- NYSPHSAA revised start date for winter high risk sports
- Updated Return to Interscholastic Athletics Document

Discussion:

- *NYSPHSAA intends to revise the start date of high-risk winter sports to January 4th, pending authorization from the Governor and NYSDOH*
- *Return to Interscholastic Athletics document has been updated with sport specific considerations on low and moderate risk sports*

(I) Update from NYSPHSAA COVID-19 Task Force Meeting – *Tuesday, November 17th*

(I) Concerns shared at Section 1 Executive Committee Meeting

- Increasing infection rate
- Potential for county-wide yellow/orange zones per matrix
- Limited indoor facility space – impact on modified sports

(D) Low/moderate risk winter sports scheduled to begin November 30th

- Skiing
- Bowling – *possibility of virtual matches*
- Fencing
- Gymnastics
- Boys Swimming – *recommendation for virtual meets to begin after January 4th*

Discussion:

- *Executive Committee will be meeting this week to review the status of low and moderate risk winter sports. Concerns shared at the last meeting include:*
 - *Regions moving into yellow and orange zones*
 - *Limited facility space. Many gyms (of smaller schools) are being used as classrooms or storage facilities*
 - *The increasing infection rate with multiple shutdowns in the last few weeks*
- *Boys Swimming:*
 - *23 of 31 schools will have a pool facility available after January 4th*
 - *All Conference's support virtual meets*
 - *There are 10 merged boys swim programs in Section 1. The districts involved will decide if they will continue with their mergers in 2020-21*

(D) Indoor Track & Field

- Potential for outdoor meets
- Review of Armory COVID-19 plan – *Survey: Will districts be permitted to travel to Manhattan?*

Discussion:

- *The Armory's COVID re-opening plan was distributed to the districts along with a survey to assess the number of districts that will be permitted to travel to Manhattan*
- *At the current time, only 16 districts have responded: 11 saying yes to travel and 5 saying no*

- (I) High risk sports have **not** been authorized by state officials to begin practice or competition
- Wrestling, Basketball, Ice Hockey, Competitive Cheer

VII. Merger/Combining of Teams

- (A) Consider approval of mergers for the 2020-21 school year

Motion to approve the mergers for the 2020-21 school year: Baker / Young

Approved: Unanimous

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

- (D) Consideration of delaying the modified sports winter start date to January 4th

Modified Committee

Discussion:

- *The Modified Committee recommends postponing until January 4th. Concerns were shared about facility availability, modified was not approved in the fall, and the increasing infection rate.*
- *Most of the winter modified sports are classified as high-risk.*

IX. Sport Action/Discussion Items (Proposals): N/A

X. Conference Reports

No reports

XI. Standing Committee Reports

- *Championship Committee: Many athletes were thankful for the opportunity to participate this fall. It will be a major accomplishment to get through the next week with the regional championships.*

XII. Old Business

- (D) Consideration to schedule a Section One Inc., bylaws work session

XIII. New Business

XIV. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Guccione / Mackin

Approved: Unanimous