

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



Athletic Council Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2020

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

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Call Meeting to Order 9:04am

I. Call Meeting to Order

Motion to open the meeting and approve the agenda: Ceglia / Trotman

Approved: Unanimous

II. NYSPHSAA Update:

September 9, 2020 NYSPHSAA Press Release

- High Risk Sports – March 1, 2021 (Football, Volleyball, Competitive Cheer (Fall)
- Traditional Spring Sports – April 19, 2021

III. Section 1 Update:

- Fall Season I Scheduling Philosophy (*September 29th start date*)
With the revised start date and the 10 practices now required for a student-athlete to be eligible for competition, teams will not be eligible to compete before October 10th, 2020. SWBOCES will reschedule a double round of league games (where possible) for fall sports. Focus will be on league play.
- High Risk Sports
 - Section One **has not** yet authorized open workouts/practices for high-risk sports
 - Status of open workouts

Discussion took place regarding the appropriateness of holding off season workouts for high risk sports. This discussion culminated in a recommendation that the Athletic Council and/or Section One COVID Task Force collaborate on a planning document with an established timeline for Executive Committee to approve. Todd will continue conversations with Sport Chairs and Presidents of Coaches Associations.

- Girls Swimming – Scheduling/Facility Concerns
 - Feedback from Conference
 - Sport Chair Recommendation – Fall Season II
Concerns shared regarding lack of pool facilities throughout our region. Survey of AD's supported moving Girls Swimming to Fall Season 2, beginning March 1st.

Motion to move Girls Swimming to Fall Season 2: McCarthy / Kiernan
Approved: Unanimous

- NYSPHSAA Sports Season Calendar 2020-21 vs. Section 1 Calendar
NYSPHSAA fall start date – September 21st
Section 1 fall start date – September 29th
- Review draft of COVID letter for opponents
A draft of a letter template for opponents (similar to football) was presented by the BOCES staff which included topics of importance as contests begin. Concerns over spectator policies, officials screenings and event staffing were shared. The letter would assist schools in communicating local level policies and procedures with their opponents prior to competition.

IV. Committee Reports

- Championship Committee
 - Post Season Philosophy

Members of the Championship Committee shared their hope for a playoff structure/culminating event in all Fall sports. The Committee drafted a possible championship schedule for the sports of Field Hockey and Boys & Girls Soccer). The draft will be shared with the respective Sport Chairs for input. The Committee felt that the Sports Chairs of Girls Tennis and Cross Country were best suited to make proposals regarding the possibility of a Fall season championship. Championship Committee will seek input from Conferences at next scheduled meeting.

- **Modified Committee**

Conference Presidents were charged with obtaining feedback from each of their Conference's regarding the status and offering of modified athletics. Discussion occurred at the Conference level so that Athletic Council reps were informed to best represent their Conference.

Discussion occurred referencing a slow roll out / "phased in" approach with a focus on Varsity and JV. Other suggestions included moving MODIFIED Fall Season 1 to March 1st (MODIFIED Fall Season 2). Several members of Athletic Council expressed their desire for this to be a local decision highlighting the importance of interscholastic athletics for middle school aged students.

Athletic Placement Process (APP) is a NYSED Commissioner's Regulation and is at the discretion of each local district per the adopted BOE policy. Local policy and regulation is not within Section 1's purview.

*It was reported that the majority of PNW Superintendents **do not** want to offer modified athletics. Further reported that all Rockland Superintendents **do** want to offer modified. Additional Superintendent feedback is necessary to help guide decision making for the Executive Committee.*

Motion to cancel the MODIFIED Fall Season 1 season: Ceglia/McCarthy.

Approved: 8 – 6 in favor of the cancellation of fall modified sports

Role Call Vote:

Young – yes

Suman – yes

Guccione – yes

Belfi – no

McCarthy – no

Pilla – no

Ceglia – yes

Drosopoulos – yes

Kiernan – yes

Trotman – yes

Baker – no

Mackin – no

Palumbo – yes

Sigillo – no

V. Old Business

VI. New Business

Albertus Magnus is requesting to appeal their current Conference and league placement due to the distance between league opponents. The school district has concerns over transportation and travel outside of their county. The request is only for the sports of cross country and boys soccer. The Athletic Council determined that they would hear the appeal at their next meeting.

VII. Good of the Order

VIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: McCarthy/Belfi

Approved: Unanimous