

Section One, Inc.
Center for Interscholastic Athletics



Athletic Council Meeting Minutes

October 14, 2021

Zoom Meeting

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Voting Members	Representative
President (or designee – 1 st Vice President)	James Mackin
Conference I Athletic Director	Andy Guccione
Conference I Athletic Director	Joe Luzzi
Conference I Athletic Director	Steve Young
Conference I Principal	Brett Miller (Absent)
Conference II Athletic Director	Mike Arias
Conference II Athletic Director	Dan Belfi
Conference II Athletic Director	Chris Galano
Conference II Principal	Rudy Arietta (Absent)
Conference III Athletic Director	Joe Ceglia
Conference III Athletic Director	Chris Drosopoulos
Conference III Athletic Director	Denise Kiernan
Conference III Principal	Joe Palumbo
At-Large Athletic Director (Class D)	Andrine Trotman
Championship Committee Co-Chair	Tom Baker / Adam Lodewick
Non-Voting Members	Representative
2 nd Vice President, Athletic Director	Joe Sigillo
Superintendent Liaison to Athletic Council	Anthony DiCarlo (Absent)
Executive Director, CIA/Treasurer	Todd Santabarbara
Assistant Director, CIA/Assistant Treasurer	Jesse Merchant (Absent)
Recording Secretary	Stacy Chimento
Guests	
NYSPHSAA Executive Director	Dr. Robert Zayas
Athletic Director	Susan Reid-Dullea
Athletic Director	Jim Rose

I. Call Meeting to Order

Call the meeting to order at 9:35am

II. Approval of the Agenda

(A) Consider approval of the agenda

Motion to approve the amended agenda to include the Outside Agency application for the Fall Conference Cheerleading Championships: Baker / Young

Carried: Aye=13 Nay=0 Abstention=0

III. Approval of the Minutes

(A) Consider approval of the **September 28, 2021** Athletic Council meeting minutes

Motion to approve the September 28, 2021 Athletic Council meeting minutes: Young / Kiernan

Carried: Aye=13 Nay=0 Abstention=0

IV. Treasurer's Report

(A) Consider approval of the Treasurer's Report

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

Carried: Aye = 13 Nay = 0 Abstention= 0

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

No report

VI. Section One Report

(I) Fall 2021 Tournament Calendar (*updated 10/4/21*)

- *An updated championship calendar includes an additional day for girls swimming due to the capacity limitations at Clarkstown.*

(I) NYSPHSAA Girls Flag Football Presentation

- *The NY Giants have partnered with NYSPHSAA to offer a grant to initiate Girls Flag Football as an interscholastic program in New York State.*

(I) Venue-Imposed Restrictions – Section Championships

- *Todd will draft a memo outlining any venue-imposed restrictions for our Championship events.*
- *The NYSPHSAA Championship Operational packets will include any venue-imposed restrictions for state championships.*

(I) Assigning of Vaccinated Officials and COVID-19 Test Officials

- *Dr. Zayas reviewed the enclosed proposal pertaining to the testing requirement for sports official. NYSPHSAA will be meeting with the state OCF to address all questions/concerns.*
- *Todd and the Section 1 OCF President have also discussed the testing/vaccine opt-out proposal and the implementation process and expectations of our local chapters.*

VII. NYSPHSAA Report: Executive Committee Meeting, October 20, 2021

(A) Consider approval of the October NYSPHSAA Executive Committee agenda items
Susan Dullea & Rob Pollok, Male & Female NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Reps

- Consider approval to freeze NYSPHSAA Membership Dues and NYSPHSAA Championship Ticket Prices for the 2022-2021 school year.

Motion to approve to freeze NYSPHSAA Membership Dues and NYSPHSAA Championship Ticket Prices for the 2022-2021 school year: Baker / Drosopoulos
Carried: Aye=13 Nay=0 Abstention=0

- Consider approval to revise the NYSPHSAA Amateur Rule

Motion to approve the revision to the NYSPHSAA Amateur Rule: Young / Baker
Carried: Aye=13 Nay=0 Abstention=0

- Consider approval to adopt a five (5) year rotation to fill the tournament byes/draw with at-large selections for the NYSPHSAA Girls Tennis Championships (2021-2026)

Motion to approve the adoption of a five (5) year rotation to fill the tournament byes/draw with at-large selections for the NYSPHSAA Girls Tennis Championships (2021-2026): Belfi / Kiernan
Carried: Aye=13 Nay=0 Abstention=0

- Consider approval of Girls Tennis Team Regional Rotation for 2021-2026.

Motion to approve the Girls Tennis Team Regional Rotation for 2021-2026: Baker / Belfi
Carried: Aye=13 Nay=0 Abstention=0

- Consider approval of Girls Volleyball Regional Assignments for 2022-2025.

*Motion to approve Girls Volleyball Regional Assignments for 2022-2025:
Baker / Kiernan*
Carried: Aye=13 Nay=0 Abstention=0

- Consider approval of Boys Volleyball Regional Rotations for 2022-2024

Motion to approve the Boys Volleyball Regional Rotations for 2022-2024: Belfi / Baker
Carried: Aye=13 Nay=0 Abstention=0

- Consider approval to allow schools to enter relay teams without individual athlete names in Boys and Girls Swimming & Diving.

Motion to approve allowing schools to enter relay teams without individual athlete names in Boys and Girls Swimming and Diving: Drosopoulos / Belfi
Carried: Aye=13 Nay=0 Abstention=0

- Consider approval of mandating all high school tennis players to claim their profile in the UTR system prior to the season and also require schools to submit their match results in a timely manner.

Motion to approve mandating all high school tennis players to claim their profile in the UTR system prior to the season and also require schools to submit their match results in a timely manner: Belfi / Galano
Carried: Aye=13 Nay=0 Abstention=0

- Consider approval to increase the minimum number of required contests from 2 to 3 for Competitive Cheer.

Motion to approve increasing the minimum number of required contests from 2 to 3 for Competitive Cheer: Belfi / Trotman

Carried: Aye=13 Nay=0 Abstention=0

- Consider approval of Boys Tennis Team Regional Rotations for 2022-2027

Motion to approve Boys Tennis Team Regional Rotations for 2022-2027:

Trotman / Young

Carried: Aye=13 Nay=0 Abstention=0

(D) Sectional Concerns

Adopt NYSPHSAA standard requiring officials to enforce mask mandate indoors

Discussion:

Dr. Zayas: There have been no updates to the DOH mask requirements. The guidance is much more restrictive this school year than last year. If the student cannot tolerate the mask, they are not permitted to remove the face covering. The expectation is the DOH masking mandate will be followed by all schools and spectators including off campus venues for all indoor state championships.

It is the responsibility of the school districts to enforce the mask policy not the officials. A proposal would need to be drafted and brought forth as a Sectional concern to make this change. Members of Athletic Council will work on a proposal to be sent the state.

Consider requesting a waiver to conduct virtual bowling matches

Discussion:

No proposal has been received from the Bowling Sport Chairs at this point but there have been discussions around requesting a waiver to conduct virtual bowling matches. Dr. Zayas has suggested getting support from the State Bowling Committee before putting forth a proposal.

(D) Six Classification Proposal – NYSPHSAA Ad-Hoc Classification Committee

Discussion:

Dr. Zayas: The agenda for the Executive Committee meeting on October 20th has been released including the six-classification proposal. The intent is for action to be taken on February 2nd with implementation to occur beginning with the 23-24 school year.

VIII. Mergers

(A) Consider approval of the proposed mergers for the 2021-22 school year

Motion to approve the proposed mergers for the 2021-22 school year: Drosopoulos / Young

Carried: Aye=13 Nay=0 Abstention=0

IX. Outside Agency:

- (A)** Consider approval of the *WRPD Fall Conference Cheerleading Championships* to be held on November 19th at Hendrick Hudson high school.

Motion to approve the Fall Conference Cheerleading Championships to be held at Hendrick Hudson High School: Kiernan/ Young

Carried: Aye=13 Nay=0 Abstention=0

X. Self-Report

- (I)** Use of an ineligible player – Yonkers Brave Football

Jim Rose, Yonkers City School District

Jim Rose self-reported the use of an ineligible Yonkers Brave Football player. Jim was invited to attend the meeting to provide an overview of the infraction. The school district chose not to act as a result of the use of an ineligible player. The details of the self-report can be found within the meeting packet and correspondence sent to the school.

Motion to place a one game sanction/suspension on the Head varsity Coach of the Yonkers Brave Football team: Palumbo/ Young

Carried: Aye=12 Nay=0 Abstention=0

XI. Friend & Neighbor Applications: N/A

XII. All-Star Applications

- (A)** Consider approval of Boys & Girls Soccer Senior All Star Game at Horace Greeley (November 6th)

Motion to approve Boys & Girls Soccer Senior All Star Game at Horace Greeley: Young / Galano

Carried: Aye=13 Nay=0 Abstention=0

XIII. General Action/Discussion/Informational Items

- (A)** Consider approval of a waiver of the representation rule for Girls Swimming & Diving (6 to 4)

Meg Kaplan & Chris Serra, Sport Chair

Motion to approve a waiver of the representation rule for Girls Swimming & Diving (6 to 4): Baker / Drosopoulos

Carried: Aye=12 Nay=0 Abstention=0

- (D)** Consideration to allow senior athletes to play at the JV level following prescribed restrictions

Greg Russo, Poughkeepsie AD

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

- (A)** Consider approval of the three-man officiating system for Boys and Girls Soccer post-season

Matt Allen, Rob Castagna, Tim Gavan, Boys & Girls Soccer Sport Chairs

Motion to approve the three-man officiating system for Boys and Girls Soccer post-season: Baker / Galano

Carried: Aye=5 Nay=3 Abstentions=4

Discussion:

Todd expressed significant concerns with the Sports Desk being able to cover three-man certified crews for all post-season contests. There is already a shortage of officials, and limited number of three-man certified crews.

- (A)** Consider approval of the amended Section 1 Swim Championship order of events
Chris Serra & Meg Kaplan, Girls Swimming & Diving Sport Chairs

Motion to approve the amended Section 1 Swim Championship order of events:

Belfi / Drosopoulos

Carried: Aye=12 Nay=0 Abstentions=0

- (D)** Consider amending the maximum number of contests in the sport of JV/Freshman Basketball
Standards Committee, C. Hodge, Boys Basketball Chair, C. Drosopoulos, Girls Basketball Chair

Discussion:

Currently, Section One is more restrictive than the state. The adoption of the proposal looks to align with the state standard of 20. This rule gives you the opportunity, but it is not mandatory.

- (D)** Consider adopting a Class C/D Boys Basketball Open Tournament
Class C & D Athletic Directors

Discussion:

Numerous questions, need answers and clarity prior to considering adoption.

- (D)** Consideration of the Indoor/Outdoor Track & Field default order of events
Bob Cimmino, Mount Vernon AD

Discussion:

Concerns were expressed with the proposal, especially in Conference II.

- (D)** Consider amending the NYS Dual Meet qualifier in the sport of wrestling
Jamie Block, Wrestling Sport Chair

- (D)** Consider the proposed system to determine True 2nd in the sport of wrestling
Jamie Block, Wrestling Sport Chair

XV. Amendments to Section One Constitution (requires ballot vote)

- (A)** Consider approval of the proposed amendments to the Section One Constitution

- Amend Article 5e. Seasonal Sport Participation
Rob Barrett, Yorktown
- Amend NYSPHSAA Executive Committee representation language
Susan Reid Dullea, Rye
- Amend Article 3c. Appointment to Section Athletic Council Membership (Principal Rep)
Jim Mackin, 1st Vice President

Motion to approve the proposed amendments to the Section One Constitution: Baker / Mackin

Carried: Aye=12 Nay=0 Abstentions=0

(D) Proposed Bylaws for Section One Standing Committees – Athletic Council (1st Reading - 9/28/21)

XVI. Conference Reports

- *Conference I: No report*
- *Conference II: Consider aligning with the state yellow card accumulation policy. A proposal will be put together and brought to the Sportsmanship Committee.*
- *Conference III: No report*

XVII. Standing Committee Reports

○ Championship Committee

- (A) Consider endorsing Clarkstown South as the site of the Boys Volleyball Regionals
Lindsay Zekus, Boys Volleyball Sport Chair

*Motion to endorse Clarkstown South as the site of the Boys Volleyball Regionals:
Drosopoulos / Young*

Carried: Aye=12 Nay=0 Abstentions=0

- (I/D) Consideration of the proposed winter tournament calendar and championship sites
Tom Baker / Adam Lodewick, Championship Committee Co-Chairs

○ Alignment Committee

- (A) Consider approval of the Basic Concepts of Athletic Alignment (Geography vs. BEDS)
Chris McCarthy, Alignment Committee Chair

Motion to include the BEDS based Conference structure proposal: Baker/Belfi

Carried: Aye=9 Nay=2 Abstentions=0

Discussion:

Motion to add language to allow Conferences to determine basic league alignment: Baker/Young

Carried: Aye=11 Nay=0 Abstentions=0

Motion to eliminate class pure language from the alignment document: Baker/Drosopoulos

Carried: Aye=11 Nay=0 Abstentions=0

Motion to include merger language that places a merged team in the appropriate Conference based on the NYSPHSAA Combining of Teams formula: Ceglia/Baker

Carried: Aye=11 Nay=0 Abstentions=0

Motion to remove Field Hockey from cross conference scheduling: Belfi / Baker

Carried: Aye=11 Nay=0 Abstentions=0

Motion to approve a three-year alignment proposal: Ceglia / Trotman

Carried: Aye=9 Nay=0 Abstentions=2

XVIII. Old Business

XIX. New Business

- *Drosopoulos: In the past season, a concern was expressed for schools that do not have lights combined with transportation issues. If schools are unable to get to games earlier, how should it be handled?*

XX. Good of the Order

XXI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Drosopoulos/Ceglia

Carried: *Aye=11 Nay=0 Abstention=0*