

Section One, Inc.
Center for Interscholastic Athletics



Athletic Council Meeting Minutes

September 28, 2021

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 (Absent) / Dean Berardo (Proxy)
Conference II Principal	Rudy Arietta (Absent)
Conference III Athletic Director	Joe Ceglia (Absent) / Rob Pollok (Proxy)
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
Executive Director, CIA/Treasurer	Todd Santabarbara
Assistant Director, CIA/Assistant Treasurer	Jesse Merchant
Recording Secretary	Stacy Chimento
Guests	
Alignment Committee Chair	Chris McCarthy
NYSPHSAA Executive Director	Dr. Robert Zayas
NYSPHSAA Assistant Director	Kristen Jadin
NYSPHSAA Assistant Director	Todd Nelson

I. Call Meeting to Order

Call the meeting to order at 9:37am

II. Approval of the Agenda

(A) Consider approval of the agenda

Motion to approve agenda: Kiernan / Pollok

Carried: Aye=13 Nay=0 Abstention=0

III. Approval of the Minutes

- (A) Consider approval of the **April 27, 2021** Athletic Council meeting minutes

Motion to approve the April 27th, 2021 meeting minutes: Kiernan / Belfi

Carried: Aye=13 Nay=0 Abstention=0

- (A) Consider approval of the **September 17, 2021** Athletic Council meeting minutes

Motion to approve the September 17th, 2021 meeting minutes: Kiernan / Belfi

Carried: Aye=13 Nay=0 Abstention=0

IV. Treasurer's Report

- (A) Consider approval of the Treasurer's Report

Motion to approve the Treasurers Report: Lodewick / Arias

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) Overview of Governance

- Roles & Responsibilities - Members of Athletic Council
Discussion: Per the Section One Constitution, there are 15 voting members on the Athletic Council. 2/3 of the voting members are required to be present for a quorum to conduct business. Conference Athletic Director representatives are required to vote representing their Conference.
- Voting Membership - President designee (1st Vice President)
Discussion: 1st Vice President, Jim Mackin has been designated as the President's designee for the purpose of voting, and 2nd Vice President, Joe Sigillo serves in an ex-officio capacity.
- Term Limits
Discussion: As outlined in the Section One Constitution, Conference representatives have three-year term limits that have been established within each Conference.
- Organizational Chart - Standing Committees
Discussion: A listing of all standing committees and their membership are listed on the Section One website under "About Us" and "Committee Membership" under the title "Section One Committee Representatives".

VII. NYSPHSAA Report: Guests: NYSPHSAA Office Staff

Report from Dr. Zayas

- Clarification was recently received from our counterparts at NYSED regarding the September 2nd Commissioner's Determination memo. It was identified that sports officials are being considered contractors in need of providing either proof of vaccination or weekly negative covid test.

- *The recent memo from September 22nd regarding “mask toleration” was reviewed. Masking requirements for indoor sports were discussed. “If a student can not tolerate wearing a mask while participating indoors, they should not participate”. Only ADA recognized disabilities will be granted medical exemptions according to the current guidance. Schools and Sections are encouraged to work with their local departments of health. According to the NYSPHSAA staff, the role of mask policy enforcement is up to the school district, not the officials. Discussion occurred around whether Section One would like to propose that NYSPHSAA mandate officials enforce the CDC rule for mask wearing be brought to the October NYS meeting.*
- *Various restrictions have been imposed by State Championship sites by either the individual venue or their regions Department of Health. An example of these restrictions exists in both Fall and Winter events being held in New York City. Currently, the NYCDOH requires that athletes, coaches and spectators follow their vaccination only requirements before entering a venue.*

VIII. Mergers

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

Motion to approve the proposed mergers: Young / Pollok

Carried: Aye=13 Nay=0 Abstention=0

IX. Outside Agency

- (A)** Consider approval of the **Northern Counties Cross Country Championships** (Pawling HS)

Motion to approve the Northern Counties Cross Country Championships (Pawling HS).

Arias / Drosopoulos

Carried: Aye=13 Nay=0 Abstention=0

X. Self-Report

- (I)** Violation of the NYSPHSAA Amateur Rule – Pearl River Boys Soccer

Artie McCormack, Pearl River Athletic Director

Discussion: *An athlete on the Pearl River Bos Soccer team violated the NYSPHSAA amateur rule. The prescribed penalty for the use of an ineligible player is a forfeiture of the games the student-athlete participated in. Artie McCormack was in attendance and presented the self-report.*

XI. Friend & Neighbor Application Process *(revised 7/28/2021)*

Discussion: *The State office has streamlined the application and renewal process. If there are concerns with a Friend & Neighbor, you are encouraged to contact the Section Executive Director.*

XII. General Action/Discussion/Informational Items

- (A)** Consider approval of a waiver of the representation rule for the Wrestling Dual Meet Tournament
Jamie Block, Wrestling Sport Chair

Motion to approve a waiver (6 to 0) of the NYSPHSAA Representation Rule for the Wrestling Dual Meet Tournament. Kiernan / Guccione

Carried: Aye=13 Nay=0 Abstention=0

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

- (A)** Consider approval of the four-class **Indoor/Outdoor Track & Field** Class Meet proposal
Maureen Myers, Outdoor Track & Field Co-Chair

Motion to approve the four-class Indoor/Outdoor Track & Field Class Meet proposal.

Drosopoulos / Berardo

Carried: Aye=13 Nay=0 Abstention=0

- (A)** Consider approval of the amended **Field Hockey** seeding criteria and All-League allocations
Rebecca DiSisto-Leslie & Sue Hughes, Field Hockey Sport Chair

Motion to approve the amended Field Hockey seeding criteria and all league allocations.

Kiernan / Young

Carried: Aye=13 Nay=0 Abstention=0

- (A)** Consider approval of NYSPHSAA **Football** Rule 10.08
Susan Reid Dullea, Football Sport Chair

Motion to approve the NYSPHSAA Football rule 10.08: Belfi / Kiernan

Carried: Aye=13 Nay=0 Abstention=0

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

- (D)** Consideration 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 table the amendments to the Section One Constitution: Kiernan / Pollok

Carried: Aye=13 Nay=0 Abstention=0

- (D)** 1st Reading – Bylaws for Section One Standing Committees

XV. Conference Reports

- **Conference I** – Most of the meeting was spent on scheduling.
- **Conference II** – No report
- **Conference III** – Experiencing difficulty with Conference Spring schedules. Section One Alignment Document stipulates class pure leagues within Conference which has created unforeseen challenges in scheduling.

XVI. Standing Committee Reports

- Championship Committee

- (A)** Consider amending the default time on SAT/ACT days in post-season (does not include finals)
Tom Baker / Adam Lodewick, Championship Committee Co-Chairs

Motion to approve the amended default start time on SAT/ACT days in post season.

Drosopoulos / Young

Carried: Aye=13 Nay=0 Abstention=0

(A) Consider approval of the amended Section 1 Championship Protocols

Tom Baker / Adam Lodewick, Championship Committee Co-Chairs

Motion to approve the amended Section 1 Championship Protocols

Drosopoulos / Berardo

Carried: Aye=13 Nay=0 Abstention=0

(A) Consider approval of the post-season Football COVID Protocols for Fall 2021

Susan Dullea, Football Sport Chair

Motion to approve the post-season Football COVID Protocols for Fall 2021.

Drosopoulos / Young

Carried: Aye=13 Nay=0 Abstention=0

(A) Consider approval of the creation of a Section 1 Seeding Committee

Motion to approve the creation of a Section 1 Seeding Committee: Young / Kiernan

Carried: Aye=13 Nay=0 Abstention=0

(I/D) Consideration of the proposed winter tournament calendar and championship sites

Tom Baker / Adam Lodewick, Championship Committee Co-Chairs

Discussion: Council members expressed a need to prepare a press release for the public regarding venue-imposed COVID protocols (e.g. mandatory vaccination and/or COVID testing protocols) at championship sites.

○ Alignment Committee

(D) Consideration of the geographical, mixed classification Conference structure

Chris McCarthy, Alignment Committee Chair

Discussion: Possible changes to alignment will be grounded in addressing the needs of the member schools. Among the needs shared by committee members were, the challenges in creating schedules, addressing league size, accommodating leagues with schools that do not offer a full complement of programs.

XVII. Old Business

XVIII. New Business

(I) Commissioner's Determination on COVID-19 Testing Pursuant to 10 NYCRR 2.62

Motion to amend the agenda: To permit alternative spring sports league structure to fit the needs of Conference III schools: Trotman / Arias

Carried: Aye=13 Nay=0 Abstention=0

Motion to permit alternative spring sports league structure to fit the needs of Conference III schools: Trotman / Drosopoulos

Carried: Aye=13 Nay=0 Abstention=0

XIX. Good of the Order

XX. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Drosopoulos / Mackin

Carried: Aye=13 Nay=0 Abstention=0

Next Meeting:
October 14, 2021
9:30am