

Section One, Inc.
Center for Interscholastic Athletics



Athletic Council Meeting Minutes

October 13, 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
Conference II Athletic Director	Anthony DeRosa (<i>Absent</i>)
Conference II Athletic Director	Chris Galano
Conference II Principal	Rudy Arietta
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	Adam Lodewick
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	
NYSPSHAA Executive Director	Robert Zayas
NYSPHSAA Female Athletic Director Rep	Susan Reid-Dullea

I. Call Meeting to Order

Meeting was called to order 9:45am

II. Approval of the Agenda

(A) Consider approval of the agenda

Motion to amend the agenda to include the Bonus Point Proposal: Kiernan / Drosopoulos

Carried: Aye=13 Nay=0 Abstention=0

III. Approval of the Minutes: N/A

(A) Consider approval of the **September 22, 2022** Athletic Council meeting minutes

*Motion to approve the **September 22, 2022** Athletic Council meeting minutes: Luciana / Drosopoulos*

Carried: Aye=13 Nay=0 Abstention=0

IV. Treasurer's Report

(A) Consider approval of the Treasurer's Report

- *Cash Balance: \$880,757.99*
- *Reserve Balance: \$79,527.15*

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

Carried: Aye=13 Nay=0 Abstention=0

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

President – *No report*

1st Vice President – *No report*

2nd Vice President – *Absent*

VI. Sponsorship Presentation: N/A

VII. Section One Report

(I) Status of DEI Member Schools Pledge

Discussion:

Todd Santabarbara reported on the status of the DEI Member Pledge including the progress toward complete participation. Conference Presidents will be utilized to follow up with all outstanding schools. The Athletic Council would like to continue discussion on a prescribed penalty for a school who does not complete the pledge.

(I) Purchase College Covid Protocols (Diving Championships)

VIII. NYSPHSAA Report: Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director

(A) Consider approval of the October 19th NYSPHSAA Executive Committee agenda

Susan Reid & Rob Pollok, NYSPHSAA Female & Male AD Reps

- Consider approval of the addition of Wrestling Officials at the NYSPHSAA Individual Championships.

Motion to approve the addition of Wrestling Officials at the NYSPHSAA Individual Championships: Baker / Drosopoulos

Carried: Aye=13 Nay=0 Abstention=0

- Consider approval to add Spectator Sportsmanship expectations to the NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Rule.

Motion to approve the addition of the Spectator Sportsmanship expectations to the NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Rule: Drosopoulos / Young

Carried: Aye=13 Nay=0 Abstention=0

- Consider approval to add a Spectator Sportsmanship Regulation to the NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Rule.
Motion to approve the addition of the Spectator Sportsmanship regulation to the NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Rule: Luciana / Ceglia
Carried: Aye=13 Nay=0 Abstention=0
- Consider approval of a one-year waiver (pilot) of the NYSPHSAA Representation Rule for Unified sports.
Motion to approve the one-year waiver (pilot) of the NYSPHSAA Representation Rule for Unified sports: Ceglia / Trotman
Carried: Aye=12 Nay=0 Abstention=0
- Consider approval to require Unified coaches to take the NFHS Coaching Unified Sports Course.
Motion to approve the requirement for Unified coaches to take the NFHS Coaching Unified Sports Course: Young / Kiernan
Carried: Aye=12 Nay=0 Abstention=0
- Consider approval of waivers of the Representation Rule for various sections.
Motion to approve the waivers of the Representation Rule for various sections: Kiernan / Young
Carried: Aye=12 Nay=0 Abstention=0
- Consider approval of Friend & Neighbor and new member schools.
Motion to approve the Friend & Neighbor and new member schools: Luciana / Kiernan
Carried: Aye=12 Nay=0 Abstention=0
- Consider approval of 2023-2024 school enrollment numbers.
Motion to approve the 2023-2024 school enrollment numbers: Young / Luciana
Carried: Aye=12 Nay=0 Abstention=0
- Consider approval of Boys Soccer Classification Cut-off numbers for six classes.
Motion to approve the Boys Soccer Cut-off numbers: Young / Luciana
Carried: Aye=12 Nay=0 Abstention=0
- Consider approval of Girls Soccer Classification Cut-off numbers for six classes.
Motion to approve the Girls Soccer Cut-off numbers: Young / Luciana
Carried: Aye=12 Nay=0 Abstention=0
- Consider approval of Boys basketball Classification Cut-off numbers for six classes.
Motion to approve the Boys Basketball Cut-off numbers: Young / Luciana
Carried: Aye=12 Nay=0 Abstention=0
- Consider approval of Girls Basketball Classification Cut-off numbers for six classes.
Motion to approve the Girls Basketball Cut-off numbers: Young / Luciana
Carried: Aye=12 Nay=0 Abstention=0
- Consider approval of Baseball Classification Cut-off numbers for six classes.

Motion to approve the Baseball Cut-off numbers: Young / Luciana

Carried: Aye=12 Nay=0 Abstention=0

- Consider approval of Softball Classification Cut-off numbers for six classes.

Motion to approve the Softball Cut-off numbers: Young / Luciana

Carried: Aye=12 Nay=0 Abstention=0

- Consider approval of Girls Volleyball Classification Cut-off numbers for six classes.

Motion to approve the Girls Volleyball Cut-off numbers: Young / Luciana

Carried: Aye=12 Nay=0 Abstention=0

- Consider approval to establish a Game Day Cheerleading Championships in the Fall 2023.

Motion to approve the Game Day Cheerleading Championships for the Fall 2023:

Kiernan / Lodewick

Carried: Aye=13 Nay=0 Abstention=0

- Consider approval to increase the allowable yellow cards in the Boys Soccer post season.

Motion to approve the increase to allowable yellow cards in the Boys Soccer postseason:

Luciana / Kiernan

Carried: Aye=13 Nay=0 Abstention=0

- Consider approval of Queensbury High School (2024 & 2026) and Letchworth State Park (2025) as the hosts of the NYSPHSAA Cross Country Championships.

Motion to approve Queensbury HS ('24 & '26) and Letchworth State Park ('25) as hosts:

Arias / Trotman

Carried: Aye=13 Nay=0 Abstention=0

- Consider approval to continue having the shot clock reset to 20 seconds, in predefined situations, when the shot clock is below 20 seconds.

Motion to approve the shot clock being reset to 20 seconds: Trotman / Young

Carried: Aye=13 Nay=0 Abstention=0

- Consider approval to continue having the official count the 10- seconds required to get the ball over half court.

Motion to approve the officials 10 second count: Trotman / Young

Carried: Aye=13 Nay=0 Abstention=0

- Consider approval to extend the current weight class system (13 weight classes) for the 2022-2023 school year in the sport of Wrestling.

Motion to approve the extension of the current weight class system (13 weight classes) for the 2022-2023 school year in the sport of Wrestling: Zekus / Trotman

Carried: Aye=13 Nay=0 Abstention=0

- Consider approval of using the NFHS 12 female weight classes along with a NYSPHSAA weight class of 94lbs in Girls Wrestling.

Motion to approve the NFHS 12 female weight classes along with a NYSPHSAA weight class of 94lbs in Girls Wrestling: Luciana / Trotman

Carried: Aye=13 Nay=0 Abstention=0

- Consider approval of a 2-year waiver for the maximum number of tournaments (6) by a wrestler for female only tournaments.
Motion to approve the 2-year waiver for the maximum number of tournaments (6) by a wrestler for female only tournaments: Young / Trotman
Carried: Aye=11 Nay=0 Abstention=0
- Consider approval of a 2-year waiver of the NYSPHSAA Representation Rule from 6 to 3 for girls wrestling (post season only).
Motion to approve the 2-year waiver of the NYSPHSAA Representation Rule from 6 to 3 for girls wrestling (post season only): Young / Luciana
Carried: Aye=12 Nay=0 Abstention=0
- Consider approval of NYSPHSAA hosting a Girls Only Wrestling Invitational Tournament during the 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years.
Motion to approve NYSPHSAA hosting a Girls Only Wrestling Invitational Tournament during the 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years: Trotman / Zekus
Carried: Aye=12 Nay=0 Abstention=0
- Consider approval of a Two-Day tournament in the sport of Softball to be implemented at the 2023 state championships.
Motion to approve the Two-Day tournament in the sport of Softball to be implemented at the 2023 state championships: Kiernan / Luciana
Carried: Aye=13 Nay=0 Abstention=0

(I/D) Sectional Concerns:

a. Boys Lacrosse Regional Rotations

Discussion:

The structure of the tournament was reviewed highlighting the differences from the majority of the state to Long Island. The Section One Boys Lacrosse Sport Chair is seeking a more equitable distribution of sub-regional match ups so that no one section carries a larger burden. The Council felt that this should likely be looked at in all sports.

b. Handbook language outlining prescribed NYSPHSAA penalty for incident of bias

Discussion:

Dr. Zayas shared that this section concern would be part of the ongoing work of the newly formed NYSPHSAA DEI Committee meeting in the new year.

c. The examination of the difference between cards in the sport of Soccer

Discussion:

Members of the Committee shared concerns about the impacts of various offenses in the sport of soccer.

(A) Consider approval of a waiver of the representation rule for skiing (6 to 3)

Motion to approve the waiver of the representation rule for skiing (6 to 3): Kiernan / Young

Carried: Aye=13 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: Kiernan / Ceglia

Carried: Aye=9 Nay=4 Abstention=0

Discussion:

Concerns were shared by committee members regarding the approval of a combined team for a team sport with as few players on the floor as Basketball. Athletic Council has requested that the Merger / Combining of Teams committee examine the following:

- 1. Policies and Procedures around the approval of Merged / Combined Teams*
- 2. Possible changes effective Fall 2023*
- 3. Application deadlines*

X. Outside Agency Requests: N/A

XI. Self-Reports: N/A

XII. Friend & Neighbor Applications: N/A

XIII. Senior All-Star Applications:

(A) Consider approval of the FIELD HOCKEY Senior All Star game (November 13th at Horace Greeley)

Motion to approve the Field Hockey All Star Game: Zekus / Young

Carried: Aye=11 Nay=2 Abstention=0

(D) Consider approval of the GIRLS VOLLEYBALL Senior All Star game (November 19th at White Plains)

Motion to amend the agenda to include the Girls Volleyball All-Star game: Drosopoulos / Zekus

Carried: Aye=13 Nay=0 Abstention=0

Motion to approve the Girls Volleyball All Star Game: Young / Zekus

Carried: Aye=11 Nay=2 Abstention=0

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

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

(A) Consider approval of the amended All-League formula

Conference II Athletic Directors

Motion to approve the amended all-league formula: Luciana / Kiernan

Carried: Aye=13 Nay=0 Abstention=0

(A) Consider delaying the implementation of awarding two additional bonus points based on the number of sport-specific games played.

Motion to delay implementation of awarding two additional bonus points based on the number of sport-specific games played: Kiernan / Ceglia

Carried: Aye=11 Nay=1 Abstention=0

(I/D) Feedback on the draft 2022-23 winter tournament calendar

Discussion:

An updated Winter 2023 Championship Calendar will be supplied by Todd Santabarbara including the appropriate updates. Concerns by Council members included the length of the playoffs and the need for outbracket and first round games to be played before the Presidents Day weekend.

Standards Committee, Chris Galano, Chair

(A) Consideration to eliminate the Section One operational standard (#10) regarding eye black

Motion to approve the elimination of operational standard #10: Lodewick / Luciana

Carried: Aye=9 Nay=4 Abstention=0

(A) Consideration of adopting a Section One Sportsmanship statement

Motion to approve the adoption of a Section One Sportsmanship Statement: Young / Zekus

Carried: Aye=13 Nay=0 Abstention=0

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

Modified Committee, Dean Berardo, Chair

(A) Consider approval of the use of two wide receivers on opposite sides in the sport of FOOTBALL

Motion to approve the use of two wide receivers in the sport of football: Zekus / Young

Carried: Aye=13 Nay=0 Abstention=0

(A) Consider approval to amend the ICE HOCKEY suspension penalty for fighting

Dean Berardo, Ice Hockey Sport Chair

Motion to approve the Ice Hockey suspension penalty for fighting: Ceglia / Kiernan

Carried: Aye=13 Nay=0 Abstention=0

(I/D) Consideration of the GIRLS TENNIS awards proposal *(to Finance Committee & Executive)*

Chris Galano & Quan Huynh, Girls Tennis Sport Chair

(D) Consideration of the amended Section qualifying SKI proposal

Mike Ramponi & Jim Agnello, Ski Sport Chair

(D) Consideration of the Dual Meet and State Qualifying WRESTLING seeding standard

XVII. Amendments to Section One Constitution

(I) Seasonal Dual Sport Participation: Ballot Vote – *due October 17th*

Discussion:

The districts that have not cast a ballot will be contacted by the conference presidents.

XVIII. Standing Committee Proposals: N/A

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

- Football Scheduling Philosophy 2023 – October 28th
- Independent Football Declaration Criteria
- *Denise Kiernan expressed concerns over suspension of coaches for rule violations. Need to establish policy around penalties.*

XXIV. New Business

XXV. Good of the Order

XXVI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Luciana / Mackin

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