

Section One, Inc.
Center for Interscholastic Athletics



Athletic Council Meeting

January 5, 2021

Present	Absent
Anthony DiCarlo, Superintendent Liaison	Brett Miller, Principal, Conference I
James Mackin, Principal, 1st Vice President	Bari Suman, Conference I
Joe Sigillo, Athletic Director, 2nd Vice President	
Adam Lodewick, Co-Chair Championship Committee	
Tom Baker, Co-Chair Championship Committee	
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; Conference I Proxy	
Todd Santabarbara, Executive Director	
Jesse Merchant, Assistant Director	

I. Call Meeting to Order

Meeting was called to order at 11:04am

II. Approval of the Agenda

(A) Consider approval of the agenda

Motion to approve the agenda: Kiernan / Ceglia

Approved: Unanimous

III. Approval of the Minutes

(A) Consider approval of the **November 17, 2020** Athletic Council meeting minutes

Motion to approve the November 17, 2020 minutes: Belfi / Kiernan

Approved: Unanimous

IV. Treasurer's Report

(A) Consider approval of the Treasurer's Report

Motion to approve treasurer's report: Kiernan / Young

Approved: Unanimous

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

VI. **NYSPHSAA Report:**

(I) Draft agenda for the February 3rd NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting

Discussion: Anticipate the final agenda by the end of the week. The five-sport classification and D1/D2 cut-off proposals need to be reviewed in greater detail by the membership.

VII. **Mergers:** N/A

VIII. **Outside Agency:** N/A

IX. **Self-Report:**

(I) Non-sanctioned Rockland Boys Soccer Championship

Discussion: Todd will contact Tappan Zee and Pearl River and invite them to the next Athletic Council meeting to present their self-report. To date, a written self-report has not been received. Therefore, a reminder to submit their self-report will also be included in the notification memo.

X. **Friend & Neighbor Application:** N/A

XI. **General Action/Discussion/Informational Items:**

(I) Nomination of Richard Calkins as Southern Westchester Superintendent representative for three-year term effective immediately
Southern Westchester Chief School Administrators

Discussion: The Southern Westchester CSA solicited interested candidates to replace Joe Ricca on the Executive Committee. The SW CSA is nominating Richard Calkins as their second rep for a three-year term. Female representatives were contacted; however, they were not able or not interested to serve at this time.

(A) Consider amending the status of modified winter sports
Modified Committee

Discussion: The Executive Committee intends to revisit the winter modified sports start date at the beginning of January. The Modified Committee met this morning to discuss the status of winter modified sports. Jesse provided an overview of what was discussed. The Modified Committee unanimously supported allowing districts to make a local decision (beginning January 19th) on offering the authorized low and moderate risk winter sports. This includes boys swim and indoor track which as of right now, has no facility.

Conference 1 - In favor of making local decisions. Would like the grouping to be regional.

Conference 2 – Took a straw poll of the people in attendance. 15 were in favor of making a local decision, 4 in opposition, 1 abstained due to not having modified sports.

Conference 3 – The majority was not in favor of offering winter modified programs.

No action was taken by the Athletic Council. The Executive Committee will revisit the January 19th start date at their next scheduled meeting.

(A) Consider amending the spectator policy for low/moderate winter risk sports

Reassessment of the Fall Season I spectator policy as it pertains to low/moderate risk winter sports:

- *Bowling - alleys are not allowing spectators*
- *Indoor Track – the Armory is not allowing spectators*
- *Fencing – waiting to hear from the nine schools that have fencing*
- *Gymnastics – clubs have their own policies*
- *Boys swimming – will be holding virtual meets indoors*

***Conference 1** – In favor of two, per home athlete, for outdoor low and moderate risk sports. No indoor spectators*

***Conference 2** - In favor of two, per home athlete, where a venue permits it. If a school has a facility that can accommodate it, they should be allowed to do so*

***Conference 3** - Was not discussed*

Motion to allow two spectators, per home athlete, for outdoor low and moderate risk winter events. No spectators for indoor winter events: Young / Casarella

Defeated: 3 / 5 / 4

Motion to follow the venues guidelines for low and moderate risk sports. Lodewick / Drosopoulos

Approved: 8 / 2 / 2

XII. Sports Action/Discussion/Informational Items (Proposals):

(A) Consider the amended scoring proposal for all Rockland County regular season bowling matches Joe Casarella, North Rockland

Discussion: Confirmed with the Bowling Sport Chairs the proposal does not have any implications on averages or any impact on placement in the post-season. This provides an opportunity for the Rockland schools to be able to facilitate the sport with minimal time available at each lane.

Motion to approve the amended scoring proposal for winter 2021: Baker/Drosopoulos

Approved: Unanimous

XIII. Conference Reports

No reports

XIV. Standing Committee Reports

- *Championship Committee Report*
- *Modified Committee Report*

XV. Old Business

(I) Bylaws work session – February 8th at 1:00pm

XVI. New Business

(I) Accepting preliminary proposals/ideas for “high-risk” sports – *due date January 7th*

- Section One COVID Task Force Meeting – Monday, January 11th

(I) Updated January Meeting Calendar

XVII. Good of the Order

XVIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Baker / Kiernan

Approved: Unanimous

Next Athletic Council Meeting:
January 19, 2021 at 9:30am