

Section One, Inc.
Center for Interscholastic Athletics



Athletic Council Meeting Minutes

April 25, 2023

(A) Action

(D) Discussion

(I) Information

Voting Members	Representative
President	James Mackin <i>(Absent)</i>
Conference I Athletic Director	Lindsay Zekus
Conference I Athletic Director	James Ryan
Conference I Athletic Director	Steve Young
Conference I Principal	David Seipp <i>(Absent)</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	Rob Pollok
Conference III Athletic Director	Chris Drosopoulos
Conference III Athletic Director	Denise Kiernan
Conference III Principal	Joe Palumbo <i>(Absent)</i>
At-Large Athletic Director (Class D)	Anthony Nicodemo
Championship Committee Co-Chair	Tom Baker
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/ Recording Secretary	Jesse Merchant
Guests	
NYSPHSAA Executive Director	Dr. Robert Zayas
NYSPHSAA Female Athletic Director Rep	Susan Reid-Dullea

I. Call Meeting to Order

Meeting was called to order a 9:44am.

II. Approval of the Agenda

(A) Consider approval of the agenda

Motion to approve the agenda: Kiernan / Arias

Carried: Aye=10 Nay=0 Abstention=0

III. Approval of the Minutes:

(A) Consider approval of the **March 21, 2023** meeting minutes

Motion to approve the March 21, 2023 minutes: Young / Kiernan

Carried: Aye=10 Nay=0 Abstention=0

IV. Treasurer's Report

(A) Consider approval of the Treasurer's Report

Discussion:

Todd Santabarbara shared that both he and Jesse Merchant (Assistant Treasurer) were still working through claim forms along with other payments from the Winter 2023 championships and will provide an in depth report at the May Athletic Council meeting.

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

- President – *absent*
- 1st Vice President – *no report*
- 2nd Vice President – *absent*

VI. Sponsorship Presentation: N/A

VII. Section One Report

(I) Spring 2023 Championship Calendar – *updated 4.24.23*

Discussion:

The previously approved Spring 2023 Championship Calendar was adjusted to include the Class B softball semi-finals which were previously approved but unintentionally omitted.

(I) InSideOut – Next Steps

- CORE Evidence of Learning – *due Wednesday, May 10th*

Discussion:

Todd Santabarbara shared the next steps for the InSideOut Initiative including a reminder to complete the CORE Evidence of Learning.

- Onboarding for Coaches Training
 - Friday, May 12th (10am-12pm) **or** Wednesday, May 17th (12-2pm)

Discussion:

Athletic Council members were reminded of the orientation for the upcoming coaches training through the InSideOut Initiative. Jesse Merchant provided clarification that this onboarding was meant for administrators to help prepare for adopting the initiative within their school communities and coaching staffs.

VIII. NYSPHSAA Report: Dr. Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director

Dr. Robert Zayas reported the following:

- *NYSPHSAA Strategic Plan – 4 Key initiatives*
 - **Increasing Participation** – *The momentum behind sports like Girls Wrestling, Flag Football and Game Day Cheer is driving increased participation across the state.*
 - **Official Recruitment & Retention** – *Todd Nelson is spearheading a new initiative through the RefPreps program which offers an online training course for the sport of Baseball.*
 - **Diversity, Equity & Inclusion** – *The newly formed DEI Committee has met twice since the new year and has helped craft some of the proposals being considered at today's Athletic Council meeting.*
 - **Long-Term Financial Stability** – *The NYSPHSAA office is proposing an increase to help address their anticipated deficit for the upcoming school year. The Budget and Audit Committee has endorsed an increase from the current cost breakdown of \$810 and \$0.86 / students over 300 to \$1000 and a \$1.00 for every student over 300.*

(A) Consider approval of the May 3rd NYSPHSAA Executive Committee agenda items
Susan Reid, Female AD Rep, Rob Pollok, Male AD Rep

- Consider approval of the 2023-24 NYSPHSAA Budget.
Motion to approve: Sigillo / Baker
Carried: Aye=12 Nay=0 Abstention=0
- Consider approval to add a Spectator Sportsmanship Regulation to the NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Rule.
Motion to approve: Young / Baker
Carried: Aye=12 Nay=0 Abstention=0
- Consider approval of adding the wet bulb temperature indicator chart to the current NYSPHSAA Heat Index Policy.
Motion to approve: Kiernan / Baker
Carried: Aye=12 Nay=0 Abstention=0
- Consider approval to provide digital participation certificates.
Motion to approve: Baker / Drosopoulos
Carried: Aye=12 Nay=0 Abstention=0
- Consider approval of waivers of the Representation Rule for various sections.
Motion to approve: Kiernan / Pollok
Carried: Aye=12 Nay=0 Abstention=0
- Consider approval of sections intent to participate in the 2023-24 state championships.
Motion to approve: Kiernan / Pollok
Carried: Aye=11 Nay=0 Abstention=0
- Consider approval of Cortland as the host of the Girls Soccer State Championships.
Motion to approve: Kiernan / Young
Carried: Aye=11 Nay=0 Abstention=0

- Consider approval of Drumlins Tennis Club as the host of the Girls Tennis Team Championships.
Motion to approve: Young / Arias
Carried: Aye=11 Nay=0 Abstention=0
- Consider approval of Boys/Girls Tennis becoming a variation sport.
Motion to approve: Young / Galano
Carried: Aye=11 Nay=0 Abstention=0
- Consider approval of revising Game Day Cheerleading State Championships
Motion to approve: Kiernan / Baker
Carried: Aye=11 Nay=0 Abstention=0
- Consider approval of revising the first line of the NYSPHSAA Handbook under Football 10.08 #4.
Motion to approve: Sigillo / Galano
Carried: Aye=11 Nay=0 Abstention=0
- Consider approval of starting on Saturday of week #7.
Motion to approve: Young / Baker
Carried: Aye=11 Nay=0 Abstention=0
- Consider approval to change the NYSPHSAA Handbook to allow the Use of Cell Phones in Boys & Girls golf.
Motion to approve: Young / Kiernan
Defeated: Aye=0 Nay=10 Abstention=0
- Consider approval of Outdoor Track & Field becoming a variation sport.
Motion to approve: Nicodemo / Pollok
Carried: Aye=10 Nay=0 Abstention=0
- Consider approval of removing hand timed standards for the second qualifier.
Motion to approve: Kiernan / Young
Carried: Aye=10 Nay=0 Abstention=0
- Consider approval to remove the requirement for the super standard qualifier.
Motion to approve: Kiernan / Pollok
Carried: Aye=10 Nay=0 Abstention=0

What do we want to include here about the issues about procedures:

- (I) Proposal not voted on by Girls Golf**
- (J) President voted twice to break a tie (BLax)**
- (K) Vote accepted via text message (VB)**

(D) Advanced Sectional Concern: Inequity in Regional Rotations

At next weeks Scott Sugar in Section 4, hopefully address the regional

(I) NYSPHSAA Superintendent Rep – Term Expires 8/31/23

Discussion:

The Section is looking to fill an anticipated NYSPHSAA Superintendent Rep position.

(I) NYSPHSAA Spalding Ball Adoption Extension: 2024-2029

Discussion:

NYSPHSAA Executive Director, Robert Zayas, shared that the recommendation to the 11 sections would be to extend the ball adoption with Spalding through 2029. This recommendation was made by considering many factors when reviewing the various bids that were submitted. Spalding offered the best annual rights fees and an affordable product to our member schools.

Motion to approve the Spalding Ball Adoption Extension: Baker / Drosopoulos

Carried: Aye=10 Nay=0 Abstention=0

(I) NYSPHSAA Program Deadlines

- Sportsmanship Promotion Survey – due Friday, April 21st
- Student-Athlete Advisory Council (1 rising junior, male) – due Monday, May 29th
- Scholar-Athlete – due Monday, May 22nd

IX. Mergers/Combining of Teams:

(A) Consider approval of the **Suffern / Tuxedo** modified baseball merger for the 2022-23 school year

*Motion to approve **Suffern / Tuxedo** modified baseball merger: Nicodemo / Zekus*

Carried: Aye=11 Nay=1 Abstention=0

X. Outside Agency Requests: N/A

XI. Self-Reports:

- Yonkers Varsity Track & Field – use of ineligible player(s)
Rob Webb & Joe Gizzo, Yonkers Public Schools, Athletic Director

Yonkers used ineligible players within their Varsity Track & Field program in competitions. The school's athletic director reported that eight of their student-athletes had participated in a meet prior to meeting their individual practice requirement therefore rendering them ineligible. As a result of the ineligible players participating, the prescribed NYSPHSAA penalty was applied resulting in a forfeiture of the meet. The council was made aware that the coach has also been suspended for the remainder of the season. The Athletic Council determined that no further sanction was necessary.

- Hastings Varsity Baseball – pitch count violation
Drew Wendol, Hastings Athletic Director

Hastings reported a violation of the NYSPHSAA pitch count rule resulting in the forfeiture of their Varsity Baseball game versus Putnam Valley. The Athletic Director reported that their coaching staff failed to record one of their batters resulting in a misrepresentation of the total number of pitches thrown during the game. The athletic director stated that he did not believe the coaches utilized the required NYSPHSAA pitch chart nor were pitch counts verified between innings. The Athletic Council determined that no further sanction was necessary.

Motion to suspend the Varsity Baseball coach for one game, the next scheduled contest: Galano / Zekus

Carried: Aye=11 Nay=0 Abstention=1

XII. Friend & Neighbor Applications: N/A

XIII. Senior All-Star Applications:

(A) Consider approval of the BOYS LACROSSE Senior All-Star game (*June 3rd at Irvington HS*)

Motion to approve the Boys Lacrosse Senior All-Star game: Young / Nicodemo

Carried: Aye=11 Nay=0 Abstention=0

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

XV. General Action/Discussion/Informational Items (Proposals): N/A

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

(A) Consider approval of the **Football** film exchange requirement with week 1 opponents

Mike Cring, Arlington Athletic Director

Motion to table the Football film exchange requirement: Galano / Drosopoulos

Carried: Aye=11 Nay=0 Abstention=0

(A) Consider approval of an open tournament for **Girls Flag Football** for the spring 2023 season

Dan Belfi, Girls Flag Football Sport Chair

Motion to approve an open tournament for Girls Flag Football: Young / Zekus

Carried: Aye=11 Nay=0 Abstention=0

(A) Consider approval of the added seeding index value for the sport of **Boys Tennis**

Chris Galano & Quan Huynh, Boys Tennis Sport Chair

Motion to approve the addition of seeding index for the sport of Boys Tennis: Baker / Arias

Carried: Aye=11 Nay=0 Abstention=0

(A) Consider approval of the added seeding index value for the sport of **Girls Tennis**

Chris Galano & Quan Huynh, Girls Tennis Sport Chair

Motion to approve the addition of seeding index for the sport of Girls Tennis: Arias / Young

Carried: Aye=11 Nay=0 Abstention=0

XVII. Standing Committee Proposals

Combining of Teams / Merger Committee, Austin Goldberg, Chair

(D) Consideration of the demerger proposal – team sports guidelines and procedures

(D) Consideration of the team/individual and individual sports merger parameters

Discussion:

Conference representatives shared concerns from the membership that the timeline of the proposal should be pushed back to begin in the fall of 2024. Robert Zayas shared that the NYSPHSAA Combining of Teams committee would be reconvening to look at state-wide proposals.

Alignment Committee, Chris McCarthy, Chair

(D) Consideration to amend the non-public school placement philosophy

- *Note: Placement in highest classification vs. most competitive classification*
- *Note: Consideration on how to determine most competitive classification*

Discussion:

Robert Zayas shared that moving a school up a classification may be less subjective than trying to identify the most competitive classifications. Various members of the Athletic Council offered perspectives on placement philosophy and procedure.

XVIII. Amendments to Section One Constitution: N/A

XIX. Conference Reports

Conference I – *no report*

Conference II – *no report*

Conference III – *no report*

XX. Membership Concerns

(I) Mamaroneck UFSD – Conduct of Boys Basketball Official

Bari Suman, Mamaroneck Athletic Director

Discussion:

Bari Suman presented her district's concern over the conduct of a Boys Basketball official during a recent incident. Her district's concerns included the video and audio recordings of their staff and student-athletes without permission. The district is looking for the Athletic Council to address this unprofessional conduct.

(D) Basic Concepts of Athletic Alignment (2022-2025)

Conference Presidents

Discussion:

Todd Santabarbara clarified that if the membership is interested in reopening the ballot it would need to receive 2/3 votes of the membership before being able to provide a ballot vote for a new alignment. Members of the Athletic Council have requested that the alignment committee come together to review.

XXI. Standing Committee Reports

XXII. Old Business

- *Merger / Combining of Teams Presentation*

XXIII. New Business

XXIV. Good of the Order

XXV. Adjournment

Next Meeting:

May 16, 2023 at 9:30am at SWBOCES