

**Section One, Inc.**  
**Center for Interscholastic Athletics**



**Athletic Council Meeting Minutes**

January 18, 2022

Zoom Meeting

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<b>Voting Members</b>	<b>Representative</b>
President (or designee – 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President)	James Mackin
Conference I Athletic Director	Andy Guccione <i>(absent)</i>
Conference I Athletic Director	Joe Luzzi
Conference I Athletic Director	Steve Young
Conference I Principal	Brett Miller <i>(absent)</i>
Conference II Athletic Director	Mike Arias
Conference II Athletic Director	Dan Belfi
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	Tom Baker <i>(absent)</i> / Adam Lodewick
<b>Non-Voting Members</b>	<b>Representative</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> 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
<b>Guests</b>	
NYSPHSAA Executive Director	Dr. Robert Zayas
Athletic Director	Susan Reid-Dullea
Athletic Director	Kyle Calabro
Athletic Director	Joseph Haven
Athletic Director	Phil Carbone
The Montfort Academy	Richard Greco & Brendan O'Shea

**I. Call Meeting to Order**

*Athletic Council Meeting*  
*January 18, 2022*

*Meeting was called to order at 9:35am*

## **II. Approval of the Agenda**

**(A)** Consider approval of the agenda

*Motion to approve the agenda: Ceglia / Galano*

**Carried:** Aye=13 Nay=0 Abstention=0

## **III. Approval of the Minutes**

**(A)** Consider approval of the **November 16, 2021** Athletic Council meeting minutes

*Motion to approve the November 16, 2021 Athletic Council meeting minutes: Young / Trotman*

**Carried:** Aye=13 Nay=0 Abstention=0

## **IV. Treasurer's Report**

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

- *Cash Balance of \$831,225.73*
- *Reserve Balance of \$46,261.13*

*Motion to approve the treasurer's report: Young / Trotman*

**Carried:** Aye=13 Nay=0 Abstention=0

## **V. Officer's Reports: President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President**

*No report*

## **VI. Section One Report**

**(I)** Alignment Ballot Vote Results **(Approved)**

**Yes – 42; No – 15**

**(II)** Proposed Amendments to the Constitution - Ballot Vote Results

**(Requires 2/3 of entire voting membership for adoption)**

<b>Results</b>	<b>NYSPHSAA Executive Committee</b>	<b>Appointment to Office</b>	<b>Student Eligibility</b>	<b>Standing Committee Bylaws</b>
<b>YES</b>	59	36	32	56
<b>NO</b>	0	23	27	3
<b>Total</b>	59	59	59	59
	<b>Approved</b>	<b>Defeated</b>	<b>Defeated</b>	<b>Approved</b>

### Discussion:

*Concern was expressed regarding the number of schools that did not vote for the two most recent ballots. Therefore, a request was made to include the Conference Presidents on future reminder notifications.*

## **VII. NYSPHSAA Report: Dr. Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director**

**(A)** Consider approval of the February 2<sup>nd</sup> NYSPHSAA Executive Committee action items

*Susan Reid, NYSPHSAA Female AD Rep & Rob Pollok, NYSPHSAA Male AD Rep*

Dr. Zayas reported the following to Athletic Council:

- *Schools having issues receiving the NOCSAE shoulder pads for lacrosse should contact Dr. Zayas. According to the director of lacrosse from the NFHS, the manufacturers are not having issues with getting the NOCSAE shoulder pads to schools throughout the country, therefore it could be a school's particular vendor having an issue. There will be no delay implementing the national rule that was put in place.*
- *The championship protocol released on September 9<sup>th</sup> is in the process of being updated. The revised championship protocol will be released this week with slight revisions including how and when a positive case should be reported to Dr. Zayas.*
- *As of now, there are no changes being made to the venues hosting the championship events. As a membership led organization, if at any point the membership as a whole feels the events should be moved to avoid covid restrictions, the membership needs to convey that message.*
- *There has been no action taken at the state meetings surrounding the student athlete mask mandate. The officials are not going to enforce the mask mandate as it is not stated in their handbook.*
- *The strategic planning committee is asking for a representative from Section One to serve on the committee. This committee will guide the membership and association staff on important issues and initiatives for the next 5 years.*
- *Interviews are being held on February 1<sup>st</sup> for the next officer's position. If there are Superintendents from Section One that would like to be considered for the next officer position, they should reach out to Dr. Zayas directly for more information.*

Susan Dullea received feedback on the state agenda items:

- (A)** Consider approval to amend the Officials fees for Boys Ice Hockey.

*Motion to approve the amended officials' fees for boys ice hockey: Drosopoulos / Young*

**Carried:** Aye=13 Nay=0 Abstention=0

- (A)** Consider approval of establishing criteria for the creation of a sixth classification for sports with 501 or more teams competing in the NYSPHSAA State Championships.

*Motion to approve establishing criteria for the creation of a sixth classification for sports with 501 or more teams competing in the NYSPHSAA State Championships: Ceglia / Drosopoulos*

**Defeated:** Aye=5 Nay=7 Abstention= 1

- (A)** Consider approval to establish a timeline, process, and criteria for the classification cut off numbers for non-variation five, four, and three classification sports and two division sports pending the approval of Championship Philosophy Committee proposal.

*Motion to approve to establish a timeline, process, and criteria for the classification cut off numbers for non-variation five, four, and three classification sports and two division sports pending the approval of Championship Philosophy Committee proposal: Kiernan / Drosopoulos*

**Carried:** Aye=7 Nay=3 Abstention= 2

## **VIII. Mergers/Combining of Teams**

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

*Motion to approve the proposed mergers/combining of teams for the 2021-22 school year:  
Young / Drosopoulos  
Carried: Aye=13 Nay=0 Abstention=0*

**IX. Outside Agency:**

**(A)** Consider approval of the Westchester County Cheerleading Invitational (Somers High School)

*Motion to approve the Westchester County Cheerleading Invitational (Somers High School):  
Young / Drosopoulos  
Carried: Aye=13 Nay=0 Abstention=0*

**X. Self-Report:**

**(I)** Use of an ineligible player – Yonkers Montessori Academy, Girls Basketball  
*Kyle Calabro, YMA Athletic Coordinator*

*Kyle Calabro presented his self-report for the use of an ineligible player on the Yonkers Montessori Academy Girls Basketball team. The student played in two games. As a result of the ineligible participation, the prescribed NYSPHSAA penalty is a forfeit of all games participated in.*

- No sanctions were placed on Yonkers Montessori Academy.*

**(I)** Violation of exceeding individual contest limitations – Bronxville, Girls Indoor Track & Field  
*Joe Haven, Athletic Director*

*Joe Haven presented his self-report which involved several members of the girls track team that exceeded the maximum number of entries in one day. As a result of this violation, the prescribed NYSPHSAA penalty is the forfeiture of all events participated in.*

- No sanctions were placed on Bronxville.*

**XI. Friend & Neighbor Applications: N/A**

**XII. Senior All-Star Applications: N/A**

**XIII. New Member School Presentations / Applications – January 2022**

- Hudson Lab School – not able to attend*
- The Montfort Academy*

*The Montfort Academy shared an overview of their school and membership application to Section One. (enclosed in meeting packet):*

*The Montfort Academy is a small coed catholic high school located in Mount Vernon. Their current enrollment is approximately 160 students. The Montfort Academy has Friend and Neighbor status and is currently eligible to compete against Section One schools. This past year, they offered the sports of girls volleyball, boys soccer, boys & girls cross country, boys & girls basketball, indoor track and field, baseball and softball.*

**XIV. General Action/Discussion/Informational Items**

**(A)** Consider approval of the following representation rule waiver requests:

- Indoor Track & Field: (6 to 4, includes the Class Meets) – already approved by AC on 11/16*
- Wrestling: NYS DM Tournament (6 to 3); NYS Individual Tournament (6 to 3)*

- Boys Swimming & Diving (6 to 4)
- Gymnastics (6 to 4) – *already approved by AC on 11/16*
- Skiing (6 to 2) – *amended*
- Competitive Cheer (3 to 2)

*Motion to approve the representation rule waiver requests: Belfi / Trotman*

**Carried:** Aye=13 Nay=0 Abstention=0

- (A)** Consider approval of AIA as the exclusive merchandise vendor for the Wrestling Championships  
*Jamie Block, Wrestling Sport Chair*

*Motion to approve AIA as the exclusive merchandise vendor for the Wrestling Championships:  
Young / Belfi*

**Carried:** Aye=13 Nay=0 Abstention=0

- (A)** Consider approval of the NYSPHSAA Girls Flag Football pilot program

*Motion to approve the NYSPHSAA Girls Flag Football pilot program: Ceglia / Belfi*

**Carried:** Aye=13 Nay=0 Abstention=0

#### **XV. Sports Action/Discussion/Informational Items (Proposals)**

- (A)** Consider approval of the amended individual qualifier for the sport of **Wrestling** for 2021-22  
*Jamie Block, Wrestling Sport Chair*

*Motion to approve the amended individual qualifier for the sport of Wrestling for 2021-22:  
Young / Lodewick*

**Carried:** Aye=13 Nay=0 Abstention=0

- (A)** Consider approval of the amended individual divisional qualifier for the sport of **Wrestling** for 2021-22  
*Jamie Block, Wrestling Sport Chair*

*Motion to approve the amended individual divisional qualifier for the sports of Wrestling for  
2021-22: Lodewick / Kiernan*

**Carried:** Aye=13 Nay=0 Abstention=0

- (A)** Consider approval of the amended point system for the sport of **Wrestling** for 2021-22  
*Jamie Block, Wrestling Sport Chair*

*Motion to approve the amended point system for the sport of Wrestling for 2021-2022:  
Lodewick / Kiernan*

**Carried:** Aye=13 Nay=0 Abstention=0

- (A)** Consider eliminating the Section One Qualifying Standards for the sports of **Basketball** and **Ice Hockey** for the 2021-22 season  
*Tom Baker / Adam Lodewick, Championship Committee Co-Chair*

*Motion to approve eliminating the Section One Qualifying Standards for the sports of Basketball  
and Ice Hockey for the 2021-22 season: Kiernan / Lodewick*

**Carried:** Aye=13 Nay=0 Abstention=0

- (A) Consider approval of the amended **Indoor Track & Field** standards for the 21-22 Section Class Meets  
*Phil Carbone & Pete Modafferi, Indoor Track & Field Sport Chair*

*Motion to approve the amended **Indoor Track & Field** standards for the 21-22 Section Class Meets: Kiernan / Lodewick*

**Carried:** Aye=13 Nay=0 Abstention=0

- (A) Consider approval to eliminate the qualifying standards for the **Gymnastics** divisional meet  
*Ray Pappalardi & Vin Collins, Gymnastics Sport Chairs*

*Motion to approve to eliminate the qualifying standards for the Gymnastics divisional meet: Young/ Arias*

**Carried:** Aye=13 Nay=0 Abstention=0

- (A) Consider approval to waive the Giant Slalom (GS) qualifying requirement for **Ski** Sectionals  
*Mike Ramponi & Jim Agnello, Ski Sport Chairs*

*Motion to waive the Giant Slalom (GS) qualifying requirement for Ski Sectionals: Kiernan / Young*

**Carried:** Aye=13 Nay=0 Abstention=0

- (D) Consider approval of the revised **Boys Tennis** qualifying and seeding standards  
*Chris Galano, Boys Tennis Sport Chair*

**XVI. Amendments to Section One Constitution: N/A**

**XVII. Conference Reports**

- *Conference 1 – No report*
- *Conference 2 – No report*
- *Conference 3 – No report*

**XVIII. Standing Committee Reports**

- *Championship Committee, Tom Baker / Adam Lodewick, Co-Chair*
  - Survey: New Alignment Playoff Structure – <https://bit.ly/3te6PmJ>
  - Winter 2021-22 and Spring 2022 Tournament Calendar / Sites
- *Modified Committee, Joe Luzzi / Dean Berardo, Co-Chair*
  - Spring 2022 Newsletter
- *Standards Committee, Chris Galano, Chair*
  - “All Sports” COVID 19 Scheduling Protocols
- *Alignment Committee, Chris McCarthy, Chair*
  - Basic League Alignment 2022-2023
- *Awards Committee, DJ Goldman, Chair*
  - Fall 2021 End of Season Reports

**XIX. Old Business**

**XX. New Business**

- *C. Drosopoulos: Would like to propose extending the last day to play for Basketball. It may also be advantageous to extend the last date to play for Ice Hockey. There are challenges due to covid, weather, and not being able to reschedule venues.*

**XXI. Good of the Order**

**XXII. Adjournment**

*Motion to adjourn: Kiernan / Belfi*

***Carried:*** *Aye=13 Nay=0 Abstention=0*