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Section One Executive Committee approves return of Basketball Championships to the Westchester County Center

HARRISON, N.Y.—The Executive Committee of Section One, Inc., of the New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) met Monday, Jan. 30, 2023, to review various topics and proposals important to the Section's 77 member schools.

The highly anticipated return to the Westchester County Center was approved for the 2022-23 Basketball Championships. Championship week is scheduled to begin with the semifinal matchups on Monday, Feb. 27. Last week, Section One leadership conducted a site visit with Westchester County officials to assess the status of renovations taking place at the venue.

"It was truly amazing to see the transformation that the Westchester County Center has undergone. First, this storied space was converted into a medical facility as part of the greater effort to address the needs of our county in battling the COVID-19 pandemic. Now it is returning to serve once again as the premier venue to host our Basketball Championships. While renovations are ongoing, we are optimistic for its return," stated Todd Santabarbara, Executive Director.

Amendments to the previously adopted boys and girls basketball tournament calendar were also approved today.

- Monday, February 27th – Class B Semifinals
- Tuesday, February 28th – Class C Semifinals
- Wednesday, March 1st – Class A Semifinals
- Thursday, March 2nd – Class AA Semifinals
- Friday, March 3rd – Class D Boys Final and Class B Finals
- Saturday, March 4th – Class C and Class A Finals
- Sunday, March 5th – Class AA Finals



Section One leadership continues to collaborate closely with its counterparts at Westchester County Parks & Recreation toward the shared goal of a return to the County Center for the Basketball Championship events. In the event that the County Center is not able to open its doors on Feb. 27, the Executive Committee previously approved contingency plans to host the Section Championships at Clarkstown South High School.

“As the last sporting event to be played in the County Center in March of 2020, how fitting it is for Section One to be a part of re-opening its doors,” Mr. Santabarbara stated. “Our Basketball Sport Chairs, the Championship Committee and the Executive Committee remain focused on offering premier championship events that provide our member schools and their communities with opportunities to display their talents. Being able to renew our partnership with Westchester County reinforces the value we place on collaboration in order to build the best possible championship experience for the student-athletes of Section One.”

The Executive Committee is responsible for general management of the affairs of Section One. Membership consists of District Superintendents, Principals and Athletic Directors, with representation from Dutchess, Putnam, Rockland, and Westchester counties.

Additional details regarding today’s Executive Committee meeting will be released later this week.

The Center for Interscholastic Athletics, a division of Southern Westchester BOCES, serves 77 high schools in Dutchess, Putnam, Rockland, and Westchester counties, providing support with the organization and management of athletic programs. Section One is part of the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Inc., a non-profit organization that provides equitable and safe competition for the students of public, private and parochial member schools.

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