

Section One, Inc.
Center for Interscholastic Athletics



Athletic Council Minutes

September 18, 2020

<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
James Mackin, Principal, 1st VP	Brett Miller, Principal, Conference I
Joe Sigillo, Athletic Director, 2nd VP	Joe Palumbo, Principal, Conference III
Adam Lodewick, Co-Chair Championship Committee	Anthony DiCarlo, Superintendent Liaison
Tom Baker, Co-Chair Championship Committee	
Bari Suman, Conference I	
Joseph Casarella, Conference I (Task Force)	
Steve Young, Conference I	
Andy Guccione, Conference I	
Dan Belfi, Conference II	
Bill Pilla, Conference II	
Chris McCarthy, Conference II	
Denise Kiernan, Conference III	
Joe Ceglia, Conference III	
Chris Drosopoulos, Conference III	
Andrine Trotman, At-Large Rep, Class D Rep	
Todd Santabarbara, Executive Director	
Jesse Merchant, Assistant Director	

Call Meeting to Order at 9:05am

Motion to approve the agenda: Ceglia / McCarthy

Approved: Unanimous

I. Approval of Minutes

(A) Consider approval of the September 10, 2020 Athletic Council Minutes

Motion to approve the September 10, 2020 minutes: Mackin / Baker

Approved: Unanimous

II. NYSPHSAA Update:

- Review of Section Start Dates
- Every section has made determinations of start of fall sports.
 - o Sections 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, & 10 will start September 21st
 - o Section 1 will start September 29th
 - o Sections 4 & 9 will begin March 1st with winter starting Nov 30th
 - o Sections 8 & 11 will begin March 1st with winter starting January

III. Section 1 Update:

- SWBOCES Scheduling Update – Girls Tennis / Boys & Girls Soccer
 - *Schedules have been created and are now available.*
 - *There will be further discussion around the last day to play. Contests have been scheduled up to November 13th.*
 - *Need to formally adopt last day to play for all sports.*
- Executive Committee Meeting – Wednesday, September 23rd
 - Modified Sports
 - Girls Swimming
 - Authorization of Off Season Conditioning Practices

(D) COVID Interscholastic Athletics Planning: Hot Topics

- Authorization of NYSPHSAA **Off Season Conditioning Practices** (pg. 6)
 - Propose October 5th – High Risk Fall Sports
 - TBD – Winter Sports (pending guidance)
 - TBD – Spring Sports (pending guidance)

Discussion:

There was discussion around moving the proposed date to October 13th or later to allow schools more time to start the Fall season before beginning off season conditioning. With guidance still pending for Winter and Spring sports, off-season conditioning would only be for High Risk Fall Sports until further guidance is given. Todd confirmed with Robert nothing prohibiting winter and spring off season workouts. The Conferences will discuss at their upcoming meetings next week. Representatives will bring the information back to the October Athletic Council meeting.

Motion to Table until Conferences discuss at their upcoming meeting: Mackin / Young

Approved: Unanimous

- Update from NYSPHSAA and legal counsel on potential **Section 1 Mask Policy**
 - *We have been advised by legal counsel not to create a section wide mask policy as this would present a liability if the Section were to supersede the DOH guidance*
- **Guidance for Spectators**
 - By Local, League, Conference, Regional, Section
 - Full restriction on spectators
 - Only allow home spectators
 - All home and visiting spectators
 - Others?

The Conferences will discuss Athletic Council recommendation at their upcoming meetings next week. Representatives will bring the information back to the October Athletic Council meeting.

Motion to recommend following the NYSDOH guidance pertaining to spectators, allowing 2 spectators per athlete for the home team only, up to the allowable number per region: Kiernan / Lodewick

Approved: Unanimous

- **Screening of Visiting Teams**
 - Completed by visiting team

Motion to approve the screening of visiting teams, coaches & athletes will be completed by the visiting team prior to their arrival: Belfi / Young

Approved: Unanimous

- **Screening of Officials**
 - Completed by host school
 - Questionnaire
 - App
 - Others?

Discussion:

The Section One office will send a notice to all officials each day to remind them that if they are exhibiting signs/symptoms, fever, etc. they need to contact the Section One office immediately. This will assist to ensure they are available for the upcoming game or if a replacement is needed. It will be up to the schools to screen the officials using their own screening process to gain entry to their campus. The Section One office will see if it's possible make the officials email addresses accessible to the schools ahead of time.

IV. Appeal:

(A) Albertus Magnus – Conference and League Placement for Fall Season 1

Tim Gavan joined the meeting to present his appeal. The appeal was based on his current Conference III and League placement. Three major issues and reason for the appeal as stated in the attached documentation.

- *Transportation – Budget constraints and distancing requirements due to the pandemic will hinder ability to get busses to travel to Westchester for games.*
- *Health & Safety – Several schools rescheduled during the measles outbreak. This may be the same concern with the current pandemic causing an issue.*
- *Competitions – Full games may not be played as the times of the games would be later in the day to allow travel from Rockland to Westchester.*

Motion to approve appeal for the sports of cross country and boys soccer due to the national emergency that has occurred as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic: Pilla / Baker

Approved: Unanimous

V. Committee Reports

- **Championship Committee**
 - (D)** Consideration of establishing a maximum number of contests
 - *Championship put together templates for Girls & Boys Soccer and Field Hockey. They are waiting on proposals from Cross Country and Tennis.*
 - *There are questions around last day to play. This will be on the conference agendas.*
- **Modified Committee**
 - Superintendent Survey on MODIFIED Athletics
 - *No recommendations out of the last meeting. Plan to meet again next week after the Superintendent meetings and Executive Committee meeting have taken place and have more information.*

VI. Old Business

VII. New Business

- Establish Next Meeting Date
 - Next meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 29th.

Discussion around electronic ticketing methods to potentially be used as part of event management.

VIII. Good of the Order

IX. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Baker / Young

Approved: Unanimous