

Section One, Inc.
Center for Interscholastic Athletics



Athletic Council Meeting

January 19, 2021

Present	Absent
Anthony DiCarlo, Superintendent Liaison	Brett Miller, Principal, Conference I
James Mackin, Principal, Conference II, 1st Vice President	
Joe Sigillo, Athletic Director, 2nd Vice President	
Adam Lodewick, Co-Chair Championship Committee	
Tom Baker, Co-Chair Championship Committee	
Andy Guccione, Conference I	
Bari Suman, 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	
Guests	
Susan Dullea, Section One Female NYSPHSAA Rep	
Dr. Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director	
Todd Nelson, NYSPHSAA Assistant Director	
Joe Altieri, NYSPHSAA Assistant Director	
Kristin Jadin, NYSPHSAA Assistant Director	

I. Call Meeting to Order

Meeting called to order at 9:35am

II. Approval of the Agenda

(A) Consider approval of the agenda

Motion to approve the agenda: Kiernan / Young

Approved: Unanimous

III. Approval of the Minutes

- (A) Consider approval of the **January 5, 2021** Athletic Council meeting minutes

Motion to approve the January 5, 2021 minutes: McCarthy / Kiernan

Approved: Unanimous

IV. Treasurer's Report

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

Motion to approve treasurer's report: Young / Trotman

Approved: Unanimous

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

No report

VI. NYSPHSAA Report:

- (A) Review of action items for the February 3rd NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting

- Five sport classification and D1/D2 cut-off proposals

- Approved 2021-22 October BEDS Numbers vs. February 2021 Proposal

- *No motion to approve the revised 5 sport cutoff numbers as proposed*

- *No motion to approve the revised D1/D2 cutoff numbers as proposed*

Action items on the NYSPHSAA agenda

- (A) Consideration of approval to add "including racial or discriminatory comments or slurs" to the NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Official's card.

Motion to approve: Ceglia / Young

Approved: Unanimous

- (A) Consider approval to remove merged team requirement from the School of Distinction and Excellence applications:

Discussion:

*Kristen - There has been some concern regarding the school of excellence that a merged team with 1 or 2 students on that team, the non-host school is negatively impacted by that. Position of SAAC is that if you merge you need to take ownership athletically and academically. **No Motion***

- (A) Consider approval of visions FCU Veteran memorial Arena, Binghamton as the host of the 2021-2023 NYSPHSAA Game Day Cheerleading WEST Regional Championships.

Motion to approve FCU arena for west regional game day championships: Young / Belfi

Approved: Unanimous

- (A) Consider approval of Arlington as the host of the 2021-2023 NYSPHSAA Game Day Cheerleading EAST Regional Championships.

Motion to approve: Belfi / Young

Approved: Unanimous

- (A) Consider approval of Gore/North Creek (2022), Bristol/Harriett Holister (2023) and Whiteface/Mt. Van Hoevenberg (2023) as the hosts of the 2022-2024 NYSPHSAA Skiing Championships.

Motion to approve: Suman / Young

Approved: Unanimous

- (A) Consider approval of Visions FCU Veterans memorial Arena, Binghamton as the host of the 2022-2024 NYSPHSAA Competitive Cheerleading Championships.

Motion to approve: Young / Belfi

Approved: Unanimous

- (A) Consider approval of extending 2021 winter championship venues for one additional year.

Motion to approve: Young / Ceglia

Approved: Unanimous

- (A) Consider approval of extensions to regional rotations (sports TBD).

Motion to approve: Ceglia / Suman

Approved: Unanimous

- (A) Consider approval of amended dates for girls golf championships

Motion to approve: Young / Suman

Approved: Unanimous

- (A) Consider approval to modify the current appeals procedure used in the NYSPHSAA Wrestling State Championships (Individual).

Motion to approve: Baker / Suman

Approved: Unanimous

- (A) Consider approval of a re-bid for NYSPHSAA Girls/Boys Tennis Team Championships

Motion to approve: Trotman / Young

Approved: Unanimous

- (A) Consider approval of Toms Union Center as the host of the 2023-2025 NYSPHSAA Wrestling Championships (Individual).

Motion to approve: McCarthy / Baker

Approved: Unanimous

VII. Mergers: N/A

VIII. Outside Agency: N/A

IX. Self-Report:

- (A) Consider a censure, sanction or probation for the schools involved in the Rockland County Boys Soccer Championships

Tappan Zee High School self-report, Bill Pilla

Pearl River High School self-report, Artie McCormack

Athletic Directors from both Tappan Zee and Pearl River were invited to attend the meeting to present their self-report and answer any questions from members of the Athletic Council.

As a result of their presentation, the Section One Athletic Council has identified the following violations.

Violation #1: Both schools failed to honor the Fall Season I Commitment Form signed by the Athletic Director, Principal, and Superintendent.

Violation #2: Both schools failed to adhere to the rules, regulations and standards outlined in the Fall Season I Commitment Form and Section One Championship Protocols.

Violation #3: Both schools did not adhere to the proper SWBOCES Center for Interscholastic Athletics procedures for obtaining officials for a contest.

Motion to suspend both Athletic Directors for a period of 3 years of the date letter sent by the Executive Director to them, with the opportunity to appeal for reinstatement in the 2nd year: Mackin / Ceglia

Approved: 10 / 2 / 0

Motion to suspend both Head Varsity Boys Soccer coaches for one game, to be imposed at the first game of the 2021 boys soccer season: McCarthy / Ceglia

Approved: 10 / 1 / 0

A formal written notification will be supplied to the Athletic Director and Superintendent of each school. This memo will outline the violations, supporting evidence and the sanction imposed by the Athletic Council.

X. Friend & Neighbor Application:

(A) Consider approval of ***Capital Prep Harlem*** as a Friend & Neighbor

No motion, therefore, withdrawn from the agenda

XI. General Action/Discussion/Informational Items:

(D) Consider waiving the one sport per season restriction for the 2020-21 school year

Joe Sigillo, Nyack

Discussion:

- *The Standards Committee reviewed and is not prepared to make a recommendation.*
- *Conference III - majority was not in favor of having dual sport participation. It would have a negative impact due to the smaller schools and programs.*
- *Conference II - No information.*
- *Conference I - Discussed only in context of a one week overlap. They were okay with the one week overlap, but not for any longer.*

(D) Consider extending the winter season until April 18th for the sport of indoor track

Jim Henry, Pete Modafferri & John Giametta, Indoor Track Sport Chairs

Note: The Section One winter season end date is currently set for February 28th

Discussion:

- *Thea Armory closed and there was an interest in extending the season*
- *Conference I & III were opposed to extending the season.*
- *Most of Conference II was in favor of extending the season.*
- *Todd will speak to the Conference Presidents to get more feedback and determine next steps.*

(A) Consider requesting a waiver of the representation rule (6 to 1) for low/moderate risk winter sports

Low/Moderate Risk Winter Sport Chairs

Motion to approve: Kiernan / Baker

Approved: Unanimous

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

(I) Review of low/moderate risk sports “culminating events”/ post-season plans

(D) Consideration of the proposed **BOYS LACROSSE** leagues

Boys Lacrosse Sport Chair/Conference Schedulers

(D) Consideration of the proposed **GIRLS LACROSSE** leagues

Girls Lacrosse Sport Chairs/Conference Schedulers

XIII. Conference Reports

I – No report

II – No report

III – No report

XIV. Standing Committee Reports

○ Championship Committee Report – *No report*

○ Modified Committee Report

▪ *Continuing to work on football groupings. Some schools have changed declarations.*

▪ *Volleyball declarations are set. Currently, there is a request for the central grouping to be consolidated down to 2 groupings.*

XV. Old Business

XVI. New Business

(I) “High-risk” sports plans/proposals pending authorization from state officials.

XVII. Good of the Order

XVIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Mackin / Mccarthy

Approved: Unanimous