

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



**Athletic Council Meeting Minutes**

April 27, 2021

<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Joe Sigillo, Athletic Director, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	James Mackin, Principal, Conference II 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President
Anthony DiCarlo, Superintendent Liaison	Brett Miller, Principal, Conference I
Tom Baker, Co-Chair Championship Committee	Joe Ceglia, Conference III
Andy Guccione, Conference I	Joe Palumbo, Principal, Conference III
Bari Suman, Conference I	
Steve Young, Conference I	
Dan Belfi, Conference II	
Dean Berardo, Conference II Proxy	
Chris McCarthy, Conference II	
Denise Kiernan, Conference III	
Chris Drosopoulos, Conference III	
Robert Pollok, Conference III Proxy	
Andrine Trotman, At-Large Rep, Class D Rep	
Todd Santabarbara, Executive Director	
Jesse Merchant, Assistant Director	
<b>Guests:</b>	
Julie Bergman, NYSPHSAA President	
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**

*Call meeting to order at 9:37 am*

**II. Approval of the Agenda**

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

*Motion to approve agenda: Young / Kiernan*

*Approved: Unanimous*

**III. Approval of the Minutes**

**(A)** Consider approval of the **March 18, 2021** Athletic Council meeting minutes

*Motion to approve the March 18, 2021 minutes: Young / Drosopoulos*

*Approved: Unanimous*

#### IV. Treasurer's Report

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

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

*Approved: Unanimous*

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

*No Report*

#### VI. NYSPHSAA Report: Guests: Dr. Robert Zayas and Ms. Julie Bergman, NYSPHSAA President

**(A)** Consider approval of the May 5<sup>th</sup> NYSPHSAA Executive Committee action items

Consider approval of only utilizing digital tickets starting with the 2021-2022 NYSPHSAA State Championships with a \$10 ticket price.

*Motion to approve digital ticketing for 21-22 state championships with the ticket price of \$10:*

*McCarthy / Young*

*Carried: 7 / 4 / 0*

Consider approval to eliminate "or a private school within that district's boundaries" from the NYSPHSAA Transfer Rule. *NO MOTION - WITHDRAWN*

Consider approval of changing the Boys & Girls Cross Country Classification Cut-Off numbers.

*MOTION to approve XC proposal cutoff numbers: McCarthy / Kiernan*

*Carried: 8 / 3 / 0*

Consider approval of the Edison Club and McGregor Country Club (Wilton/Rexford, NY) or Ridgemont CC, Greystone, and Wild Wood CC (Rochester, NY) as the host of the 2022-2024 NYSPHSAA Girls Golf Championships.

*Motion to approve the Ridgemont CC as the host of the 2022-2024 NYSPHSAA Girls Golf Championships: Kiernan / Drosopoulos*

*Approved: Unanimous*

Consider approval of the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center (Flushing) as the host of the 2021-2023 NYSPHSAA Girls Tennis Team Championships.

*Motion to approve the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center (Flushing) as the host of the 2021-2023 NYSPHSAA Girls Tennis Team Championships: Drosopoulos / Pollok*

*Approved: Unanimous*

Consider approval of the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center (Flushing) as the host of the 2022-2024 NYSPHSAA Boys Tennis Team Championships.

*Motion to approve the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center (Flushing) as the host of the 2022-2024 NYSPHSAA Boys Tennis Team Championships: Drosopoulos / McCarthy*

*Approved: Unanimous*

Consider approval to advance all Spring 2020 regional rotations and state tournament rotations to 2022 for all spring team sports, plus boys tennis individuals (which uses at-large rotations to fill byes).

*Motion to approve all Spring 2020 regional rotations and state tournament rotations to 2022 for all spring team sports, plus boys tennis individuals (which uses at-large rotations to fill byes):  
McCarthy / Berardo  
Approved: Unanimous*

Consider approval to extend bid terms for all 2021 Spring State Championships for an additional year as a result of the cancellation of these state championships.

*Motion to approve to extend bid terms for all 2021 Spring State Championships for an additional year as a result of the cancellation of these state championships: Young / Guccione  
Approved: Unanimous*

Consider approval to modify the selection process for State Sport Coordinators

*Motion to approve the modified selection process for state sport coordinators:  
Kiernan / Trotman  
Approved: Unanimous*

*Report from Dr. Zayas:*

- The Ad Hoc Classification committee is reviewing 4 potential proposals and will examine the criteria that is being utilized for classifications. A report will be provided to the Executive Committee at their May meeting. Any revisions will be proposed at the July Central Committee meeting with action being taken at the October committee meeting.*
- The 200 spectator policy is not inclusive of athletes, coaches or officials. A school can have 2 spectators per player or 200 spectators at an event. Important to work through your local department of health for local guidelines.*
- The fall athletic eligibility workshop will take place in person September 14, 2021 for the Section One workshop.*
- NYSPHSAA is planning to host state championship events as scheduled.*
  - The hotels that are under contract are all available to offer more rooms. There are auxiliary hotels available if we are unable to fit in the host hotels.*
- There is a vacancy for a Section One rising junior male student-athlete on the SAAC. All applications are due May 10<sup>th</sup>.*

**(I) NYSPHSAA Championship Advisory Committee Meeting Report**

**VII. Mergers: N/A**

**VIII. Outside Agency:**

- (A)** Consider approval of the **Northern Counties Track & Field Championships (Arlington HS)**  
*Motion to approve the Northern Counties Track & Field Championships (Arlington HS):  
Young / Drosopoulos  
Approved: Unanimous*

Discussion: If an outside group is benefiting from the event financially or other benefits, such as promoting their brand, an outside agency approval through the section is required. If a school is hosting and taking fully responsibility for the event, there is no need for an outside agency approval. The purpose of the outside agency rule is to be sure a company is not capitalizing on the participation of high school student athletes.

**IX. Self-Report:**

**(I) Violation of the NYSPHSAA representation rule – Bronxville football player**

*Joe Haven, Bronxville Athletic Director*

Discussion: There was a violation of the NYSPHSAA representation rule by a Bronxville football player. Given the nature of the violation and existing prescribed penalty in the NYSPHSAA handbook, the player was determined to be ineligible for participating in the same sport, in the same year, in the prior season in a different state. The prescribed use of an ineligible player is a forfeit. The school district appealed the eligibility of the student along with the penalty and both were upheld based on the determination of the Section One Appeal Panel.

**X. Friend & Neighbor Application: N/A**

**XI. General Action/Discussion/Informational Items:**

**(A) Consider approval of a waiver of the NYSPHSAA representation rule for all spring sports (6 to 4)**

*Motion to approve the waiver of the NYSPHSAA representation rule for all spring sports from 6 to 4: Pollok / Belfi*

*Approved: Unanimous*

**(D) Consider approval of June 15<sup>th</sup> as the official end date of spring 2021 for weather-related purposes**

*Motion to move to action item: Belfi/Baker*

*Approved: Unanimous*

*Motion to approve June 15<sup>th</sup> as the end date for spring 2021 for weather-related purposes  
Belfi/Baker:*

*Approved: Unanimous*

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

**(A) Consider approval of the four-class outdoor track and field meet proposal for spring 2021**

*Maureen Myers, Outdoor Track & Field Co-Chair*

*Motion to approve the four-class outdoor track and field meet proposal for Spring 2021:*

*Baker / McCarthy*

*Approved: Unanimous*

**(I) Update to Boys & Girls Golf Spring Championship proposals**

*John Bauerlein, Boys Golf Chair & Denise Kiernan, Girls Golf Chair*

- *Boys Golf moving from a one-day tournament on June 1<sup>st</sup> to a two-day tournament on June 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> to be played at the Westchester Country Club.*
- *Girls Golf will be on June 2<sup>nd</sup> at Whippoorwill Country Club.*

**XIII. Conference Reports**

- *Conference 1 - Meeting Thursday for scheduling.*
- *Conference 2 - No Report*
- *Conference 3 - In the process of figuring out crossovers with Conferences 1 & 2.*

#### **XIV. Standing Committee Reports**

- Championship Committee Report
  - *Beginning to meet with all the Fall Sport Chairs. Trying to get on a normal calendar routine for the upcoming school year.*
- Modified Committee Report
  - *Finalizing the handbook for spring.*
  - *At the next Conference meetings there will be a new process for completing declarations. The Modified Committee members will ask each Conference to complete a digital declaration form in the meeting. Groupings for winter and spring of next year will be based on the responses.*

#### **XV. Old Business**

#### **XVI. New Business**

##### **(I/D) Preparation for Fall 2021 NYSPHSAA Championships – Hotel Accommodations**

- *Finance Committee will review potential impact on Section One reimbursement policy*
- *Sigillo: Recommend developing a process to report racial comments being made during games. Nelson: The NYSPHSAA Executive Committee approved an update in the Sportsmanship card which includes discriminatory comments. Cards were sent out to the Sportsmanship reps and are available at the state office at no charge.*

#### **XVII. Good of the Order**

#### **XVIII. Adjournment**

*Motion to adjourn: Drosopoulos / Kiernan*

*Approved: Unanimous*

**Next Meeting:**  
**May 21, 2021 at 9:30am**