

Section One, Inc.
Center for Interscholastic Athletics



Athletic Council Meeting Minutes

November 16, 2021

Zoom Meeting

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Voting Members	Representative
President (or designee – 1 st Vice President)	James Mackin
Conference I Athletic Director	Andy Guccione
Conference I Athletic Director	Joe Luzzi
Conference I Athletic Director	Steve Young
Conference I Principal	Brett Miller (Absent)
Conference II Athletic Director	Mike Arias (Absent)
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 (Absent)
At-Large Athletic Director (Class D)	Andrine Trotman
Championship Committee Co-Chair	Tom Baker / Adam Lodewick
Non-Voting Members	Representative
2 nd Vice President, Athletic Director	Joe Sigillo (Absent)
Superintendent Liaison to Athletic Council	Anthony DiCarlo (Absent)
Executive Director, CIA/Treasurer	Todd Santabarbara
Assistant Director, CIA/Assistant Treasurer	Jesse Merchant
Recording Secretary	Stacy Chimento
Guests	
NYSPHSAA Executive Director	Dr. Robert Zayas

I. Call Meeting to Order

Meeting was called to order at 9:34am

II. Approval of the Agenda

(A) Consider approval of the agenda

Motion to approve the agenda: Luzzi / Baker

Carried: Aye=12 Nay=0 Abstention=0

III. Approval of the Minutes

(A) Consider approval of the **October 14, 2021** Athletic Council meeting minutes

Motion to approve the October 14, 2021 Athletic Council meeting minutes: Kiernan / Baker

Carried: Aye=12 Nay=0 Abstention=0

IV. Treasurer's Report

(A) Consider approval of the Treasurer's Report

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report: Young / Kiernan

Carried: Aye=12 Nay=0 Abstention=0

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

No report

VI. Section One Report

(I) Congratulations to the Fall 2021 Section & State Championship Teams

(I) Alignment Ballot Vote – *due November 19th*

(I) Amendments to Section One Constitution Ballot Vote – *due November 30th*

(I) Update: COVID-19 Testing Requirement for Officials, Vaccine Opt-out

The Westchester/Putnam Boys & Girls Basketball Chapter are refusing to follow the NYSPHSAA protocols related to the Commissioner's Determination regarding weekly COVID testing. Todd has been in conversation with Todd Nelson and Steve D'Angelo. If the Association does not comply it could result in either only utilizing vaccinated officials or requiring the schools to check proof of testing and/or vaccination upon arrival each day.

(I) Update: Sports Pak Ad-Hoc Committee

The Sports Pak Ad-Hoc Committee has been reviewing alternative scheduling and assigning platforms to streamline the essential functions of the office and for the schools.

(I) Football 2022 Planning & Preparation

Meetings with the Football Scheduling Committee will begin the first week of December. A timeline and process has been outlined.

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

(D) Six Classification Proposal – NYSPHSAA Ad-Hoc Classification Committee

Dr. Robert Zayas reported the following to the Athletic Council

There has been an update to the vaccination mandate at Ocean Breeze for the Indoor Track and Field Championships. Ocean Breeze sent out a notification stating they have removed the vaccination mandate for student athletes participating in that venue. The vaccination mandate remains in place for coaches and spectators.

The Ocean Breeze mask policy states student athletes must always wear a mask other than when

they are participating. However, an individual venue policy cannot supersede the directive provided by the DOH to the school districts where masks at indoor settings are required at all times.

As of right now, there is no position to advocate for a change to the mask policy from the membership.

There has been about the same amount of attendance if not more attendance at state championships. Covid is not keeping people from attending the events.

The amount of criticism and complaints seem different than prior to the pandemic. There seems to be zero tolerance for anything other than what parents want and they are not taking no for an answer. Parents are going above and beyond now that athletics are back.

All 32 officials' organizations have agreed to abide by the DOH guidance by only assigning officials that are in compliance by being fully vaccinated or by submitting a weekly test.

February 2nd is the scheduled vote for the changes to the classification format and the criteria to be developed for the 6 classifications.

VIII. Mergers

(A) Consider approval of the proposed mergers for the 2021-22 school year

Motion to approve the proposed mergers for the 2021-22 school year: Baker / Drosopoulos

Carried: Aye=12 Nay=0 Abstention=0

IX. Outside Agency: N/A

X. Self-Report: N/A

XI. Friend & Neighbor Applications: N/A

XII. Senior All-Star Applications: N/A

XIII. New Member Applications – January 2022

- Hudson Lab School
- The Montfort Academy

The potential new member schools will be invited to present at the January 2022 meeting.

XIV. General Action/Discussion/Informational Items

(A) Consider approval of a waiver of the representation rule for the following sports (6 to 4):

- Skiing
- Indoor Track & Field
- Gymnastics

Motion to approve waivers of representation rule for the sports listed: Drosopoulos / Baker

Carried: Aye=12 Nay=0 Abstention=0

- (A) Consideration to allow senior athletes to play at the JV level following prescribed restrictions
Greg Russo, Poughkeepsie AD

*Motion to allow senior athletes to play at the JV level following prescribed restrictions:
Drosopoulos / Guccione*

Carried: Aye=12 Nay=0 Abstention=0

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

- (A) Consider amending the maximum number of contests in the sport of JV/Freshman Basketball
Standards Committee, C. Hodge, Boys Basketball Chair, C. Drosopoulos, Girls Basketball Chair

Motion to consider amending the maximum number of contests in the sport of JV/Freshman Basketball: Drosopoulos / Galano

Carried: Aye=12 Nay=0 Abstention=0

- (D) Consider adopting a Class C/D Boys Basketball Open Tournament
Class C & D Athletic Directors

The proposal was discussed at a Conference 3 and the concerns brought up at the large group Athletic Director meeting were discussed.

The authors of the proposal were going to review the concerns and make any necessary adjustments before sharing with the Championship Committee in December.

- (A) Consideration of the Indoor/Outdoor Track & Field default order of events
Bob Cimmino, Mount Vernon AD

*No Motion – **Withdrawn***

- (A) Consider amending the NYS Dual Meet qualifier in the sport of wrestling
Jamie Block, Wrestling Sport Chair

*Motion to approve amending the NYS Dual Meet qualifier in the sport of wrestling:
Guccione / Baker*

Carried: Aye=12 Nay=0 Abstention=0

- (A) Consider the proposed system to determine True 2nd in the sport of wrestling
Jamie Block, Wrestling Sport Chair

*Motion to approve the proposed system to determine True 2nd in the sport of wrestling:
Guccione / Drosopoulos*

Carried: Aye=12 Nay=0 Abstention=0

XVI. Amendments to Section One Constitution: N/A

XVII. Conference Reports

Conference 1: *Spring Valley informed schools that they will not have any home basketball games*

Conference 2: No report

Conference 3: Conference discussed numerous topics: AD's access to All Section plaques, football scheduling and independent teams, spectators and varying gym sizes.

XVIII. Standing Committee Reports

○ Championship Committee

(I/D) Consideration of the proposed winter tournament calendar and championship sites

Tom Baker / Adam Lodewick, Championship Committee Co-Chairs

Championship Committee met and started discussions with spring sport chairs. There are some outstanding winter issues particularly for basketball semi-finals and finals. The Committee is looking for local colleges that may loosen their guidelines as we approach the new year.

There were discussions around potential changes to the seeding process. Further discussion around any changes will be at the December meeting.

○ Merger/Combining of Teams

(I) Revised Merger/Combining of Teams Application

Jesse Merchant, Section One Liaison

In the packet is a draft form of the new merger/combining of teams application. Deadlines have been taken off the form. There are certain steps that need to be taken in the approval process which will dictate the deadlines. Information around why the merge is taking place has been added to the application.

XIX. Old Business

XX. New Business

XXI. Good of the Order

XXII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Kiernan / Mackin

Carried: Aye=12 Nay=0 Abstention=0