

SECTION SEVEN ATHLETIC COUNCIL MEETING
New York State Public High School Athletic Association
April 27, 2023 – High Peaks Resort, Lake Placid

MINUTES

1) Call to order and attendance

- a) Officers: J. Barnhart, J. Dann, J. Gardner B. Norcross
- b) Staff: M. Walentuk
- c) MVAC: A. Gonyo, N. Short, M. Mills
- d) CVAC: G. Myers, V. McMillan, J. Manchester, W. Larrow
- e) Executive Committee: M. Graney, J. Harrica, K. McCoy
- f) Guests: C. Joyce – NYSPHSAA
- g) Absent Excused – K. Lopez, S. Broadwell
 - i) Proxies:
 - (1) R. McAuliffe for J. Siddon – **Harrica, Manchester**

APPROVED

2) Approval of January 19, 2023 Minutes - Larrow, Myers

APPROVED

3) Financial Report

- a) 22-23 Budget Update
- b) Winter Sectionals Report
- c) Proposed 2023-24 Budget – **Dann, Harrica**

APPROVED

4) Executive Director Report – Walentuk

- a) Actions of the Executive Committee
 - i) Approved Spring Mergers
- b) NSL Soccer Schedule
 - i) Motion to approved 2023 NSL Schedule – Gardner, McCoy **APPROVED**
- c) Lake Placid Volleyball Request
 - i) Motion to approve Lake Placid’s request to play Class C Volleyball for Fall 2023 – Manchester, Harrica **APPROVED**
- d) NYSPHSAA Ball Adoption
 - i) Motion to approve the Spalding Ball Adoption Agreement for 2024-2029 – Harrica, Larrow **APPROVED**
- e) Dates of 2023-2024 Athletic Council Meetings – Gardner, Larrow **APPROVED**
 - i) Thursday, September 14th, 2023(virtual)
 - ii) Thursday, October 5th, 2023
 - iii) Friday, January 19th, 2024
 - iv) Friday, April 19th, 2024
 - v) Thursday, June 6th, 2024

- f) Winter Sectionals Update
 - i) Boys Ice Hockey Regionals
 - (1) Concern with the subpar facility that Beekmantown had to play at for Boys Ice Hockey in their Regional game
 - ii) Girls Ice Hockey Proposal
 - (1) Concern with the equity and size of some of the teams that our girls ice hockey teams are being asked to play against next year. We will have our championship between Section VII schools.
- g) Girls Flag Football
 - i) Girls Flag Football is going well thus far. The season is going, the teams are playing and the student-athletes feedback is really positive.
- h) Officials Contract Negotiations
 - i) We have begun contract negotiations for the next contract beginning July of 2024.
- i) Social Media Platform – Gipper
 - i) Gipper offers templates with graphics that would help highlight our posts.
- j) New NYSED rep for PE/Athletics – Elyse Loughlin: elyse.loughlin@nysed.gov
- k) Important Dates:
 - i) May 1-5th – NYSPHSAA Mental Health Awareness Week
 - ii) May 1st – MVAC AD’s Meeting – Pitkin’s Restaurant
 - iii) May 3rd – NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Meeting – Saratoga Springs
 - iv) May 10th – CVAC AD’s Meeting – Peru HS
 - v) May 16-18 – Coaches Appreciation

5) Conference reports/concerns

- a) CVAC
 - i) Motion to change Section VII operating procedure Section VI Item 1:
 - (1) Planning of sectional activities shall be the responsibility of the appointed Section VII Coordinator of the sport and their committee. **The final approval of the sectional schedule rests with the executive director.** Changes in procedures of sectional activities must be approved by the Section VII Athletic Council.
- (a) Motion passed 13-1 **APPROVED**

- b) MVAC

6) NYSPHSAA report

- a) NYSPHSAA Office Report
- b) Central Committee Report
- c) Committee Reports
 - i) Safety
 - ii) Modified – Our proposal to remove the 50% rule from the promotion rule was soundly defeated by the modified committee.
 - iii) Sportsmanship
 - iv) Handbook – Several action and discussion items that we will hit later.

v) CAC – Approved the items sent to them including the OCF fees and policies document.

d) **Upcoming Executive Committee Action Items**

- i) Consider approval of the 2023-2024 NYSPHSAA Budget. – **Yes**
- ii) Consider approval to add a Spectator Sportsmanship Regulation to the NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship rule. – **Yes**
- iii) Consider approval of adding the wet bulb temperature indicator chart to the current NYSPHSAA Heat Index Policy. – **Yes**
- iv) Consider approval to provide digital participation certificates for Regional and State Tournaments via email or accessible on the NYSPHSAA website. – **Yes**
- v) Consider approval of waivers of the Representation Rule – **Track & Field 6-5**
- vi) Consider approval of sections intent to participate in the 2023-24 NYSPHSAA State Championships. – **Yes**
- vii) Consider approval of Cortland as the host of the NYSPHSAA Girls State Soccer Championships. – **Yes**
- viii) Consider approval of Drumlins Tennis Club (Syracuse) as the host of the Girls Tennis Team Championships. – **Yes**
- ix) Consider approval of Boys/Girls Tennis becoming a variation sport and keeping the classification cut-off numbers at 600 and 599-below. – **Yes**
- x) Consider approval of revising Game Day Cheerleading State Championship to Sunday of Week #18 starting in 2023. – **Yes**
- xi) Consider approval of adding pre-season practice restriction in the NYSPHSAA handbook (football) – **Yes**
- xii) Consider approval of starting on Saturday of Week #7 for all sections in the sport of football. – **Yes**
- xiii) Consider approval to change the NYSPHSAA Handbook to allow the use of cell phones as distance measuring devices (DMDs) during the Boys Golf State Championship. *(Pg.)* – **Yes**
- xiv) Consider approval to cap the scoring at three times par for each hole at the NYSPHSAA Girls Golf State Championship for a two-year experiment. Each section/league can set their own maximum at their own Sectional Championship. – **Yes**
- xv) Consider approval of Outdoor Track & Field becoming a variation sport and keeping the classification cut-off numbers at 600 and above for D1 and 599 and below for D2. – **Yes**
- xvi) Consider approval of removing hand timed standards for the second qualifier to the NYSPHSAA State Championship and only using FAT time as the standard. – **Yes**
- xvii) Consider approval to remove the requirement for the Super Standard Qualifier must be in a meet with a minimum of 5 or more teams. The meet must be a formal meet using FAT timing. – **Yes**

e) **Upcoming Executive Committee Discussion Items**

- i) Consider approval to continue to use of the standby official at the semifinal and final games as an on-field working official in the sport of Football for one year.

- ii) Consider approval of the NYSPHSAA Officials Fees & Policies Document for 2023-2026.
- iii) Consider approval to add the following to the NYSPHSAA Handbook under Representation, letter d. "Board Approved Coaches may help facilitate practice."
- iv) Consider approval to add language to the NYSPHSAA Undue Influence Rule.
- v) Consider approval to mandate the *Anyone Can Save a Life* program for all NYSPHSAA teams.
- vi) Consider approval of an addition to the current overtime procedure in Modified Wrestling.
- vii) Consider approval to require all NYSPHSAA Standing Committee members and staff to take the free NFHS Implicit Bias course.
- viii) Consider approval to restructure the NYSPHSAA SAAC by expanding to three students per section, removing the gender requirement and requiring one member be a representative of diversity.
- ix) Consider approval to add the following to the NYSPHSAA Handbook Penalties section:
"NYSPHSAA Sections may sanction, censor or place school on probation that fail to protect those involved in interscholastic activities from derogatory or inappropriate behavior deemed harmful to physical or mental well-being."
- x) Consider approval to add the following to the NYSPHSAA Handbook Sportsmanship section:
"Use of derogatory or racially explicit language; discriminatory harassment or bias conduct that creates a hostile environment that is disruptive to the educational environment. Spectators shall not be permitted to use vulgar/offensive or racially/culturally insensitive action. NYSPHSAA Sections may sanction, censor or place schools on probation that fail to protect those involved in interscholastic activities from derogatory or inappropriate behavior deemed harmful to physical or mental well-being."
- xi) Consider approval to implement a "Purple Card" to assist with management of sportsmanship issues with spectators in the sports of Boys and Girls Volleyball.
- xii) Consider approval to revise the Girls Volleyball state tournament format to bracket play (semifinals in place of pool play), beginning with the 2023 state tournament.
- xiii) Consider approval of Girls Volleyball Rotations for 2023-2025.
- xiv) Consider approval of Girls Soccer Rotation for 2023-2030.
- xv) Consider approval of Boys Soccer Rotation for 2023-2026.
- xvi) Consider approval of Classification cut-off numbers for Competitive and Game Day Cheerleading.
- xvii) Consider approval for scoring changes in the Gymnastics Technical Handbook.
- xviii) Consider approval of Boys/Girls Bowling becoming a variation sport and keep the classification cut-off numbers at 600 and above for D1 and 599 and below for D2
- xix) Consider approval of Boys Swimming & Diving Qualifying Standards.
- xx) Consider approval of Baseball Regional Rotations for 2024-2029.
- xxi) Consider approval of Boys Lacrosse Regional Rotations for 2028-2033.
- xxii) Consider approval to start Boys and Girls Lacrosse on the Saturday of Week #36, two days earlier than the traditional spring sports date.

7) Officials Report -

- 8) Other -** The Section VII Credit card accumulates points based on purchases. These points can be used for travel/hotels for conferences or tournaments.

9) Adjournment – Larrow, Dann

APPROVED

10) NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY, JUNE 6TH, 2023