



MEETING REPORT

Meeting: Championship Advisory Committee (CAC)

Date: September 29, 2021 – 10:00 am - Video Conference Call

Topics Discussed:

- 1) Welcome, Announcements, Welcome to Four New Members
- 2) **ACTION:** Girls Tennis/Boys Tennis Regional Rotations, Girls Tennis At-Large Rotation, Girls/Boys Volleyball Regional Assignments/Rotations, Competitive Cheer Qualifying Meets, Girls/Boys Swimming Names for Relays, Officials Fees for 17-Minute Periods
- 3) **DISCUSSION:** None
- 4) **INPUT/REVIEW:** 6th Classification Criteria/Format (75/100)
- 5) **INFORMATIONAL:** Championship Dates & Sites updates
- 6) **OTHER:** Tournament director positions for State Tournaments

CAC Members Attending:

Greg Ransom (Chair)	Eileen Troy
Mike Andrew	John Rathbun
Carl Normandin	Mark Ward
Deb Ferry	Susan Reid
Carlos Cotto	Adam Stolman
Jamie Harter	

NYSPHSAA & Other Guests:

Joe Altieri (Liaison)	Robert Zayas
Chris Joyce	Kristen Jadin
Todd Nelson	Julie Bergman
Jen Simmons	Tim Mullins
Peggy Seese	John Coletta
Chris Horgan	Peter Hugo
Russell Bartlett	

Absent with notice: Paul Harrica

Chair Greg Ransom called the meeting to order at 10:07 am. He welcomed the group and called on Executive Director Dr. Robert Zayas and President Julie Bergman to give opening remarks. Robert described the new NYSPHSAA Championship Protocol released on September 9th. He also noted NYSPHSAA continues to communicate with the Department of Health and stated there are numerous disparities with local DOH's across the state. John asked if any state tournament facilities will have restrictions and requirements. Robert noted the USTA National Tennis Center has a vaccination requirement if we play indoors in addition to Ocean Breeze Athletic Complex (Indoor Track). Assistant Director Joe Altieri added that section offices will be informed of these restrictions for each event and they will appear in our Championship Operations Packets. He also noted tennis, and possibly other venues, will have spectator restrictions where parents may only be able to see their athlete compete then must leave the venue.

Robert thanked President Bergman for the new CAC appointments and indicated how influential this committee is. He indicated the importance of having new members and new perspectives. Julie Bergman welcomed the group and thanked them for their time and work on the committee.

Greg reviewed the procedure of voting after the action items are presented. He also emphasized the role of CAC and not representing your section or school when discussing and voting on proposals, rather thinking and taking action on what's good for the NYSPHSAA membership.

Joe welcomed the committee made one notation about the packet. He explained why/how the girls tennis at-large rotation proposal became an action item just last week, which was due to Section 7 informing NYSPHSAA on September 20th that they would participate in the tennis individual state tournament

ACTION ITEMS

(These items will be presented for a vote at the October 20th Executive Committee Meeting):

Boys Tennis Team Tournament Regional Rotation 2022-27 – Coordinator Selina DeCicco explained the proposal. No concerns were raised. **MOTION by Jamie to support the proposal. SECOND by Eileen. CARRIED 10-0.**

Girls Tennis Team Tournament Regional Rotation 2021-26 – Coordinator Chris Horgan explained the proposal. No concerns were raised. **MOTION by Mike A. to support the proposal. SECOND by Deb. CARRIED 10-0.**

Girls Tennis Team Tournament At-Large Rotation 2021-25 – Coordinator Chris Horgan explained the proposal. No concerns were raised. **MOTION by Mike A. to support the proposal. SECOND by Carlos. CARRIED 10-0.**

Girls Volleyball Regional Assignments 2022-25 – Coordinator Peggy Seese explained the proposal. Greg asked what her definition of equitable is. Peggy indicated it was to balance five classes. Greg also stated if a section doesn't have a school in that class, then you need to have a plan in place to avoid byes. Is there a plan for that? Peggy responded there won't be byes in any scenario. She explained an example with Section 2. Deb asked in that case, would schools play in a nearby region? Peggy indicated yes, the regionals assignments address that. **MOTION by Carl to support the proposal. SECOND by Jamie. CARRIED 10-0.**

Boys Volleyball Regional Rotations 2022-24 – Coordinator John Coletta explained the proposal. John R asked if travel was addressed in this new rotation. He remembers Shenendehowa High School was traveling quite a bit a few years ago in Regional play. John C stated yes they did address that. They built in two days between travel so no school would have to travel back to back. **MOTION by Carl to support the proposal. SECOND by Susan. CARRIED 10-0.**

Competitive Cheer Qualifying Meets – Coordinator Jen Simmons explained the proposal. John R noted an officials shortage and that there's a significant expense for schools to compete in tournaments. Jen indicated she had this discussion with Executive Directors and suggested scheduling "mini" competitions which would have less judges and would be more cost effective. Deb said Section XI already does that and it works well saving money for schools. **MOTION by Deb to support the proposal. SECOND by Mark. CARRIED 10-0.**

Girls/Boys Swimming & Diving Not Submitting Names For Relays – Coordinator Peter Hugo (Boys) explained the proposal. Deb asked when names actually are submitted. Peter noted when schools arrive at States. John asked if this will increase the number of competitors. Peter indicated no, it will simply allow coaches flexibility so they can avoid disqualifications. **MOTION by Eileen to support the proposal. SECOND by Carlos. CARRIED 10-0.**

Ice Hockey Officials Fees for 17-Minute Periods– Assistant Director Todd Nelson explained the proposal and timeline. Greg explained the role of CAC with officials fees and the history of ice hockey period minutes increasing. John R asked if the committee ever adjusted the officials fees and policy. Robert/Todd believe there was a change when four officials were instituted for lacrosse. Eileen confirmed and noted it also may have been changed when three officials were created for basketball. John stated he doesn't think the base game fee has ever changed and doesn't believe we can do that. John R asked about the change in working conditions and if that would effect the fees. He said wrestling was similar and a change was not made. John R also asked about the language of the policy for changing fees. Todd noted the increases for three sections was due to the increase in minutes each period. John R still believes this is something that has not been done in the past. Todd said he shared the proposal with the officials interpreter Jim Keegan and Jim is comfortable with the proposal. Greg asked what the feeling of the committee is. John R was willing to compromise the fee but wanted to include the other sections. Deb inquired what the fee difference was. Todd noted a \$210 difference. Mike A was concerned about changing the officials fees and policies document. Robert responded that adding additional time to a game doesn't happen frequently and it wouldn't be necessary to discuss changes in the document. Mike A explained how boys soccer increased game time years ago and officials organizations didn't ask for a raise until it was time to discuss a change. Eileen added in lacrosse years ago where there was an increase in game time and it resulted in an increase in fees. Todd thought it may have been at the modified level and recognized it's not an issue with the policy. NYSPHSAA has a living "fees and policies" document which do not include negotiations. Mark stated when we're adding time and changing the environment there should be good faith in doing the right thing increasing the fees. Jamie shared "good faith" changes happen in schools all the time when it is necessary to adjust fees/costs.

Greg called the question: Is CAC in general agreement with adjusting the fees for ice hockey due to increased time. All were in favor by a 10-0 vote. Greg next asked to decide on the amount and asked Todd to calculate it. Todd reported the difference is between \$3 and \$7. **MOTION by John R. to stay consistent with all our fees and divide the fee by all nine sections (not use just the fees of the sections that increased them) which would result in a \$3 fee increase.**

SECOND by Carl. Mike A concluded we would be revisiting this next year (after the 2022-23 season) since its the final year. Todd noted the fee would be \$122 for the 2022 and 2023 championships. Robert commented its only an additional \$90. Deb called the question to vote on John R's motion . **Motion defeated 3-7.**

MOTION by Deb to accept the \$7 fee increase (the original proposal in the 9/29/21 CAC packet). **SECOND by Mark.**
CARRIED 9-1.

FOR DISCUSSION:

NOTE: These items were introduced for discussion today and will be presented for action/vote at the October 2021 CAC meeting then subsequently at the October Executive Committee meeting, unless noted otherwise.

None

FOR REVIEW/INPUT/CHAMPIONSHIP SITE SELECTIONS:

6th Classification – Dr. Zayas shared the status of the 6th Classification criteria/format proposal. He noted he explained this proposal to 10 of 11 sections so far during workshops this fall.

Other – Eileen brought up state tournament director positions after a candidate for the girls basketball tournament director withdrew from the position for 2022, following the resigning of the previous director (health reasons). No director has been named and Eileen felt an individual should be so they can handle the details of this large event. She noted the NYSPHSAA Office recently reported the staff may run the event for just 2022. Eileen asked how this situation should be handled and if CAC has a "say". Robert provided history on this situation and the current status of it which is, due to this late juncture, a tournament director for girls basketball will not be named for 2022. He discussed the issue with Ed Dopp, S2 Executive Director and Ed supported NYSPHSAA. Tim Lincoln, NYSPHSAA girls Basketball coordinator is aware of the decision and is supportive of the NYSPHSAA staff assuming the role of tournament director for the 2022 championship tournament. Greg commented he thinks the NYSPHSAA Office should decide on what they do with tournaments. A discussion ensued about sport coordinators and tournament directors. Eileen asked if there's any future plans to add additional staff to assume directorship of NYSPHSAA State Championships. Is the decision for the NYSPHSAA Office staff to be the tournament director for girls basketball in 2022 a future direction of the Association? Robert does not believe CAC's role and responsibilities include approval of tournament directors and it ultimately comes back to him as Executive Director if there is an issue with a tournament director or something at the tournament. Eileen felt it was important to share information on this topic so committees were aware of ongoing discussions.

INFORMATIONAL:

2021-26 Championship Dates & Sites – Joe noted the updated document through spring 2026.

ADJOURNMENT: MOTION by Carl. SECOND by Mark. The meeting adjourned at 11:41 am.

*Minutes respectfully submitted by NYSPHSAA liaison Joe Altieri; reviewed/approved on **September 30, 2021** by CAC Chair, members and the NYSPHSAA Executive Director prior to distribution.*

Next Meeting:	Wednesday, January 12, 2022 @ 10:00 am Wednesday, April 13, 2022 @ 10:00 am* (may be changed due to spring break) Wednesday, June 22, 2022 @ 10:00 am
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