

Athletic Council Meeting  
Wednesday, June 3, 2015  
Vista/Van Patten Country Club  
10:00 a.m.

**Please share this information with your Chief School Officer!**

Agenda

- ❖ Seat the Council
- ❖ Establish and Set the Agenda
- ❖ Additions to the Agenda
- ❖ President's Report - Jamian Rockhill
  - Welcome
  - Section Finances
    - Flynn, Walker, Diggin
  - Central Committee Representatives – **Voting Item**
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President –
      - Applicants –
        - Joe Sapienza – Colonial Council
        - Lenny Kies – Suburban
  - Sport Coordinators – 2015-2016 & 2016-2017 – **Voting Item**
    - Baseball – Peter Sorberra (Corinth)
    - Boys Basketball – Will Ferguson (Ichabod Crane)
    - Girls Basketball – Dan Hytko (Cohoes)
    - Boys Bowling – Gary VanDerzee (Ravena)
    - Girls Bowling – Adam Sutton (Ravena)
    - Cheerleading – Patty Palmer (Guilderland)
    - Boys Cross Country – Tom Greene (Colonie)
    - Girls Cross Country – Marbry Gansle (Shaker)
    - Field Hockey – Michelle Venditto (Glens Falls)
    - Football – Bob Dorrance (Ravena)
    - Boys Golf – Tom Gladd (Voorheesville)
    - Girls Golf – Eileen Troy (Granville)
    - Gymnastics – Marbry Gansle (Shaker)
    - Ice Hockey – Scott Stuart (Queensbury)
    - Boys Lacrosse – Bob Gula (Scotia)
    - Girls Lacrosse – Liz Parry (Emma Willard)
    - Alpine Skiing – Steve Tomb (Queensbury)
    - Nordic Skiing – Steve Jackson (Queensbury)
    - Boys Soccer – Jim Gillis (retired)

- Girls Soccer – Tom Husser (Hoosick Falls)
  - Softball – Cathy Allen (retired)
  - Boys Swimming – Brian Melanson (Schenectady)
  - Girls Swimming – Marc Vachon/Katherine Streater (Mohonasen)
  - Boys Tennis –
    - Stan France (retired)
    - Curtis Snyder (Guilderland)
  - Girls Tennis –
    - Gerry Cuva (Shaker)
    - Stan France (retired)
  - Boys Indoor Track – Doug Hadley (Columbia)
  - Girls Indoor Track – Bob Wallen (Troy)
  - Boys Outdoor Track – Dave Petersen (retired)
  - Girls Outdoor Track – Mark Therrien (Fonda)
  - Boys Volleyball –
  - Girls Volleyball – Peggy Seese (Argyle)
  - Wrestling – George Chickanis (Hudson Falls)
- Section 2 Officers – **Voting Item**
- Motion to approve the moving up of the officers as follows:
    - President – Nick Fitzgerald
    - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President/Treasurer – Chris Culnan
      - The duties of the Treasurer will be delegated to Flynn Walker Diggin.
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President/Secretary – per election
      - The duties of the Secretary will be delegated to Risë Van Iderstine.
    - Past President – Jamian Rockhill
    - Modified – James Schlegel
- Friends & Neighbor – **Voting Item**
- Motion to approve Wynantskill UFSD (Gardner-Dickinson) as a Friends & Neighbors for the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 school years.
- ❖ Executive Director’s Report - Wayne Bertrand
- Boys Tennis NYSPHSAA Championship Scholar Athlete Award
  - Professional Development
    - Regulation Violations –
      - Policy Review
      - Penalty Phase
    - Athletic Placement Process for Interschool Athletic Programs – (Guideline Sheet attached)
    - Concussion Course – Anniversary Year
    - NFHS Coaching Courses – these will be an alternative
    - PE Plans must be on record with SED. Conversation that you may want to have with your Superintendent.

- Transgender Guidelines –
  - The Ad Hoc Committee will provide information for action at the Summer meeting.
- Community Service Challenge
- Important Reminders
  - NYSPHSAA Participation Survey
  - 2015-2016 Meeting Dates/Sport Season Starting Dates –(revised attached)
    - Modified Start Dates
    - Mandated Athletic Directors Workshop
  - New Section Office Address – see attachment
  - Officials -
    - Reference Sheet (attached)
    - Fall Sports Officials –
    - Schedules and Non-preferred Officials List
- ❖ Internal Control Officer - Al Roy
  - Warrants Since Last Athletic Council Meeting
    - #27 – April 21, 2015 - 14 items - \$13,220.41
    - #28 – May 5, 2015 – 16 items - \$12,835.95
    - #29 – May 19, 2015 – 10 items - \$5,974.14
  - Sectional Fee Schedule
- ❖ State Report - Kathy Ryan/Bob McGuire
  - **Approved Items –**
    - Bob Stulmaker has announced his retirement effective August 30<sup>th</sup>.
    - Modified Volleyball Serving Rotation (Section/League Approval) – **Voting Item**
    - Modified Wrestling – maximum number of points from 12 to 14
    - Modified Wrestling – number of 2 point contests from 8 to 10
    - Modified Boys & Girls Soccer – waiver of NFHS regulation for goalie jerseys to be numbered for years 2015-2016 and 2016-2017.
    - Modified Cross Country – two year pilot to allow spikes (Section/League Approval) – **Voting Item**
    - Ice Hockey Championships will be in Buffalo
    - Regional plaques will now be given to both the winning and losing teams.
    - Football – Limited contact for all levels.
    - Variation Cut off numbers – effective 2016-2017
      - Cross Country
        - ◆ Class A – 850 & up
        - ◆ Class B – 445-849
        - ◆ Class C – 261-444
        - ◆ Class D – 260 and below
      - Girls Volleyball
        - ◆ Class AA – 941 & up

- ◆ Class A – 587-940
  - ◆ Class B – 345-586
  - ◆ Class C – 203-344
  - ◆ Class D – 202 & below
- Informational –
  - Football –
    - Reduction in the minimum number of practices for the individual from 11 to 10 (scrimmage) and 15 to 14 (contests) was tabled.
    - Proposed variation cut off numbers – tabled
      - ◆ Class AA – 930 & up
      - ◆ Class A – 570-929
      - ◆ Class B – 365-569
      - ◆ **Class C – 250-364**
      - ◆ **Class D – 249 & below**
  - Boys Lacrosse – looking at proposing a 4<sup>th</sup> classification.
- Discussion –
  - Allow Sections the ability to extend the period of ineligibility for a player or coach disqualified from a contest by an official.
    - Possible action at the Summer meeting. **Voting Item**
  - Indoor Track – requesting a 2<sup>nd</sup> relay team from each Section for Championships
    - Additional information requested regarding length of meet and cost.
    - Discussion item for the Summer meeting.
  - Unified Sports –
    - Basketball Rules – (attached)
      - ◆ Discussion at Section level
    - NFHS Coaching Course – (attached)
      - ◆ Discussion at Section level for possible action at Summer meeting. **Voting Item**
  - Baseball/Softball adult base coaches to wear hard shell helmets for 2016 season.
    - Discussion at Section level for possible action at Summer meeting. **Voting Item**
- ❖ NYSPHSAA – - Robert Zayas
- ❖ Committee Reports
  - Eligibility - Chris Culnan
  - Officials - Wayne Bertrand
    - The 2015-2016 school year will be the last year on this agreement.
    - We will begin negotiations soon.
  - Constitution/Mixed Competition/Sr. All Star - Wayne Bertrand
    - Authorization to make any changes in the Constitution that refer to nine (9) leagues to eight (8). **Voting Item**
  - Modified - James Schlegel
  - Classification - Bob McGuire

- Albany Academies – Girls Lacrosse – **Voting Item**
  - Albany Academies filed an appeal of their reclassification.
    - ◆ The Executive Committee heard the appeal.
    - ◆ Recommendation from the Executive Committee to re-classify Albany Academies as Class B in girls lacrosse beginning with the 2015-2016 school year.
- Catholic Central – Girls Basketball – **Voting Item**
  - Catholic Central had requested to be re-classified at the annual review meeting to Class A. This was tabled as the girls basketball committee wanted to wait until after Sectionals to provide the Classification Committee with a recommendation. The recommendation from the girls’ basketball committee is to leave Catholic Central as a Class AA.
  - Recommendation from the Classification Committee to the Executive Committee and the Athletic Council is to not re-classify Catholic Central in girls’ basketball. They will remain in Class AA for the 2015-2016 school year.
- Transfer - Pete Bednarek
  - Academic Advantage Lawsuit –
    - The decision should be received very soon. Renee James believe it will be favorable to NYSPHSAA.
  - Future Meeting Dates for 2015-2016
    - August 11, 2015
    - August 18, 2015
    - September 15, 2015
    - October 13, 2015
    - October 27, 2015
    - February 23, 2016
- Sportsmanship (Bad)/Mergers - Nick Fitzgerald
- Sportsmanship (Good) - Mike Leonard
- Safety/Chemical Health Awareness - Rick Knizek
- Audit Committee - James Schlegel
- Awards - Paul Jenkins
- ❖ Sports Committee Reports –
- ❖ League Concerns –
- ❖ NYSAAA - Scott Stuart/Tom Kostrzebski
- ❖ COA/NYSHPERD
- ❖ Old Business
- ❖ New Business
- ❖ Adjournment
- ❖ **Action Items On The Agenda**
  - Central Committee
  - Sport Coordinators

- Section 2 Officers
- Friends & Neighbor – Wynantskill UFSD
- Modified
  - Volleyball – Serving Rotation (Section/League approval)
  - Cross Country – Use of Spikes (Section/League approval)
- Section’s ability to extend the period of ineligibility for a player or coach disqualified from a contest by an official.
- Unified Sports –
  - Require coaches for any NYSPHSAA Unified Sport Program to take the NFHS Unified Sports Online Coaching Course.
- Baseball/Softball – use of hard shell helmets by adult coaches
- Revisions/Corrections to Constitution (change where it refers to nine (9) leagues to eight (8)).
- Classification
  - Albany Academies – Girls Lacrosse
  - Catholic Central – Girls Basketball

**Future Meetings**

<b>Athletic Council Meeting</b> <b>June 3, 2015</b> <b>Vista/Van Patten Country Club</b> <b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Executive Committee Meeting</b> <b>May 6, 2015</b> <b>Section 2 Office - Saratoga</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b>
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**League Presidents Meeting**  
**May 4, 2015**  
**NYSPHSAA Office - Latham**  
**9:00 am**

**Reminder**

**We are transitioning to the physical address as the mailing address for the Section 2 office.**  
**433 Broadway, Suite 303**  
**Saratoga Springs, NY 12866**