Meeting: Championship Advisory Committee (CAC)

Date: Wednesday January 8, 2020 Conference Call

Chair Greg Ransom called the meeting to order at 10:04 am. President Paul Harrica made welcome remarks. Assistant Director Joe Altieri noted the items in the October Executive Committee meeting that CAC voted on were approve. He also noted call-ins and the need to possibly deviate from the agenda for coordinator calls.

**ACTION ITEMS** (These items will be presented for a vote at the February 7th Executive Committee Meeting)

**Ice Hockey Video Replay Protocol** – Coordinator Scott Stuart explained the proposal. Patricia asked if there was any general language that could cover replay instead of a list of situations. Scott doesn’t think there will be broader language. He feels specifics are better in this situation. After Scott hung up, the CAC discussed the proposal. Mike A. was opposed to it and noted a concern about the issues that arise from replay including lengthening games. Other sports with replay were discussed. **MOTION by Carl to support the proposal. SECOND by Steve. Carried 9-0-1 (abstain).**

**Girls Basketball Selection of Officials Language** – Assistant Director Todd Nelson explained the proposal and apologized for the delay in presenting it to CAC. He noted it was not a reflection of Coordinator Tim Lincoln. Eileen added more information on the proposal and why it was important to Girls Basketball. John asked why we can’t just do this for both boys and girls basketball. John also suggested this for lacrosse as well. Greg suggested Joe and Todd reach out to the Boys Basketball coordinator about applying this. Steve said this would not preclude anyone if the boys adopted this policy as well Mike A. asked if we can do this for more than just basketball and lacrosse. Greg suggested discussing it later. **MOTION by Patricia to support the proposal. SECOND by Deb. Carried 10-0.**

**FOR DISCUSSION:**

**NOTE: These items were introduced for discussion today and will be presented for action at the April CAC meeting then subsequently at the May Executive Committee meeting, unless noted otherwise.**

**Girls Golf Rule 11.08 #4 Allow Coaching** – Coordinator Jamie Harter explained the proposal. Greg indicated the current rule was approved by NYSPHSAA and clarified specific coaching situations. John noted it should say “Board approved” coach. Jamie agreed. Robert clarified there is no rule in the NYSPHSAA handbook that prohibits green to tee coaching but it can be added to the handbook. Todd read what is currently stated in the rulebook now. Kristen will revise the proposal and prepare for Feb Executive Committee and subsequent CAC and Exec Comm meetings.

**Bowling Rule #9 Oil Pattern For Practice (if held)** – Coordinator Eileen Shultis explained the proposal. There were no questions or concerns from CAC at this time.
Bowling Rule 5.08 #4 Remove Limit on Baker Tournaments – Coordinator Eileen Shultis explained the proposal. Deb asked if we eliminate this then would we be asking for a waiver of the rule or eliminating something stated in the rulebook. Eileen S. explained the logic behind why we should be removing the limit. Greg clarified the rule.

Standard Regional Rotations for 5-Class Sports – Joe, Robert and Todd explained the timeline and detail of this proposal. Joe noted the proposal was based on research Carl did years ago to simply regional setups. Carl added there should be consideration in rotating host sections home/away but not having games in the same classes at the same time. Greg asked if we should be concerned with geography or equal regions, and felt geography is more important. Mike A. agreed competition with contiguous sections is more important but the number of teams has to be a consideration. John does not like when schools have to travel twice in a week. Example was Shen volleyball this past fall. Greg noted that’s a schedule issue, not a set rotation, and Todd clarified the committee would set those scheduled. This proposal is simply the setup of regions.

Officials Fees & Policies 2020-23 – Greg first commended Todd for preparing the sub-committee with necessary documents and getting everyone up to speed. Greg indicated the draft in the folders is a summary of the work of the committee and we should review it page by page. Todd noted every Section Executive Director, Sport Coordinator and Officials organization was provided a form to give formal input to Todd/CAC. John suggested a procedure to open up contract talks when there’s a change in working conditions. CAC agreed to discuss this. The CAC also agreed to present the revised Officials Fees and Policies document it discussed today.

FOR REVIEW/INPUT, CHAMPIONSHIP SITE SELECTIONS:

Wrestling Dual Meet Site Selection 2021-23 – Joe explained the bid from Onondaga Community College in Section 3. CAC expressed no concerns at this time in the staff and committee recommending OCC for 2021-23.

Outdoor Track Site Selection 2021-23 – Joe explained the bid from St. John Fisher College (Section 5) and a joint bid from Middletown High School (9)/Cicero North Syracuse High School (3). He noted why the committee and staff had two slightly different recommendations. Greg withdrew from the discussion due to being the Executive Director of Section 9 where Middletown is located. Robert further explained more concerns from staff with St. John Fisher. Carl asked if St. Lawrence or other venues could work with St. John Fisher or other universities to team up on a proposal in the future. Oscar noted Middletown and CNS were quality sites. Mike M. stated if safety is an issue then St. John Fisher should not be considered. Paul sensed no support for St. John Fisher from the CAC, thus go with the staff recommendation. Deb agreed Middletown/CNS were quality venues but price was high. She said it doesn’t change her recommendation for that site. Mike A. indicated the money is well worth it at Middletown when hosting. The CAC agreed with the staff recommendation of Middletown/CNS for 2021-23.

Girls Tennis Site Selection 2020-22 – Joe explained the bids from Sportime (Section 2) and the Billie Jean King National Tennis Center (NYC). Patricia asked if there were any other venues to consider around the state. Mike M. asked if changing dates would help. Joe indicated different dates probably don’t matter and there are more venues around the state that could host but he sensed clubs don’t want to shut down for 2 ½ days for our event. CAC expressed no other concerns in the staff and committee recommending Sportime for 2021-23.

Bowling Site Selection 2021-23 – Joe explained a bid meeting took place in December but current host Strike N Spare (Section 3) withdrew their bid and a bid from King Pin (Section 2) was reviewed but not accepted. Therefore, a re-bid will take place on March 14th with the staff and committee during the State Tournament and subsequently presented to CAC and Executive Committee. Since the bowling committee meeting, Strike N Spare has since indicated they will be submitting a bid for 2021-23.

Field Hockey Site Selection 2020-22 – Joe explained bids will be heard in two days (Jan. 10th) for the 2020-22 tournament. Due to Section 6 withdrawing to host in 2020, it has created a short timeline for approval. Joe and Robert asked Greg to be a part of the Field Hockey Committee Bid Meeting so Greg can report on behalf of CAC at
the February Executive Committee meeting. This will allow Joe to contract hotels and venues sooner rather than wait until approval at the May Executive Committee meeting. Deb commended Section 6 and NYSPHSAA for putting on a great 2019 state tournament at Alden HS with the inclement weather creating havoc as well as the last-minute venue change.

**Other** - John commended Section 7 for outstanding work hosting the Cross Country Championships after snow, rain and ice came the week of the state tournament.

**INFORMATIONAL**

**MVP/All-Tournament/Other Tournament Awards** – Robert brought to CAC’s attention the subject of these awards at State Tournaments and read the Sport Coordinator Manual requiring approval for these awards. He asked should we be supporting these awards at our events, especially singling out student-athletes. He asked CAC if this is a concern and if NYSPHSAA should address it. Deb agreed it was a valid concern to address and we should know what we are giving out to student-athletes. Paul agreed and gave an example of an athlete getting a state tournament MVP from his section who was not the athlete who got the team there. Robert also noted the quality of awards varies across the board from trophies to plaques to pieces of paper. Greg asked if he was going to present this to Executive Committee and Robert said yes. Eileen asked if it encompasses all awards like Miss NY Basketball (done at halftime of a game—not during NYSPHSAA award ceremony), etc. Robert affirmed. John agrees this should be addressed and thinks its not the place for other associations (coaches, officials, etc) to give out awards to athletes. Oscar indicated track does not have special awards. Mike A. agrees with Robert addressing this and explained his procedure in awarding individual awards at boys soccer. He also pointed out the National Coaches Association award is provided to athletes in each section and they are recognized at the State Tournament. This enhances the State Tournament. Greg suggested Robert research what we give out at each championship and report to CAC/Executive Committee. John asked about championship banquets and if they are getting out of control. Robert noted he hears from schools there’s pressure to send teams to the banquets even if they don’t play that day.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION by Oscar. SECOND by Steve. The meeting adjourned at 1:04 pm.

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

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