Meeting: Championship Advisory Committee (CAC)

Date: September 16, 2020 Video Conference Call

Topics Discussed:

1) Welcome, Announcements, Review of July Central Committee approvals, Update from Robert Zayas COVID case in building, sections conducting athletics this fall and clarifications with NYS DOH.
2) ACTION ITEMS: Boys & Girls Tennis Team Championship, Wrestling Automatic Bid, Cheer Make Pilot Permanent, Score Sheet Modifications & Game Day Cheer in Fall 2021, Extend Fall Championship Bids 1 year, Advance 2020 Regional Rotations to 2021 for all Fall Championships.
3) DISCUSSION ITEMS & INPUT/REVIEW ITEMS: None
5) INFORMATIONAL: 2020-25 Championship Dates & Sites

Chair Greg Ransom called the meeting to order at 10:32 am and asked President Julie Bergman to make welcome remarks. Julie welcomed everyone and thanked them for their service to this committee. New 2nd Vice President Tim Mullins said he was looking forward to serving this committee. Past President Paul Harrica welcomed the group.

Dr. Robert Zayas welcomed the committee and reported NYSPHSAA had a COVID case in the building which is why the staff will work from home this week. So far he believes sections 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, and 10 are having athletics. Robert indicated the confusion that has taken place with NYS DOH guidance in regards to physical education and interscholastic athletics and he is seeking clarification for our schools. He has also requested clarification on face coverings that has conflicting information if its required or simply tolerated. Robert additionally indicated screening and allowed spectators at events has also brought about confusion. Mike Andrew inquired about Section 2 and 3 and the status of athletics in those sections. Robert will confirm and send a list to everyone.

Assistant Director Joe Altieri welcomed the committee and noted CAC voted 6-5 to reject the 15-minute periods proposal in Ice Hockey however the Central Committee in July voted in favor of the proposal. He indicated John Rathbun had a section call at the same time today and would try to log in after his meeting.

Greg reminded the CAC that votes will be cast after proposals are explained and coordinators leave the call.

ACTION ITEMS:

(These items will be presented for a vote at the October 21st Executive Committee Meeting)

B/G Tennis Team Championship – Girls Tennis Coordinator Chris Horgan and Boys Tennis Coordinator Selina DeCicco explained the proposal. Greg Ransom confirmed regions are listed be for boys and girls and wanted to be sure they aligned with what we are doing for other sports. Chris said yes except for 7/10 which don’t have girls tennis. MOTION by Deb to support the proposal. SECOND by Mike Andrew. CARRIED 10-0.

Wrestling Automatic Qualifier Procedure— Wrestling Coordinator Marty Sherman explained the proposal and had two sub-committee members in the meeting as well (Israel Martinez & Bill Kays). Mike Andrew applauded the work of the committee but struggled with the at large system being put in place years ago as a result of litigation and legislation and now it was being proposed to change it. What will you do when there is room for an athlete to wrestle when byes are open for a deserving athlete. Israel addressed the byes noting other states use brackets.
open for byes and said this proposal also addressed byes early in the tournament instead of late (into semifinal matches). Bill Kays also explained it was time to grow the sport, different from years ago with the at-large. This proposal puts a premium on winning your way to the State Tournament. Robert indicated the point system is not equitable and athletes were chasing points with geography aiding certain wrestlers. This allows for the best to go straight to the State Tournament without dealing with points. Mike did not disagree with the concept; he was just concerned about future scenarios with byes. Greg also indicated Mike’s point is valid and thought we should let the Executive Committee know there could be issues down the road with the byes.

**MOTION by Patricia to support the proposal. SECOND by Mike McCarthy. CARRIED 10-0.**

**Cheer Make Pilot Permanent for State Tournament** – Cheer Coordinator Jen Simmons explained the proposal. There were no concerns from CAC at this time.

**MOTION by Mike Andrew to support the proposal. SECOND by Deb. CARRIED 10-0.**

**Cheer Modify Scoresheets** – Cheer Coordinator Jen Simmons explained the proposal. There were no concerns from CAC at this time.

**MOTION by Oscar to support the proposal. SECOND by Mark Ward. CARRIED 10-0.**

**Cheer Plan Game Day Cheer for Fall 2021** – Cheer Coordinator Jen Simmons explained the proposal. There were no concerns from CAC at this time. **MOTION by Deb to support the proposal. SECOND by Oscar. CARRIED 10-0.**

**Fall State Championships-Extend 1 year to all bids** – Assistant Director Joe Altieri explained the proposal. Mike Andrew asked if all sites have confirmed. Joe responded, yes all have done so in writing committing to the same terms (with the expectation of new COVID related expenses).

**MOTION by Steve to support the proposal. SECOND by Eileen. CARRIED 10-0.**

**Fall Sports-Advance 2020 Regional Rotations to 2021** – Assistant Director Joe Altieri explained the proposal.

**MOTION by Mike McCarthy to support the proposal. SECOND by Oscar. CARRIED 10-0.**

**FOR DISCUSSION:**

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

* None at this time. However, Joe noted many coordinators asked if they should keep or reschedule their annual meetings, especially meetings this coming Fall. He instructed them to keep meetings scheduled and continue business as usual so it is anticipated committees will meet this Fall and may have proposals to present.

**FOR REVIEW/INPUT/CHAMPIONSHIP SITE SELECTIONS:**

* None at this time. However, Joe noted there are seven bids up for review this year, six of which are due for submission prior to the January 2021 CAC meeting.

**INFORMATIONAL:**

2020-25 Championship Dates & Sites – Joe noted the updated document and various notations throughout due to changes from COVID-19 impact. Robert confirmed winter and spring state championships remain scheduled as is, subject to change, but it’s important to make that clear for anyone inquiring.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION by Oscar. SECOND by Deb. The meeting adjourned at 11:37 am.

Minutes respectfully submitted by NYSPHSAA liaison Joe Altieri; reviewed/approved 4:04 pm on 9/17/2020 by CAC Chair, members and the NYSPHSAA Executive Director prior to distribution.

Next Meetings:

Friday, January 8, 2021 @ 10 am

Wednesday, April 7, 2021 @ 10 am