Meeting: Championship Advisory Committee (CAC)

Date: Wednesday, April 4th at 11 am at the NYSPHSAA Office

Topics Discussed:

1) Welcome, Announcements, Review of Executive Committee approvals from February, Ted Woods resignation, agenda
2) DISCUSSION: Bowling Substitution, Ice Hockey, Track Super Qualifier, Wheelchair Participants at Track, Future of Cheer, NYSPHSAA Site Selection
3) ACTION ITEMS: Baseball Tie-Breaker, Girls Volleyball Regional, Boys/Girls Swimming Qualifiers, Bowling Week Change, Bowling 3-Day Tournament

Chair Greg Ransom called the meeting to order at 11 am. Greg congratulated and thanked at-large member Ted Woods who recently resigned. President Jim Osborne also thanked Ted and noted he is in the process of replacing Ted. Vice President Paul Harrica welcomed the group. Second Vice President Julie Bergman had no report.

Greg asked if everyone got the materials and reviewed them. He asked Joe to make additional comments. Joe noted the Executive Committee voted the same as the CAC did on all items presented to CAC in February. He indicated proposals for action are on green and coordinators presenting proposals are scheduled to call in during the first hour.

FOR DISCUSSION:

NOTE: These items were introduced for discussion today and will be presented for action at the JUNE CAC meeting then at the JULY Executive Committee meeting

Boys/Girls Bowling Substitution Rule - Coordinator Eileen Shultis explained the proposal and rationale. Eileen T. asked about 4 abstentions (of 22 votes) in the votes. Eileen S. noted there was no feeling either way from the abstentions and there was no indication of changed votes since the meeting. Todd suggested this should be done in the regular season. Eileen S. said Section 2 and 6 currently use this rule already.

Outdoor Track & Field Super Qualifying Standards – Track & Field Coordinators Tom Wells and Dan Doherty explained the proposal and rationale. Todd asked what is the breakdown of the 1,400 athletes in the proposal. Tom noted 750 girls and 650 boys but each year is slightly different, still resulting in approximately 1,400 participants which has been consistent over the last five years. If this is approved for 2019, the numbers will be reviewed annually. Robert asked about a scenario with athletes who finish second in Sectionals.

Track & Field Wheelchair Athletes – Assistant Director Todd Nelson explained a new procedure for wheelchair athletes at State Championships. He noted the officers (in between Executive Committee meetings) approved the procedure as a pilot for spring 2018 and will now forward the procedure to the Executive Committee for the 2018-19 school year. Tom asked for clarification on the times and procedures. Todd indicated they are standards that need to be met to advance to the next level of competition. They must be met at Sectional qualifiers.

Ice Hockey Regional Rotation - Coordinator Scott Stuart explained the proposal and rationale. Todd asked why Section 6 has the at-large bid again in 2018-19. Scott noted it was a random draw. John asked how at-large has been working out. Scott said very well. An at-large team won States this year despite incurring a lot of travel.
Ice Hockey Add Video Replay - Coordinator Scott Stuart explained the proposal and rationale. There were no questions or concerns from CAC.

Cheerleading – Executive Director Robert Zayas explained the proposal and rationale. He noted it was a discussion item at this time but was supported by the Section Executive Directors at meeting in March. The administrative staff plans to meet with the Cheer Committee on April 9th.

ACTION ITEMS:

Baseball Tie Breaker–Coordinator Al Roy explained the proposal and rationale. Greg asked if there was any consideration for a playoff to be played the day of the state semifinals. Al noted it was considered and a playoff was done on the Friday before States one year. Patricia asked if there was a recent vote on it by the State Committee. Al indicated the rule is presented and explained annually at its January meeting and agreed, but no formal vote occurred at the 2018 meeting.

MOTION by EILEEN T.  SECOND by MIKE A.  Approved 7-1.

Girls & Boys Swimming & Diving Qualifying Standards for 2018-19–Assistant Coordinator Pat Ryan explained the proposal and rationale. He noted the standards meet the CAC criteria. Todd asked if any standards changed. Pat indicated they did not. Greg asked how often they consider changing standards. Pat said if the participation rate goes above 8% then he calculates the average. Paul stated it is getting close on the girls rate. After Pat left the call, Todd pointed out the boys participation figure was incorrect. Total participation should be 5,903, not 8,301. This brings the percentage to 6.3%. This will need to be reflected in the proposal for the Executive Committee.

MOTION by MIKE A.  SECOND by PATRICIA.   Approved 8-0.

Girls Volleyball Regional Rotation–Girls Volleyball Coordinator Patti Perone explained the proposal and rationale in addition to the intentions of the committee for the 2019 rotation. It was clarified that Girls Volleyball was simply looking to extend the current rotation for one year since the six-year rotation expired in 2017. Eileen asked why Section 3 plays 6 then possibly 5. Todd explained it was because of the rotation. Mike A. asked how many Class D schools are in Sections 1 and 11. Patti noted maybe 1 school. Deb noted Section 11 has to petition if they have less than a .500 record. Mike wanted to confirm that was the procedure. John was concerned of Section 3’s Regional schedule in 2017. Patti indicated the committee discussed that and may possibly put an extra day in between to help a demanding schedule for Section 3 teams. Mike had a concern that this continues to come up and we should offer 2-3 options and committees should choose from them.

MOTION by MARK W.  SECOND by OSCAR J.  Approved 8-0.

Boys/Girls Bowling Expand to 3-Day Tournament – Coordinator Eileen Shultis explained the proposal and rationale. Deb asked what time day one would start. Eileen noted 4 pm start to give time to schools to travel. Patricia asked how critical practice was. Deb asked if schools could still practice earlier in the day at the venue. Eileen S. said yes, but schools would be on their own to book a practice. Joe also explained the oil patterns related to practice. Eileen S. additionally explained their “approach” is important to practice (the last step before delivering the ball). Robert suggested eliminating the option to practice. Eileen S. noted oil patterns are announced at the beginning of the season which means practice may not be necessary anyway.

MOTION by JOHN R.  SECOND by OSCAR J.  Approved 8-0.

Boys/Girls Bowling Change State Tournament from Week #35 to #36 – Coordinator Eileen Shultis explained the proposal and rationale. There were no questions or concerns by CAC.

MOTION by EILEEN T.  SECOND by JOHN R.  Approved 8-0.
FOR REVIEW/INPUT, CHAMPIONSHIP SITE SELECTIONS:

Baseball - Joe explained the bids from Section 3,4 and 6 and why recommendations from both the NYSPHSAA Staff and Sport Committee supported the Binghamton bid. He noted a “challenge” letter was submitted by Cooperstown Chamber Director Matt Hazzard and asked the committee to review it. After a discussion of the letter and bids, the CAC supported the staff and the committee for choosing Binghamton (4) for 2019-21. It is noted John did not support Binghamton.

Football Finals - Joe explained the bid from the Carrier Dome, the only bid submitted for the State Finals. The CAC expressed no concerns in the committee and staff choosing the Carrier Dome (3) for 2019-21.

Football East Semifinals - Joe explained two separate bids from Section 9 venues, Dietz Stadium and Middletown High School. The CAC expressed no concerns in the committee and staff choosing Middletown High School (9) for 2019-21.

Football West Semifinals - Joe explained a joint bid from Union Endicott High School (4) and Cicero-North Syracuse High School (3), which was for UE to host in 2020 and CNS to host in 2019 and 2021. The CAC expressed no concerns in the committee and staff accepting the joint bid for both venues for 2019-21.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

John noted the imbalance of participation in Class AA, A & D football throughout the Association and would consider the football committee proposing to add an “At Large” berth to balance the Regional rounds similar to the method used by Ice Hockey. Jim asked why football didn’t present a Regional Rotation to CAC. Joe noted they were not prepared to present. There were numerous thoughts and feedback via emails within the committee but no in-person discussion or vote to formalize a proposal.

Robert confirmed CAC meetings for 2018-19:
- Sept 21, Dec 19, April 3, June 19

ADJOURNMENT - MOTION by EILEEN T.  SECOND by OSCAR J. The meeting adjourned at 1:47 pm.

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

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 20th at 11 am at the NYSPHSAA Office