Meeting: Championship Advisory Committee (CAC)

Date: Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at the NYSPHSAA Office

Chair Greg Ransom called the meeting to order at 11:01 am. Greg offered the officers to make opening remarks. President Harrica welcomed the committee and wished everyone a Happy Holidays. No report from Vice President Bartlett or Past President Osborne. Greg asked Joe to review the October Executive Committee items. He noted the Executive Committee voted the same as the CAC did on all items in October. He congratulated Eileen, Mark and Mike A. who were approved for re-appointment for new four-year terms at that meeting.

Topics Discussed:

1) Welcome, Announcements, Review of Oct Exec Committee approvals
2) ACTION ITEMS: Officials Policies Language, Officials Grievance, Basketball
3) DISCUSSION ITEMS: Officials Completing Clinic, Girls Lacrosse Regional Rotation, Football Regional Rotation/At Large, Boys Tennis, Rifle Bipods, Girls Swimming Standards, Boys Volleyball Tie Breaker, Champ Packets
4) ITEMS FOR REVIEW: Boys Basketball Site Selection, Girls Basketball Site Selection, Girls Lacrosse Site Selection, Softball Site Selection

ACTION ITEMS (These items will be presented for a vote at the February 1st Executive Committee Meeting)

Officials Fees Language Clarification – Assistant Director Todd Nelson explained the proposal. Robert indicated its imperative to clarify this language, so all sections are on the same page. The standby official for football was discussed at the July Executive Director’s Meeting. John Rathbun asked if there are minutes that reflect this language being approved. Mike A. confirmed it was agreed upon but not written. John asked why are we reviewing this if it has already been approved. Todd clarified the language has not been added to the policies. Mike thought John might be concerned with the Regional level. Steve asked if there is anything in our handbook that says “Notes” which would help interpret policy.

MOTION by Deb Ferry to support the office staff’s clarification of language. SECOND by Mark Ward. Carried 7-4.

Officials Grievance for Ice Hockey Fees – Greg explained the current situation of ice hockey officials requesting a 13% pay raise due to periods increasing by two minutes each (to 17 minutes periods). A discussion regarding the pending litigation pertaining to ice hockey officials fees ensued.

MOTION by Mike McCarthy to return to 15-minute periods for Regionals, State Semifinals, and Finals and follow the process and procedures in the NYSPHSAA Officials Fees and Policies. SECOND by Carl. Carried 9-2.

Boys Basketball – Boys Basketball Coordinator Bob Mayo and Director of Communications Chris Watson explained the proposal. Deb asked if this would be an extra game for Sections 8/11. It was confirmed, yes, for one year. Greg noted Sections 8 & 11 agreed to the proposal. Deb asked how many schools were in Section 11. There are four.

MOTION by Eileen Troy. SECOND by Carl Normandin. Carried 11-0.
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 Lacrosse Regional Rotation 2020-22 – Girls Lacrosse Coordinator Liz Parry explained the proposal. Joe asked her to clarify that byes were covered in the proposal so no team gets a bye from Sectionals to State Semifinals.

Girls Lacrosse Officials Needing Clinic Completion – Girls Lacrosse Coordinator Liz Parry explained the proposal. Todd clarified that they only need to attend the clinic, not necessarily be designated with “transitional label. Paul indicated the timeline for approval will be tight. Greg had a concern if this was being offered to everyone so the pool of officials was not limited.

Boys Tennis At Large – Boys Tennis Coordinator Selina DeCicco explained the proposal. Joe noted in simple terms, on a rotation year, a section will add either one singles player or two doubles players.

Football Regional Rotation/At Large – Football Coordinator Gary Vanderzee explained the proposal. Jim asked what happens if a section does not have a team in a class. Gary said they would move up the rotation of At Large.

Rifle Allow Bipods – Rifle Coordinator George Hathaway explained the proposal. Greg asked if there was any issue with safety. George indicated there wasn’t. The CAC voted on this item due to it needing approval for this season.
MOTION by Steve Broadwell. SECOND by Mike Andrew. Carried 11-0.

Girls Swimming Standards 2019-20 – Girls Swimming Assistant Coordinator Pat Ryan explained the proposal. Joe noted the Executive Committee requested proposed Boys and Girls Standards be approved at every May Executive Committee meeting starting in 2017 but each committee is asking for approval immediately following their season so they can get the standards out to committees and schools, therefore CAC casted their vote on this proposal.
MOTION by Mike Andrew. SECOND by Carl Normandin. Carried 11-0.

Boys Volleyball State Tournament Tie-Breaker – Greg explained this information item which was a result of an email sent by an Executive Committee member (Marisa Fallacaro, Eden) following the 2018 tournament in Albany. Kristen noted the Boys Volleyball Committee will be discussing this item at their March meeting.

State Championship Packets (practice guidelines) – Greg indicated a request he received from a school to practice at a site where a state championship was being held. He noted Joe shared in the CAC folders a listing of practice procedures for all sports. Joe and Todd clarified this area of concern and a proposal for CAC to consider. Deb and Steve did not agree with some of the current policies in place that don’t allow a home team to practice on their own field (hosting a State Tournament). Kristen explained there are several items written in state championship packets that were not necessarily approved but need to be for daily operation. Robert suggested Joe survey sport coordinators to gather info on the practice policies and report back to the CAC.

FOR REVIEW/INPUT, CHAMPIONSHIP SITE SELECTIONS:
Girls Basketball Site Selection – Joe explained the bids from Hudson Valley Community College and Corning Painted Post High School. He noted the committee and staff were in agreement on HVCC as the selection especially after finding the Corning site had only an 84’ court. CAC expressed no other concerns in the committee and staff recommending HVCC for 2020, 2021, 2022.
Boys Basketball Site Selection – Joe explained the bids from Binghamton, Glens Falls and Albany. He noted the committee and staff were in agreement on Glens Falls as the selection even though all were quality facilities. Ultimately, Glens Falls offered no rental cost and $15,000 in marketing money in addition to $3 million in arena upgrades to edge out the other sites. The CAC expressed no concerns in the committee and staff recommending Glens Falls for 2020, 2021, 2022.

Girls Lacrosse Site Selection – Joe explained the only bid from Cortland. CAC expressed no concerns in the committee and staff recommending Cortland for 2020, 2021, 2022.

Softball Site Selection – Joe explained the bids from Moreau Park (Glens Falls) and Moriches Athletic Complex (Suffolk). He noted the committee and staff were in agreement on Moriches as the selection especially due to four lighted turf fields and a $10,000 donation to lower costs to $2,000 per year in rent. John asked what the plan was for parking and shelter if weather and overflow are needed. Joe noted William Floyd Middle School directly across the street will be open and is planned to be used for parking and shelter. CAC expressed no concerns in the committee and staff recommending Moriches Athletic Complex for 2020, 2021, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT
MOTION by Oscar Jenson  SECOND by Mike McCarthy. The meeting adjourned at 1:40 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by NYSPHSAA liaison Joe Altieri; reviewed/approved by CAC Chair, members and the NYSPHSAA Executive Director prior to distribution on 12/23.

Next Meeting:  Wednesday, April 3rd at 11 am at the NYSPHSAA Office
              Thursday, June 20 at 11 am at the NYSPHSAA Office