Meeting: Championship Advisory Committee (CAC)

Date: Wednesday, June 20, 2018 via Conference Call

Topics Discussed:

1) Welcome, Announcements, Review of Executive Committee approvals and defeats from May, Role of CAC
2) ACTION ITEMS: Bowling Substitution, Ice Hockey Video Replay, Ice Hockey Regional Rotation, Track Super Qualifier,
3) DISCUSSION ITEMS: Softball Moving State Tourney to Week #50, Softball Regional Schedule, Regional Tournament Rotations for Sp. Coordinators

Chair Greg Ransom called the meeting to order at 11:04 am. Joe announced attendance of those on the call. He also explained the role of the CAC and that there should be global thinking and not individual, school or section thinking during discussions and votes. Greg thanked Joe for sending out that document this morning for everyone to review.

Greg asked Joe to review the May Executive Committee items. He noted the Executive Committee voted the same as the CAC did on all items except the baseball tie breaker proposal which was defeated by Executive Committee. Robert clarified he did influence the Executive Committee on this proposal indicating if we did it for one sport, we should have one for all other sports. Robert felt we could all figure out how to advance teams instead of having a system in place to break a tie. His thoughts came after the last CAC meeting or else would’ve been discussed with CAC.

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

Softball Move State Tournament to Week #50 - Coordinator Cathy Allen explained the proposal and rationale. Deb asked if it’s the only sport to request going later. Yes it is. Mike Andrew asked if this is permanent or just for next year. Cathy said just for 2019 and that Robert heard the concerns of why it was needed at the recent committee meeting. John commended the committee for this proposal and asked Robert to address this for both baseball and softball. Robert commented it could affect Regional and Sectional venue schedules. He met with the baseball coordinator and noted although we don’t have to use NYSEG Stadium for the State Tournament, we would not have that facility for 2019. Robert stated the seven-year calendar was approved and distributed so the membership can plan accordingly. John asked to put it on the Central Committee agenda. AFTER THE COORDINATOR WAS DISMISSED FROM CALL: Deb asked if moving it extends the regular season or just postseason. If so, stipend pay for coaches would be increased. Robert suggested making a recommendation since Executive Directors will be discussing it next week and it would be best to have something for July instead of waiting until October.

MOTION by Eileen Troy. SECOND by John Rathbun. Approved 10-1.

Softball Regional Schedule - Coordinator Cathy Allen explained the proposal and rationale. No questions or concerns from the CAC.

Regional Tournament Rotations – Joe asked the CAC for a clear direction on how he wanted to address the Regional Tournament Rotations with the Sport Coordinators at their meeting on August 8th. Greg clarified the main purpose was to ensure a school doesn’t get a bye to the State Tournament after Sectionals.
ACTION ITEMS:
Outdoor Track & Field Super Qualifying Standards – Track & Field Coordinators Tom Wells and Dan Doherty explained the proposal and rationale. Both noted the number of elite athletes in the state who should have the opportunity to participate in the state meet. Joe noted the participation is already below the Philosophy Committee’s requirements of 5%. Oscar asked where the athletes would participate. Tom clarified the events. Mike Andrew asked if athletes would have been place finishers at this year’s State Meet. Tom indicated yes. AFTER THE COORDINATORS WERE DISMISSED FROM THE CALL: Deb had a concern about who bears the expense of the extra athletes.  

MOTION by Mike Andrew. SECOND by Mike McCarthy. Approved 11-0.

Boys/Girls Bowling Substitution Rule - Coordinator Eileen Shultis explained the proposal and rationale. Mike Andrew asked if a proposal like this should be used in at least six sections? Deb asked why isn’t the rule being proposed for the regular season and State Tournament. Greg asked what rules do they use. Joe mentioned USBC but its not fully clear in the NYSPHSAA handbook since it states “USBC rules used only for...”. Mike O’Connell got on the call and said they use USBC rules throughout and he doesn’t believe any Section deviates from the USBC rules. Joe noted he will huddle with Robert and get the handbook adjusted so it is clear. Mike Andrew asked if any sections follow different substitution rules. Mike O. noted some sections allow and some don’t allow substitutes. At the state tournament, substitutions are not allowed. Robert asked Mike O. to confirm using the substitution rule in the regular season is an option because everyone competes under USBC because schools compete in leagues. Mike O. confirmed. NYSPHSAA is not a league therefore it needs approval to implement in the State Tournament.

MOTION by John Rathbun. SECOND by Steve Broadwell. Approved 11-0.

Ice Hockey Regional Rotation - Coordinator Scott Stuart explained the proposal and rationale. No questions or concerns were brought up by CAC.

MOTION by Mike Andrew. SECOND by Deb Ferry. Approved 11-0.

Ice Hockey Add Video Replay - Coordinator Scott Stuart explained the proposal and rationale. There were no questions or concerns from CAC. Robert asked Scott to clarify its only venue video, not cell phones, ipads, etc. Scott noted it’s only from venue cameras and explained the video review process, timeouts, etc during this time. Robert noted other sports have video replay. Patricia asked to confirm basketball uses it and it does in fact use video replay. John asked to be sure we only use the venue’s video, not video like the NFHS Network or other. Deb asked what the cost would be from the venue. Scott said we would not have an additional official (no goal judges) so we would save on that to pay for the venue video service. Greg asked if its detrimental to not have a goal judge. Scott noted the on-ice official makes all the final determinations of goals and goal judges are back ups. Scott also indicated coaches lose their time out if they request a review and lose the review challenge. AFTER THE COORDINATOR WAS DISMISSED FROM THE CALL: Mike Andrew was concerned about this opening a door to other sports. Joe noted he would work with Scott on adding some language to address concerns.

MOTION by Eileen Troy. SECOND by Oscar Jensen. Approved 10-0, 1 abstention.

FOR REVIEW/INPUT, CHAMPIONSHIP SITE SELECTIONS:
Carl asked if there was a template for Regional matchups. Joe thought no and noted Sport Committees will be charged to come up with something like that. Mike Andrew said a document existed in the early 1990’s and once the five classes were established, it was no longer used. He also believes the NYSPHSAA Office should create and propose the templates for each sports.

ADJOURNMENT - MOTION by Oscar Jensen. SECOND by Mike McCarthy. The meeting adjourned at 12:31 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: Friday, September 21st at 11 am at the NYSPHSAA Office