Chair Greg Ransom called the meeting to order at 11:02 am and welcomed back Ted Woods from being ill. He offered President Jim Osborne, Vice President Paul Harrica and 2nd Vice President Julie Bergman opening remarks. Osborne thanked everyone for their service. Joe Altieri then welcomed everyone and reviewed housekeeping items including lunch and call-in schedule. He noted the absence (with notice) for Patricia Ryan Curry who is playing a small part in a movie. Joe also reviewed the Executive Committee approvals from July in which CAC voted on in June. All proposals that went to CAC were supported in the same manner by the Executive Committee. He finally noted that the proposal forms now include a section “CAC Feedback/Vote” in case the CAC report is not given at an Executive Committee meeting before proposals.

Before Greg started the agenda he reminded everyone proposals will be voted on when coordinators are done presenting their proposals and the CAC can convene privately for discussion.

FOR DISCUSSION:

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

Baseball Run Rule –Baseball Coordinator Al Roy explained the proposal and noted it would be a two-year experiment where coordinators would keep track of data and report back. The data would be reported and at a later time, potentially utilized for a new proposal adding games to the season schedule. Steve asked if there were any concerns about 10 runs for baseball and 12 runs for softball. Todd added Modified has a 15-run rule. CAC had no other concerns at this time and decided to vote on this item in case it is brought up off the floor at Executive Committee.

MOTION by Steve, Second by Mark. Carried 9-1.

Baseball Adjust Regional Rotation—Baseball Coordinator Al Roy explained the proposal and noted it only effects Class D. John asked if the BEDS #s would impact the changes. Al indicated it would not. Greg acknowledged no team should get a free ride to the Final Four but asked if it could be pre-set before May. Al noted it would be based on proximity. Jim asked why you wouldn’t use the same designated rotation as other sports like softball, soccer and basketball. Al indicated the committee did not think of it that way and thought they would have latitude on determining it. Mike A. asked why Section 8 is in that rotation and said there’s a way to handle the rotation prior to any problem arising. Paul said there’s a template in place and they should use it. Eileen asked if the # of baseball teams is comparable to the # of soccer teams which would help validate use of a template. Cathy Allen (on call for a softball proposal) interjected about their use of a pre-determined rotation. Mike A. offered the same with soccer.
ACTION ITEMS:
Girls Volleyball Adopt SOP for Regionals/States – Girls Volleyball Coordinator Patti Perone explained the proposal outlining the Standard Operating Procedures for Regionals and States. The CAC expressed no concerns at this time. MOTION by Deb. Second by Steve. Carried 10-0.

Girls Volleyball New Classification – Girls Volleyball Coordinator Patti Perone explained the proposal outlining new numbers which were 20% each class. Deb asked if there is a chart to see the breakdown by Section. That information was not available. The CAC expressed no concerns at this time. MOTION by Mark. Second by Mike M. Carried 10-0.

Boys Volleyball Adding 3rd Set to Championship Play – Boys Volleyball Coordinator Judy Hartman explained the proposal. CAC expressed no concerns at this time. MOTION by Eileen. Second by Mike A. Carried 10-0.

Softball State/Regional Games Played to Completion – Softball Coordinator Cathy Allen explained the proposal. She indicated some sections were doing it already and recognized this proposal needed to go to CAC and Executive Committee. Mike asked what rules we follow (ASA) and if her committee was looking for a waiver. Cathy noted yes and also indicated there would be a budget impact for teams returning to play a suspended game. Deb asked how many games might’ve been effected by this last year. Cathy noted a few Section 5 games were nearly effected but adjusted their start time and there may have been North Country games impacted. MOTION by Oscar. No Second. The CAC felt softball should follow ASA rules on this matter much like baseball uses NFHS for the rule.

Softball Waiver for Tie-Breaker in Regionals – Softball Coordinator Cathy Allen explained the proposal which is a two-year experiment. Eileen noted it was consistent with what they are doing at States. Greg and Deb agreed. Mike A. asked if we are allowing it in States, then we should allow it in Regionals. The CAC expressed no concerns at this time. MOTION by Eileen. Second by Deb. Carried 8-2.

Softball No Distribution of Regional Certificates (and add Sub-Regional plaque)– Softball Coordinator Cathy Allen explained the proposal. The softball committee voted 8-2-1 in support of the proposal. Jim asked why not consider another distribution method. Cathy noted she’s open to other methods if its not passed. Ted asked for clarification on the softball committee wanting to also distribute a Regional plaque. Cathy clarified it was a request for teams who lose in a sub-regional game like 1-9-4 or 2-7-10 brackets but could be applied to any sub-regional game. NO MOTION CAC suggested finding an alternative method of distribution and felt a sub-regional plaque was unnecessary.

Softball Run Rule for Regionals/States – Softball Coordinator Cathy Allen explained the proposal and that there were numerous lopsided games in Regionals and listed several scores by 12+ runs. Greg asked for clarification of this proposal for Regionals and States. Cathy said it was for both. MOTION by Mike A. Second by Eileen. Carried 6-4.

FOR REVIEW/INPUT, CHAMPIONSHIP SITE SELECTIONS: There were no championship site selections to review.

OTHER BUSINESS
Greg thanked Robert, Joe and the staff for bringing back importance to the CAC. Proposals are being written properly by sport committees, forwarded to CAC, and reviewed. Joe noted Todd will report at the December CAC meeting any information pertaining to officials since the CAC determines officials fees. Joe also noted he will begin chasing down data from proposals presented by the committees, when appropriate, to share with CAC.

ADJOURNMENT - MOTION by Mike M. SECOND by Oscar. The meeting adjourned at 12:21 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by NYSPHSAA liaison Joe Altieri, reviewed/approved by CAC members and NYSPHSAA Executive Director.

Next Meeting: Friday, December 15, 2017 at 11 am at the NYSPHSAA Office