SYNOPSIS OF ACTIONS
January 2010 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Via Conference Call

ACTION ITEMS

1. P3  Approved December 2009 Executive Committee minutes.
2. P3  Approved a reduction in the number of required contests from 6 to 4 in Boys and Girls Indoor Track in Sections 1, 6, 8, 9, 10 and 11.
3. P3  Approved a reduction in the number of required contests from 6 to 3 in Boys and Girls Indoor Track in Section 3.
4. P3  Approved a reduction in the number of required contests from 6 to 4 in Skiing and Girls Gymnastics in Section 9.
5. P3  Approved the appointment of Peter Hugo as Boys Swimming and Diving State Coordinator effective through August 31, 2013.
6. P3  Approved Boys Soccer State Championships in 2010 and 2011 be held at Middletown High School (9), Outdoor Track and Field State Championships in 2011 be held at Caledonia-Mumford (5), and Baseball State Championships in 2011, 2012 and 2013 be held at Binghamton (4).
7. P4  Approved the Classification Variation numbers in Football:
       Class AA: 1000-up; Class A: 600-999; Class B: 400-599; Class C: 260-399; Class D: 0-259.
8. P4  Approved the Classification Variation numbers in Girls Volleyball:
       Class AA: 1040-up; Class A: 690-1039; Class B: 436-689; Class C: 256-435; Class D: 0-255.
9. P4  Approved the Classification Variation numbers in Boys/Girls Cross Country:
       Class AA: 1025-up; Class A: 645-1024; Class B: 425-644; Class C: 256-424; Class D: 0-255.
10. P4  Approved the Classification Variation numbers in Field Hockey remain the same.
       Class A: 915-up; Class B: 914-450; Class C: 449-below.
11. P4  Approved the Classification Variation numbers in Boys Lacrosse:
       Class A: 1050-up; Class B: 650-1049; Class C/D: 0-649.
12. P4  Approved the Classification Variation numbers in Girls Lacrosse:
       Class A: 1050-up; Class B: 675-1049; Class C: 0-674.
13. P4  Approved the Classification Variation numbers in Boys Volleyball:
       Class A: 1000-up; Class B: 0-999.
14. P5  Tabled a motion for an annual review of Classification numbers and Classification Variation numbers at the December Executive Committee meeting.
15. P5  Approved adjournment.
NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
Via phone conference
January 21, 2010

The Executive Committee meeting was called to order by President Patrick Pizzarelli at 12:10PM on January 21, 2010. Executive Director Nina Van Erk announced the death of Joan Case, a former Field Hockey State Coordinator. She also reported Don DeBadts, former Wrestling State Coordinator had a stroke. Executive Director Nina VanErk introduced members of the Executive Committee and took attendance as follows:

**Officers & Staff**
- President Patrick Pizzarelli
- First Vice President Mark Ward
- Second Vice President Eileen Troy
- Past President Ronald Black
- Executive Director Nina Van Erk
- Assistant Director Robert Stulmaker
- Assistant Director Todd Nelson
- Assistant Director Joe Altieri
- Treasurer Kathleen Higle
- Counsel Renee James
- Secretary Sandra Schanck

**Past Presidents**
- Kathryn Faber
- Karen Lopez
- James Tolle

**Section Representatives**
- Section 1: Karen Peterson, Scott Mosenthal
- Section 2: Elizabeth Hemstead, Glenn Westfall
- Section 3: Evelyn Sammons, Michael Carbone
- Section 4: Julie Maney, Ed Redmond
- Section 5: Ed Stores (proxy for Kathy Smith), Dennis O’Brien
- Section 6: Cindy Bullis, Don Scholla
- Section 7: Joe Staves, Karen Lopez (proxy for Patricia Ryan-Curry)
- Section 8: Laura Orticelle, Dominick Vulpis
- Section 9: Roberta Greene, Jim Wolfe
- Section 10: Carl Normandin (proxy for Stephanie Putney), Paul Harrica
- Section 11: Paula Nickerson, Nick DeCillis

**Ex-Officio & Consultants**
- Paul Weatherup – OCF
- Trish Kociaalski - SED
- Harold Fried, President - NYSSAA
- Fritz Kilian, President - NYSCOA

**Section Ex. Directors**
- Jennifer Simmons (1)
- Doug Kenyon (2)
- John Rathbun (3)
- Ben Nelson (4)
- Ed Stores (5)
- Timm Slade (6)
- Karen Lopez (7)
- Todd Heimer (8)

**Section Treasurers**
- Jim Osborne (9)

**Guests**
A motion to approve the December 2009 Executive Committee Meeting minutes as written carried. Lopez/Westfall

ORAL AND PRINTED REPORTS PRESENTED BY ASSOCIATION OFFICERS AND STAFF

President Patrick Pizzarelli
- Thanked all for participating in the phone conference.

Past President Ron Black
- Reminded nominations are being taken for the Principal Representative on the Central Committee for the officer rotation. Principal Representatives who are currently serving on the Central Committee or serving on a Section Athletic Council are eligible. Please send nominations to him as soon as possible.

Executive Director Nina Van Erk
- Announced the death of Joan Case, former Field Hockey State Coordinator, a long standing member of the Handbook Committee and a Hall of Fame Inductee.
- Reported Don DeBadts, former Wrestling State Coordinator had a stroke and was recuperating at Strong Memorial Hospital.

Reduction in Required Contests
A motion to approve reducing the number of required contests from 6 to 4 to be eligible for sectional or state competition in Boys and Girls Indoor Track in Sections 1, 6, 8, 9, 10 and 11 carried. Sammons/Greene
A motion to approve reducing the number of required contests from 6 to 3 to be eligible for sectional or state competition in Boys and Girls Indoor Track in Section 3 carried. Maney/Westfall
A motion to approve reducing the number of required contests from 6 to 4 in Skiing and Girls Gymnastics in Section 9 carried. Greene/Lopez

Practice Requirement Discussion
- She reminded input is needed for discussion and a possible vote at the May Executive Committee meeting on permitting practices to be counted when switching from a contact/collision or limited contact/impact sport to a strenuous/non contact or non-strenuous/non contact sport. Should consideration be made when going from a strenuous/non contact or non-strenuous/non contact sport to a strenuous/non contact or non-strenuous/non contact sport? (Example: Cross Country to Swimming)
- This will be an agenda item at the Safety Committee meeting on April 21, 2010.

Assistant Director Bob Stulmaker
Sport Coordinator
A motion to approve the appointment of Peter Hugo as Boys Swimming/Diving State Coordinator effective through August 31, 2013 carried. O’Brien/Bullis

Championship Sites
A motion to approve the following state championship sites carried: Stores/Greene
- Boys Soccer at Middletown High School (9) in 2010 and 2011
- Outdoor Track and Field at Caledonia-Mumford (5) in 2011
- Baseball at Binghamton (4) in 2011, 2012 and 2013

Assistant Director Joe Altieri
TicketLeap
- Announced 400 tickets were sold on-line through TicketLeap for the Fall Championships. The process went well.
- A $1.00 convenience fee increase to the on-line ticket prices will be brought to the Budget and Finance Committee for their consideration. The rationale for the increase would be the convenience for the
customer to purchase tickets on-line and be admitted to the venue without waiting in line. It would also generate additional revenue for the Association. Regular priced tickets would also be available at the venue.

- If any Section is interested in selling tickets on-line, contact Joe.

CLASSIFICATION VARIATIONS

- Executive Director Nina Van Erk reviewed the process on how the proposed Classification Variation numbers were determined.

**Football** - A **motion to approve** the Classification Variation numbers in Football as follows **carried**.

Class AA: 1000-up; Class A: 600-999; Class B: 400-599; Class C: 260-399; Class D: 0-259

(The votes were cast as follows: Section 1: 2 no; Section 2: 2 no; Section 3: 2 yes; Section 4: 2 yes; Section 5: 2 yes; Section 6: 2 yes; Section 7: 2 yes; Section 8: 2 yes; Section 9: 2 yes; Section 10: 2 yes. 16 Yes/4 No)

O’Brien/Redmond

**Girls Volleyball** - A **motion to approve** the proposed Classification Variation numbers in Girls Volleyball as follows **carried**.

Class AA: 1040-up; Class A: 690-1039; Class B: 436-689; Class C: 256-435; Class D: 0-255

(The votes were cast as follows: Section 1: 2 no; Section 2: 2 no; Section 3: 2 yes; Section 4: 2 yes; Section 5: 2 yes; Section 6: 2 yes; Section 7: 2 yes; Section 8: 2 yes; Section 9: 2 yes; Section 10: 2 yes. 16 Yes/4 No)

Staves/Greene

**Boys/Girls Cross Country** - A **motion to approve** the Classification Variation numbers in Boys/Girls Cross Country as follows **carried**.

Class AA: 1025-up; Class A: 645-1024; Class B: 425-644; Class C: 256-424; Class D: 0-255

Greene/Redmond

**Field Hockey** - A **motion to approve** the Classification Variation numbers in Field Hockey remain the same **carried**. They are as follows: Class A: 915-up; Class B: 914-450; Class C: 449-below

DeCillis/Westfall

**Boys Lacrosse** - A **motion to approve** the Classification Variation numbers in Boys Lacrosse as follows **carried**.

Class A: 1050-up; Class B: 650-1049; Class C/D: 0-649

Redmond/Carboine

**Girls Lacrosse** - A **motion to approve** the Classification Variation numbers in Girls Lacrosse as follows **carried**.

Class A: 1050-up; Class B: 675-1049; Class C: 0-674

Maney/Sammons

**Boys Volleyball** - A **motion to approve** the Classification Variation numbers in Boys Volleyball as follows **carried**.

Class A: 1000-up; Class B: 0-999

O’Brien/Orticelle

President Pat Pizzarelli thanked the sport coordinators and staff for their hard work in compiling all the information for the Classification Variation numbers.

SECTION CONCERNS AND INPUT

**Section 2** had a question concerning a discrepancy found on the back of the OCF manual regarding fingerprinting. Information given to their Executive Director by SED was different than what appeared in the manual. The manual states a person can officiate in a new district up to five times without being fingerprinted. SED stated a person cannot officiate at all without being fingerprinted. Section 2 would like a clarification as to the correct information. Nina stated the NYSPHSAA is not responsible for the fingerprinting of officials but she and Bob will look into the matter and correct the back of the manual if needed. Trish Kocialski, SED, will email OSPRA who is responsible for fingerprinting regarding the grandfathering of officials for officials who have had continuous employment and to see if the 5 time rule has been changed. Trish will email Nina with the answers. She will also email Nina with a OSPRA contact person and phone number who can answer questions directly. Section 2 also voiced a concern over having to pay for golf coaches who are required to attend and work at the golf championships. They inquired if the Association could help with the expenses. Nina will follow up to determine if there is a requirement to attend.

**Section 5** stated their Section Superintendent Representative, Joe Backer, inquired as to when cheerleading will become a sport. Nina replied that the question could not be answered until the Ad Hoc Committee convenes and
discusses the matter. The first meeting of the Ad hoc committee on Cheerleading is scheduled for February 2, 2010 at the NYSPHSAA office.

**Section 6** stated they would like to be considered in the rotation to host the Outdoor Track & Field State Championships during the every other year rotation when the championships are not being held at Cicero-North Syracuse. Nina explained the reason their Section was not included in the Sections 2, 4 and 9 rotation was due to the Executive Committee’s January 2009 recommendation to use centralized sites for championship events. This rotation was a direct result of that recommendation.

**Section 7** inquired as to how frequently the classification numbers are reviewed and if it is annually, could the Classification Variation numbers also be reviewed so that both numbers could be established at the same time. A motion to approve an annual review of Classification numbers and Classification Variation numbers at the December Executive Committee meeting was **tabled**. O’Brien/Westfall

President Pat Pizzarelli asked the office staff to provide a history of when the Classification Variation numbers were reviewed and changed.

**Section 9** stated their girls’ basketball committee inquired about the possibility of a waiver to use a pink basketball at a benefit game. It was explained that a ceremonial jump ball with a pink ball could take place at the beginning of the game. The game would then start with a regulation jump ball with a regulation ball. This will be a discussion item at the girls’ basketball committee meeting in March. President Pat Pizzarelli directed Nina to develop a protocol for charity events by the May Executive Committee meeting. They inquired about how merged schools were counted on the Sports Participation Survey. Nina acknowledged Section 9’s letter of protest from Executive Director Bob Thabet on behalf of the Rhinebeck Central School. Rhinebeck reported their BED’s number incorrectly in the process which caused a change in their classification. She confirmed the approved process for how classification numbers are determined. Nina asked if it was Section 9’s intention to request an appeal hearing by the NYSPHSAA Panel or to see if something could be done to remedy the issue. She stated they could request an appeal. However, the panel only has the authority to reverse a decision if it is contrary to the evidence presented and if one of the two other criteria listed in the Handbook could be met. Mr. Thabet replied that at this point, he is not sure what the Section would do on behalf of the school district. The school district feels an honest mistake was made that they didn’t catch and it has created a problem in terms of them moving to a higher classification. He stated if he can’t get the classification number changed, there is no reason for him to go through with the appeal.

A motion to approve the adjournment of the January 2010 Executive Committee meeting on Thursday, January 21, 2010 at 1:46PM **carried**. Harrica/Hemstead

Respectfully submitted,

Nina Van Erk
Executive Director

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