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Section One Executive Committee turns planning into action for Fall II and Spring season

HARRISON, N.Y. — On Friday, March 12, 2021, the Executive Committee of Section One, Inc., of the New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) convened to continue their planning for the Fall II and Spring seasons.

Over the past week, numerous Section One meetings occurred, focusing on the planning and preparation for the Fall II and Spring seasons. Information was gathered from Athletic Administrators by their Conference Presidents, while Superintendents from across the four counties discussed the impacts of potential adjustments to the Section One spectator policy. The Section One Executive Committee relies heavily on information gathered from its member schools. This feedback continues to serve as an integral component of their decision-making process.

At today's meeting, the Section One Executive Committee unanimously decided the following:

- The adoption of the NYSDOH Sport & Recreation guidance for Fall II and Spring **outdoor** sports. This policy, which goes into effect, Monday, March 15th will permit two spectators per player from both the home and away team.
- The approval of two spectators per home athlete for Fall II regular season **indoor** sports. This policy goes into effect Monday, March 15th. In addition, the Executive Committee has approved two spectators per senior athlete from the visiting team for all Fall II post-season culminating events.

As always, individual school districts and non-school based venues can be more restrictive than the newly adopted spectator protocols outlined above. Along with these changes to the spectator policy, the Executive Committee took the following action:

- The approval of Fall II culminating events:
 - Competitive Cheerleading – Regional groupings based on team commitments to be contested at multiple host sites.



- Football – Varies by classification and if contested, will be played at higher seed.
 - Girls Swimming & Diving – Conducted in a virtual format at each home pool.
 - Girls Volleyball – Regional groupings/tournament to be played at higher seed.
 - Boys Volleyball – Division 1 and Division 2 groupings to be played at higher seed.
- All modified spring sports were approved to begin Monday, April 26th.

Lastly, the Executive Committee continues to express support for the return of traditional Section Championships this spring season. Discussion continued around the plans presented to the Championship Committee by the Spring Sport Chairs for the 2021 season. The Executive Committee intends to revisit the proposed Spring Championship Tournament plans at their next scheduled meeting on Monday, March 22nd.

The Center for Interscholastic Athletics, a division of Southern Westchester BOCES, serves 82 high schools in Dutchess, Putnam, Rockland, and Westchester counties, providing support with the organization and management of athletic programs. Section One is part of the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Inc., a non-profit organization that provides equitable and safe competition for the students of public, private and parochial member schools.

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