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### **Section One Executive Committee acts on key proposals at first meeting of 2019-20**

Girls Ice Hockey to be recognized as a Section One sport,  
Boys & Girls Basketball semifinals, Fall Regional and  
Winter Championship sites set

**HARRISON, N.Y.**—The Executive Committee of Section One, Inc., of the New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) met for the first time for the 2019-2020 school year, voting on key proposals important to the section's 79 member schools.

The Executive Committee is responsible for general management of the affairs of Section One. Membership consists of District Superintendents, Principals and Athletic Directors, with representation from Dutchess, Putnam, Rockland, and Westchester counties.

Consistent with the site selection process implemented last school year, the Executive Committee approved the following Fall 2019 Regional and Winter 2020 Section Championship sites:

- Boys Soccer (Regional Semifinals) - Hendrick Hudson HS
- Boys Soccer (Regional Finals) - Pace University
- Indoor Track & Field Championships - The Armory
- Wrestling: Division I - Sleepy Hollow HS (Day 1), Clarkstown South HS (Day 2)
- Wrestling: Division II - SUNY Purchase

Additionally, the Executive Committee approved a proposal by Westchester County to host all of the March 2020 Boys & Girls Basketball Sectional semifinal games at the Westchester County Center in White Plains.



The Section One Championship Committee previously reviewed and endorsed the semifinal proposal at the bid opening on September 27th. In June, the Executive Committee approved the use of an RFP process for the Boys & Girls Basketball semifinals. The section's approval is contingent upon reaching contract terms commensurate with the specifics provided by the venue in its proposal.

The Executive Committee also approved adopting Girls Ice Hockey as a Section One interscholastic sport for the 2020-21 season, joining a handful of other sections around New York State. The Executive Committee will review the sport's development and participation over the next few years.

In other business, the Executive Committee was provided relevant updates from around the Section, including:

- The launch of Section One's first official Twitter account, @SecOneAthletics, as an avenue for communicating important updates;
- The adoption of a three-year standardized calendar of athletic season start dates; and
- A reminder that it continues to be the practice of Section One and the NYSPHSAA not to amend championship schedules for SAT/ACT exams, proms, concerts, etc., so that fairness and equity to all participating teams and student-athletes can be sustained. With this practice in mind, athletes should be encouraged to consider their SAT/ACT test date selections to avoid conflict with championship dates.

*The Center for Interscholastic Athletics, a division of Southern Westchester BOCES, serves 79 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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