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Section One Executive Committee approves spectator protocols for Fall Season I

HARRISON, N.Y. — On Monday, October 5th, the Executive Committee of Section One, Inc., of the New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) met for the third time this school year.

The Committee accepted and approved the Athletic Council's recommendation to adopt a set of spectator protocols for all member schools in Fall Season I. Beginning October 10th, only home spectators will be permitted to attend interscholastic athletic events in Section One throughout the regular season.

In accordance with the NYSDOH Sport & Recreation guidance and the NYSPHSAA Return to Interscholastic Athletics document:

- As per the Executive Committee, two spectators per home athlete will be permitted.
- Spectators must follow all DOH guidelines regarding face coverings and social distancing. School districts may elect to be more restrictive.
- Schools are encouraged to offer optional health screenings for spectators.
- Districts may encourage spectators to provide contact information for tracing purposes.



If deemed necessary, school districts may choose to be more restrictive and place additional limitations on the number of spectators at their athletic events. In addition, the host district has the ability to restrict any spectator from being in attendance who does not comply with the guidelines set forth by the NYSDOH, NYSPHSAA, the local health department and/or host district.

Section One Sport Chairs and Championship Committee continue their development of a Section One championship experience. In addition, discussions remain ongoing regarding the authorization of off-season, sport-specific workouts in Section One. The Executive Committee intends to reexamine both of these topics at their next meeting on October 26th.

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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