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Philosophy of Section VI

Mission Statement

It shall be the purpose of Section VI to formulate, adopt, and implement policies that will enable the Section to administer and govern interscholastic athletics in a safe and appropriate manner in accordance with the New York State Education Department, the New York State Public High School Athletic Association and Section VI. Further, it is the Section's commitment to work collaboratively with all members and with a goal of inclusivity in all of the association's work.

Core Values that guide the decisions made by Section VI

***** Interscholastic activities programming is part of the wider educational program. Educational programs are created to develop the learner. Athletics provide opportunities for students to participate in activities that assist in their development socially, intellectually, and emotionally.

* All students are important and deserve competitions that are a result of coordinated services that are safe, fair and inclusive. The Section VI program of offerings should be broad-based, well planned and designed to honor excellence.

*The Section will be organized in a manner that ensures a viable and fair system of representation with the goal of making sound educationally-centered decisions. Policy development, assessment, evaluation and future revisions must include opportunity for input from all leagues. Each league must consider a diverse group of representatives when filling committee or otherwise leadership positions.

Goals and Objectives

- To provide and promote safe and equitable participation opportunities.
- To offer championship programming that encourages and reinforces broad-based opportunities.
- To foster positive working relationships with all community partners.
- Maintain the standards of eligibility of the NYSPHSAA and State Education Department in an effort to maintain ethically and educationally sound programming
- To protect the fairness of competitions and ensure that all member schools are competing under the same rules and regulations.
- Provide the means to settle disputed athletic contests or violation of policies amicably and authoritatively
- To work with all leagues in Section VI to foster continuous professional development and support for all athletic administrators.
- To offer consistency in services, direction and support to our athletic administrators and to the Executive Directors of each league.
- To conduct athletic championship tournaments that emulate and honor excellence
- Adapt rules to cover sports contests and to support the rule changes creating safer environments for all student-athletes
- Coordinate and work collaboratively with all officials' organizations to enrich our athletes experience and better service member schools.