

May 14, 2014 May Athletic Council Agenda Item 6.1.2 Proposed State Travel Policy for 2014-15 and 2015-16 School Years.

State Competition

310 Travel to State Competition, Including Supervision / Reimbursement

The following was approved at Section VI Athletic Council (May 2014) Budget Line item Encumbered for State Championships to cover the following costs for state competition Trial for 2014-15 and 2015-16 School Year(s):

- 1) Transportation, lodging and meals for Cross Country, B&G Swim, Indoor and Outdoor Track and Bowling.
- 2) Lodging and meals for G Gymnastics, B&G Golf **and B&G Tennis and Alpine Skiing.**
- 3) Lodging for wrestling

and will discontinue year-end reimbursement to districts for these costs.

Member schools participating in state competition will be responsible for all costs related to that participation with exception of items 1,2,3 above for 2014-15 and 2015-16 -. Section VI responsibility for member school participation in state championships is outlined below.

310.1 Supervision:

One or more certified coaches are required to travel with the student athletes from their school and must be present on any Section VI contracted bus, where the athletes are housed, at the state competition site and all related events.

310.2 Transportation:

Team Sports:

- a) Schools will make their own transportation arrangements for their athletes involved in state competition in team sports. Schools will be responsible for all transportation costs.
- b) Section VI will apply to the NYSPHSAA for the allowed reimbursement of \$1.30 per mile on the state grid below (one bus per team) and will forward this reimbursement to the schools upon receipt of funds from the state.

Individual Sports Group 1: Rifle, Golf, Tennis, Gymnastics, Wrestling

The schools will be responsible for transporting their athletes to state competition and all associated transportation costs.

Individual Sports Group 2: Bowling, C.Country, Ind.Track, Track & Field, Swimming.

- a) The Section VI office will contract bus transportation for the athletes. There are two choices for the school:
 - 1) A school may choose to have its athlete(s) travel to state competition on the Section contracted bus. The following rules apply:
 - The athlete (and coach) must use the lodging and meals if pre-arranged by the Sportchair.
 - The athlete (and coach) must remain with the Section until the completion of the athlete's competition. The athlete will not be released prior to completion of competition.
 - When competition is completed, the athlete may be released to parents/coach for return home on alternate transportation if the Section release form is completed before the state meet
 - 2) A school may choose to have its athlete(s) travel to state competition in an alternate manner under the following stipulations:
 - A school that opt-outs of Section transportation will be responsible for

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- arranging their own lodging and meals.
 - The request to opt-out of travel on the Section VI bus must be submitted in writing to the Sportchair and the Section VI office by the date specified in the sport handbook.
 - The school must submit all required release forms to the Sportchair by the specified date.
 - The school must arrange for the athlete to rendezvous with the Sportchair (or designee) at a pre-designated time and place prior to the competition.
- b) Transportation expenses will be billed to Section VI.
- c) Section VI will apply to the NYSPHSAA for the allowed reimbursement of \$1.30 per mile on the state grid (below) and deduct the reimbursement from the total transportation cost (**see * below**).

310.3 Lodging:

Team Sports: The Sportchair will advise participating schools if accommodations are to be arranged by the state or by the schools. The school will be responsible for all lodging costs.

Individual Sports: The Sportchair will be responsible for reserving a block of rooms for all athletes (4 per room). The block will include rooms for coaches (2 per room) for individual sports in Group 1 (see 310.2). For individual sports in Group 2, the block will be increased by 50% to allow for coaches. (e.g.: If XC needs a block of 40 rooms for athletes and supervisors, they will now reserve a block of 60 rooms) When the qualifiers have been determined, the Sportchair will register all athletes and coaches who are using Section transportation from the block of reserved rooms. Schools that opt-out of Section transportation are responsible for registering their own athletes and coaches. They may register for the remaining rooms in the reserved block until the rooms are exhausted or choose their own lodging. Schools will be responsible for the cost of athletes' meals at state competition with the exceptions indicated in item 1,2,3-above for trail year(s) 2014-15 and 2015-16.-

310.4 Meals:

Schools will be responsible for the cost of athletes' meals at state competition with the exceptions indicated in item 1,2,3 above for trail year(s) 2014-15 and 2015-16. For some individual sports, the Section will facilitate meal handling by paying meal expenses and invoicing the schools per participating athlete. This plan, if used, will be listed in the sport handbook.

NYSPHSAA Transportation Grid: Round-Trip Mileage from Section VI (9/98)

To Section:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	NY
Mileage:	840	580	320	420	150	NA	780	930	690	560	1030	880