



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

March 20, 2019

Highlights

- 3.1 **CARRIED:** February 6, 2019 Executive Committee meeting minutes

Athletic Council Action Items

- 3.1 **AC ACTION ITEM:** Approval of the January 16, 2019 Athletic Council meeting minutes
- 4.7 **AC ACTION ITEM:** Approval of the candidates for the Spring Sports Chairs positions, term 2019-2022 -R. Parry (Baseball), N. Leary (Boys Golf), R. Wargala (Girls Golf), E. Greenway (Boys Lacrosse), R. Schmitt (Girls Lacrosse), J. Hall (Softball), T. McMahon (Boys Tennis), P. Ksionzyk (Boys Outdoor Track & Field), W. McLaughlin (Girls Indoor Track & Field), D. Ames (Unified Basketball)
- 4.11 **AC ACTION ITEM:** Addition of "league endorsed" language to the constitution regarding the President-Elect nomination
- 5.1 **AC ACTION ITEM:** Approval of Combining of Schools Applications
- 5.2 **AC ACTION ITEM:** Approval of Senior All-Star Applications
- 6.3.1 **AC ACTION ITEM:** Approval of the Treasurer's Report
- 6.3.2 **AC ACTION ITEM:** Approval to set the presale ticket price at \$10 for Sectional Finals at New Era Field in the sport of Football
- 6.4.1 **AC ACTION ITEM:** Recommendation to move the Girls Ice Hockey Federated Tournament to an invitational prior to the December holiday break.
- 6.7a **AC ACTION ITEM:** Consideration of approval to increase the maximum number of games/contests by one, with increased restrictions on the current number of scrimmages allowed
- 6.7c1 **AC ACTION ITEM:** Direct J. Graczyk, Boys Representative, and M. Fallacaro, Girls Representative, to support the use of NFHS rules in all sports when available
- 6.7c2 **AC ACTION ITEM:** Direct J. Graczyk, Boys Representative, and M. Fallacaro, Girls Representative, to support revising the Fall, Winter & Spring Sport Season lengths.
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- 6.7c9 **AC ACTION ITEM:** Direct J. Graczyk, Boys Representative, and M. Fallacaro, Girls Representative, to support implementation of a two-year experiment for the Girls Tennis State Championship format to eliminate consolations and add medal playoffs for the top 8 participants.
- 6.7c10 **AC ACTION ITEM:** Direct J. Graczyk, Boys Representative, and M. Fallacaro, Girls Representative, to support adopting a new 3-year regional rotation in the sport of Girls Lacrosse
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- 6.7c12 **AC ACTION ITEM:** Direct J. Graczyk, Boys Representative, and M. Fallacaro, Girls Representative, to support implementation of a baseball post season pitch count summary form.
- 10.1 **AC ACTION ITEM:** Approval of the Fall 2019 pre-season reports with the exception of the Field Hockey and Girls Volleyball reports

***All Section VI Meetings are Recorded**



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Commenced: 9:37am

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3.0 MINUTES

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3.1 *Motion to approve the February 6, 2019 Executive Committee meeting minutes*

CARRIED

Graczyk/Banker

4.0 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

T. Slade

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4.1 Boys Ice Hockey (Federation)

T. Slade will ask the Boys Ice Hockey Committee to investigate concerns regarding Monsignor Martin teams.

4.2 Global Concepts Charter School

Section VI will inform Global Concepts Charter School via a formal letter that they are placed on probation for 1 year (2019-2020) in all sports resulting from their violation of the rules and regulations set forth by the NYSPHSAA in the sport of Boys Basketball during the 2018-2019 season.

4.3 Health Sciences Charter School

Health Sciences Charter School applied for Buffalo Public Schools (BPS) League membership. If BPS denies membership, NYSPHSAA regulations state that Section VI is required to place them in a League.

4.4 NYSPHSAA Student Advisory Committee

NYSPHSAA is seeking 1 rising junior (male) to fill a Section VI representative position on the Student Advisory Committee.

4.5 State Championship Transportation (Bowling)

The Section VI Bowling Committee recommends following the wrestling format where transportation to and from the Bowling State Championships is no longer provided.

The Finance Committee recommended to support the Bowling Committee recommendation that Section no longer provide transportation to the Bowling State Championships.

The Sectional/Intersectional Committee recommended to provide transportation to and from the State Bowling Championships in years when the venue is located beyond Section 3/Syracuse.

Athletic Council members will be asked to discuss the aforementioned recommendations with their respective Leagues as this item will be acted on at the May 2019 Athletic Council meeting.

4.6 Outdoor Track & Field Class Meet Proposal (Appendix A)

Chairman P. Ksionzyk will present the Outdoor Track & Field Class Meet Proposal at the following Athletic Council meeting.

4.7 **AC ACTION ITEM:** Approval of the candidates for the Spring Sports Chairs positions, term 2019-2022 - R. Parry (Baseball), N. Leary (Boys Golf), R. Wargala (Girls Golf), E. Greenway (Boys Lacrosse), R. Schmitt (Girls Lacrosse), J. Hall (Softball), T. McMahon (Boys Tennis), P. Ksionzyk (Boys Outdoor Track & Field), W. McLaughlin (Girls Indoor Track & Field), D. Ames (Unified Basketball)

4.8 Girls Indoor Track Chairman

Girls Indoor Track Chairman B. Lombardo obtained a new position with the University at Buffalo. Until B. Lombardo's schedule is confirmed, D. Syracuse (Williamsville South) is the interim chairman.

4.9 Spring Coaches Meetings Update

Concern was reported regarding the locations of the Section Coaches Meetings and if there is a need for holding the meetings.

Section VI sports chairpersons are in support of continuing the meetings and have found them to be beneficial.

Section VI will investigate possible stipends for assistant chairman positions and a centrally located site to conduct the meetings.

4.10 Chemical Awareness/SAC Chairperson

T. Sukdolak (Lockport) has expressed interest in the Chemical Awareness/SAC Chairperson position.

4.11 **AC ACTION ITEM:** Addition of "league endorsed" language to the constitution regarding the President-Elect nomination

4.12 "Boys Ice Hockey" 15-17 minutes (Appendix B)

NYSPPHSAA will address Boys Ice Hockey officials' fees in advance of scheduling a vote on the revised proposal. Section VI supports 17 minute periods in the post season.

4.13 Modified Soccer - Game Conditions

The Modified Committee is proposing support for modified soccer to move to halves. If approved, Sections will have the ability to be more restrictive and move to quarters. M. Librock and J. Arnold, Modified Committee Co-Chairs, will report on this item at the following Athletic Council meeting.

4.14 Sectional Assigner

Section VI will investigate the potential future need of an assigner at the Sectional level.

4.15 Field Hockey

The Field Hockey Committee is proposing moving the semi-finals to the home site (higher seed). This will be a discussion item for the Sectional Intersectional Committee and a potential action item for the May 2019 Athletic Council meeting.

4.16 Workers Compensation

The Section has been relieved of any fees specifically pertaining to officials resulting from an audit conducted by NYSIR.

4.17 Notice of Claim

Section VI received a notice of claim involving a student-athlete who participated in a wrestling League tournament. Updates will be provided when available.

5.0 COMMUNICATIONS

T. Slade

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5.1 **AC ACTION ITEM:** Approval of Combining of Schools Applications

Spring 2019

1. **Baseball** Clymer, Sherman, V, 7/8/9
2. **Golf Boys** Forestville, Silver Creek, V

5.2 **AC ACTION ITEM:** Approval of Senior All Star Applications

- a. Basketball Boys & Girls, Chautauqua Co. Senior All Star Contest March 27, 2019 at SUNY Fredonia 3/27/2019 Co-sponsored by SUNY & Fredonia High School
- b. Basketball Boys & Girls, Silver Hoops March 27, 2019 at City Honors HS, Co-sponsored by Buffalo Public Schools, PAL, & ADPRO

6.0 STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

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6.1 Combining of Schools Committee

The Combining of Schools Committee will convene in April to review concerns with 2 combinations, one in the sport of Cross Country and one in the sport of Indoor Track and Field. The athletic directors of the involved schools will be invited to explain the rationale for the combinations. A recommendation will be presented at the May 2019 Athletic Council meeting.

6.2 Charter Schools Classification Committee

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Nothing to report

6.3 Finance Committee

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6.3.1 **AC ACTION ITEM:** Approval of the Treasurer's Report

6.3.2 **AC ACTION ITEM:** Approval to set the presale ticket price at \$10 for Sectional Finals at New Era Field in the sport of Football

6.3.3 Go FAN

Starting with the spring of 2019, purchasing tickets through Go Fan will be offered for all sports with the exclusion of Football.

6.4 Sectional/Intersectional

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6.4.1 **AC ACTION ITEM:** Recommendation to move the Girls Ice Hockey Federated Tournament to an invitational prior to the December holiday break.

6.4.2 Competitions During the School Day

The Section will avoid competitions during the school day when able. For example, Wrestling was moved to a 1- day format scheduled on a Saturday. Cross Country will be moved to a Saturday if a course is available. However, bowling alleys and golf courses are not available on weekends and Track and Field is currently a 2-day format warranting use of a Friday and Saturday.

6.4.3 Section VI Championships (Venue Changes)

Section VI will follow the venue policy as listed in the policy manual.

6.7 State Executive Committee/Central Committee

a) Superintendent

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AC ACTION ITEM: Consideration of approval to increase the maximum number of games/contests by one, with increased restrictions on the current number of scrimmages allowed (proposal attached as Appendix C)

b) Principal

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Nothing to report

c) Boys Rep./Girls Rep.

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c2 through c12 are detailed in Appendix D

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6.8 Extended Eligibility

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Currently, Section VI is waiting on a decision from NYSED regarding an appeal of the age requirement in the sports of Unified Basketball and Unified Bowling.

6.10 Transfer/Foreign Student

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Reports were emailed

6.15 Corporate Partners

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Nothing to report

7.0 **SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

7.2 Charter Schools

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See agenda item 4.3

10.0 **SPORTS REPORTS**

- 10.1 **AC ACTION ITEM:** Approval of the Fall 2019 pre-season reports with the exclusion of Field Hockey and Girls Volleyball.

11.0 **OLD BUSINESS**

11.1 ESports Report

T. Sukdolak will report on ESports at the following Athletic Council meeting.

12.0 **NEW BUSINESS**

Nothing to report

13.0 **GOOD OF THE ADJOURNMENT**

13.1 *Motion to adjourn*

CARRIED

Fallacaro-Dougherty/Rabey

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Beth Fadeley".

Beth Fadeley
Recording Secretary

APPENDIX A

Section VI Track & Field Class Meet Proposal

When: Beginning 2019-2020 Track & Field Season

Dates: The week before the State Qualifier Meet Thur. May 28th, Fri. May 29th & Sat. May 30th - B & G together on the same date - one day meets - one meet on Thur. & two meets on Fri. & Sat. - Rain dates - Sunday May 31st (League Meets can still be run the weekend before the class meets)

Classes: Five meets for boys and five for girls based on 2019-2020 BED's numbers - approximately 17 teams per class

Sites: Five sites around the section at a school within that classification that is as centrally located as possible to the biggest percentage of schools in that class. Thur. & Fri. meets must have lights

Entries: One athlete from each school plus athletes that qualify by standards

Team Awards: First and Second Team Plaques for each class - Boys & Girls

Individual Awards: Patches to the top 4 places in each event

Events & Order: Same as a dual meet - NFHS rules

Scoring: Same as an Invitational - 6 places 10-8-6-4-2-1

Officials: Ten per meet

Team Duties: Each team will be assigned to help with officials & meet management

Timing: Fully automated timing systems would be used

Entry Fee: None for each team but admission would be charged by the section.

Opt Out: Schools have the option to opt out at the beginning of the season at a date tbd

State Qualifier: Remains the same as it has always been - 2 day meet the week before the State Meet

Approximate Costs: Officials - 10 per 5 meets @ \$100 per official (unless negotiated)	\$ 5,000
Plaques - 10 first place @ \$15 - \$150, 10 second place @ \$12 - \$120	\$ 270
Patches - 1-4 places - 1040 @ 2.03	\$ 2,550
Fully Automated timing - 5 meets @ \$1,000	\$ 5,000
Online entry fees @ \$50 per meet	\$ 250
Ticket takers - assigned by the section - 4 each meet @ \$100	\$ 2,000
Miscellaneous - tents, port-a-pots, etc. - picked up by host school	\$ 0
Host schools keep concession money	
Total	\$15,070

Approximate Revenues: Admission Fees with 500 attending each meet @ \$5 per	\$12,500
T-shirt sales - bid out for sellers and get a percentage	\$ 2,000
Total	\$14,500

Respectfully Submitted 3/08/2019

Paul Ksionzyk & Walt McLaughlin - Boy's & Girl's Outdoor Track & Field Chairmen

APPENDIX B



New York State Public High School Athletic Association Executive Committee Meeting – May 2, 2019

ICE HOCKEY TIME PERIODS

 Action Item

 √ Discussion/ Information Item

Presenter:

Scott Stuart, NYSPHSAA Ice Hockey Committee

Proposal:

Consideration of approval for Ice Hockey to abide by the NFHS Ice Hockey Rules for time periods (17 minutes) and penalties (2/ 5 & 10 minutes) to begin with the 2019-2020 season with a recalculation of post-season (Regionals, Semifinals and Finals) fees for Ice Hockey officials on November 1, 2019.

Note: A recalculation of post-season fees for ALL officials is scheduled to occur prior to the 2020-2021 school year.

Effective Start Date:

Winter 2019.

Rationale:

In July 2017, the NYSPHSAA Central Committee approved an increase from 15-minute periods to 17-minute periods to begin with the 2018-2019 season. The proposal included the following: "Section Official contracts may have to be adjusted due to the increase in the periods."

During the Fall 2018, the Ice Hockey Officials Association sought an increase in post-season fees as a result of the increased time. The NYSPHSAA Championship Advisory Committee (CAC) did not recommend any increase in post season fees, since fees are recalculated every three years. The Officials grieved the NYSPHSAA and received a favorable decision from Fact Finding for a 13% increase in post-season fees. In an effort to resolve this matter, Dr. Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director, attempted to have the post season fees recalculated in January 2019; unfortunately, the Ice Hockey Officials Association were not supportive of this proposal. As a result, the Executive Committee approved a return to 15-minute periods for the 2019 post season with the support of Dr. Zayas.

This proposal clearly states the recalculation of post-season fees for Ice Hockey prior to the 2020 post-season in recognition of the increased time from 15-minute periods to 17-minutes.

Approval of 17-minute periods would allow New York to fully abide by NFHS rules which permit 17-minute periods for interscholastic Ice Hockey.

Proposal Originated:

Ice Hockey Committee in March 2017.

Budget Impact:

Section Official contracts "may" have to be adjusted as a result of the increased time (15-minutes to 17-

minutes); some Sections have already adjusted their fees as a result of the increased time.

Sections have the ability to be more restrictive and continue to play 15-minute periods.

Notes:

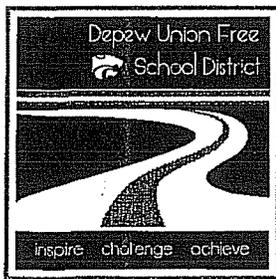
Approval of 17-minute periods would allow New York State eligibility for representation on the NFHS Ice Hockey rules committee; a position we lost due to our time / penalty differentials.

Attachments:

July 2017 Proposal of approval to increase to 17-minute periods.

February 2019 Proposal of approval to move back to 15-minute periods.

APPENDIX C



DEPEW UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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September 28, 2018

Dear Dr. Zayas,

As you aware, in 2009 and as a result of the national financial crisis, the New York State Public High School Athletic Association attempted to assist school districts across the state in reducing their expenditures by way of decreasing the amount of contests for each sport.

"The Executive Committee has taken action to assist schools, leagues, conferences, sections and NYSPHSAA to reduce costs related to the interscholastic athletic program," NYSPHSAA Executive Director Nina Van Erk said in a press release. "The rationale supporting these incremental reductions will have a significant impact for our member schools. For example, the savings realized by schools may act to protect lower level programs such as modified from being eliminated."

Subsequently, the NYSPHAA Executive Committee supported the reduction of the maximum number of contests permitted during the regular season. Sports with 24 contests (baseball, softball) were reduced to 20, sports with 20 contests (basketball) were reduced to 18 and sports with 18 contests (soccer) were reduced to 16. Wrestling was reduced to 20 points. Football was reduced from 10 to 9. The 9th game was permitted, with section approval, for teams who did not qualify for sectional play. For the teams involved in the sectional tournament the maximum number of contests was 10. For the sections involved in the state championship three additional games were permitted for a total of 13 games for the season: 1 game for regionals, 1 game for semifinals, and 1 game for championships. Originally, this was to be effective for just the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 school years, however this practice has continued, other than for basketball, which had their games reinstated to 20 contests. In essence, a senior three-sport student athlete, who has attended high school since a freshman and throughout these reductions, could have lost up to ***thirty-two (32) contests*** during their high school athletic career.

In contrast, since 2010 NYSPHAA has added, Unified Sports, Wrestling Dual Meet Championships and Competitive Cheerleading, along with the additional classifications for lacrosse (3 to 4 classes), bowling (1 to 2 divisions) and golf (additional team championship). Furthermore, NYSPHAA has allowed for more participants at the championships in both outdoor and indoor track and field, wrestling and boys and girls swimming and diving.

After almost nine years of the contest reductions, schools simply have not realized the amount of savings that was original advertised. Although the original concept of assisting schools was noble and served as an opportunity for districts to promote and preserve other programs, at the

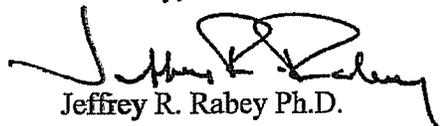
same time schools have added more scrimmages and tournaments, which cost as much, if not more for teams to participate.

Furthermore, and most recently, the NYSPHAA Modified Committee is close to recommending changes to the Modified program, which could include an increase in the maximum number of games for Modified sports, but not yet return the contests lost for both junior varsity and varsity levels.

As you are aware, at a recent meeting of the NYSCOSS Athletic Committee held on Monday, September 24, 2018, the agenda item of *"Increased Contest Opportunities"* was discussed by the superintendent representatives in attendance, along with you. As a result of the discussions, it was clearly articulated that the NYSCOSS Athletic Committee supports the conversations and processes to begin by NYSPHAA, in order to bring the contests back to the pre 2009-2010 school year levels.

It is important for you and NYSPHAA to know that you have a supportive resource in NYSCOSS and we are always more than willing, as committee chairpersons to assist in any way that we can to promote and support these critical conversations that will ultimately support our student athletes. If you should have any further questions or comments, please feel free to contact us at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey R. Rabey Ph.D.

Superintendent of Schools
Depew Union Free School District
NYSCOSS Athletic Committee Co-Chair

Dr. Lori Caplan

Superintendent of Schools
Watervliet City School District
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New York State Public High School Athletic Association
Executive Committee Meeting – May 2, 2019

REINSTATEMENT OF GAMES/ CONTESTS

Action Item
 Discussion/ Information Item

Presenter:

Jeffrey Rabey Ph.D., NYSCOSS

Proposal:

Consideration of approval to increase the maximum number of games/contests by one, with increased restrictions on the current number of scrimmages allowed.

Effective Start Date:

2020-2021 School Year

Rationale:

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After almost nine years of the contest reductions, schools simply have not realized the amount of savings that was originally advertised. Although the original concept of assisting schools was noble and served as an opportunity for districts to promote and preserve other programs, at the same time schools have added more scrimmages and tournaments, which cost as much, if not more for teams to participate.

Furthermore, and most recently, the NYSPHAA Modified Committee is close to recommending changes to the Modified program, which could include an increase in the maximum number of games for Modified sports, but not yet return the contests lost for both junior varsity and varsity levels.

Proposal Originated:

At the annual fall meeting of the NYSCOSS Athletic Committee held on Monday, September 24, 2018, the agenda item of *“Increased Contest Opportunities”* was discussed by the superintendent representatives in attendance, along with Dr. Robert Zayas, NYSPHAA’s Executive Director. As a result of the discussions, it was clearly articulated that the NYSCOSS Athletic Committee supports the conversations and processes to bring the contests back to the pre 2009-2010 school year levels.

In addition, at a subsequent meeting of the NYSCOSS Athletic Committee held on Sunday, March 3, 2019, the agenda again included the item of *“Increased Contest Opportunities”*. After much discussion, the NYSCOSS Athletic Committee officially supported the following, *“To be able to plan effectively for the change, support for a plus one game / contest for the 2020-21 season, with restrictions on the amount of scrimmages allowed and then re-evaluate for the 2021-2022 season.”*

It is important to point out that NYSPHAA has a supportive resource in the NYSCOSS Athletic Committee and we are always more than willing, to assist in any way that we can to promote and support these critical conversations that will ultimately support our student athletes.

Budgetary Impact:

At a minimum, district athletic budgets would be impacted for additional transportation, supervision and officiating costs.

Notes:

At the March 20, 2019 Section VI Athletic Council Meeting, Section VI overwhelmingly supported the action item to approve an increase in the maximum number of games/contests by one, with increased restrictions on the current number of scrimmages allowed and encouraged other the NYSPHAA Sections to do the same.

Attachments:

1. Letter dated September 28, 2018 from the NYSCOSS Athletic Committee Chairpersons to the NYSPHAA’s Executive Director, Dr. Robert Zayas.
2. Current NYSPHAA Sport Standards.

3. NYSCOSS Athletic Committee Agenda and Minutes from March 3, 2019.
4. Section VI Meeting Agenda and Minutes from March 20, 2019.

NYSPHSAA Sport Standards

FALL

Sport	Current Limit	2008-2009 Limit (Prior to Fiscal Reductions)
<i>Cross Country</i>	16 Contests	18 Contests
<i>Field Hockey</i>	16 Games	18 Games
<i>Football</i>	10 Games	10 Games
<i>Volleyball</i>	20 Games	24 Games
<i>Soccer</i>	16 Games	18 Games
<i>Swimming (Girls)</i>	16 Contests	18 Contests
<i>Tennis (Girls)</i>	16 Contests	20 Contests

WINTER

Sport	Current Limit	2008-2009 Limit (Prior to Fiscal Reductions)
<i>Basketball</i>	20 Games	20 Games
<i>Bowling</i>	20 Contests	24 Contests
<i>Cheerleading</i>	12 Contests	N/A Contests
<i>Gymnastics</i>	16 Contests	18 Contests
<i>Ice Hockey</i>	20 Games	24 Games
<i>Indoor Track & Field</i>	16 Contests	18 Contests
<i>Skiing</i>	16 Contests	18 Contests
<i>Swimming (Boys)</i>	16 Contests	18 Contests
<i>Wrestling</i>	20 Points	22 Points

SPRING

Sport	Current Limit	2008-2009 Limit (Prior to Fiscal Reductions)
<i>Baseball</i>	20 Games	24 Games
<i>Golf</i>	16 Contests	20 Contests
<i>Lacrosse</i>	16 Games	18 Games
<i>Softball</i>	20 Games	24 Games
<i>Tennis (Boys)</i>	16 Contests	20 Contests
<i>Track & Field</i>	16 Contests	18 Contests

APPENDIX D

The following are action items for the March 20, 2019 Section VI Athletic Council Meeting to provide direction for the Boys (J. Graczyk) and Girls (M. Fallacaro-Dougherty) Representatives on how to vote at the May 2019 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Meeting

1. SPORT SEASON LENGTH

Consider approval to revise the Fall, Winter & Spring Sport Season lengths.

Proposal: Consider the following revisions to the sport season start dates and championship dates:

FALL Start Fall sports the Monday of Week #8. Keep all Fall Championships on current week; reducing season of all sports except football by one week. Move Football Championships to Week #22, with Football Semifinals on Week #21 (Thanksgiving).

WINTER Start Winter sports the Monday of Week #20. Keep all Winter Championship dates the same; reducing season of all sports by one week.

SPRING Start Spring sports the Monday of Week #37. Keep all Championship dates the same; reducing season of all sports by one week. Except for baseball & softball; reducing season for all other sports by one week. Host the baseball & softball regional finals and semifinals on Friday/ Saturday of Week #49 and host baseball & softball championships on Saturday of Week #50.

Rationale: The membership has expressed concern the Fall season started too early, the Winter season was too long, and the Spring season start date was too early with baseball and softball seasons being negatively impacted by inclement weather.

2. JEWELRY RULE

Consideration of revision to the jewelry rule to include practice.

Presenter: Section IX

Proposal: Consideration of approval to revise the NYSPHSAA Jewelry Rule to include practice. Proposed revised language below in **BOLD**:

JEWELRY RULE: No jewelry, which includes visible body piercing objects, shall be worn in a sport (**in games, contests or practice**). Any piece of jewelry that is visible **at the start of or during a contest** is in violation of the NYSPHSAA Jewelry Rule. Religious medals must be taped to the body and under the uniform. Medical medals must be taped to the body so they are visible. Soft, pliable barrettes are permissible, body gems are not. The use of metal hair fasteners to secure hair is permissible in Girls Gymnastics. NOTE: The sports of Bowling and Golf are exempt from this rule. Wristwatches are permitted in cross country and in practice only for track and field. Hair restraints, to control a competitor's hair, are permitted in track and field and cross country. (Dec. 2010)

Effective Start Date: August 1, 2019

3. NYSPHSAA AMATEUR RULE TO \$500

Consideration to revise the amount allotted in the NYSPHSAA Amateur Rule to \$500.

Presenter: Section XI

Proposal: Consideration to revise the amount allotted in the NYSPHSAA Amateur Rule to \$500.

Effective Start Date: August 1, 2019.

4. UPDATES TO NYSPHSAA MEDIA POLICY AND PROCEDURES

Consideration of updates to NYSPHSAA Media Policies Procedures.

Presenter: Chris Watson, NYSPHSAA Director of Communications

Proposal: Seeking approval to change language in the official NYSPHSAA media policy and procedures to reflect agreement with the NFHS Network and Spectrum contracts. Seeking approval to also improve language on audio streaming rights to local outlets.

Effective Start Date: Immediately

Rationale: This would clarify the NFHS Network is the official video streaming partner of the NYSPHSAA, and Spectrum is the official television home of the NYSPHSAA.

We would review on a case by case basis, a local media outlet wishing to audio stream a state championship event. (Sub Regional, Regional, State Semifinal and Finals)

5. FOOTBALL- ADOPT NEW 7-YEAR REGIONAL ROTATION AND FILLING BYES WITH AT LARGE TEAM WHEN NECESSARY

Consideration of Football 7-year regional rotation.

Proposal: The NYSPHSAA Football Committee is seeking approval for a new seven (7)-year Regional Rotation and, when necessary, fill byes in Regional games with an at-large team in Class AA, A, and D. This concept is similar to the current Ice Hockey At-Large process.

Effective Start Date: Fall 2019.

Rationale: The Regional Rotation expired in 2018 thus it is necessary to get a new seven (7)-year rotation approved. The length of the rotation is the same as the previous rotation. With regards to the At-Large portion of this proposal, it is necessary to select an At-Large team for Regional games so Sectional Champions in Class AA, A and D do not get a BYE to the State Semifinals. Filling with an At-Large team satisfies the suggestion of the CAC for all team sports of not having BYES to State Semifinals. The At-Large teams will be selected based on an East/West Rotation.

6. GIRLS TENNIS - REVISE CHAMPIONSHIP DATE

Consideration of approval to revise the date of the Girls Tennis Championships to a Thursday – Saturday format.

Proposal: Consideration of approval to revise the date of the Girls Tennis Championships to a Thursday – Saturday format.

Effective Start Date: October 2020 State Championships.

Rationale: Mirror the “days” of the Boys Tennis Championships; encourage more tennis venues to potentially consider hosting the championships.

7. GIRLS TENNIS– ADOPT 9-YEAR ROTATION TO FILL BYES WITH AT-LARGE SELECTIONS FOR 2019-27

Consideration of format for Girls Tennis to fill byes at State Championships.

Proposal: The NYSPHSAA Girls Tennis State Committee is seeking approval to adopt a nine (9) year rotation to fill the tournament byes/draw with at-large selections. It is anticipated there will be 15 additional athletes in the tournament if this proposal is approved.

Effective Start Date: Fall 2019. The committee is seeking approval for a nine (9) year period.

Rationale: Filling the byes provides equitable competition for all participants in both singles and doubles instead of some players receiving a bye and getting extra rest from

8. GIRLS TENNIS – CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT TWO YEAR EXPERIMENT

Consideration of approval to implement a two-year experiment for the Girls Tennis State Championship format to eliminate consolations and add medal playoffs for the top 8 participants.

Proposal: Consideration of approval to implement a two-year experiment for the Girls Tennis State Championship format to eliminate consolations and add medal playoffs for the top 8 participants.

Effective Start Date: 2020 and 2021 Girls Tennis State Championships.

9. GIRLS LACROSSE– ADOPT NEW 3-YEAR REGIONAL ROTATION

Consideration of adopting a new 3-year regional rotation

Proposal: The NYSPHSAA Girls Lacrosse Committee is seeking approval for a new three-year Regional Rotation from 2020-22.

Effective Start Date: Spring 2020

Rationale: The Regional Rotation will expire in 2019 thus it is necessary to get a new three-year rotation approved. The length of the rotation is the same as the previous rotation.

10. BOYS TENNIS– ADOPT 5-YEAR ROTATION TO FILL BYES WITH AT-LARGE SELECTIONS FOR 2019-23

Consideration to adopt a 5 year rotation in Boys Tennis

Proposal: The NYSPHSAA Boys Tennis Committee is seeking approval to adopt a five (5) year rotation to fill the tournament byes/draw with at-large selections. It is anticipated there will be six additional athletes in the tournament if this proposal is approved (2 singles, 4 doubles players).

Effective Start Date: Spring 2019. The committee is seeking approval for a five (5) year period.

Rationale: Filling the byes provides equitable competition for all participants in both singles and doubles instead of some players receiving a bye and getting extra rest from that. The proposal provides the exact same number of contests for each participant which begins with two contests per day for each player. The current format provides less contests for the top two seeded singles and doubles teams.

11. BASEBALL – ADOPTION OF PITCH COUNT SUMMARY FORM

Consideration of approval to implement a baseball post season pitch count summary form.

Presenter: Al Roy, NYSPHSAA Baseball State Coordinator

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Baseball Committee is requesting approval to adopt a pitch count summary form. The form would include each team's pitcher names and their official pitch count from the home pitch chart. Each coach would be required to sign the document following the game. This form will be provided to the site director prior to the next game.

Effective Start Date: 2019 postseason season