



## **ATHLETIC COUNCIL MINUTES**

**May 15, 2019**

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- 3.1 **CARRIED:** March 20, 2019 Athletic Council meeting minutes
- 4.1 **CARRIED:** Boys Ice Hockey Niagara Wheatfield participating in Division 1, 2019-2020
- 4.2 **CARRIED:** Recommendation regarding transportation to and from State Championships in the sport of Bowling
- 4.12 **CARRIED:** 2019-2020 Independent Schedules for the following BPS teams: City Honors-Girls JV/Varsity Volleyball, City Honors - Girls JV/Varsity Swim and Dive, City Honors - Girls Varsity Softball, City Honors - Boys Mod/JV/Varsity Lacrosse
- 5.1 **CARRIED:** Combining of Schools Applications, numbers (1) through (42)
- 5.2 **CARRIED:** Senior All-Star applications, letters (a) and (b)
- 5.3 **CARRIED:** Friends & Neighbors applications, letters (a) through (d)
- 6.3.1 **CARRIED:** Treasurer's Report
- 6.4.1 **CARRIED:** Outdoor Track & Field Class Meet Proposal
- 6.14.1 **CARRIED:** John Grzymala (Roy-Hart) as Chemical Awareness/SAC Chairperson
- 10.1 **CARRIED:** 2019 Girls Volleyball pre-season report
- 10.2 **CARRIED:** Winter 18-19 post season reports with the exception of Unified Bowling, Boys Basketball, and Bowling

**\*All Section VI Meetings are Recorded**

## ATTENDANCE

<b>Executive Committee</b>		<b>Committee Chairpersons</b>		<b>Sportschairs</b>
President	Adam Stoltman*	Chemical Awareness	TBA	
President-Elect	Brett Banker*	Extended Eligibility	Timm Slade*	
Superintendents' Rep.	Jeff Rabey*	Finance	Steve Penhollow*	
Principals' Rep.	Jim Spanbauer*	Boys' Modified	Matt Librock*	<b>Guests</b>
Boys' Rep.	Jim Graczyk*	Girls' Modified	Julie Arnold*	Kristen Jadin, NYSPHSAA
Girls' Rep.	Marisa Fallacaro-Dougherty*	Nominations	Brett Banker*	Pat Burke, NFL
Past President	Al Gens*	NYSAAA	Mark DiFilippo*	Marc LaMorticella, Charters
Executive Director	Timm Slade*	Combining of Schools	Jeff Rabey*	
Treasurer	Don Scholla*	Safety	Brian Wild*	
		Sectional Intersectional	Timm Slade*	
* Indicates Attendance		Sportsmanship	Doug Ames*/Jim Graczyk*	
		Transfer	Timm Slade*	
		Veterans	Jim Trampert*	
		Hall of Fame	Jim Dunnigan*	

<b>League</b>	<b>Representative</b>	<b>Alternate</b>
<b>BUFFALO</b>		
Superintendents Rep./AD	Aubrey Lloyd, Emerson*	TBA
Principals' Rep.	TBA	TBA
Girls' Rep.	Andrea Norton, City Honors	TBA
Boys' Rep.	TBA	TBA
<b>CHAUTAUQUA CATTARAUGUS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (CCAA)</b>		
Superintendents' Rep.	Steve Penhollow, Falconer*	TBA
Principals' Rep.	Jason Halpainy, Randolph*	TBA
Girls' Rep.	Carol Zirkle, Fredonia*	Kevin Salisbury, Southwestern
Boys' Rep.	Rick DeKay, Retired*	Kevin Salisbury, Southwestern
<b>ERIE COUNTY INTERSCHOLASTIC CONFERENCE (ECIC)</b>		
Superintendents' Rep.	Sandy Anzalone, Eden*	Jeff Rabey, Depew
Principals' Rep.	Scott Zipp, Cheektowaga	Steve Smith, Alden
Girls' Rep.	Kiel Illg, Amherst*	Daryl Besant, Lake Shore
Boys' Rep.	Greg Kaszubski, Clarence*	Mark DiFilippo, Williamsville East
<b>NIAGARA FRONTIER LEAGUE (NFL)</b>		
Superintendents' Rep.	Paul Casseri, Lew-Port	Dan Ljiljanich, Niagara Wheatfield
Principals' Rep.	Chris Ginestre, Franklin Middle*	TBA
Girls' Rep.	Jon Roth, Grand Island*	Matt McKenna, Niagara Wheatfield
Boys' Rep.	Todd Sukdolak, Lockport*	Jon Roth, Grand Island
<b>NIAGARA ORLEANS LEAGUE (NO)</b>		
Superintendents' Rep.	Jacob Reimer, Barker*	Mark Kruzynski, Medina
Principals' Rep.	Joe Lucenti, Akron*	Steve Dimitroff, Akron
Girls' Rep.	Jeff Roth, Wilson*	Randy Knaak, Albion
Boys' Rep.	Doug Ames, Newfane*	Dave Carson, Barker
<b>SUPERINTENDENT REPRESENTATION (BOCES)</b>		
Erie 1 BOCES	Jon MacSwan, Cleveland Hill*	TBA
Erie 2 BOCES	Maureen Donahue, Southwestern*	TBA
ON BOCES	Michelle Bradley, Lockport*	TBA
CA BOCES	Robert Breidenstein, Salamanca*	TBA



# ATHLETIC COUNCIL MINUTES

## 1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Commenced: 11:40am

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## 1.1 Pledge of Allegiance

## 2.0 INTRODUCTIONS & AWARD PRESENTATIONS

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### 2.1 State Champions (Winter 18-19)

#### **Rifle**

- a) Emily Gay (Clarence), Individual Aggregate – accompanied by Athletic Director Greg Kaszubski and Coach Bob Neubauer
- b) Team Clarence, 30 Shot Standing; Emily Gay, Alexis Kirk, Michael Dziabo, Wyatt Belanger, and Adam Farolino - accompanied by Athletic Director Greg Kaszubski, Coach Bob Neubauer
- c) Section VI Team, 30 Shot Standing; Janel Koeth (Lancaster), Jessica Clark (Lancaster), Emily Gay (Clarence), Alexis Kirk (Clarence), Michael Dziabo (Clarence), Wyatt Belanger (Clarence), and Adam Farolino (Clarence) - accompanied by Chairperson Kristina Brown, Lancaster Athletic Director Brian Wild, Lancaster Coach Leif Johnson, and Clarence Athletic Director Greg Kaszubski

#### **Girls Basketball**

- d) Franklinville, Class D – represented by Superintendent Christopher Swiatek, Athletic Director Mark Blecha, Head Coach Allan Dunlap, and Student-Athletes Renee Szymanski, Danielle Haskell, and Abigail McCoy

#### **Girls Bowling**

- e) Section VI Team, Composite Division (accompanied by Bowling Chairs Dan Kaplan and Ed Ventry)
  - Cameron Spring (Allegany-Limestone) - accompanied by Athletic Director Jon Luce and Coach Spring Kaelynn Weber (Kenmore East) – accompanied by Coach Todd Marquardt
  - Makenzie Yesis (Frontier) – accompanied by Athletic Director Rich Gray Coach Mark Scudder
  - Rachel Wagner (Depew) – accompanied by Athletic Director Brian Wilson
  - Sarah D'Angelo (Clarence) – accompanied by Athletic Director Greg Kaszubski
  - Melissa Large (Tonawanda)
- f) Dunkirk, Division II – represented by Principal Al Gensi, Coach Donna Kubera, and Student-Athletes Hannah Ellman and Mariah Glowniak

#### **Girls Ice Hockey**

- g) Williamsville Team – accompanied by Superintendent Dr. Scott Martzloff, Director of HPEA Chris Mucica, Coaches Rick Hopkins and Amanda Nolan, and Student-Athletes Emma Roland, Jenna Cavalieri, and Elisabeth Sidorski

### 2.3 NYSAAA Award Recipients

- a) Adam Stoltman (Alden) – Distinguished Service Award
- b) Marisa Fallacaro-Dougherty (Eden) – Athletic Director of the Year
- c) Scott Dinse – Community Service Award
- d) Linda Lewis (Albion) – Judith A. Martens Secretarial Award

### 2.4 NYSAAA Essay Award Winners

- a) Steven Frerichs (Wilson)
- b) Elizabeth Bradley (Starpoint)

### 2.5 Retirements

- a) Doug Ames (Newfane/NO Boys Representative)
- b) Greg Kaszubski (Clarence/ECIC Boys Representative)
- c) Joe Lucenti (Akron/N.O. Principals Representative)

## 3.0 MINUTES

A. Stoltman

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### 3.1 ***Motion to approve the March 20, 2019 Athletic Council meeting minutes***

**CARRIED**

***Rabey/Graczyk***

## 4.0 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

T. Slade

[tslade@e1b.org](mailto:tslade@e1b.org)

### 4.1 ***Motion to approve of Boys Ice Hockey Niagara Wheatfield participating in Division 1, 2019-2020***

**CARRIED**

***Graczyk/Rabey***

### 4.2 ***Motion to approve Section VI only providing transportation to and from the State Bowling Championships in years when the venue is located beyond Section 3/Syracuse.***

**CARRIED**

***Penhollow/Ginestre***

### 4.3 Girls Lacrosse Season Dates

Due to a lack of officials and the adding of Girls Lacrosse programs, T. Slade recommends moving back the modified start date, beginning with the 2021 season. A formal proposal will be presented at a future meeting.

### 4.4 Officials Fine System

The agreement between Section VI and the WNYSO ends 2021. T. Slade recommends negotiating to include a fine system for officials and schools. A formal proposal will be presented at a future meeting.

### 4.5 Global Concepts Charter School (Probation Update)

At the Section VI Executive Committee meeting held on March 20, 2019, it was approved to place Global Concepts Charter School on probation for a period of one year, beginning April 1, 2019 and ending on March 31, 2020. The probation period allows for full participation in all sports offered by Global Concepts including post season.

The probation penalty is due to the non-compliance of the established Section VI (NYSPHSAA) transfer rule. After being notified of this violation, Global Concepts Charter School elected not to complete the appeal process established by NYSPHSAA and therefore, utilized ineligible student-athletes in the sport of Varsity Boys Basketball during the 2018-

2019 season.

Global acknowledged receipt of the probation letter and there are no concerns on behalf of Global Concepts Charter School.

- 4.6 NYSAAA Membership Criteria - Retired Athletic Directors  
The Section will purchase lifetime retirement memberships at a cost of \$150 for individuals who have served the Section in a capacity that fits the criteria deemed appropriate by the Executive Committee. It was unanimously decided that the first individuals to be gifted lifetime NYSAAA memberships on behalf of Section VI are Doug Ames (Newfane) and Greg Kaszubski (Clarence).
- 4.7 Mandatory Athletic Director Workshop  
The Section VI, NYSPHSAA mandatory athletic director workshop is scheduled for Monday, August 26, 2019. The agenda was emailed to all athletic administrators.
- 4.8 Section VI Membership (Olean Bishop Walsh)  
T. Slade met with representatives of Olean Bishop Walsh and shared the process to request membership as outlined in the Section VI constitution.
- 4.9 Girls Gymnastics State Championships Bid  
Section VI representatives in conjunction with the Buffalo Niagara Sports Commission are in the process of pursuing a bid to host the Girls Gymnastics State Championships at Kenmore West High School.
- 4.10 Coaches Appreciation Day (Today)  
Today is the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Coaches Appreciation Day. Coaches Appreciation Day is a day student-athletes are encouraged to thank school approved coaches who have had an impact in their life or high school athletic career. It was established in 2018 as a way to recognize all coaches at every level, including modified, who have coached fall, winter or spring sports within a NYSPHSAA member school.
- 4.11 Section VI Coaches Meetings  
At the March 2019 Athletic Council meeting, council members were asked to speak with their respective Leagues and indicate whether the mandatory Section VI Coaches meetings should continue.
- The consensus was to continue the meetings. The NFL and NO Leagues expressed concerns, specifically travel and overall usefulness of the meetings. Although face to face is preferred, Section VI will Investigate if the technology at all BOCES can accommodate conducting the meetings remotely.
- 4.12 ***Motion to approve of 19-20 Independent Schedules for the following BPS teams: City Honors-Girls JV/Varsity Volleyball, City Honors - Girls JV/Varsity Swim and Dive, City Honors - Girls Varsity Softball, City Honors - Boys Mod/JV/Varsity Lacrosse***  
***CARRIED***  
***Fallacaro-Dougherty/Graczyk***

## 5.0 COMMUNICATIONS

T. Slade  
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- 5.1 ***Motion to approve of Combining of Schools Applications, numbers 1 through 42***  
***CARRIED***  
***Rabey/Zirkle***

### Fall 2019 Applications

1. Cross Country B/G, Fredonia, Westfield, V, JV & 7/8,
2. Cross Country B/G, Medina, Lyndonville, V,
3. Cross Country B/G, Silver Creek, Forestville, V
4. Cross Country B/G, West Seneca West, West Seneca East, 7/8 ONLY
5. Field Hockey, West Seneca West, West Seneca East, ADD JV
6. Swim G, Fredonia, Forestville, Silver Creek, V

### Winter 2019-20 Applications

7. Basketball G, Westfield, Brocton, V,
8. Bowling B/G, Allegany-Limestone, Olean, Portville, V,
9. Bowling Girls, West Seneca West, West Seneca East, V

10. Ice Hockey B, Lockport, Niagara Falls, V,
11. Ice Hockey G, Amherst, Clarence & Sweet Home, V
12. Ice Hockey G, Frontier, Lake Shore & Orchard Park, V
13. Ice Hockey G, Kenmore East, Kenmore West & Grand Island, V
14. Ice Hockey G, Lancaster, Depew & Iroquois, V,
15. Ice Hockey G, Starpoint, Niagara Wheatfield, North Tonawanda, Lewiston-Porter, V
16. Ice Hockey G, West Seneca West, Hamburg, West Seneca East, Eden, V
17. Ice Hockey G, Williamsville South, Williamsville East, Williamsville North, V
18. Indoor Track B/G, Dunkirk, Silver Creek, V,
19. Indoor Track B/G, Falconer, Cassadaga Valley, Maple Grove, Frewsburg, V
20. Indoor Track B/G, Fredonia, Westfield, V,
21. Indoor Track B/G, Springville, West Valley, V,
22. Rifle, Kenmore East, Kenmore West, V
23. Skiing, Williamsville South, Williamsville East, Williamsville North, V
24. Swimming Boys, Dunkirk, Westfield, Brocton, V,
25. Swimming Boys, Eden, Gowanda, V
26. Swimming Boys, Frewsburg, Southwestern, V
27. Swimming Boys, Kenmore East, Kenmore West, V, JV
28. Swimming Boys, Olean, Allegany Limestone, Franklinville, V
29. Swimming Boys, Panama, Maple Grove, Chautauqua Lake, V
30. Swimming Boys, Springville, West Valley, V, JV, 7/8
31. Swimming Boys, West Seneca West, West Seneca East, V
32. Swimming B/G, Medina, Lyndonville, V,
33. Wrestling, Chautauqua Lake, Westfield, Panama & Clymer, V, JV, 7/8
34. Wrestling, East Aurora, Holland, V, JV, 7/8
35. Wrestling, Falconer, Cassadaga Valley, V, JV, 7/8
36. Wrestling, Franklinville, Cuba-Rushford, V, JV, 7/8
37. Wrestling, Kenmore East, Kenmore West, V, JV
38. Wrestling, Olean, Allegany-Limestone, V, JV, 7/8,
39. Wrestling, Royalton-Hartland, Barker, V, JV, 7/8,
40. Wrestling, Springville, West Valley, V, JV, 7/8,
41. Wrestling, West Seneca West, West Seneca East, V, 7/8
42. Wrestling, Williamsville North, Williamsville East, V

5.2 **Motion to approve of Senior All-Star Applications, letter (a) and (b)**

- a) Boys Lacrosse Exceptional Senior Game, 6/12/19, *Pending Application*
- b) Girls Lacrosse Senior Game, 6/11/19 *Pending Application*

**CARRIED**

**Graczyk/Ginestre**

5.3 **Motion to approve of Friends & Neighbors Applications, letters (a) through (d)**

- a) Central Baptist Christian School, Yorkshire
- b) Christian Central Academy, Williamsville
- c) Northern Chautauqua Catholic School, Dunkirk
- d) Saint Gregory the Great School, Williamsville, *Pending Application*. \*Saint Gregory the Great School has decided not to pursue Friends and Neighbors status (notified 5/23/19)

**CARRIED**

**Kaszubski/Sudolak**

6.0 **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

J. Rabey

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6.1 Combining of Schools Committee

6.1.1 Holland/EastAurora (Girls IndoorTrack)

The combined team of Holland/East Aurora, Girls Indoor Track, was reviewed by the Combining of Schools Committee and determined to exhibit a level of dominance. Holland/East Aurora was asked to resubmit their combining of schools application in

the classification of B for the 19-20 school year.

6.1.2 Pioneer/Holland (Boys Cross Country)

The combined team of Pioneer/Holland, Boys Cross Country, was reviewed by the Combining of Schools Committee. Dominance was not established and key runners are graduating seniors this year. In addition, the combination of both schools' enrollments at 100% would not constitute moving up a classification. Pioneer and Holland representatives were notified this combination would be reviewed again next year.

6.1.3 Winter 2018-2019 Combining of Schools End of Season Reports

The only concern was the combined team of Hollland/East Aurora Indoor Track, of which the Combining of Schools made their recommendation (see 6.1.1).

6.2 Charter Schools Classification Committee

J. Rabey

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6.2.1 Health Sciences Charter School Boys Basketball

Health Sciences Charter School was moved to Class A for the 18-19 school year only. This team's classification will be reevaluated due to their success this past season. The Boys Basketball Chairperson was asked to assess Health Sciences performance, including their record and returning players, for review by the Charter Schools Classification Committee (CSCC). The CSCC will provide a recommendation to be acted on at the June 2019 Executive Committee meeting.

6.3 Finance Committee

D. Scholla

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6.3.1 ***Motion to approve of the Treasurer's Report***

***CARRIED***

***Lucenti/Graczyk***

6.3.2 Indoor Track & Field Dues

Section VI absorbed the loses in the sport of Indoor Track & Field for the 18-19 season. As recommended by the Finance Committee, the dues will be raised for the 19-20 season.

6.3.3 Boys Ice Hockey Dues

Section VI absorbed the loses in the sport of Boys Ice Hockey for the 18-19 season. As recommended by the Finance Committee, the dues will be raised for the 19-20 season.

6.4 Sectional/Intersectional

T. Slade

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6.4.1 ***Motion to Approve of the Outdoor Track & Field Class Meet Proposal (Appendix A)***

***CARRIED***

***Zirkle/Ames***

6.5 Safety

B. Wild

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6.5.1 NYSPHSAA Safety Committee Updates

Brian Wild presented the Safety Committee report (attached Appendix E).

6.6 Modified Report

M. Librock/Julie Arnold

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At the April 2019 Modified Committee meeting, all action items passed (Appendix F). These items are now action items for the July 2019 NYSPHSAA Central Committee meeting. If passed, they will be implemented at the beginning of the 2019-2020 school year.

6.7 State Executive Committee/Central Committee

a) Superintendent

J. Rabey

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J. Rabey provided a review of the return of games proposal presented at the NYSPHSAA May 2019 Executive Committee meeting. The proposal was moved to a cracker barrel session at the July 2019 NYSPHSAA Central Committee meeting. J. Rabey will email the letter and the recommendation to all superintendent representatives in advance of the July meeting.

b) Principal

J. Spanbauer

[jspanbauer@nfschools.net](mailto:jspanbauer@nfschools.net)

*Nothing to report*

c) Boys Rep./Girls Rep.

J. Graczyk/M. Fallacaro-Dougherty

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Items **APPROVED** at the May 2, 2019 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Meeting (Appendix B)

- Revision of Fall, Winter, & Spring Sport Season Lengths (Fall 8/24/20, Winter 11/16/20, Spring 3/15/21)
- Revision to NYSPHSAA Jewelry Rule to include practice
- Revision to amount allotted in NYSPHSAA Amateur Rule to \$500
- Football 7-year Regional rotation
- Revision to Boys Volleyball classification cut-off numbers
- Elimination of consolation brackets in Girls Tennis
- Revision of Girls Lacrosse classification cut-off numbers (19-20 and 20-21 school year)
- Revision of Boys Lacrosse classification cut-off numbers (19-20 and 20-21 school year)
- Baseball pitch count summary form

Items **DEFEATED** at the May 2, 2019 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Meeting (Appendix C)

- Abide by NFHS Rules in all sports when available

Action Items (Appendix D)

***T. Slade will facilitate an email vote on the following action items after member Leagues have an opportunity to discuss direction at their respective meetings.***

- **ACTION ITEM:** Direct J. Graczyk, Boys Representative, and M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Girls Representative, to support the Appeal Procedure
- **ACTION ITEM:** Direct J. Graczyk, Boys Representative, and M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Girls Representative, to support the reinstatement of games proposal (Will be a Cracker Barrel)
- **ACTION ITEM:** Direct J. Graczyk, Boys Representative, and M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Girls Representative, to support the Penalty for Exceeding Maximum Number of Contests proposal (Will be a Cracker Barrel)
- **ACTION ITEM:** Direct J. Graczyk, Boys Representative, and M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Girls Representative, to support the Ineligible Students to Practice/Participate at Sub-Varsity proposal (Will be a Cracker Barrel)
- **ACTION ITEM:** Direct J. Graczyk, Boys Representative, and M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Girls Representative, to support the Ineligible Students to Practice/Participate (Will be a Cracker Barrel)
- **ACTION ITEM:** Direct J. Graczyk, Boys Representative, and M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Girls Representative, to support the Creation of NYSPHSAA Foundation proposal
- **ACTION ITEM:** Direct J. Graczyk, Boys Representative, and M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Girls Representative, to support the Girls Tennis - Penalty for Violating Practice Rule At State Tournament proposal
- **ACTION ITEM:** Direct J. Graczyk, Boys Representative, and M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Girls Representative, to support the Football – NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Rule, Serving 4 Consecutive Quarters proposal
- **ACTION ITEM:** Direct J. Graczyk, Boys Representative, and M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Girls Representative, to support the Football – Combined Practice proposal
- **ACTION ITEM:** Direct J. Graczyk, Boys Representative, and M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Girls Representative, to support the

- **ACTION ITEM:** Direct J. Graczyk, Boys Representative, and M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Girls Representative, to support the Girls Volleyball – Regional Rotation for 2019 and 2020 proposal
- Direct J. Graczyk, Boys Representative, and M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Girls Representative, to support Girls & Boys Volleyball – Blanket Waiver for Court Striping proposal – *\*Removed as an action item as it was already approved at the state level*
- **ACTION ITEM:** Direct J. Graczyk, Boys Representative, and M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Girls Representative, to support the Ice Hockey Time Periods proposal

6.8 Extended Eligibility

*Nothing to report*

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6.9 Chemical Awareness

TBA

6.10 Transfer/Foreign Student

*Nothing to report*

T. Slade  
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6.11 Sportsmanship

- 6.11.1 Good Sports Promotion Survey Winners  
Niagara Frontier League - Niagara Falls  
Niagara Orleans League - Wilson  
ECIC Large - Orchard Park  
ECIC Small - Amherst  
Chautaugua League - Cassadaga Valley  
Cattaraugus League - Cattaraugus / Little Valley  
Charter Schools - Tapestry

J. Graczyk/D. Ames  
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6.12 Veterans

*Nothing to report*

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6.13 Mixed Competition

*Nothing to report*

J. Spanbauer  
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6.14 Nominations

6.14.1 **Motion to approval of John Grzymala (Roy-Hart) as Chemical Awareness/SAC Chairperson**

**CARRIED**  
**Illg/Sukdolak**

B. Banker  
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6.14.2 Male/Female Representatives Terms Expire August 31, 2019

Including the incumbents, there is 1 candidate for the Girls Representative position and 3 candidates for the Male Representative position. Interviews will be conducted in the summer.

6.15 Corporate Partners

*Nothing to report*

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## 6.16 Hall of Fame

J. Dunnigan  
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The 2019 Hall of Fame nomination forms are due today, May 15, 2019. The 2019 Hall of Fame ceremony will be held Friday, December 6, 2019 at The Columns Banquets.

## 7.0 SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

### 7.1 All-WNY Scholar Athlete

G. Kaszubski  
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The new process for the All-WNY Scholar Athlete nominations and selections was implemented.

### 7.2 Charter Schools

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#### 7.2.1 Charter Schools (Application for Section VI Membership)

Global Concepts (Lackawanna), Health Sciences (Buffalo), and Tapestry (Buffalo) seeking League acceptance. T. Slade shared the steps to apply for League membership, per the Section VI Constitution, with the representatives of each school per the Section constitution. If any are denied League membership, the Section VI Athletic Council must, by law, place them in a League.

## 8.0 STATE & SECTION SPORT COMMITTEE REPORTS

### 8.1 [Football \(March 26, 2019\)](#)

### 8.2 [Girls Volleyball \(March 19, 2019\)](#)

## 9.0 GUEST REPORTS

### 9.1 NYSPHSAA Report

Kristen Jadin  
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- Baseball NOCSAE Stamp– Beginning January 1, 2020, NFHS requires all baseballs to have the NOCSAE stamp. It was recommended to contact vendors and confirm the stamp will be included on all baseballs for all orders placed in advance of the implementation date.
- Effective January 2020 - Baseball Catchers are required to wear the body and chest protector, throat protector, mask, and head protector that meets the NOCSAE standard.
- Fall 2020 – Sports Season Lengths proposal implemented
- Effective Fall 2019 - Practice Season Requirements (only 6 practices except for Football, Wrestling, Gymnastics, and Baseball)
- Participation Survey – A reminder was given to complete the Participation Survey, if not already done so.

### 9.2 NYSAAA Report

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## 10.0 SPORTS REPORTS

### 10.1 *Motion to approval of the 2019 Girls Volleyball pre-season report*

**CARRIED**

**Graczyk/Zirkle**

### 10.2 *Motion to approve of the Winter 18-19 post season reports with the exceptions of Unified Bowling, Boys Basketball, and Bowling*

**CARRIED**

**Breidenstein/DeKay**

### 10.3 Girls Field Hockey

T. Slade to work with J. Otto, Field Hockey Chairperson, to revise the 2019 post season dates.

11.0 **OLD BUSINESS**

11.0 Modified Committee Action Items

Extended playing times will be discussed if and when the Boys Lacrosse and Boys & Girls Soccer action items are passed at the state level.

12.0 **NEW BUSINESS**

*Nothing to report*

13.0 **GOOD OF THE ADJOURNMENT**

13.1 ***Motion to adjourn***

***CARRIED***

***Ames/Kaszubski***

Respectfully Submitted,



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 28<sup>th</sup>, Fri. May 29<sup>th</sup> & Sat. May 30<sup>th</sup> - B & G together on the same date - one day meets - one meet on Thur. & two meets on Fri. & Sat. - Rain dates - Sunday May 31<sup>st</sup> (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

<b>Approximate Costs:</b> 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	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$15,070</b>

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

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

### SPORT SEASON LENGTH

- Action Item  
 Discussion/ Information Item

**Presenter:**

Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director

**Proposal:**

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

**FALL** - 8/27/20

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** - 11/16/20

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

**SPRING** - 3/15/21

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.~~

**Note: Sport Season Ad Hoc Committee revised the proposal at their meeting on December 14, 2018 to keep baseball and softball championships on Week #49.**

**Effective Start Date:**

Recommended by Sports Season Ad Hoc to implement changes to calendar for 2020-2021 school year.

**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.

**Proposal Originated:**

An Ad Hoc Committee was created at the May 4<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee meeting to examine the sport season start dates and championship dates. The Ad Hoc Committee met on August 16<sup>th</sup>, September 7<sup>th</sup> and December 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Budgetary Impact:**

None.

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**JEWELRY RULE**

Action Item  
 Discussion/ Information Item

**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

**Rationale:**  
Membership has expressed concern with the difficulty to enforce the NYSPHSAA Jewelry Rule for practice since the rule does not explicitly reference "practice."

**Proposal Originated:**  
Sectional Concern at October 16, 2018 Executive Committee meeting.

**Budget Impact:**  
None.

**Notes:**  
None.

**Attachments:**  
None.

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**NYSPHSAA AMATEUR RULE TO \$500**

Action Item  
 Discussion/ Information Item

**Presenter:**  
Section XI

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

**Effective Start Date:**  
August 1, 2019.

**Rationale:**  
Due to the increase of the fair market value of athletic equipment, supplies and awards we are requesting the amount allotted to each student-athlete to be raised from \$250 to \$500. Currently there are athletes who have had to decline receiving gear or supplies from tournaments due to the restrictions of this rule.

**\*Last edit to the Amateur rule was in preparation of the 2008-2009 school year.**

**Proposal Originated:**  
Sectional Concern at October 16, 2018 Executive Committee meeting.

**Budget Impact:**  
None.

**Notes:**  
None.

**Attachments:**  
None.

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

- Action Item
- Discussion/ Information Item

**Presenter:**

Gary Vanderzee, NYSPHSAA Football State Coordinator

**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. The committee is seeking approval for both concepts for a seven (7)-year period through 2024.

**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.

**Proposal Originated:**

NYSPHSAA Football Committee meeting on November 24, 2018

**Budget Impact:**

None.

**Notes:**

The Committee voted unanimously in favor of this proposal at their November 24<sup>th</sup> meeting. The CAC supported the proposal, 11-0.

**Attachments:**

Proposed six-year Regional Rotation and proposed At-Large rotation is attached for Class AA, A, & D.

## FOOTBALL: Proposed 2019-2025 Regional Rotation and At Large Schedule

SECTION	YEAR	H/A	CLASS	YEAR	H/A	CLASS		
<b>(1) ONE vs. (9) NINE</b>	2019	A	C	2020	H	A - C		
	2019	H	B	2020	A	B - (D) @ 2	(D)AL @ (7)	
	2019	H vs AL(3)	D - A - AA	2020	H vs. 2	A - AA	AL @ (9)	
	2021	A	C	2022	H	A - C		
	2021	H	B - (D) vs (7)	2022	A	B - D		
	2021	at 9	A - AA	2022	H vs AL (2)	A - A A		
	2023	A	C	2024	H	C		
	2023	H	B	2024	A	B - D	D is (@ 7)	
	2023	at 2	A - AA - D	2024	H vs. 9	A - AA		
	2025	A	C					
	2025	H	B - D					
	2025	H vs AL (6)	A - AA - D					
<b>(9) NINE vs. (1) ONE</b>	2019	H	C	2020	A	C		
	2019	A	B	2020	H	B		
	2019	at 2	A - AA	2020	H vs AL (1)	A - AA		
	2021	H	C	2022	A	C		
	2021	A	B - D	2022	H	B - D		
	2021	H vs. 1	A - AA	2022	H vs 2	A - AA	AL @ 2	
	2023	H	C	2024	A	C		
	2023	A	B	2024	H	B		
	2023	H vs AL (1)	A - AA	2024	at 1	A - AA		
	2025	A	C					
	2025	H	B					
	2025	at 2	A - AA					
<b>(2) TWO vs. (7/10)</b> (7/10) is OPPOSITE SITE EACH YEAR	2019	H	C	2020	A	C		
	2019	A	B - D	2020	H	B - (D) vs (1)		
	2019	H vs. 9	A - AA	2020	at 1	A - AA		
	2021	H	C - D vs AL (5)	2022	A	C - D	D (AL) @ 1	
	2021	A	B	2022	H	B		
	2021	H vs AL (5)	A - AA	2022	A vs. 9	A - AA	AL @ (1)	
	2023	H	A - C - D vs (1)	2024	A	C		
	2023	A	B	2024	H	B - D	D is H vs AL (7)	
	2023	H vs 1	A - AA	2024	H	A - AA (AL)(9)		
	2023	Sect.7 (H) vs AL (4) (D)		2024	H	Sect. 7 vs (1) (D)		
	2025	H	C - D					
	2025	A	B					
2025	H vs 9	A - AA						



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**BOYS VOLLEYBALL – NEW CLASSIFICATION CUT-OFF NUMBERS  
FOR 2020-2021**

Action Item  
 Discussion/ Information Item

**Presenter:**

John Colletta, NYSPHSAA Boys Volleyball State Coordinator

**Proposal:**

To change the Boys Volleyball Classification Cut-off numbers to the following:

Division I	901 and Up	71 schools	50.71%
Division II	900 and below	69 schools	49.28%

**Effective Start Date:**

Fall 2020 for a two-year period

**Rationale:**

The Committee feels that balancing out the Divisions across the state is best for the sport of Boys Volleyball

**Proposal Originated:**

NYSPHSAA Boys Volleyball Committee

**Budget Impact:**

None

**Notes:**

Current Classification Cut-offs:

Division I	950 and up	60 schools	42.85%
Division II	949 and down	80 schools	57.14%

**Attachments:**

None



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**GIRLS TENNIS – ELIMINATE CONSOLATION MATCHES AT STATE  
TOURNAMENT, TWO-YEAR EXPERIMENT**

- Action Item
- Discussion/ Information Item

**Presenter:**  
Chris Horgan, NYSPHSAA Girls Tennis State Coordinator

**Proposal:**  
The NYSPHSAA Girls Tennis Committee is seeking 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:**  
Fall 2019

**Rationale:**  
Approval of this proposal would allow us to recognize the top eight student-athletes in the main draw and eliminate the opportunity for an athlete to lose in the first round, then play through to earn Consolation Champion and Runner Up awards. In the current situation, an athlete who loses in the first round has the opportunity to continue to play several more matches and earn an award, while an athlete who loses in the second round is immediately eliminated.

**Proposal Originated:**  
NYSPHSAA Girls Tennis Committee on January 14, 2019

**Budget Impact:**  
The number of courts required to host the NYSPHSAA Girls Tennis State Championships will decrease. The number of medals purchased will increase.

**Notes:**  
The committee voted unanimously in favor of this proposal during their meeting. The CAC had no concerns with the proposal.

**Attachments:**  
None.

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**GIRLS LACROSSE – NEW CLASSIFICATION CUT-OFF NUMBERS FOR  
19-20 AND 20-21 SCHOOL YEAR**

Action Item  
 Discussion/ Information Item

**Presenter:**  
Liz Parry, NYSPHSAA Girls Lacrosse State Coordinator

**Proposal:**  
To change the Girls Lacrosse Classification Cut-off numbers to the following:

Class A	1060 and up	79 schools	25%
Class B	775 - 1059	79 schools	25%
Class C	465 - 774	81 schools	25.63%
Class D	464 and below	77 schools	24.36%

**Effective Start Date:**  
Spring 2020 for a two-year period

**Rationale:**  
The Committee feels that balancing out the classes across the state is best for the sport of Lacrosse

**Proposal Originated:**  
NYSPHSAA Girls Lacrosse Committee

**Budget Impact:**  
None

**Notes:**  
Current Classification Cut-offs:

Class A	1075 and up	74 schools	23.41%
Class B	790 – 1074	79 schools	25%
Class C	475 – 789	82 schools	25.94%
Class D	474 and below	81 schools	25.63%

**Attachments:**  
None

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**BOYS LACROSSE – NEW CLASSIFICATION CUT-OFF NUMBERS FOR  
19-20 AND 20-21 SCHOOL YEAR**

Action Item  
 Discussion/ Information Item

**Presenter:**  
James Amen, NYSPHSAA Boys Lacrosse State Coordinator

**Proposal:**  
To change the Boys Lacrosse Classification Cut-off numbers to the following:

Class A	1060 and up	85 schools	24.93%
Class B	765 - 1059	85 schools	24.93%
Class C	430 - 764	85 schools	25.52%
Class D	429 and below	81 schools	24.32%

**Effective Start Date:**  
Spring 2020 for a two-year period

**Rationale:**  
The Committee feels that balancing out the classes across the state is best for the sport of Lacrosse

**Proposal Originated:**  
NYSPHSAA Boys Lacrosse Committee

**Budget Impact:**  
None

**Notes:**  
Current Classification Cut-offs:

Class A	1050 and up	87 schools	26.12%
Class B	750 – 1049	87 schools	26.12%
Class C	425 – 749	79 schools	23.72%
Class D	424 and below	80 schools	24.32%

**Attachments:**  
None

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**BASEBALL – ADOPTION OF PITCH COUNT SUMMARY FORM**

Action Item  
 Discussion/ Information Item

**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

**Rationale:**  
The committee is using this form as part of its "checks and balances" so accurate pitch counts are advanced to the next rounds of competition. The form also acts as a backup so that if a home pitch chart is lost, this form will reflect the home pitch chart information.

**Proposal Originated:**  
NYSPHSAA Baseball Committee on January 10, 2019.

**Budget Impact:**  
None

**Notes:**  
The CAC supported the proposal, 8-3.

**Attachments:**  
Pitch Count Summary Form



## PITCH COUNT SUMMARY FORM

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

SITE \_\_\_\_\_

VISITOR SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_

CLASS \_\_\_\_\_

PITCHER'S NAME & # \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

PITCH COUNT \_\_\_\_\_

COACH'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

HOME TEAM SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_

CLASS \_\_\_\_\_

PITCHER'S NAME & # \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

PITCH COUNT \_\_\_\_\_

COACH'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

SITE CHAIR'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** This form is to be forwarded to the next postseason game site  
by the Section Coordinator or his designee

# APPENDIX C



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

### NFHS PLAYING RULES WHEN AVAILABLE

Action Item  
 Discussion/ Information Item

**Presenter:**

Paul Harrica, NYSPHSAA President

**Proposal:**

Consider approval to abide by NFHS Rules in all sports when NFHS Rules are available.

**Effective Start Date:**

To Be Determined.

**Rationale:**

The membership has discussed the use of NFHS Playing Rules for more than a decade. This proposal is designed to bring resolution to this topic.

**Proposal Originated:**

October 2017 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Meeting.

This topic has also been discussed:

<i>January 2018</i>	Executive Committee meeting
<i>April 2018</i>	Championship Philosophy Committee Meeting
<i>May 2018</i>	Executive Committee meeting
<i>July 2018</i>	Central Committee meeting
<i>September 2018</i>	Championship Philosophy Committee Meeting
<i>October 2018</i>	Executive Committee Meeting
<i>February 2019</i>	Executive Committee Meeting

**Budgetary Impact:**

None.

**Notes:**

Playing by NFHS rules would currently impact the sports of Girls Basketball (*currently use NCAA rules*), Girls & Boys Volleyball (*currently use NCAA rules*), Softball (*currently use USA Softball Rules*) and Girls Gymnastics (*NYSPHSAA Technical Handbook*).

Statewide survey was administered in June 2018 and discussed at the 2018 Central Committee meeting.

# APPENDIX D



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

### APPEAL PROCEDURES & FEES

- Action Item  
 Discussion/ Information Item

**Presenter:**

Jim Osborne, Past President, Current Chair of NYSPHSAA Appeal Panel

**Proposal:**

Consideration of approval to amend the NYSPHSAA appeal procedures to an increased filing fee of \$500 and require a unanimous decision by the panel to overturn a Section's decision.

Proposed ~~Handbook changes reflected below:~~

c. An appeal from the decision of the athletic Council may be taken to the Appeal Panel of the NYSPHSAA, Inc., which shall review the evidence, may hear arguments, and shall have the power to affirm, reverse, or modify the decision of the Athletic Council. Such decisions shall not be reversed or modified unless the Appeal Panel ~~has unanimous agreement and~~ finds that:

d. An aggrieved party shall be one or more-member schools of the NYSPHSAA, Inc., and the notice of appeal shall be signed by the chief school officer of the schools involved. The aggrieved party must notify the Executive Director of the NYSPHSAA, Inc., of its intention to appeal to the Appeal Panel not later than fifteen (15) calendar days from the date the aggrieved party received written decision of the Athletic Council and submit a statement indicating whether the aggrieved party desires to submit its appeal in writing only or whether they desire to make oral argument by either telephone conference call or in person. A filing fee of ~~\$500.00~~ must be received from the aggrieved party prior to the appeal hearing. The Executive Director of the NYSPHSAA, Inc., shall notify the parties of the date by which written presentation must be submitted and the date, place and time for any oral arguments.

f. Expenses incurred ~~for an in-person appeal~~ by the Appeal Panel members shall be shared in the following manner: One-fourth from the NYSPHSAA, Inc., one-fourth from the section involved and one-half from the appellant. Expenses include all necessary and customary travel expenses, including, but not limited to mileage, lodging and meals. ~~When telephone conference calls are requested a fee of \$300 will be paid in full by the appellant (Jan. 2012).~~

**Effective Start Date:**

September 1, 2019

**Rationale:**

The fee was last updated in January 2012.

**Proposal Originated:**  
Appeal Chairperson.

**Budgetary Impact:**  
Minimal increase in associated fees as a result of appeals.

**Notes:**  
None.

**Attachments:**  
None.

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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:**  
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, volleyball, bowling, ice hockey) were reduced to 20, sports with 20 contests (tennis, basketball, golf) were reduced to 16 and sports with 18 contests (cross country, soccer, field hockey, swimming, gymnastics, indoor track and field, skiing, lacrosse, track and field) 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 between 16 and 48 contests*, depending on their sports of choice, 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 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

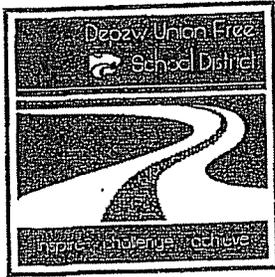
<b>Sport</b>	<b>Current Limit</b>	<b>2008-2009 Limit (Prior to Fiscal Reductions)</b>
<i>Cross Country</i>	16 Contests	18 Contests
<i>Field Hockey</i>	16 Games	18 Games
<i>Football</i>	10 Games	10 Games
<i>Volleyball</i>	20 Games	24 Games
<i>Soccer</i>	16 Games	18 Games
<i>Swimming (Girls)</i>	16 Contests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

### WINTER

<b>Sport</b>	<b>Current Limit</b>	<b>2008-2009 Limit (Prior to Fiscal Reductions)</b>
<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 &amp; 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

<b>Sport</b>	<b>Current Limit</b>	<b>2008-2009 Limit (Prior to Fiscal Reductions)</b>
<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 &amp; Field</i>	16 Contests	18 Contests



## 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

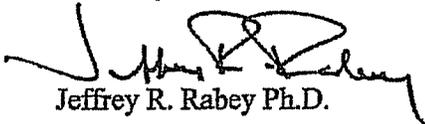
same time schools have added more scrimmages and tournaments, which cost as much, if not more for teams to participate.

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  
NYSCOSS Athletic Committee Co-Chair

**AGENDA / MINUTES**

**March 3, 2019**

**NYSCOSS Athletics Committee Meeting**

**12:45pm to 2:00pm**

**Hilton Albany in State AB**

Jeffrey Rabey Ph.D., Superintendent  
Depew Union Free School District

Dr. Lori Caplan, Superintendent  
Watervliet City School District

1. Sports Season Ad Hoc Committee
  - *Revision to sport season lengths:* Lengthen by one week. Football would not have a condensed season and finish on the weekend after thanksgiving. Allow athletes to be positively impacted by their coaches. Vote on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Begin in 2021.
  - *Revision of practice requirements:* Make them more equitable across all sports. 6 practices except for football, wrestling and gymnastics will have 10. Begin in fall of 2019.
2. Transfer Rule revision: "*Note: a student's Eligibility is determined by the situation/ facts that exists at the time of registration.*": Presented in February a student's eligibility is determined by the situation facts that exists at the time of registration. Vote on in May. Consider allowing students who are ineligible to practice with teams, but not play in games.
3. Increased Contest Opportunities: 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.
4. NFHS Rules Vote – May 2, 2019: Become like all other states for sports when the NFHS rules are available. The NFHS rules are written specifically for high school sports, where NCAA rules are written for college level. Would be for 2021-2022.
5. Exceeding the Maximum number of games proposal: Discipline the adult and not the student-athletes. Move to suspend coach versus the team for the remainder of the season.
6. Spectrum – NFHS Network: Out of the contract with Spectrum and all now with NFHS Network and digital platform.
7. Exploration of eSports: Focus group has been formed and is researching. Alfred Almond is starting an eSports Team on a pilot basis (Letter Attached.) NCAA is now considering scholarships for eSports.

8. Unified Sports: Continues to grow and be evaluated.

9. Other

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**PENALTY FOR EXCEEDING MAXIMUM NUMBER OF CONTESTS**

Action Item  
 Discussion/ Information Item

**Presenter:**  
Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director

**Proposal:**  
Consider approval to add "~~Option B~~" to the prescribed penalty for exceeding the maximum number of contests to the following:

*"c. If an individual or team exceeds the maximum number of contests permitted, the penalty is team ineligibility from the date of violation for the rest of the season. In the sports of wrestling, cross country, indoor track & outdoor track, swimming & diving, and bowling, when an individual exceeds the maximum number of contests, only the individual would no longer be eligible for that season. When an athlete exceeds the maximum number of contests the level in which the student-athlete participated as an ineligible competitor will be affected.*

*Any member school that has exceeded the maximum number of contests has the option to utilize the existing penalty outlined above (c) or may elect to suspend the head coach from the date of the violation for the remainder of the season, forfeiture of additional contests and also accept a fine in the amount of \$1000 to be paid from the school district to the NYSPHSAA office prior to participation in the post season. Money will be allocated to the Student-Athlete Advisory Council."*

**Effective Start Date:**  
Fall 2019.

**Rationale:**  
The restrictive nature of the NYSPHSAA rule to declare the entire team or the individual athlete ineligible for the remainder of the season penalizes the student-athletes and not the individual most responsible for the rule (i.e. the head coach).

**Proposal Originated:**  
Discussion amongst Section Executive Directors and membership.

**Budgetary Impact:**  
None.

**Notes:**  
Handbook Committee discussed concerns at the April 3<sup>rd</sup> Handbook Committee meeting.

**Attachments:**  
National Survey results associated with exceeding maximum number of contests.

## Maximum Number of Contest Rule Violation Survey

State	Penalty
Alabama	Fine and forfeiture of contests
Alaska	First Offense: forfeiture of game; Second Offense: forfeiture of game, fine and probation
Arizona	Executive Board can determine if it is advisement, warning or probation
California	Left of to the individual Section
Hawaii	No limit on number of games/ contests
Idaho	Fine (\$1500); Head Coach suspended; program placed on probation
Illinois	Forfeiture of contests and elimination from playoffs
Indiana	Take the same number of contests away from the team next season
Iowa	Forfeiture of contests
Kansas	Forfeiture of contests and elimination from playoffs
Kentucky	Fine, shorten allowable games in the future
Maine	Adversarial hearing
Maryland	Forfeiture of the contests that were played over the limit. Based on how egregious the action was, there is consequences on the coach
Massachusetts	Forfeit the additional games from the end of their original schedule
Mississippi	Elimination from post season
Missouri	Elimination from post season
New Mexico	Forfeiture of contests
North Carolina	Fine to the school is assessed, plus the team/individual forfeits the contest that was "in excess of"
North Dakota	No prescribed penalty; determined by the Board of Directors
Oklahoma	Head coach suspended from coaching the remainder of the season
Oregon	Forfeiture and pay a fine. Still permitted to participate in post season
Pennsylvania	Elimination from post season
Rhode Island	Board determines penalty - forfeiture to elimination from playoffs
Tennessee	Elimination from post season
Texas	Suspension for the school and/ or the coach for up to 3 years
Washington	Whenever possible, those responsible for the violation shall be penalized
Washington DC	Seedng is affected
West Virginia	Forfeiture of contests and elimination from playoffs
Wisconsin	Elimination from post season
Wyoming	Forfeiture of contests and "warning status" (i.e. probation)

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**INELIGIBLE STUDENTS TO PRACTICE/ PARTICIPATE  
AT SUB-VARSITY**

Action Item  
 Discussion/ Information Item

**Presenter:**  
Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director

**Proposal:**  
Consideration of approval to permit students (grades 7, 8, 9, & 10) who are ineligible as per the NYSPHSAA Transfer Rule to practice & participate at the sub-varsity level during their period of ineligibility; noncorresponding transferring students in grades 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> who are ineligible as per the Transfer Rule, would be limited to practice only.

**Effective Start Date:**  
August 1, 2019.

**Rationale:**  
Currently, students who are ineligible are not permitted to practice nor participate at the sub-varsity level during their period of ineligibility. If students who were ineligible as per the NYSPHSAA Transfer Rule (i.e. transfer without a corresponding change of address) were allowed to practice and/or participate at the sub-varsity level, this would help the student integrate into the school setting and could reduce the number of appeals and lawsuits, while having no impact upon other school's opportunity to compete for a Section or State title.

**Proposal Originated:**  
December 2016 Handbook Committee meeting.

**Budget Impact:**  
None.

**Notes:**  
The NYSPHSAA Transfer Committee supported this proposal on April 1, 2019; Section 8 and 11 oppose.

The NYSPHSAA Handbook committee supported discussion on this proposal at the April 3, 2019 Handbook Committee meeting.

A proposal for "practice only" was discussed at the May 2017 Executive Committee and ultimately not approved at the July 2017 Central Committee meeting.

**Attachments:**  
Fall 2018 National Survey data related to transfer rule.



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**INELIGIBLE STUDENTS TO PRACTICE/ PARTICIPATE**

Action Item  
 Discussion/ Information Item

**Presenter:**  
Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director

**Proposal:**  
Consideration of approval to permit students who are ineligible as per the NYSPHSAA Transfer Rule to practice during their period of ineligibility.

**Effective Start Date:**  
August 1, 2019

**Rationale:**  
Currently, students who are ineligible are not permitted to practice during their period of ineligibility. If students who were ineligible as per the NYSPHSAA Transfer Rule (i.e. transfer without a corresponding change of address) were allowed to practice, this would help the student integrate into the school setting and could reduce the number of appeals and lawsuits, while having no impact upon other school's opportunity to compete for a Section or State title.

**Proposal Originated:**  
December 2016 Handbook Committee meeting.

**Budget Impact:**  
None.

**Notes:**  
The NYSPHSAA Transfer Committee unanimously supported this proposal on April 1, 2019.  
The NYSPHSAA Handbook committee supported discussion on this proposal at the April 3, 2019 Handbook Committee meeting.

A proposal for "practice only" was discussed at the May 2017 Executive Committee and ultimately not approved at the July 2017 Central Committee meeting.

**Attachments:**  
National Survey Data showing 34 other states allow ineligible students to practice.



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**CREATION OF A NYSPHSAA FOUNDATION**

- Action Item
- Discussion/ Information Item

**Presenter:**  
Chris Joyce, NYSPHSAA Director of Sales & Marketing

**Proposal:**  
Consider approval to start a NYSPHSAA Foundation. A committee will be created by presidential appointment to discuss the formation, structure, and operation of the NYSPHSAA Foundation.

**Effective Start Date:**  
Establish the foundation in the 2020-2021 school year and begin awarding grants in the following year.

**Rationale:**  
Creation of a NYSPHSAA Foundation would provide our membership with additional funding opportunities.

**Proposal Originated:**  
Exploration of a foundation or endowment fund was outlined in the 2017-2021 Strategic Plan.

**Budget Impact:**  
NYSPHSAA would contribute one lump sum to establish the foundation fund. If managed properly, no further contributions would be required but would be permitted if deemed appropriate. Sponsors and community partners would also be leveraged for contributions. Additional spending may be done at discretion of the foundation committee.

**Notes:**  
36 state associations responded to our survey, 15 of states currently have a foundation.

**Attachments:**  
Survey results

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**GIRLS TENNIS – PENALTY FOR VIOLATING PRACTICE RULE AT  
STATE TOURNAMENT**

Action Item  
 Discussion/ Information Item

**Presenter:**

Chris Horgan, NYSPHSAA Girls Tennis State Coordinator

**Proposal:**

The NYSPHSAA Girls Tennis Committee is seeking approval to apply the sanction of disqualification from the state tournament to any competitor who violates the "no practice rule" at the tournament venue on any day of the state tournament competition.

**Effective Start Date:**

Fall 2019

**Rationale:**

This would allow for a fair level of competition for all competitors since indoor venues do not have enough courts to accommodate practice time for all of the tournament players prior to match starting times. This would hold any violators accountable through the sanction of disqualification from the tournament, and all players will know that there is a definite consequence for violating the tournament "no practice" rule. Previously, schools were on a first come, first served basis in scheduling and paying for court time at the host venue. When the courts were all booked, it left many athletes without practice time.

**Proposal Originated:**

NYSPHSAA Girls Tennis State Committee meeting on January 14, 2019

**Budget Impact:**

None.

**Notes:**

The Committee voted unanimously in favor of this proposal at their January meeting.

**Attachments:**

None.

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**FOOTBALL** – NYSPHSAA SPORTSMANSHIP RULE, SERVING 4  
CONSECUTIVE QUARTERS

Action Item  
 Discussion/ Information Item

**Presenter:**  
Gary Vanderzee, NYSPHSAA Football State Coordinator

**Proposal:**  
Consideration of approval for Football players to serve the suspension for violating the NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Rule by being ineligible to participate for 4 full consecutive quarters (players only).

**Effective Start Date:**  
Fall 2019

**Rationale:**  
The current penalty of the next regularly scheduled game for violation of the NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Rule is the same for all athletes regardless of the sport and the maximum number of games allowed during the season. Football plays 7 or 8 games during the regular season. The committee feels that a 1 game suspension for a football player is more punitive as compared to all other sports.

Sports playing 20 games – 1 game suspension = 5% of max number of games allowed  
Sports playing 16 games – 1 game suspension = 6 % of max number of games allowed  
Sports playing 7 or 8 games (excluding Sectionals) = 12-14% of max number of games

**Example:**  
Football player is disqualified in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of game #2. The athlete would be ineligible to participate in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarters of game #2. The athlete will also be ineligible to participate in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarters of game #3. The athlete would be eligible for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of game #3. Under the current rule the athlete would not be eligible to participate until game #4.

**Proposal Originated:**  
NYSPHSAA Football Committee

**Budgetary Impact:**  
None

**Notes:**  
The NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Committee voted 7-2 to support the proposal with the understanding that Sections can be more restrictive in terms of the type of penalties that will be allowed to fall under this proposal and that Sections can always increase the amount of the penalty for the player depending on the situation. The penalty for a 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> disqualification would remain as currently written in the handbook.

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FOOTBALL – COMBINED PRACTICE

Action Item  
 Discussion/ Information Item

**Presenter:**  
Gary Vanderzee, NYSPHSAA Football State Coordinator

**Proposal:**  
Consideration of approval to establish combined practice requirements for all NYSPHSAA member schools. These requirements will include:

1. Coaches will instruct their own players.
2. "Live Contact" is permitted but not required.
3. Athletes/Teams may not participate in a combined practice until the first 5 days of practice have been completed.
4. Drills may not exceed more than seven (7) players from each team.

**Effective Start Date:**  
Fall 2019

**Rationale:**  
Many schools have moved away from scrimmaging other teams and are using combined practices to have their first team drill against another school's first team and the same for the second team. Schools with low number of participants can also benefit from using a combined practice with another school. NYSPHSAA has allowed these combined practices along as they have followed the scrimmage restrictions and practice regulations. This proposal better defines the combined practice.

**Proposal Originated:**  
NYSPHSAA Football Committee

**Budgetary Impact:**  
None

**Notes:**  
All NYSPHSAA "contact limitation" regulation will be followed starting with Day 13 of the season.

**Attachments:**  
None



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**BOYS VOLLEYBALL – REVISE TIE-BREAKER IN CHAMPIONSHIP  
POOL PLAY**

- Action Item
- Discussion/ Information Item

**Presenter:**  
John Coletta, NYSPHSAA Boys Volleyball State Coordinator

**Proposal:**  
The NYSPHSAA Boys Volleyball Committee is seeking a revision to their tie-breaker format for a two-year experiment. Pool play will continue to be two sets, however if there is a tie, both teams would play in a tie-breaking game.

- a. In the event that the two teams who tied for second were playing against one another for the last pool pay game they would immediately play the third game to 25 pts. This would eliminate the warm up time of starting a new match.
- b. If at the end of pool play the tie took place between two teams and one of them was the bye (off team) a full warm up time would be given.

If there is a three-way tie.

- 1. Point differential shall be used to determine first place team.
- 2. One 25-point tie breaker game used to determine 2<sup>nd</sup> place team advancing.

**Effective Start Date:**  
November 2019

**Rationale:**  
The tie breaker was being played in pool play just in case of a tie. In October 2017, the committee had its original tie-breaker proposal approved for 2018 but following the state tournament, they revisited the format and decided to adjust it. This proposal mirrors the 2016 tie-breaker.

**Proposal Originated:**  
Boys Volleyball Committee on March 28, 2019

**Budgetary Impact:**  
For each tie, there will be one added officials game fee. In 2015, there were three ties, one in D1 and two in D2. In 2016, there was one tie in D1. In 2017, there was a three-way tie in D2.

**Notes:**  
The Boys Volleyball Committee unanimously agreed to this proposal at their recent meeting.

**Attachments:**  
None.



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GIRLS VOLLEYBALL – REGIONAL ROTATION FOR 2019 AND 2020

Action Item  
 Discussion/ Information Item

**Presenter:**  
Patty Perone, NYSPHSAA Girls Volleyball State Coordinator

**Proposal:**  
The NYSPHSAA Girls Volleyball Committee is seeking approval to establish a regional rotation for Girls Volleyball for the 2019 and 2020 postseasons.

**Effective Start Date:**  
Fall 2019. The rotation would be for a 2-year period.

**Rationale:**  
The Committee is attempting to even out the regions as best they can and to ensure a more equitable distribution of teams competing for the semi finals and finals of the NYSPHSAA Tournament.

**Proposal Originated:**  
NYSPHSAA Girls Volleyball Committee on March 19, 2019

**Budget Impact:**  
With the change in regions some Sections and Schools could see an increase in travel costs.

**Notes:**  
The committee voted unanimously in favor of this proposal during their meeting.

**Attachments:**

1. Current breakdown of schools by Section/Class, Current regional rotation, proposed regional rotation.
2. Regional rotation games.

## GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

### Proposed Regional Schedule for 2019-2020

	AA	A	B	C	D
<b>2019</b>	1 @ 9	1 @ 9	8 @ 11 Winner @ 9	1 @ 9 8 @ 11 Winner of 8-11 @ winner of 1-9	7 @ 5
	4 @ 2 Winner @ 3	10 @ 2 Winner @ 3	5 @ 6	5 @ 6	3 @ 6
	5 @ 6	4 @ 5 Winner @ 6	10 @ 7 4 @ 3 Winner of 10-7 @ winner of 4-3	4 @ 3	1 @ 11 4 @ 9 Winner or 1-11 @ winner of 4-9
	8 @ 11	8 @ 11	1 @ 2	7 @ 10 Winner @ 2	10 @ 2
<b>2020</b>					
	9 @ 1	9 @ 1	9 @ 8 Winner @ 11	9 @ 1 11 @ 8 Winner of 9-1 @ winner of 11-8	5 7
	3 @ 4 Winner @ 2	3 @ 10 Winner @ 2	6 @ 5	6 @ 5	6 @ 3
	6 @ 5	6 @ 4 Winner @ 5	7 @ 10 3 @ 4 Winner of 3-4 @ the winner of 7-10	3 @ 4	11 @ 1 9 @ 4 Winner of 9-4 @ winner of 11-1
	11 @ 8	11 @ 8	2 @ 1	10 @ 7 2 travels to the winner of 10-7	2 @ 10

## GIRLS VOLLEYBALL REGIONAL ROTATION (continued)

*If the proposed schedule is not approved, it would revert back to the current rotation below.*

	AA	A	B	C	D
2019	1 @ 9 Winner @ 4	1 @ 9 Winner @ 4	1 @ 9 Winner @ 4	1 @ 9 Winner @ 4	4 @ 3
	2 @ 3	10 @ 2 Winner @ 3	10 @ 2 Winner @ 7	10 @ 2 Winner @ 7	10 @ 2 Winner @ 7
	5 @ 6	5 @ 6	5 @ 6 Winner @ 3	5 @ 6 Winner @ 3	5 @ 6
	8 @ 11	8 @ 11	8 @ 11	8 @ 11	1 @ 11 Winner at 9
<b>2020</b>					
	4 @ 1 Winner @ 9	4 @ 1 Winner @ 9	4 @ 1 Winner @ 9	4 @ 1 Winner @ 9	3 @ 4
	3 @ 2	3 @ 10 Winner @ 2	7 @ 10 Winner @ 2	7 @ 10 Winner @ 2	7 @ 10 Winner @ 2
	6 @ 5	6 @ 5	6 @ 3 Winner @ 5	6 @ 3 Winner @ 5	6 @ 5
	11 @ 8	11 @ 8	11 @ 8	11 @ 8	9 @ 1 Winner @ 11

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ICE HOCKEY TIME PERIODS

Action Item  
 Discussion/ Information Item

**Presenter:**

Scott Stuart, NYSPHSAA Boys Ice Hockey State Coordinator

**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.

**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.

# APPENDIX E



## NYSPHSAA Executive Committee

May 2, 2019

Todd Nelson

### Safety Committee Report

#### **Attendance:**

Jim Rose (1), Rick Knizek (2), Nicole Intondi (3), Bill Dorrite (4), Kim Henshaw (5), Brian Wild (6), Jen Drucker (7), Jen Keane (8), Erika Backus (10), Tim Mullins (11), Dr. Brian Reiger, Dr. John O'Brien, Linda Khalil, Dr. Tony Donatelli, Dr. Robert Zayas.

#### **Concussion Management Update:**

The Committee was asked to provide feedback from member schools regarding EasySCAT. The interest in using the product is increasing in some parts of the state. The product is being added to the BOCES listserv which should help with the cost of the product. NYSPHSAA will be meeting with EasySCAT to talk about how more schools can benefit from using the app. Brian Reiger gave an update from BIANYS. They have secured a grant from the Health Foundation to train and support return to life initiatives around the state. They will hold regional events to help educate medical professionals and school personnel on return to learn protocols. They are also working on educating and updating local physicians on best practices for concussion management. NYSPHSAA is completing the final year of our agreement with ImPact. If NYSPHSAA continues the partnership, we will be adjusting the billing procedures to our member schools. We will begin billing schools for tests they actually use and not tests they order. The current system is causing an accounting nightmare for the State Association.

#### **Modified Recommendations:**

The Committee discussed recommendations from the Modified Committee in the sports of Cross Country, Football (2), Gymnastics, Volleyball, and Wrestling. The Safety Committee had no issues with any of the recommendations.

#### **Football:**

The committee was informed of a new concept of football called Flex Football. Flex Football made presentation to the NYSPHSAA Football Committee in March. Flex Football can be used as a progression from flag football to tackle football. Flex Football can also be used during the season to help limit full contact but continue to teach and practice proper techniques and skill. The final benefit

of Flex Football is in the off season as an alternative to 7 on 7 passing leagues because it incorporates the offensive lineman. Equipment used for Flex Football includes a soft headgear and soft shoulder pads. The Committee also discussed the proposal from the Football Committee regarding regulations for combined practices. The committee had no concerns with the proposed regulations.

**NYSPPHSAA Strategic Plan:**

The Safety Committee was very pleased that the Executive Committee approved the recommendation regarding the use of Certified Athletic Trainers in our member schools. They did note that the document that was produced from the Safety Committee should be added to the handbook as a reference for member schools. The Football Committee has made a renewed emphasis to get our Football schools and coaches to complete the USA Football Heads Up Coaching Certification Program. NYSPPHSAA took a significant step backwards last year. The Sections have been asked to set a date and place for the in-person clinic. Schools need to send a minimum of one coach per school to attend. All coaches must complete the on-line NFHS course. NYSPPHSAA has received \$25,000 from NYSIR to cover the cost for our coaches to take the on-line course. We only used \$3,300 of the \$25,000 last year. The Committee is working on a position statement on overuse injuries and specialization. They have formed a sub-committee to examine studies on these two items. The sub-committee is scheduled to meet in June.

**Anyone Can Save a Life:**

Schools are strongly encouraged to use this program with all of their teams so that they are prepared in case of a medical emergency. Teams will designate members of the team to cover certain responsibilities during a medical emergency. NYSPPHSAA does use this program for all State Championships.

**Section Concerns:**

Section 2 had a concern regarding Alpine Skiing and bleeding injuries. There is a specific kit that can be used to stop major bleeding injuries. Most mountains will have access to these kits but some of the smaller mountains do not. Linda Khalil informed the committee that they are working with SED to develop a policy and training for schools on these kits. Section 6 asked about the requirement of the Physical forms by SED. NYSPPHSAA was informed last week that SED is not requiring the form for the 2019-2020 school year. Any form may be accepted by the school. Section 7 had a concern regarding officials removing players that are showing signs and symptoms of a concussion. NYSPPHSAA will continue to work with the officials on this issue. Section 8 asked if other Sections were seeing lacrosse players or other athletes using smelling salts prior to the game. No other Section reported seeing this activity by their athletes. Dr. O'Bryan thought that a form could be developed that schools could send to private physicians outlining the best practices for concussion management. The NYSPPHSAA staff will bring this to BIANYS to see if they are interested in developing this letter. Linda Khalil indicated that her association has a letter that would be a good start.

**Next Meeting: Monday September 23, 2019 at 9am**

# APPENDIX F

## NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC. MODIFIED COMMITTEE

### Minutes of Spring 2019 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 9:40 AM on Thursday, April 11, 2019 by State Coordinator James Rose at the NYSPHSAA office in Latham, New York.

#### **I. Attendance**

##### State Coordinators

James Rose	Present
Judy Salerno	Present via conference call

##### Ex-Officio: NYSPHSAA Directors

Todd Nelson, Ass't Director	Present
Robert Zayas, Director	Absent with notification

##### Section Representatives

1	Joe Donaldson	Present
	Beth Staropoli	Present via conference call
2	James Schlegel	Present
	<u>TBA</u>	
3	Chris Doroshenko	Present
	Barbara Felice	Present
4	Carl Koenig	Absent with notification
	Sue Franco	Present
5	Michael Bromley	Present
	Richard Roche	Present
6	Matt Librock	Present
	Julie Arnold	Present
7	Michael Douglas	Present
	Victoria McMillan	Present
8	Kevin Trentowski	Absent with notification
	Cathleen Dnyprowsky	Present
9	Gregory Warren	Present
	Michelle Henn	Present
10	Shawn Miller	Present
	Lori Brewer	Present via conference call
11	Michael De Joseph	Present
	Georgia McCarthy	Absent with notification

Boys' Sports Coordinators

Baseball:	Steve Nolan	Present
Basketball:	Robert Hummel	Present
Cross-Country:	Vera Trenchfield	Absent with notification
Football:	Steve Nolan	Present
Gymnastics:	Janice Trudeau	Present
Ice Hockey:	Dean Berardo	Absent
Lacrosse:	Gordie Pollard	Present via conference call
Soccer:	Matt Wood	Present
Swimming:	Tom DeYoung	Present
Tennis:	<u>Sport Coordinator Needed</u>	
Track & Field:	Vera Trenchfield	Absent with notification
Volleyball:	Mira Martincich	Present
Wrestling:	John Richard	Present

Girls' Sports Coordinators

Basketball:	<u>Sport Coordinator Needed</u>	
Cheerleading	Alisa Pacheco	Present
Cross-Country:	Vera Trenchfield	Absent with notification
Field Hockey:	Barbara Felice	Present
Gymnastics:	Janice Trudeau	Present
Lacrosse:	Beth Staropoli	Present via conference call
Soccer:	Matt Wood	Present
Softball:	Micki Bedlington	Present
Swimming:	Tom DeYoung	Present
Tennis:	<u>Sport Coordinator Needed</u>	
Track & Field:	Vera Trenchfield	Absent with notification
Volleyball:	Mira Martincich	Present

A welcome was extended to all. Modified Committee co-chair Judy Salerno, Section I representative and modified girls' lacrosse sport coordinator Beth Staropoli, Section X representative Lori Brewer, and modified boys' lacrosse sport coordinator Gordie Pollard were present via telephone conference call.

## II. **Acceptance of Minutes of the September 20, 2018 Fall Modified Committee Meeting, Latham, New York**

Motion (Dnyprosky, Henn) to approve the minutes unanimous.

## III. **Executive Committee Report – Todd Nelson & Jim Rose**

1. Todd reviewed that the following language was removed from the handbook by the Executive Committee at the Summer 2018 meeting: "*Only sneakers and shoes with molded soles or molded cleats are permitted in the Modified Program.*" However, this was erroneously not edited in the modified portion of the handbook. Therefore, it was clarified that the use of metal posts and spikes is permitted, except in those sports that specifically restrict their use within their sport 'Equipment' rules

2. The association has been looking at the starting dates and lengths of the sport seasons starting in Fall 2020. It is probable that the high schools will start the fall season at Week 8, the winter season at Week 20, and the spring season at Week 36. Each section will have to decide when it will start their modified seasons, especially those sections that start their modified fall season at the same time as their high school season, and those sections that have four modified seasons per year.
3. Currently, on the Modified Sport Standards Chart, there are minimum number of practices specified before scrimmages and games, and for individuals and teams. These will no longer exist. As of Fall 2019, six (6) practices will be required for the individual and most team sports, and ten (10) will be required for the sports of baseball, football, gymnastics, and wrestling.
4. Currently, modified football game conditions specify and limit the content of the first ten days of practice:
  - Three (3) days** -non-contact conditioning with helmet & face mask, dental guard, t-shirt and shorts, socks, shoes, elbow and knee pads only
  - Five (5) days**-addition of shoulder pads, use of blocking dummies and sleds, teaching and training devices, no scrimmages or live contact drills
  - Two (2) days** – contact permitted with full protective equipment and use of training devices.
 As of Fall 2019, a proposal to use a **2-3-5 design** is recommended.

#### IV. Correspondence

- Received recommendations for a new modified girls' basketball sport coordinator from Sections III and V. Action on these recommendations is reflected under "New Business".
- Received Modified girls' lacrosse update from modified sport coordinator Beth Staropoli . The information was distributed to committee members in February 2019.
- Received modified boys' lacrosse update of game rules and conditions from modified sport coordinator Gordie Pollard. The information is included under Action Item E.

#### V. Discussion Items

None at this time.

## VI. Action Items

### A. **Baseball:**

#### Motion:

*“Modified baseball players shall be allowed to use shoes with metal cleats.”*

This item was removed because all language limiting the use of shoes with metal cleats is being removed from the handbook, except for sports that specifically allow only molded shoes.

### B. **Cross-Country**

#### Motion (DeJoseph, Schlegel):

*“It is recommended that there be a minimum standard of six meets scheduled for modified cross-country.*

The item remains a recommendation to preserve a sufficient season for young runners; weather or facility availability may impact.

The motion **passed** 16-2. It will be sent to the Executive Committee.

This second motion is newly presented, based on the recommendation of Section II and supported by our modified cross-country sport coordinator Vera Trenchfield. It brings modified cross-country closer to matching the high school standards.

#### Motion (Librock, McMillan):

*“The minimum time between contests of three nights’ rest for modified boys’ and girls’ cross country shall be reduced to two nights.”*

The motion **passed** 18-0. It will be sent to the Safety Committee for approval. If it passes the Safety Committee, it will be sent to the Executive Committee.

### C. **Football**

#### Motion (Doroshenko, Librock)

*“The 11-Man Football Game Rule #2 be edited to allow gap alignment in the 4-man, 5-man and 6-man front.”*

Modified football sport coordinator Steve Nolan introduced another recommendation of the NYSPHSAA Football Committee, seeking approval for defensive linesman to have the ability to align in a shade position in all defensive front alignments. This is not a full gap alignment. In the shade position, the defensive linesman will align his shoulder pad with the shoulder pad of the offensive linesman. This recommendation was discussed by the Modified Committee. It was determined that this is a more restrictive option, and could also be used by schools and coaches. The vote was taken on the original motion above.

The motion **passed** 15-3. It will be sent to the Executive Committee

It was also recommended that we edit out and eliminate the *Administration* and *Tests* portions of the modified football Game Rules and Game Conditions from the modified part of the state handbook (Reference: pages 119-122). This is general safety information that is important in every modified sport.

Motion (Schegel, Felice):

*“The Administration and Tests portions of the modified football Game Rules and Game Conditions shall be eliminated (Reference: pages 119-122).”*

The motion **passed** 17-1. It will be sent to the Executive Committee.

#### A. **Gymnastics**

Modified gymnastics coordinator Janice Trudeau noted that is very significant that the latest 6<sup>th</sup> Edition of the NYSPHSAA Technical Handbook for Girls Gymnastics will be the first to include modified rules. The Modified Sports Standards chart should now list this resource under the Rules column, and schools must be encouraged to purchase it from the NYSPHSAA website for modified coaches. Janice also encouraged the Committee to approve the proposed gymnastics motion:

Motion (McMillan, Franco):

*Gymnastics Game Rule #2 shall be edited to read ‘Modified gymnasts shall be permitted to enter more than three (3) slots per meet. More than two (2) All-Around gymnasts are permitted.’”*

The motion was **passed** unanimously 18-0. It will be sent to the Executive Committee.

If you have any questions, contact Janice at her cellphone: 518-420-5797 or her e-mail: [trudeau.janice@bcsdk12.org](mailto:trudeau.janice@bcsdk12.org).

#### E. **Boys’ Lacrosse**

Modified boys’ lacrosse sport coordinator Gordie Pollard mailed the Modified Committee the following edited Game Conditions and Game Rules for recommendation. Unnecessary older rules, and rules that are already in the NFHS rulebook were cut.

As was decided in modified football, it was also recommended that we edit out and eliminate the *Administration* and *Equipment* portions of the modified boys’ lacrosse Game Rules and Game Conditions from the handbook, with the exception of ‘Modified lacrosse players are exempt from the uniform outer clothing and helmet color regulations’ (Reference: NYSPHSAA handbook, pages 124-125). This portion of the original lacrosse recommendations was edited.

In reviewing the Game Rules, Committee members suggested that in an attempt to encourage the training of several goalkeepers on modified teams, Game Rule #7 should be edited slightly to include "if a second goalkeeper is unavailable." This edit was made.

Motion (Schlegel, Felice):

*"The Administration and Equipment portions of the modified boys' lacrosse Game Rules and Game Conditions shall be eliminated, with the exception of 'Modified lacrosse players are exempt from the uniform outer clothing and helmet color regulations.' (Reference: NYSPHSAA handbook, pages 124-125).*

Game Rules:

1. *The length of quarters, including a fifth quarter, shall be 10 minutes.*
2. *In the event of a tie, there shall be one 4-minute sudden victory overtime.*
3. *A one-arm swing with a crosse, whether contact is made or not, shall be considered a personal foul--slashing. This includes the over-the-head check.*
4. *There shall be no such thing as a "brush" in the modified program. Contact between the crosse and helmet is a personal foul.*
5. *In a five-period lacrosse game, the "mercy rule" shall be in effect at the end of the third period of play.*
6. *Substitutes are permitted whenever the ball goes out of bounds. Substitution during live play shall be on the fly.*
7. *When a goalie gets a penalty, the in-home player may serve the penalty if a second goalkeeper is unavailable.*
8. *A goal will be disallowed after the horn sounds to indicate the end of the period.*

The motion was **passed** unanimously 18-0. It will be sent to the Executive Committee.

#### **F. Boys' and Girls' Soccer**

Motions (Wood, Douglas):

*"There will be two 40-minute halves in modified boys' and girls' soccer".*

*"The sliding tackle, overhead scissors kick, and flip throw-in is permitted in modified boys' and girls' soccer."*

*"Modified boys' and girls' soccer is exempt from the uniform requirements of the numbered goalie jersey and white home uniforms."*

The motions **passed** 15-3. They will be sent to the Executive Committee as an Action Item for implementation in the Fall 2019 season.

A new soccer time-outs motion was proposed for action at this meeting:

Motion (Doroshenko, Douglas):

*“One time-out per half will be permitted for boys’ and girls’ soccer.”*

The motion **passed** 16-1-1. It will be sent to the Executive Committee as an Action Item for implementation in the Fall 2019 season.

## **G. Softball**

Motion:

*“More scrimmages are permitted in modified softball.”*

This item was removed. A school is limited to three interschool practice sessions/ scrimmages, which, if conducted, may be held at any time after minimum practice requirements and previous to the last scheduled contest. (Reference: NYSPHSAA handbook: *Modified General Eligibility Rule #8 “Interschool Practice Sessions/Scrimmages”*)

Motion (McMillan, Miller):

*“The number of doubleheaders permitted in modified softball shall be increased from two (2) to three (3).”*

The motion **passed** unanimously 18-0. It will be sent to the Executive Committee.

## **H. Track and Field**

Motion (DeJoseph, Schlegel):

*“It is recommended that there be a minimum standard of six meets scheduled for modified track and field.”*

The item remains a recommendation to preserve a sufficient season for young runners; weather or facility availability may impact.

The motion **passed** unanimously 18-0. It will be sent to the Executive Committee.

**I. Boys' and Girls' Volleyball**

Motion (Dnyprofsky, Franco):

*"The minimum time between contests of two (2) nights' rest for modified boys' and girls' volleyball shall be reduced to one(1) night."*

The motion **passed** unanimously 18-0. It will be sent to the Executive Committee.

**VII Sectional Reports: Oral Summaries of Written Reports for Items other than those included in Action Items Above**

Written reports were received from Section I, II, III, IV, VI, VII and XI.

Section I. Joe Donaldson 's section has been working on how they schedule their modified programs, considering geography, school size, ability to compete, and strength of schedule. Technology tools for scheduling have been challenging. They tried sending out a "modified declaration form" to get accurate, to ease cross-over referencing, and to support better, more accurate schedules. They will seek feedback after each season to keep improving.

Section II. No additional information.

Section III. Chris Doroshenko noted that his section would like to propose a modified wrestling Game Condition change to increase participation, allowing wrestlers to participate in one or two more meets per week. Currently the Game Condition reads "*No contestant (or team) can accumulate more than 3 points per week.*" The section would like to see that changed to four points per week. If we do not vote on this as an Action Item, it cannot be approved for the Fall 2020 season.

Chris also questioned whether an 11-man Modified Football team could play an 8-Man modified team, using the rules for 8-man football. What field option would be available to use? Committee members saw no harm in this play option. But field lines for 8-Man and 11-man football are already laid out and tough to adapt. Game Rule #2 for 8-Man Football reads "*The field size shall be 80 yards between the goal lines and 40 yards wide with 15-yard side zones and team box boundaries between the 25-yard lines.*" The current language is exactly the rule in the NFHS rulebook. The HS rule for 8-Man football allows sections/leagues to waive any NFHS rules, including field size. Rule #2 could be removed to allow existing fields to be utilized and 11-Man and 8-Man modified football teams to play one another.

These items were deferred to "New Business". Action is reflected later in these minutes.

Sections IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, and X had no additional information.

Section XI is requesting all their sport chairs to continue to review NYSPHSAA and Section XI sport-specific game rules to "bridge the gap" between modified and JV/Varsity rules. They would like to make any changes that come from the sport chairs without compromising the modified philosophy.

**VIII. Sports Coordinators' Reports: Oral Summaries of Written Reports for Items other than those included in Action Items Above**

**The following fall and winter sports are scheduled for annual review: boys' and girls' basketball, cheerleading, cross-country, field hockey, gymnastics, ice hockey, boys' and girls' soccer, boys' and girls' swimming, boys' and girls' volleyball**

**Cheerleading**

Alisa Pacheco, the modified cheering sport coordinator, is making strides towards gathering information from across the state regarding this new sport. The compiled NYSPHSAA cheerleading survey was distributed and found to be flawed; schools and coaches that do not have modified cheer teams still responded regarding whether their teams cheered during the fall and/or winter seasons, at football and/or basketball games, attended summer cheer camps, attended regional and/or national cheer competitions, and were a part of their high school programs. Alisa will re-do the survey next year to obtain more accurate data.

Alisa wrote and proposed Modified Competitive Cheering Game Rules and Game Conditions for the NYSPHAA handbook:

Competitive Cheerleading: defined as tumbling, jumping and stunting  
Traditional Cheerleading: no tumbling, jumping or stunting

Rules: NFHS Spirit Rules

Game Conditions: see Modified Chart

Number of practices prior to first scrimmage: 10

Number of practices prior to first contest: 10

Maximum Number of Contests: 10

Minimum time between Contests: 2 nights

Individual Limitations per Day: 1 competition

Waiver of NFHS Spirit Rules: None

**Game Rules**

1. NFHS Spirit Rules
2. Follow NYSPHSAA HS Cheer Rules, with these limitations:
3. All extended full twisting stunts must land on two legs
4. Cannot spin more than one full rotation to extended position.
5. No basket tosses. Power Pops are allowed.
6. Preps are required to have a spot for all released skills in pyramids.

Alisa may amend or edit these guidelines after consultation with the HS Cheer Committee in May 2019. Committee members extended their appreciation to Alisa for

her service to this Committee and her dedication towards providing guidance and support for modified level cheerleaders. To be continued!

Many other sport coordinators' recommendations and concerns are included among the Action Items section of these minutes.

We are still in need of a modified state sport coordinators for boys' and girls' tennis.

**IX Old Business**

None at this time

**X. New Business**

**A. Modified Girls' Basketball Sport Coordinator**

We received recommendations for a new modified girls' basketball sport coordinator from Sections III (Jason Czamy, Onandaga HS ) and Section V (Heather Mott, South Seneca HS). Their willingness to serve our Modified Committee in this role is appreciated.

Motion (Staropoli, Schlegel):

*"Heather Mott shall be appointed as the NYSPHSAA Modified Committee modified girls' basketball sport coordinator."*

The motion **passed** 16-0-2. It will be sent to the Executive Committee.

**B. Change in Wrestling Game Condition**

Motion (Doroshenko, Wood):

*"To increase participation, "Modified Wrestling Game Condition #3: 'No contestant (or team) can accumulate more than three (3) points per week.' shall be changed to 'No contestant (or team) can accumulate more than four (4) points per week.'"*

The motion **passed** unanimously 18-0. It will be sent to the Executive Committee as an Action Item for implementation in the 2019-2020 winter season.

**C. Football Play Between 8-Man and 11-Man Modified Football Teams**

Motion (Doroshenko, Franco):

*"8-Man and 11-Man Modified Football teams may play one another using 8-Man Modified Football Rules. National Federation High School Rule #2 defining 8-Man field size: 'The field size shall be 80 yards between the goal lines and 40 yards wide with 15-yard side zones and team box boundaries between the 25-yard lines' will be removed in this circumstance."*

The motion **passed** 15-0. It will be sent to the Executive Committee as an Action Item for implementation in the Fall 2019 season.

**XI. NYSPHSAA Modified Committee Meeting Dates for 2019-2020**

The 2019-2020 meeting dates for the Committee for Modified Athletics will be:

<b>Fall:</b>	<b>Friday, September 20, 2019</b>	<b>9:30 AM,</b>	<b>NYSPHSAA Office</b>
<b>Spring:</b>	<b>Friday, March 27, 2020</b>	<b>9:30 AM,</b>	<b>NYSPHSAA Office,</b>

Motion to adjourn (Bromley, DeYoung) was approved at 12:45 PM.

The Action/Discussion Items Summary is included on the following pages.

Respectfully submitted,

*Mira Martincich,*

Secretary

**Action/Discussion Items Summary**

(Minutes reference pages are noted beside each item)

**I. Items that will go to the State Executive Committee:**

**A. Cross-Country (Page 4)**

Motion:

*“It is recommended that there be a minimum standard of six meets scheduled for modified cross-country.*

The motion **passed** 16-2.

**B. Football (Pages 4-5)**

Motion :

*“The 11-Man Football Game Rule #2 shall be edited to allow gap alignment in the 4-man, 5-man and 6-man front.”*

The motion **passed** 15-3.

Motion:

*“The Administration and Tests portions of the modified football Game Rules and Game Conditions shall be eliminated (Reference: pages 119-122).”*

The motion **passed** 17-1.

**Play Between 8-Man and 11-Man Modified Football Teams (Pages 8, 10)**

Motion (Doroshenko, Franco):

*“8-Man and 11-Man Modified Football teams may play one another using 8-Man Modified Football Rules. National Federation High School Rule #2 defining 8-Man Football field size: ‘The field size shall be 80 yards between the goal lines and 40 yards wide with 15-yard side zones and team box boundaries between the 25-yard lines’ will be removed in this circumstance.”*

The motion **passed** 15-0. It will be sent to the Executive Committee as an Action Item for implementation in the Fall 2019 season.

**C. Gymnastics (Page 5)**

Motion:

*“Gymnastics Game Rule #2 shall be edited to read ‘Modified gymnasts shall be permitted to enter more than three (3) slots per meet. More than two (2) All-Around gymnasts are permitted.’”*

The motion **passed** unanimously 18-0.

**D. Boys' Lacrosse (Pages 5-6)****Motion :**

*"The Administration and Equipment portions of the modified boys' lacrosse Game Rules and Game Conditions shall be eliminated, with the exception of 'Modified lacrosse players are exempt from the uniform outer clothing and helmet color regulations.'" (Reference: NYSPHSAA handbook, pages 124-125).*

**Game Rules:**

1. *The length of quarters, including a fifth quarter, shall be 10 minutes.*
2. *In the event of a tie, there shall be one 4-minute sudden victory overtime.*
3. *A one-arm swing with a crosse, whether contact is made or not, shall be considered a personal foul--slashing. This includes the over-the-head check.*
4. *There shall be no such thing as a "brush" in the modified program. Contact between the crosse and helmet is a personal foul.*
5. *In a five-period lacrosse game, the "mercy rule" shall be in effect at the end of the third period of play.*
6. *Substitutes are permitted whenever the ball goes out of bounds. Substitution during live play shall be on the fly.*
7. *When a goalie gets a penalty, the in-home player may serve the penalty if a second goalkeeper is unavailable.*
8. *A goal will be disallowed after the horn sounds to indicate the end of the period.*

The motion was **passed** unanimously 18-0.

**E. Boys' and Girls' Soccer (Pages 6-7)****Motions:**

*"There will be two 40-minute halves in modified boys' and girls' soccer".*

*"The sliding tackle, overhead scissors kick, and flip throw-in is permitted in modified boys' and girls' soccer."*

*"Modified boys' and girls' soccer is exempt from the uniform requirements of the numbered goalie jersey and white home uniforms."*

The motions **passed** 15-3. They will be sent to the Executive Committee as Action Items for implementation in the Fall 2019 season.

**Motion:**

*"One time-out per half will be permitted for boys' and girls' soccer."*

The motion **passed** 16-1-1. It is being sent to the Executive Committee as an Action Item for implementation in the Fall 2019 season.

**F. Softball** (Page 7)

Motion:

*“The number of doubleheaders permitted in modified softball shall be increased from two (2) to three (3).”*

The motion **passed** unanimously 18-0.

**G. Track and Field** (Page 7)

Motion:

*“It is recommended that there be a minimum standard of six meets scheduled for modified track and field.”*

The motion **passed** unanimously 18-0.

**H. Wrestling** (Page 8)

Motion:

*“To increase participation, Modified Wrestling Game Condition #3: ‘No contestant (or team) can accumulate more than three (3) points per week.’ shall be changed to ‘No contestant (or team) can accumulate more than four (4) points per week.’”*

The motion **passed** unanimously 18-0. It is being sent as an Action Item for implementation in the 2019-2020 winter season.

**I. Modified Girls’ Basketball Sport Coordinator** (Page 10)

Motion:

*“Heather Mott shall be appointed as the NYSPHSAA Modified Committee modified girls’ basketball sport coordinator.”*

**II. Items that will be Sent to the State Safety Committee**

**A. Cross Country**

Motion:

*“The minimum time between contests of three nights’ rest for modified boys’ and girls’ cross country shall be reduced to two nights.”*

The motion **passed** 18-0. If it passes the Safety Committee, it will be sent to the Executive Committee.

**B. Boys' and Girls' Volleyball**

**Motion:**

*"The minimum time between contests of two nights' rest for modified boys' and girls' volleyball shall be reduced to one night."*

The motion **passed** unanimously 18-0. If it passes the Safety Committee, it will be sent to the Executive Committee.

**Both of these items were approved by the NYSPHSAA Safety Committee meeting on April 12, 2019. These items will be forwarded to the Executive Committee .**

**III Items which will occur before the Fall 2019 Modified Committee meeting:**

- A. Distribution of an edited "Survey Monkey" for Modified Cheerleading by NYSPHSAA office, and reporting of survey results to modified cheerleading sport coordinator Alisa Pacheco.
- B. Development of the Modified Committee's Strategic Planning final document to the NYSPHSAA for their summer meeting
- C. Appropriate report presentations by spring coordinators. The following sports are scheduled for review: baseball, boys' and girls' lacrosse, softball, boys' and girls' tennis, and boys' and girls' track and field

**IV Discussion Items for Next Modified Committee Meeting**

None at this time

**V. Action Items for Next Modified Committee Meeting**

None at this time

April 14, 2019

To: Sectional Representatives  
From: Mira Martincich  
Re: Synopsis of Spring 2018 Meeting  
NYSPHSAA Committee for Modified Athletics

The following synopsis may be helpful to you.

I have summarized the Spring 2019 meeting in a few pages, in hopes that it will be useful to you when you report to your constituents in your section. Just write your names in, and edit as you wish.

The NYSPHSAA Safety Committee met the day after our Modified Committee. They supported all the items that we sent to them for approval. The safety items were forwarded to the Executive Committee.

I will send you the results of what happened at the Executive Committee after that committee meets, so that you can include that information in your synopsis.

Have a great rest of school year and summer! See you in the fall!

April 15, 2019

To: Modified Athletics Representatives  
Section Athletic Council

From:

Re: Spring 2019 Meeting Report  
NYSPHSAA Committee for Modified Athletics

The spring meeting of the NYSPHSAA Committee for Modified Athletics took place on Thursday, April 11, 2019 in Latham, New York. A synopsis of the meeting is as follows:

**I. Items that went to the State Executive Committee:**

**A. Cross-Country**

Motion:

*“It is recommended that there be a minimum standard of six meets scheduled for modified cross-country.*

The motion **passed** 16-2.

**B. Football**

Motion :

*“The 11-Man Football Game Rule #2 be edited to allow gap alignment in the 4-man, 5-man and 6-man front.”*

The motion **passed** 15-3.

Motion:

*“The Administration and Tests portions of the modified football Game Rules and Game Conditions shall be eliminated (Reference: pages 119-122).”*

The motion **passed** 17-1.

**Play Between 8-Man and 11-Man Modified Football Teams**

Motion:

*“8-Man and 11-Man Modified Football teams may play one another using 8-Man Modified Football Rules. National Federation High School Rule #2 may be waived in this circumstance.”*

The motion **passed** 15-0. This new motion is being sent as an Action Item for implementation in the Fall 2019 season.

**C. Gymnastics**

Motion:

*“Gymnastics Game Rule #2 shall be edited to read ‘Modified gymnasts shall be permitted to enter more than three (3) slots per meet. More than two (2) All-Around gymnasts are permitted.’”*

The motion **passed** unanimously 18-0.

**D. Boys' Lacrosse**Motion:

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The motion was **passed** unanimously 18-0.

**E, Boys' and Girls' Soccer**Motions :

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*"The sliding tackle, overhead scissors kick, and flip throw-in is permitted in modified boys' and girls' soccer."*

*"Modified boys' and girls' soccer is exempt from the uniform requirements of the numbered goalie jersey and white home uniforms."*

The motions **passed** 15-3. They are being sent as Action Items for implementation in the Fall 2019 season.

Motion:

*"One time-out per half will be permitted for boys' and girls' soccer."*

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**F. Softball**

Motion:

*"The number of doubleheaders permitted in modified softball shall be increased from two (2) to three (3)."*

The motion **passed** unanimously 18-0.

**G. Track and Field**

Motion:

*"It is recommended that there be a minimum standard of six meets scheduled for modified track and field."*

The motion **passed** unanimously 18-0.

**H. Wrestling**

Motion:

*"To increase participation, Modified Wrestling Game Condition #3: 'No contestant (or team) can accumulate more than three (3) points per week.' shall be changed to 'No contestant (or team) can accumulate more than four (4) points per week.'"*

The motion **passed** unanimously 18-0. It is being sent as an Action Item for implementation in the 2019-2020 winter season.

**I. Modified Girls' Basketball Sport Coordinator**

Motion:

*"Heather Mott shall be appointed as the NYSPHSAA Modified Committee modified girls' basketball sport coordinator."*

**II Items that went to the State Safety Committee**

**A. Cross Country**

Motion:

*"The minimum time between contests of three nights' rest for modified boys' and girls' cross country shall be reduced to two nights."*

The motion **passed** 18-0. If it passes the Safety Committee, it will be sent to the Executive Committee.

**B. Boys' and Girls' Volleyball**

Motion:

*"The minimum time between contests of two nights' rest for modified boys' and girls' volleyball shall be reduced to one night."*

The motion **passed** unanimously 18-0. If it passes the Safety Committee, it will be sent to the Executive Committee.

**Both of these items were approved by the NYSPHSAA Safety Committee meeting on April 12, 2019. These items will be forwarded to the Executive Committee.**

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### IV Discussion Items

None at this time.

### V. Action Items

None at this time.

### VI Information Items

1. The following language was removed from the handbook by the Executive Committee at their summer meeting: “*Only sneakers and shoes with molded soles or molded cleats are permitted in the Modified Program.*” But the modified section of the handbook never saw those editions. Therefore, it was clarified that the use of metal posts and spikes is permitted, except in those sports that specifically restrict their use within their sport ‘Equipment’ rules in the handbook.
2. Allowing more scrimmages in softball was withdrawn at this spring meeting. A school is limited to three interschool practice sessions/scrimmages, which, if conducted, may be held at any time after minimum practice requirements and previous to the last scheduled contest. (Reference: NYSPHSAA handbook: *Modified General Eligibility Rule #8 “Interschool Practice Sessions/Scrimmages*).
3. Cheerleading. Alisa Pacheco, the modified cheering sport coordinator, is making strides towards gathering information from across the state regarding this new sport. The compiled NYSPHSAA cheerleading survey was distributed and found to be flawed; schools and coaches that do not have modified cheer teams still responded.. Alisa will re-do the survey next year to obtain more accurate data.

## Proposed Modified Competitive Cheering Game Rules and Game Conditions

Competitive Cheerleading: defined as tumbling, jumping and stunting

Traditional Cheerleading: no tumbling, jumping or stunting

Rules: NFHS Spirit Rules

Game Conditions on Modified Chart:

Number of practices prior to first scrimmage: 10

Number of practices prior to first contest: 10

Maximum Number of Contests: 10

Minimum time between Contests: 2 nights

Individual Limitations per Day: 1 competition

Waiver of NFHS Spirit Rules: None

### Game Rules

1. NFHS Spirit Rules
  2. Follow NYSPHSAA HS Cheer Rules, with these limitations:
  3. All extended full twisting stunts must land on two legs
  4. Cannot spin more than one full rotation to extended position.
  5. No basket tosses. Power Pops are allowed.
  6. Preps are required to have a spot for all released skills in pyramids.
4. Gymnastics. Modified gymnastics coordinator Janice Trudeau noted that is very significant that the latest 6<sup>th</sup> Edition of the NYSPHSAA Technical Handbook for Girls Gymnastics will be the first to include modified rules. The Modified Sports Standards chart will now list this resource under the Rules column, and schools will be encouraged to purchase it from the NYSPHSAA website for modified coaches.
  5. The association has been looking at the starting dates and lengths of the sport seasons starting in Fall 2020. It is probable that the high schools will start the fall season at Week 8, the winter season at Week 20, and the spring season at Week 36. Each section will have to decide when it will start their modified seasons, especially those sections that start their modified fall season at the same time as their high school season, and those sections that have four modified seasons per year.
  6. Currently, on the Modified Sport Standards Chart, there are minimum number of practices specified before scrimmages and games, and for individuals and teams. These will no longer exist. As of Fall 2020, six (6) practices will be required for the individual and most team sports, and ten (10) will be required for the sports of baseball, football, gymnastics, and wrestling.
  7. Currently, modified football game conditions specify and limit the content of the first ten days of practice:
    - Three (3) days** -non-contact conditioning with helmet & face mask, dental guard, t-shirt and shorts, socks, shoes, elbow and knee pads only
    - Five (5) days**-addition of shoulder pads, use of blocking dummies and sleds, teaching and training devices, no scrimmages or live contact drills
    - Two (2) days** – contact permitted with full protective equipment and use of training devices.

A **2-3-5** design to match the high school is being brought to the Executive Committee. We will let you know what will be in place for Fall 2019.

8. Heather Mott (South Seneca HS) was appointed as the NYSPHSAA Modified Committee girls' basketball sport coordinator.”
9. We need a new boys' and girls' tennis sport coordinator for the NYSPHSAA Modified Committee. If you would consider taking on this role, please let us know. Your participation would be appreciated.

**VII. NYSPHSAA Modified Committee 2019-2020 Meeting Dates**

Fall 2019	September 20, 2019	9:30 AM	NYSPHSAA Office
Spring 2020	March 27, 2020	9:30 AM	NYSPHSAA Office

If you wish to have us bring items from our section to the NYSPHSAA meetings for consideration, please speak up at our local meetings, or put your thoughts in writing for discussion. Contact your modified state and local sectional representatives and sport coordinators if you have suggestions, concerns or good ideas. Change starts at the local level; we encourage and welcome your input and participation.