



ATHLETIC COUNCIL AGENDA

November 14, 2018 - 11:30 AM
Erie 1 BOCES, 355 Harlem Rd., W. Seneca Room B-2b
Lunch served at 11:00am, Room B-2a

Action Items

- 1.2 **CARRIED:** Additions to the agenda
- 3.1 **CARRIED:** September 12, 2018 Section VI Athletic Council meeting minutes
- 4.2 **CARRIED:** 2019-2020 North & South Timelines for schedules and assignment of officials
- 4.3 **CARRIED:** December 17, 2018 (by 4:00pm) as the deadline to commit to 8-man football and the submission of combining of schools applications for the sport of Football
- 4.4 **CARRIED:** Suspend Maryvale Football Player (#59), for 1 calendar year, from the date of the infraction, October 19, 2018, for all sports and place him on probation for 1 year thereafter resulting from his October 19, 2018 ejection from the Maryvale vs. Fredonia Varsity Football contest for abuse of an official.
- 4.9 **CARRIED:** City Honors Independent Schedules (Softball & Volleyball)
- 5.1 **CARRIED:** Combining of Schools applications, numbers (1) through (5)
- 5.1.1 **CARRIED:** Motion to not support demergers after the season has started. Any consideration for demergers will not be accepted after the start of the season. If schools decide to demerge after the season begins, the team will remain at the elevated classification. Effective immediately.
- 5.2 **CARRIED:** Outside Agency Contest applications, letters (a) through (g)
- 6.3.1 **CARRIED:** Treasurer's report
- 10.1 **CARRIED:** Spring 2019 pre-season sports reports with the exception of Softball and Girls Golf
- 12.1 **CARRIED:** 2019-2020 Section VI meeting dates

***All Section VI Meetings are Recorded**

ATTENDANCE

Executive Committee		Committee Chairpersons		Sportschairs
President*	Adam Stoltman	Chemical Awareness	Jeff Alger	
President-Elect*	Brett Banker	Extended Eligibility	Timm Slade	
Superintendents' Rep.*	Jeff Rabey	Finance	Steve Penhollow	
Principals' Rep.*	Jim Spanbauer	Boys' Modified	Matt Librock	Guests
Boys' Rep.*	Jim Graczyk	Girls' Modified	Julie Arnold	Pat Burke, NFL President
Girls' Rep.*	Marisa Fallacaro	Nominations	Brett Banker	Denny Fries, Section V
Past President	Al Gens	NYSAAA	Mark DiFilippo	Todd Nelson, NYSPHSAA
Executive Director	Timm Slade	Policy Handbook	Marisa Fallacaro	Jim Osborne, NYSPHSAA
Treasurer	Don Scholla	Safety	Brian Wild	Jack Milner, Section V
		Sectional Intersectional	Timm Slade	
Voting Members *		Sportsmanship	Doug Ames/Jim Graczyk	
Absent		Transfer	Timm Slade	
		Veterans	Jim Trampert	
		Hall of Fame	Jim Dunnigan	
		Combining of Schools	Jeff Rabey	

League	Representative	Alternate
BUFFALO		
Superintendents Rep./AD*	Aubrey Lloyd, Emerson	TBA
Principals' Rep.*	TBA	TBA
Girls' Rep.*	Andrea Norton, City Honors	TBA
Boys' Rep.*	TBA	TBA
CHAUTAUQUA CATTARAUGUS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (CCAA)		
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
ERIE COUNTY INTERSCHOLASTIC CONFERENCE (ECIC)		
Superintendents' Rep.*	Sandy Anzalone, Eden	Jeff Rabey, Depew
Principals' Rep.*	Scott Zipp, Cheektowaga	Steve Smith, Alden
Girls' Rep.*	Kiel Illg, Amherst, Vinny Dell'Oso, West Seneca	Daryl Besant, Lake Shore
Boys' Rep.*	Greg Kaszubski, Clarence	Mark DiFilippo, Williamsville East
NIAGARA FRONTIER LEAGUE (NFL)		
Superintendents' Rep.*	Paul Casseri, Lew-Port	Dan Ljiljanich, Niagara Wheatfield
Principals' Rep.*	Chris Ginestre, Franklin Middle	TBA
Girls' Rep.*	Jon Roth, Grand Island, Joe Contento, Niagara Falls	Matt McKenna, Niagara Wheatfield
Boys' Rep.*	Todd Sukdolak, Lockport	Jon Roth, Grand Island
NIAGARA ORLEANS LEAGUE (NO)		
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
SUPERINTENDENT REPRESENTATION (BOCES)		
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

A. Stoltman

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Commenced: 11:50am

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance

1.2 *Motion to add the following items to the agenda*

CARRIED

Breidenstein/Sukdolak

ACTION ITEM: Approval of the following combining of Schools applications

4. Swimming Boys & Girls, **Medina**/Lyndonville, V, 2018-2019 (pending league signatures)

5. Boys Lacrosse, **Kenmore East**/Kenmore West, V, JV & 7/8, 2018-2019

*Notice of Demerger- Basketball Boys & Girls, **Ellicottville**/West Valley

ACTION ITEM: Approval of the following Outside Agency Contest application

g) Basketball-Boys, Ken-Ton Holiday Classic Tournament at Kenmore East High School on 12/27-12/28/18, co-sponsored by Town of Tonawanda Youth Parks & Recreation (pending insurance)

2.0 INTRODUCTIONS & AWARD PRESENTATIONS

A. Stoltman

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2.1 Luncheon Sponsor – Toth Sports (Rusty Knight)

3.0 MINUTES

A. Stoltman

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3.1 *Motion to approve the September 12, 2018 Section VI Athletic Council meeting minutes*

CARRIED

Banker/Lucenti

4.0 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

T. Slade

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4.1 Conflict of Interest Policy

Athletic Council members were asked to confirm by signature that they have read and will comply with the Conflict of Interest Policy.

4.2 *Motion to approve the 2019-2020 North & South Timelines for schedules and assignment of officials*

CARRIED

Ginestre/Lucenti

4.3 8 man Football Update (Deadline)

Motion to approve December 17, 2018 (by 4:00pm) as the deadline to commit to 8-man football and the submission of combining of schools applications for the sport of Football

CARRIED

MacSwan/Fallacaro

4.4 Sportsmanship Issue

Motion to approve to suspend Maryvale Football Player (#59), for 1 calendar year, from the date of the infraction, October 19, 2018, for all sports and place him on probation for 1 year thereafter resulting from his October 19, 2018 ejection from the Maryvale vs. Fredonia Varsity Football contest for abuse of an official.

CARRIED 4 Opposed
Rabey/Graczyk

An appeal is anticipated for the January 16, 2018 Athletic Council meeting.

4.5 NYSPHSAA Appeals (HSCS/West Seneca West)

a) The NYSPHSAA upheld the decision of the Section VI Executive Committee regarding the West Seneca West extended eligibility application.

b) Health Sciences Charter School will play in Class A in the sport of Boys Basketball for the 2018-2019 season.

4.6 Section VI Coaches Meetings

Section VI is working on coaches meetings issues including hosting locations, cancellations due to weather, and non-compliance pertaining to attendance.

4.7 Section VI Championships (Venue Changes)

Council members were asked to review the current policy regarding post season venues and report any concerns, recommendations for change, etc. This will be a discussion item for the January 16, 2019 Athletic Council meeting.

4.8 Spring Sports Chairs Terms

The spring sports chairs terms expire June 30, 2019. Incumbents were sent forms to indicate their intentions regarding the next term. The application form will be posted on the Section VI website for any challengers.

4.9 ***Motion to approve City Honors Independent Schedules (Softball & Volleyball)***

CARRIED
Lloyd/Ginestre

4.10 Competitions During the School Day

Council members were asked to investigate if their respective Leagues prefer to schedule events for cross country, swimming, golf, etc. (including travel time to those events) on days and times that they do not interfere with the school day.

5.0 COMMUNICATIONS

T. Slade
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5.1 ***Motion to approve of combining of schools applications, numbers (1) through (5)***

1. Lacrosse B/G, **Lake Shore**, Silver Creek, V/JV (Tabled at 9/12/18 Athletic Council meeting)
2. Wrestling, **West Seneca West**, West Seneca East, V, 7/8
3. Wrestling, **Williamsville North**, Williamsville East, V, JV
4. Swimming Boys & Girls, Medina/Lyndonville, V, 2018-2019 (pending league signatures)
5. Boys Lacrosse, Kenmore East/Kenmore West, V, JV & 7/8, 2018-2019

CARRIED
Rabey/Banker

*Notice of demerger for Boys & Girls Basketball, Ellicottville/West Valley (V).

5.1.1 ***Motion to not support demergers after the season has started. Any consideration for demergers will not be accepted after the start of the season. If schools decide to demerge after the season begins, the team will remain at the elevated classification. Effective immediately.***

CARRIED
Breidenstein/Rabey

Ellicottville must stay in Class C in the sports of Boys and Girls Basketball (V) for the 2018-2019 season.

5.2 **Motion to approve Outside Agency Contest applications, letters (a) through (g)**

- a) Cheerleading, UB Spirit Challenge on 11/4/18 at University of Buffalo Alumni Arena, co-sponsored by UB Cheer & Hamburg High School
- b) Ice Hockey-Boys, L & M John J. Froman Hockey Classic at Northtown Center Amherst, 11/23 & 11/24, co-sponsored by L & M Financial & Williamsville North (insurance pending)
- c) Basketball-Boys, Lions Club Hamburg Tip-off Tournament, 11/28-12/4 at Hamburg HS, co-sponsored by Lions Club Hamburg
- d) Basketball-Boys, Bank of Holland South Towns Classic, 12/6, 7 & 8, at Orchard Park HS, Bank of Holland & Quaker Athletic Boosters
- e) Basketball-Boys/Girls, United Way Showcase, 12-14 & 12/18, at Jamestown HS, United Way of Southern Chaut. Co.
- f) Basketball-Boys, Five Guys Invitational Basketball Tournament, 12/27 & 12/28, at Williamsville North, co-sponsored by Roc n Burgers LLC & Williamsville North (insurance pending)
- g) Basketball-Boys, Ken-Ton Holiday Classic Tournament at Kenmore East High School on 12/27-12/28/18, co-sponsored by Town of Tonawanda Youth Parks & Recreation (pending insurance)

CARRIED

Banker/Fallacaro

6.0 **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

6.1 Combining of Schools Committee

J. Rabey

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The fall 2018 combined schools end of season reports are due no later than November 30, 2018.

6.2 Charter Schools Classification Committee

J. Rabey

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Nothing to report

6.3 Finance Committee

D. Scholla

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

CARRIED

MacSwan/Dell'Oso

6.3.2 Section VI 2019-2020 Proposed Budget

Council members were asked to review the 2019-2020 proposed budget with their respective leagues. The 2019-2020 proposed budget will be an action item for approval at the Jan 2019 AC mtg

6.4 Sectional/Intersectional

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Nothing to report

6.5 Safety

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- Reminder - anyonecansavealife.org is a resource for coaches that provides emergency action planning
- NYSPHSAA confirmed a partnership with easySCAT, which provides a natural, rapid, safe, and accountable way to evaluate concussions on the sideline

6.6 Modified Report

M. Librock/J. Arnold

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6.6 Modified Revision Process – Update

Action items scheduled for the April 2019 modified meeting will be presented at the January 16, 2019 athletic council meeting. Direction for M. Librock and J. Arnold on these items will be requested at the March 2019 Athletic Council meeting.

6.7 State Executive Committee/Central Committee

a) Superintendent

J. Rabey

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J. Rabey, Chair of the NYSCOS Athletic Committee, sent a letter requesting the return of contests to the NYSPHSAA. Updates regarding this item will be provided as they become available.

b) Principal

J. Spanbauer

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Nothing to report

c) Boys Rep./Girls Rep.

J. Graczyk/M. Fallacaro

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Discussion Items (Section VI Action Items – January 2019 Athletic Council / NYSPHSAA Action Items February 2019) – APPENDIX A

- Baseball – Adopt P/DH Rule
- Boys Ice Hockey – Video Replay
- Girls Wrestling – Representation Rule
- Practice Requirements (note: Fencing is removed and Baseball is all Baseball players including pitchers)
- Classification Adjustment – Influx/Reduction
- Classification Adjustment – Receivership
- NYSPHSAA Transfer Rule
- Sport Length Season
- NFHS Playing Rules When Available
- Revision of Championship Philosophy to Allow Six Classes (establish criteria for a sport to have 6 classes)
- Best Practices for Athletic Training Services

NYSPHSAA Approved Items (October 2018) – APPENDIX C

- Standard operating procedure for all wheelchair athletes for regular and post season in the sports of Indoor & Outdoor Track
- Boys Tennis Championships moved from week #48 to week #49
- Wrestling – Scheduling of New Matches after Week #28
- Wrestling – Pound Allowance for Sectional Tournaments Due to School Closings
- Wrestling – Extension of Appeal Timeline
- SED Age and Duration of Competition – Unified Sports (Will now be taken to the Commissioner)

NYSPHSAA Defeated Items (October 2018) – APPENDIX D

- Football – Modification to the Participation Standard

6.8 Extended Eligibility

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Nothing to report

6.9 Chemical Awareness

J. Alger

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Nothing to report

6.10 Transfer/Foreign Student

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Reports were emailed

6.11 Sportsmanship

J. Graczyk/D.Ames

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- Sportsmanship Promotion Survey – 231 submissions; 4 banner and 41 plaques were distributed
- Stay in the Game – 246 recipients throughout the state
- Coaches Appreciation Day – May 15, 2019
- Officials Appreciation Day – (Discussion item at the April 10, 2019 meeting)

6.12 Veterans

J. Trampert

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Nothing to report

6.13 Mixed Competition

J. Spanbauer

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Nothing to report

6.14 Nominations

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Nothing to report

6.15 Corporate Partners

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6.15 Championship T-shirts

The Section VI Finance Committee will investigate the possibility of providing t-shirts to all Sectional champions.

6.16 Hall of Fame

J. Dunnigan

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6.16 2018 Hall of Fame – December 7, 2018 at The Columns Banquets

Each member League is asked to provide a representative, in addition to the existing members, to serve on the HOF committee. Representative names should be submitted to the Section office no later than the March 20, 2019 Athletic Council meeting.

7.0 SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

7.1 All-WNY Scholar Athlete

G. Kaszubski

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Fall 2018 All-WNY Scholar Athlete applications are due Thursday, November 15, 2018 no later than 12pm.

7.2 Charter Schools

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Nothing to report

8.0 STATE & SECTION SPORT COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nothing to report

9.0 GUEST REPORTS

9.1 NYSPHSAA Report

Todd Nelson

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Report was given in conjunction with agenda item 6.7

9.2 NYSAAA Report

M. DiFilippo

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- As of January 1, 2019, additional NIAAA certification courses will be required
- NIAAA Scholar Athlete essays are due no later than November 30, 2018. Essays should be submitted to M. Librock and M. DiFilippo.
- NYSAAA Award applications are due no later than Friday, November 16, 2018 (Athletic Director of the Year, Distinguished Service, Community Service, and Judith A. Martens Secretarial Award).

10.0 SPORTS REPORTS

10.1 *Motion to approve of Spring 2019 Pre-Season Sports Reports with the exception of Softball and Girls Golf*

CARRIED

Ginestre/Fallacaro

11.0 OLD BUSINESS

Nothing to report

12.0 NEW BUSINESS

12.1 *Motion to approve the 2019-2020 Section VI meeting dates*

Sectional/Intersectional (Thurs. 9am Teleconference): Sept. 5, Oct. 24, Jan. 2, Feb. 13, Apr. 17*

Finance (Thurs. 12pm Teleconference): Sept. 5, Oct. 24 (@ Section VI), Jan. 2, Feb. 13, Apr. 17*

Athletic Council (Wed): Sept. 11, Nov. 13, Jan. 15, Mar. 25, May 13

Executive Committee (Wed.): Above dates including (Teleconference) Oct. 9, December 11, Feb. 5, Apr. 9, June 11

CARRIED

Graczyk/Kaszubski

12.2 Unified Sports

For the 2018-2019 school year; 20 member schools have committed to participate in Unified Bowling and 25 member schools have committed to participate in Unified Basketball.

Mike Masters, Cross Training Athletics, has committed to providing character awards for Unified Basketball for the spring 2019 season.

13.0 ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn

CARRIED

MacSwan/Lucenti

Respectfully Submitted,



Beth Fadeley
Recording Secretary

APPENDIX A



New York State Public High School Athletic Association

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BASEBALL – ADOPT P/DH RULE

Action Item

Discussion/ Information Item

Presenter:

Al Roy, NYSPHSAA Baseball State Coordinator

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Baseball Committee seeks approval to adopt the following Pitcher (P)/Designated Hitter (DH) Rule. *The designated hitter and the pitcher may be the same person. If the pitcher bats for himself, he is treated as two separate positions – a pitcher and a designated hitter (abbreviated P/DH on the lineup card) – and may be substituted for as such (i.e. if a player who starts the game as the P/DH is relieved as the starting pitcher, he may not return to the mound even if he remains in the game as the DH, and he may not play any other defensive position after being relieved as pitcher.)* This rule will be provided as another option for coaches to utilize.

Effective Start Date:

March 2019

Rationale:

This proposal will further support the NYSPHSAA Pitch Count Rule and limit the throwing, and wear and tear on the starting pitcher's arm when they are placed in the field after pitching. Additionally, it gives the coach flexibility with his lineup card. For further clarification, if a coach lists his starting pitcher as just "P" on the lineup card then the pitcher can go to a position after he pitches; if a pitcher is listed as "P/DH" he can only pitch or DH in the game (or be removed from the game). Currently, the NFHS Rule is the only Designated Hitter Rule in place at this time.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Baseball Committee on June 8, 2018. The proposal was initially presented by Section 1.

Budget Impact:

None

Notes:

The NYSPHSAA Baseball Committee unanimously agreed to this proposal at its committee meeting on June 8th. On the September 21, 2018 conference call the NYSPHSAA Baseball Committee voted 10-1 in favor of this proposal.

Attachments:

None

CAC Vote/Feedback:

Not presented to CAC

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BASEBALL – P/DH Other Information

Current NFHS Rule 3-1-4:

A hitter may be (not mandatory) designated for any one starting player (not just pitchers) and all subsequent substitutes for that player in the game. A starting defensive player cannot be listed as the designated hitter in the starting lineup. A designated hitter for said player shall be selected prior to the start of the game, and his name shall be included on the lineup cards presented to the umpire-in-chief and to the local official scorer. Failure to declare a designated hitter prior to the game precludes the use of a designated hitter in that game. If a pinch hitter or pinch runner for the designated hitter is used, that player becomes the new designated hitter. The player who was the designated hitter may re-enter as the designate hitter under the re-entry rule. No multiple substitutions may be made that will alter the batting rotation. The role of the designated hitter is terminated for the remainder of the game when:

1. The defensive player, or any previous defensive player for whom the designated hitter batted, subsequently bats, pinch hits or pinch runs for the designated hitter: or
2. The designated hitter or any previous designated hitter assumes a defensive position.

Proposed P/DH Rule:

The designated hitter and the pitcher may be the same person. If the pitcher opts to bat for himself, he is treated as two separate positions – a pitcher and a designated hitter (abbreviated P/DH on the lineup card) – and may be substituted for as such (i.e. if a player who starts the game as the P/DH is relieved as the starting pitcher, he may not return to the mound even if he remains in the game as the DH, and he may not play any other defensive position after being relieved as the pitcher. This rule will be provided as another option for coaches to utilize.

Cases:

1. The starting pitcher is listed as the P/DH on the lineup card. His team gets a 12-run lead after one inning. Can the coach replace the pitcher and put him in left field?
Answer: No, the P/DH rule prohibits the starting pitcher from playing any other position in the field once he is removed from pitching.
2. A coach must list the starting pitcher as the P/DH?
Answer: No, it's the coaches' option to list the starting pitcher as the P/DH.
3. A starting pitcher is listed on the lineup card as P (or 1). Can the coach replace him as pitcher and have him play second base?
Answer: Yes, because the pitcher was not listed as the P/DH on the lineup card.
4. The coach neglects to list the starting pitcher as the P/DH when the lineup cards are turned into the umpire-in-chief. Can he make a correction after the first inning?
Answer: No, all lineups are final after they are turned into the umpire-in-chief.
5. A coach can still have a designated hitter (another player) for the starting pitcher?
Answer: Yes, the P/DH rule does not change this option.



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BOYS ICE HOCKEY – VIDEO REPLAY PROTOCOL

 Action Item
 √ Discussion/ Information Item

Presenter:
Scott Stuart, NYSPHSAA Boys Ice Hockey State Coordinator

Proposal:
The NYSPHSAA Ice Hockey State Committee is seeking to adopt a video replay protocol for Sectionals, Regionals and State Tournament games. The protocol is necessary due to adopting use of video replay, **Video Replay Rule 9-13** in the NFHS Rulebook in May 2018.

The proposed protocol is below:

1. **Video Replay** -Per adoption in May 2018, video replay is permissible in any postseason game (where available) for the purposes of determining goals, undetected goals and for determining correct time on the game clock. In order to reverse an on-ice ruling, the replay must include conclusive video evidence.
2. **On-Ice Officials Procedure** -The referee must use a video monitor located at ice level to review any of the criteria. An On-Ice Official makes the final decision.
3. **Video Replay Criteria** - The following criteria are subject to the use of video replay and may be reviewed through either referee's discretion or by a coach's challenge:
 1. A puck crossing the goal line
 2. A puck entering the net before the goal frame is dislodged
 3. A puck entering the net before or after expiration of time at the end of a period, a whistle, or referee's determination that play has stopped
 4. A puck directed into the net by a hand or a distinct kicking motion
 5. A puck deflected into the net by an official
 6. To establish the correct time on the game clock
 7. To determine if an attacking player prevented the goalkeeper from defending the goal in accordance of **Rule 7-13.5**
 8. To determine if a puck is directed or deflected into the net by a high stick
4. **Non-Detected Goal** -In situations where a non-detected goal is awarded, officials will reset the game clock accordingly. If penalties occur prior to or after the undetected goal, these penalties will be enforced regardless of team.
5. **Allowable Time for Review** -Any potential goal requiring video review must be reviewed prior to or during the next stoppage of play. No goal may be awarded (or



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GIRLS WRESTLING- REPRESENTATION RULE

Action Item
 Discussion/ Information Item

Presenter:
Section IX

Proposal:
Consider approval of the following language addition to the NYSPHSAA representation rule:

NOTE: Teams organized for one gender may only practice and compete against teams of that same gender. Furthermore, once an individual competes on a team for one gender during the regular season, he/she may not compete for or against a team organized for the other gender during that regular season.

NOTE: for individual, individual/ team sports, when a school district does not have a team designated for each singular gender, the Section Executive Director may grant a waiver of the Representation Standard for Sectional Competition when a student has met the qualification for participation in the current school year's NYSPHSAA Championship event. The waiver request must be submitted to the Section Executive Director before the start of Sectional Competition. The athlete must meet all eligibility standards, to receive the waiver.

~~**NOTE:** for the sport of girls wrestling, a girl may wrestle during the regular season as a member of the boys team via mixed competition and also compete in tournaments organized specifically for girls, as long as she does not exceed the maximum number of points (20) during the regular season.~~

Effective Start Date:
Winter 2019-2020 season.

Rationale:
This proposal would permit a female wrestler to wrestle as a member of the boys team via mixed competition, while also permitting the female wrestler to wrestle only against girls. The goal would be to increase participation in girls wrestling and eventually remove this "NOTE" from the representation rule.

Proposal Originated:
Section IX Athletic Council.

Budgetary Impact:
Optional impact upon a school who chooses to send girls to wrestling tournament specifically for girls.



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PRACTICE REQUIREMENTS

Action Item
 Discussion/ Information Item

Presenter:
Robert Zayas, NYSPHSA Executive Director

Proposal:
Consider standardizing the practice requirement, by revising rule to: *"A student must practice 6 times before representing his/ her school in a scrimmage or contest in all sports except football, gymnastics, wrestling, baseball and fencing which require 10 practices."*

Effective Start Date:
2019-2020 school year.

Rationale:
Standardizing the practice requirements will create consistency for all sports and students in regard to the amount of practice time required before a student is permitted to represent his/ her school. This revision will eliminate varying practice requirements for the team and individual for scrimmages and games/ contests.

The reduction of practice requirements will also offer additional time to make adjustments in sport schedules including starting dates, length of the season, regular season games, scrimmages etc.

Proposal Originated:
Ad Hoc Sport Season Committee meeting.

Budgetary Impact:
None.

Notes:
None.

Attachments:
None.



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CLASSIFICATION ADJUSTMENT – INFLUX/REDUCTION

Action Item
 Discussion/ Information Item

Presenter:
Matt Walentuk, Section VII Executive Director

Proposal:
If there is a 20% change in BEDS numbers between two consecutive school years for any school, NYSPHSAA will place the school in the appropriate classifications based on their current enrollment in August of the upcoming school year.

Effective Start Date:
Summer 2019

Rationale:
To allow for statewide equity to attempt to have as many schools playing in their appropriate classification. With the change in when BEDS classifications projecting two years out, this allows a way for schools to play in their appropriate classification.

Proposal Originated:
Several times schools have competed in and/or won NYSPHSAA championships in classifications that did not match their current class size.

Budget Impact:
None

Notes:
The BEDS number is designed to project students that currently in 10th, 11th, and 12th grade. NYSPHSAA can gather the current enrollment of students in grades 10, 11, & 12 from the school's student information management system in this situation and place the school in the appropriate classifications. A section will notify the NYSPHSAA office for a classification adjustment.



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CLASSIFICATION ADJUSTMENT – RECEIVERSHIP

- Action Item
- Discussion/ Information Item

Presenter:

Matt Walentuk, Section VII Executive Director

Proposal:

If a school is placed on NYSED Receivership or other similar NYSED situation where a school is restructuring, then the NYSPHSAA office will place a school in the appropriate classification based on their current enrollment in August of the upcoming school year.

Note: If two or more schools are located within the same physical building, 100% of their BEDS will be used if they are following the Combining of Teams process.

Effective Start Date:

Summer 2019

Rationale:

To allow for statewide equity to attempt to have as many schools playing in their appropriate classification. With the change in when BEDS classifications projecting two years out, this allows a way for schools to play in their appropriate classification.

Proposal Originated:

Several times schools have competed in and/or won NYSPHSAA championships in classifications that did not match their current class size.

Budget Impact:

None

Notes:

The BEDS number is designed to project students that currently in 10th, 11th, and 12th grade. NYSPHSAA can gather the current enrollment of students in grades 10, 11, & 12 from the school's student information management system in this situation and place the school in the appropriate classifications. A section will notify the NYSPHSAA office for a classification adjustment.



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NYSPHSAA TRANSFER RULE

Action Item
 Discussion/ Information Item

Presenter:
Pat Pizzarelli, Handbook Committee Chair

Proposal:
Consideration to revise the NYSPHSAA Transfer by adding:
“Note: a student’s Eligibility is determined by the situation/ facts that exists at the time of registration.”

Effective Start Date:
Immediately.

Rationale:
To provide clarity to the NYSPHSAA Transfer Rule. Adding the “Note” will ensure schools and parents are aware that a student’s eligibility status cannot be changed by an action after the date of registration (i.e. purchasing of a home, moving the entire family into a district or legal separation).

Proposal Originated:
Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director.

Budgetary Impact:
None.

Notes:
None.

Attachments:
None.



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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

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

WINTER

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

SPRING

Start Spring sports the Monday of Week #37. Keep all Championship dates the same 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.

Effective Start Date:

2019-2020 pending signed venue contracts for Championship sites.

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 4th Executive Committee meeting to examine the sport season start dates and championship dates.

Budgetary Impact:

None.

Notes:

None.

Attachments:

None.



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NFHS PLAYING RULES WHEN AVAILABLE

- Action Item
 Discussion/ Information Item

Presenter:
NYSPHSAA Championship Philosophy Committee

Proposal:
Consideration to use NFHS playing rules in all sports when available.

Effective Start Date:
To Be Determined.

Rationale:
The Championship Philosophy Committee reviewed data from a survey administered to coaches, officials and administrators in the Spring. The data showed coaches and officials are not in support of using NFHS playing rules in the sports of Girls Basketball, Girls & Boys Volleyball, nor Softball, however administrators asked for more information related to the use of NFHS rules.

The Championship Philosophy Committee voted 6-4 in support of using NFHS Rules when available at the September 24th Championship Philosophy Committee meeting.

Vote in support of the use of NFHS Playing Rules when available:

- Section I- *No*
- Section 2- *No*
- Section III- *Yes*
- Section IV- *Absent with notification*
- Section V- *No*
- Section VI- *No*
- Section VII- *Yes*
- Section VIII- *Yes*
- Section IX- *Yes*
- Section X- *Yes*
- Section 11- *Yes*

Proposal Originated:
October 2017 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Meeting.

Budgetary Impact:
Minimal, if any.

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BEST PRACTICES FOR ATHLETIC TRAINING SERVICES

- Action Item
 Discussion/ Information Item

Presenter:

Todd Nelson, NYSPHSAA Assistant Director

Proposal:

To add the following language to the NYSPHSAA recommendations in the NYSPHSAA Handbook.

“NYSPHSAA recommends and supports the ‘Best Practice’ that every member High School has a Certified Athletic Trainer providing full-time coverage to the athletic program.”

Effective Start Date:

Fall 2018.

Rationale:

The NYSPHSAA Strategic Plan contained a goal of increasing athletic training services to all member schools. The NYSPHSAA Safety Committee formed a sub-committee to look at three areas, (1) benefits of athletic training services, (2) obstacles of providing athletic training services, and (3) ways to provide athletic training services. We all share the goal to minimize risk to student athletes participating in our athletic programs and Certified Athletic Trainers are imperative to meeting this goal.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Safety Committee.

Budget Impact:

None directly to NYSPHSAA but a school district will have a budgetary impact in trying to meet this recommendation.

Notes:

The attached document would be linked to this recommendation in the handbook.

Attachments:

Supporting document for this recommendation.



Athletic Training Services Support Document

This document is meant to help support the NYSPHSAA 5 Year Strategic Plan of increasing the amount of member schools utilizing athletic training services on a full-time or part-time basis.

Data: The Kory Stringer Institute in conjunction with the National Athletic Trainers Association has contacted every High School in the country to collect data on the use of athletic trainers. Below is a breakdown of national, regional, and state data. Data was collected between 2015 and 2018. For more information please go to: <https://ksi.uconn.edu/nata-atlas/>

National: 66% of all HS have access to either full-time or part-time trainers
34% of all HS have no access to either full-time or part-time trainers

Regional: 82% of all HS have Access to either full-time or part-time trainers
(DE,NY,NJ,PA) 18% of all HS have no access to either full-time or part-time trainers

NYSPHSAA 66% of all NYSPHSAA schools have access to either full-time or part time trainers
34% of all NYSPHSAA schools have no access to either full-time or part-time trainers

Benefits of having access to athletic training services: The NYSPHSAA Safety Committee has provided a list of benefits to a school district as well as those involved in interscholastic athletics. The benefits are not limited to this list only.

- Resource to admin/parents/coaches/students
- Evaluation of injuries – Return to Play Protocol (RTP)
- Concussion evaluation and testing – monitor RTP protocol
- Training of athletes for preventive measures and rehab
- Accessibility to other health care providers
- Takes care of student athlete injury so that coach can take care of the rest of the team
- Helps support the coach with stability and emotional confidence
- Insurance costs decrease for families and districts
- Focus on student athletes returning to competition appropriately
- Development of school wide and team emergency action plans
- Communication with school nurse, parents, and coaches regarding student injuries
- Ensure students are medically cleared to participate

- Educating coaches on first aid and injury prevention
- Keeping accurate records of all athletic injuries/ injury reports
- Designing weight training and conditioning programs
- Preparation of team medical kits
- Proper fitting of athletic equipment
- Nutritional education for athletes, parents, and coaches

Obstacles to overcome by school districts: The NYSPHSAA Safety Committee recognizes the obstacles that school districts face in trying to provide athletic training services to their athletic department. The list below outlines some of those concerns but is not limited to this list.

- Financial resources available in the school budget
- Athletic training services lower on the priority list of needs for the district
- Availability of athletic training services in the region
- New athletic trainer certification process
- Coaches are trained in First Aid and CPR/AED by SED Regulations

Options to provide athletic training services in a district: The NYSPHSAA Safety Committee has listed some possible options districts can utilize to provide athletic training services in their athletic program. The options are not limited to this list.

- District can hire a full-time athletic trainer
- District could hire a part-time athletic trainer
- District could contract through the local BOCES to share an athletic trainer with another district or two and receive possible aid on the services
- District could contract through a local medical facility to provide athletic training services
- District could contract through a local physician to provide athletic training services to the athletic program
- District could hire a teacher or administrator who is also certified as an Athletic Trainer and pay them a stipend to be the AT after school
- SED or NYSPHSAA could mandate each district provide athletic training services

As you can see two thirds of our member schools provide athletic training services within their athletic program. These districts are located all over the state of New York and are both large and small schools. Please feel free to contact the NYSPHSAA office if you need further resources to provide athletic training services to your athletic programs.

APPENDIX C



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WHEELCHAIR TRACK & FIELD ATHLETES

Action Item
 Discussion/ Information Item

Presenter:

Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director

Proposal:

To have a standard scoring procedure for all wheelchair athletes participating in NYSPHSAA regular season and post season competition in the sport of Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field.

Effective Start Date:

2018-19 school year

Rationale:

Over the past three seasons we have had two wheelchair track and field athletes participate in track and field at the modified and high school level. Now that they are entering the HS level of competition we need to establish a uniformed and consistent procedure for scoring and competing during the regular season and post season.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA member schools and Sections

Budget Impact:

None

Notes:

We formed a committee to develop the proposal. The committee consisted of the Boys and Girls track and Field State Coordinators, the NYSPHSAA office staff, the athletic directors and coaches from the two schools and the families of the two athletes. The NYSPHSAA office staff surveyed all the state associations to inquire on any current procedures and practices utilized within their state. PA has had a procedure in place that has worked well for them for over 10 years. The committee had a lengthy discussion on all the possible options and agreed to model this proposal after the PIAA procedure. The committee feels that this will be fair to all students and teams competing in the sport of Track and Field.

Attachments:

Please see the proposed procedure.

Proposed NYSPHSAA Procedure for Wheelchair Track and Field Athletes for Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field

1. Special Accommodations: Schools would be required to apply for a Special Accommodation for each student competing in a wheelchair. The request would have to include all necessary medical documentation which requires the accommodation. NYSPHSAA approval is required for the student to participate using a wheelchair. Accommodations will include the following:
 - a. If only one wheelchair athlete in the race, then they will race with the able-bodied athletes (**Outdoor Only**). In Indoor Track and Field the wheelchair athletes would race in a heat by themselves (based on the recommendation of the Adapted USA Track and Field and the NYSPHSAA Indoor Track and Field Committee). If two or more wheel chair athletes, then they will race at the same time in a separate heat from the able-bodied athletes (both Outdoor and Indoor). All wheelchair athletes must wear a helmet.
 - b. In all laned events the wheelchair athlete will be given two lanes to compete in. In non-laned races the wheelchair athlete will start on the outside lane or behind the able body athletes and not be able to cut into lane 1 until the first 100 meters has passed.
 - c. In field events the wheelchair athlete will be able to use a throwing chair set up by an adult to compete in shot put and discus.
 - d. In Indoor Track and Field the wheelchair athlete will race on a banked or flat track based on the direction of the host site rules and regulations.
2. Scoring: Wheelchair athletes will either race against a clock or another Wheelchair athlete. Wheelchair Athletes and able body athletes will not compete against each other for points or place finishes.
 - a. If only one wheelchair athlete is competing in the race then they will be racing against the clock and if they meet or exceed the standard then they will receive 1 point for their team. If in post season they will receive the 1 point plus qualify for the next level of competition.
 - b. If two wheelchair athletes competing against each other the first place athlete will receive 2 points and the second place athlete will receive 1 point. If there are three wheelchair athletes the first place finisher will receive 5 points and the second place finisher will receive 3 points and the third place finisher will receive 1 point. In the post season the top finisher will advance to the next level of competition.
3. Standards: The following standards will be used to determine qualifying and earning points for the athlete's teams. The standards will be derived from the standards and results of the Adapted Track and Field USA Database which has over 25 years of data.

Outdoor Track and Field

Event	Gender	Standard
100M	Female	40.0
100M	Male	29.0
200M	Female	1:03.4
200M	Male	51.8
400M	Female	2:09.0
400M	Male	1:40.0
800M	Female	4:00.0
800M	Male	3:19.0
1500M	Female	6:00.0
1500M	Male	4:46.0
1600M	Female	7:00.0
1600M	Male	6:00.0
3000M	Female	13:20.0
3200M	Male	12:00.0
Shot	Female	7 feet
Shot	Male	9 feet
Discus	Female	22 feet
Discus	Male	23 feet

Indoor Track and Field

Event	Gender	Standard
55M	Female	To Be Provided
55M	Male	To Be Provided
300 M	Female	To Be Provided
300 M	Male	To Be Provided
600 M	Female	To Be Provided
600 M	Male	To Be Provided
1000 M	Female	To Be Provided
1000 M	Male	To be Provided
1500 M	Female	To Be Provided
1600 M	Male	To Be Provided
3000 M	Female	To Be Provided
3200 M	Male	To Be Provided
Shot Put	Female	To Be Provided
Shot Put	Male	To Be Provided

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FEDERATION BOYS TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Action Item
 Discussion/ Information Item

Presenter:

Selina DeCicco, NYSPHSAA Boys Tennis State Coordinator

Proposal:

Consider approval to revise the format of the NYSPHSAA/ NYS Federation Boys Tennis Championships.

Effective Start Date:

Spring 2019.

Rationale:

The rationale for this proposal is to offer an equitable, healthy and safe NYSPHSAA Boys Tennis Federation State Championship for all participating associations to include NYSPHSAA, PSAL, NYSAISAA, and CHSAA.

This opportunity would allow for all four association champions in both singles and doubles to commit to compete in an organized championship event that which is not scheduled concurrently with any of the named associations' championships.

It is suggested that the Boys Tennis Federation Championship be scheduled for week #49 of the scholastic calendar, as the NYSPHSAA Boys Tennis State Championship and other association championships are scheduled on or before week #48. This schedule adheres to the USTA Regulations for tournament participation of sanctioned events and would also allow all competitors appropriate rest periods between championship events.

This proposal must provide each of the four associations the opportunity to appoint an association coordinator to participate in tournament responsibilities, such as to complete a tournament draw or round robin format based on the number of participating associations to give all competitors equal contests, to structure the rules and guidelines of competition not limited to scoring, coaching, officiating, etc., keep and report results, secure a venue, athletic trainers, provide first aid/AED and awareness of emergency procedures for the benefit of all in attendance.

Proposal Originated:

This proposal originated from the 2017 NYSPHSAA Boys Tennis Committee and the 2018 Boys Tennis Committees after many concerns were raised of the current format and schedule.

Budgetary Impact:

The budgetary impact of this proposal would include additional travel and food expenses to those athletes and coaches traveling to the Federation Championship on the scheduled day of competition. In past Federation Championships, the budgetary impact of tennis balls, court time, awards, officials and athletic trainers are consistent per hour and would not impose additional costs than what is currently projected. The Federation Championship does not impose a lodging expense to competitors traveling great distances, as competition can be completed in one day with indoor courts available in case of inclement weather.

Notes:

The NYSPHSAA Boys Tennis Committee unanimously agreed to the rationale of this proposal on 5/30/18, as well as 5/18/18 email to Robert Zayas which indicate the concerns of the NYSPHSAA Boys Tennis Committee in regards to the Federation Championship for Boys Tennis.

Attachments:

None.

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WRESTLING - SCHEDULING OF NEW MATCHES AFTER WEEK #28

Action Item
 Discussion/ Information Item

Presenter:

Marty Sherman, NYSPHSAA Wrestling State Coordinator

Proposal:

No new matches may be scheduled after week #28 unless they are a make-up for a cancelled match.

Effective Start Date:

2018-19 Season

Rationale:

Schools were scheduling matches at the end of the year to get wrestlers weigh-ins but not actually wrestling. This does not follow the spirit of the 50% rule.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Wrestling Committee

Budgetary Impact:

None.

Notes:

A majority of the Committee voted in favor of this proposal.

Attachments:

None.



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**WRESTLING – POUND ALLOWANCE FOR SECTIONAL
TOURNAMENTS DUE TO SCHOOL CLOSINGS**

Action Item
 Discussion/ Information Item

Presenter:

Marty Sherman, NYSPHSAA Wrestling State Coordinator

Proposal:

To allow a pound allowance for all wrestlers competing in a Sectional tournament when schools are closed due to a weather emergency.

Effective Start Date:

2018-19 Season.

Rationale:

We currently use this procedure throughout the entire regular season and the Wrestling Committee feels that we should continue with the procedure for Sectional tournaments.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Wrestling Committee.

Budgetary Impact:

None.

Notes:

The Wrestling Advisory Committee fully supports this recommendation.

Attachments:

None.



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WRESTLING – EXTENTION OF THE APPEAL TIMELINE

- Action Item
 Discussion/ Information Item

Presenter:

Marty Sherman, NYSPHSAA Wrestling State Coordinator

Proposal:

When a school is closed due to a weather emergency on the 3rd day of the appeal timeline the wrestler will be given one extra day to appeal their original weight assessment.

Effective Start Date:

2018-19 Season

Rationale:

Currently the 3-day appeal timeline is strictly enforced and does not allow any deviation for school closing due to weather emergencies.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Wrestling Committee.

Budgetary Impact:

None.

Notes:

The Wrestling Advisory Committee is in full support of this proposal. The Safety Committee will discuss at their Fall meeting.

Attachments:

None.

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SED AGE AND DURATION OF COMPETITION – UNIFIED SPORTS

Action Item
 Discussion/ Information Item

Presenter:

Todd Nelson, NYSPHSAA Assistant Director

Proposal:

To have NYSPHSAA Staff meet with SED to consider allowing a waiver of the Age and Duration of Competition based on the process listed below.

Effective Start Date:

2018-2019 school year

Rationale:

With the expansion, popularity and benefits of Unified Sports many of our schools have raised a concern that students that have participated in the Unified Sports program are no longer eligible to participate due to the SED Age and Duration of Competition rule. The Unified Sports Committee formed a subcommittee to make a proposal to grant a waiver of the Age and Duration of Competition rule. Please see the details below.

Proposal Originated:

Unified Sports Committee

Budget Impact:

None

Notes:

The recommendation would follow the following parameters to grant a waiver.

1. Identification of the student with a classification as **alternately assessed students**.
2. The data that would be collected for the review panel. APP fitness test would be given and the scores would be compared to the fitness levels in the Mixed Competition regulations.
3. Review panel. School Medical Director, Athletic Director, Special Education Director, Physical Education Teacher, and a Unified Sport Coach.
4. Approval by the Review Panel.

Attachments:

Identification requirements for students to get the waiver.

STUDENT IDENTIFICATION FOR AGE AND DURATION OF COMPETITION WAIVER

We are seeking a medical waiver for the age / duration of competition rule for a very specific student population that participates in Unified sports through the NYSPHAA.

These students are classified with an intellectual disability---a cognitive deficit that requires them to have more time to complete their education. This population is classified as **alternately assessed students**. These students do not qualify for a regents diploma, local diploma, or GED.

Under the New York State Commissioner's Part 200 Regulations, students with these disabilities may remain in high school until age 21, as they often require more time in order to gain a meaningful exit credential (Career Development and Occupational Studies Commencement Credential (CDOS) or Skills and Achievement Commencement Credential (SACC)).

The New York State Education Department has always recognized this population of students as requiring different supports and has put into place a variety of safety nets in order for them to successfully to complete their education.

We would urge that same recognition be given in the area of those students participating in Unified sports. The age and duration of their ability to play should be in line with their overall development and the overall timeline NYSED has already allowed them to complete their education.

We are not globally seeking this waiver for all students with disabilities, but only for those students with a classification of **alternately assessed students**, that have been deemed eligible to play in Unified sports.

APPENDIX D



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FOOTBALL – MODIFICATION TO THE PARTICIPATION STANDARD

- Action Item
 Discussion/ Information Item

Presenter:

Gary Vanderzee, NYSPHSAA Football State Coordinator

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Football Committee is seeking approval for a football player to be allowed to participate in both the junior varsity and varsity contests within the same week. The stipulation is that during one of the contests, the athlete would have a ten (10) play limit. During the other contest, the athlete would be free of any restriction on plays.

Effective Start Date:

2018-19 season

Rationale:

In many areas, schools are facing declining roster sizes in their football programs due to decreasing enrollments and safety concerns surrounding the game of football. This has led to postponements and/or forfeits at either level. This proposal could possibly eliminate those concerns while at the same time protect our athletes. If a team has only 16-20 players dressed for a game, it is likely that some of those players never come off the field. This proposal could increase the roster size at any given game allowing players to receive a much needed rest during the contest providing a safer environment for all.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Football Committee March 2018.

Budgetary Impact:

None.

Notes:

Both junior varsity and varsity teams are normally required to submit rosters. The varsity roster could include junior varsity players that may or may not be dressed for the varsity game. These players could be denoted on the roster with an asterisk for those watching and/or tracking. The same could be done for the junior varsity roster if they were allowing varsity players to participate at the junior varsity level. The NYSPHSAA Football Committee unanimously supports this proposal.

Attachments:

None.

MODIFICATION PROPOSAL TO THE FOOTBALL PARTICIPATION STANDARD

CURRENT RULE SYNOPSIS: A football player may dress in any junior varsity or varsity football game in a given week. If he/she participates in one play during that contest, the athlete is no longer eligible to participate in another contest until they have had 4 nights rest.

PROPOSAL: A football player may be allowed to participate in both the junior varsity and varsity contests within the same week. The stipulation is that during one of the contests, the athlete would have a ten (10) play limit. During the other contest, the athlete would be free of any restriction on plays.

FOR EXAMPLE: On Friday evening a junior varsity player may dress and participate in a maximum of ten (10) plays. That player would still remain eligible to participate in the junior varsity game the following day with no restrictions on a play limit. If the player would participate in 11 or more plays on Friday, they would only be eligible for 10 plays on Saturday.

The same scenario would allow for a junior varsity player to play in their JV game on Thursday night and dress and participate in a maximum of 10 plays at the varsity game on Friday or Saturday.

RATIONALE: In many areas, schools are facing declining roster sizes in their football programs due to decreasing enrollments and safety concerns surrounding the game of football. This has led to postponements and/or forfeits at either level. This proposal could possibly eliminate those concerns while at the same time protect our athletes. If a team has only 16-20 players dressed for a game, it is likely that some of those players never come off the field. This proposal could increase the roster size at any given game allowing players to receive a much needed rest during the contest providing a safer environment for all.

EXAMPLE: A varsity team has 18 players dressed for their game. By allowing 10 junior varsity players to dress and participate with a maximum of 10 plays, the varsity team has gained 100 plays in which their players may receive a rest during the game.

TRACKING PROTOCOL: Both junior varsity and varsity teams are normally required to submit rosters. The varsity roster could include junior varsity players that may or may not be dressed for the varsity game. These players could be denoted on the roster with an asterisk for those watching and/or tracking. The same could be done for the junior varsity roster if they were allowing varsity players to participate at the junior varsity level.

Coaches/AD's would be responsible for verifying an athlete did not participate in more than 10 plays. Coaches/AD's are currently required to track pitches thrown in baseball, so we are confident the same could be done in football.

POINTS OF EMPHASIS:

- * Players that participate in both games are only charged with one game that week.
- * If a school is questioned, they must be able to provide verification that a given player did not exceed the 10 play limit in both games. Coaches/AD's could sign off after a game if required. In most cases film could be used as a verification as well. A simple tracking sheet could be developed and used as a standard form.
- * Currently, an athlete may participate in 90 plays at "Full Live" level of contact in a scrimmage. That same player is eligible for another 90 plays at "full live" level of contact just two days later in another scrimmage. That is 180 plays at "full live" contact over a two day period. This proposal would be asking for substantially less.
- * An average junior varsity game might see between 110-130 plays in a game. Even if an athlete participated in every play and then still participated in 10 plays at the varsity level, they would not be close to the 180 plays they could see in two scrimmages.
- * If a school violates the rule and allows for a player to participate in more than 10 plays at both levels, a forfeit could/would be assess at either or both levels. The coach could be subject to a one game suspension as well. Further rules could be put in place for a second offense.
- * **IF DESIRED**, an individual section could adopt a more restrictive rule which states any player that participates in the majority of the varsity contest, may not participate in the junior varsity contest that week. The premise of this rule would be to prohibit schools from using a talented 10th or 11th grader at the varsity level and then using him/her again at the JV level as a competitive advantage. This proposal is intended for the safety of our athletes and to reduce the risk of injury, not to gain a competitive advantage at the junior varsity level.
- * We as a committee, believe this proposal creates a much safer environment for our student athletes participating in the sport of football.
- * This proposal could decrease the number of forfeits/ postponements in the sport of football and in some cases, save programs.
- * In an effort to address the concern that other sports would not be allowed the same opportunity, the committee would point out that this proposal has been established with several factors in mind.
 - a) Football requires 16 players dressed an eligible to participate. In addition they are required to have 4 nights rest between contests. No other sport is under such a restrictive requirement.
 - b) With these mandates, it is not uncommon for a team to forfeit or postpone a contest due to lack of players. It would be extremely difficult to point out another sport in which forfeits are on the rise due to roster sizes.

- c) Most other sports are already allowed to participate on back to back days with no restriction on level of competition.
- d) A football player could actually participate in a varsity football game on Friday night and in some sections play in a soccer game on Saturday morning. That athlete would be participating in two contact sports back to back. We would simply ask that an athlete participate back to back in one sport with a limit on plays.
- e) Lastly, this policy would be designed specifically with football in mind because of the restrictions that are specific to that sport. This proposal would not appropriate for other sports that are not facing issues with rosters or safety. Instead, it would be used simply as a competitive advantage which goes against the premise of our proposal.

Please accept this proposal as just that. We would be happy to consider other alternatives you may offer to accomplish our goal. We can modify our proposal to address any concerns you may have. We are open to your comments/suggestions.

On behalf of the NYSPHSAA Football Committee, we thank you for all you do to ensure the safety of our student athletes, and we would greatly appreciate you giving this proposal careful consideration. It is our true belief that this could provide a safer environment for all.

Sincerely,

Ken Stoldt
Section VI Football Chairman.