



ATHLETIC COUNCIL MINUTES

November 16, 2022

HIGHLIGHTS

- 3.0 **CARRIED:** Add Chautauqua Lake/Westfield/Panama/Clymer/Brocton; Girls Wrestling, 646 V & 7/8/9 and Roy- Hart/Barker; Competitive Cheer (pending paperwork) to today's agenda
- 3.1 **CARRIED:** September 21, 2022, Section VI Athletic Council meeting minutes
- 4.1 **CARRIED:** 2023-2024 North & South Timelines - Schedules/Assignment of Officials (Appendix A)
- 4.2 **CARRIED:** Eden's Independent Status in the sport of Boys Lacrosse for the 2023 season
- 5.5 **CARRIED:** Combining of Schools application, numbers (1) through (3)
- 5.6 **CARRIED:** Outside Agency applications, letters (a) and (b)
- 6.3.1 **CARRIED:** Treasurer's report (Appendix C)
- 6.14.1 **CARRIED:** Lindsay Bergman (Kenmore) as Female Modified Committee Representative
- 6.14.2 **CARRIED:** Mike Wendt (retired Wilson Superintendent) as member of the Section VI Appeals Committee
- 10.1 **CARRIED:** Spring 2023 pre-season reports: Boys Lacrosse, Girls Lacrosse, Softball, Baseball, Track & Field, Unified Basketball, Flag Football, Boys Golf, Girls Golf, Boys Tennis (Appendix S)

ATHLETIC COUNCIL MINUTES

1.0 CALL TO ORDER (M. Donahue)

Commenced: 11:30am

1.1 Pledge of allegiance

2.0 INTRODUCTIONS & AWARD PRESENTATIONS (M. DiFilippo)

2.1 Lunch Sponsor – Toth Sports (Mark McAllister)

3.0 MINUTES (M. Donahue)

Motion to add Chautauqua Lake/Westfield/ Panama/Clymer/Brocton; Girls Wrestling, 646 V & 7/8/9 and Roy- Hart/Barker; Competitive Cheer (pending paperwork) to today's agenda

CARRIED

Rabey/Gens

3.1 ***Motion to approve the September 21, 2022 Section VI Athletic Council meeting minutes***

CARRIED

Fallacaro-Dougherty/MacSwan

4.0 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (M. DiFilippo)

4.1 ***Motion to approve of the proposed 2023-2024 North & South Timelines - Schedules/Assignment of Officials (Appendix A)***

CARRIED

Zirkle/Kruzynski

4.2 ***Motion to approve of Eden's Independent Status in the sport of Boys Lacrosse for the 2023 season***

CARRIED

Taylor/House

4.3 6 Class Sports (Appendix B)

The information for the 6 classifications is posted on the Section VI website. It was noted that Section VI was not in favor of the 6-classification proposal, but it was approved at the state level and will take effect in the 2023-2024 school year.

M. DiFilippo reported that he has received numerous questions and concerns about the BEDS numbers. One of the more overwhelming concerns is how the numbers are calculated. The 2023-2024 numbers are the 2020-2021 9th and 10th and average of 9th and 10th graders. Another concern our section is facing is boys teams in one class and girls teams in another.

There is also confusion over what it means to be a variation or non-variation sport. Variation sports have the opportunity for the state sport committee to decide their cut-off numbers. Non-variation sports are given their class cut-off numbers based on the agreed upon formula.

Variation sports include: Girls Volleyball, Football, Cheer, Cross Country, Field Hockey, Ice Hockey, Boys Lacrosse, Girls Lacrosse, Boys Volleyball

Non-Variation sports include: Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer, Baseball, Softball, Wrestling, Track & Field, Bowling

The sports where 6 classification will be implemented starting with the 23-24 school year include: Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer, Girls Volleyball, Baseball, and Softball.

Appendix B does not reflect the new and forthcoming individual sport numbers. The state office is working on the calculations for the individual sport numbers, which currently are based on BEDS numbers (600+ falling into Division I and 0-599 falling into Division II). The new breakdown will be based on the number of teams in a sport, statewide. The top 40% of the total number of teams will comprise Division 1. The bottom 60% of the total number of teams will comprise Division II.

As a result of the new formula for individual sports, the NYSPHSAA Wrestling Committee is proposing to change from a non-variation sport to a variation sport. Their proposal is scheduled to be an action item at the February 2023 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting.

M. DiFilippo shared with the council that he will be available to attend league meetings to explain the format of the classifications as well as answer any questions.

4.4 Inclement Weather

The following changes have been made due to the inclement weather expected Thursday, November 17 through Saturday, November 19, 2022:

- Girls Swim state championship travel - Bus departure time changed to 12:15pm (November 17, Orchard Park HS Football Stadium)
- All regional football games are being moved from Saturday, November 19 to Monday, November 21.
- Wrestling certifications will be rescheduled if necessary.

5.0 COMMUNICATIONS (M. DiFilippo)

5.1 **Motion to approve Combining of Schools applications, numbers (1) through (3)** Spring Sports

- 1) Baseball, **Springville**, West Valley, V, JV & 7/8 373 B
- 2) Girls Wrestling, **Chautauqua Lake**, Westfield, Panama, Clymer, Brocton; 646 V & 7/8/9
- 3) Competitive Cheer, **Roy- Hart**, Barker; (pending paperwork)

CARRIED

Rabey/House

5.2 The following demerger was approved by the Executive Committee on October 26, 2022
Westfield and Brocton, Girls Basketball. Westfield returns to a stand-alone team, class D, 149

5.3 On October 27, 2022, the Executive Committee approved the addition of Cassadaga Valley to
Falconer/Randolph/Frewsburg in the sport of Indoor Track, 545

5.4 On November 1, 2022, the Executive Committee approved **Fredonia**/Silver Creek/Forestville in the sport of girls wrestling, 721.

5.5 On November 3, 2022, the Executive Committee approved **West Seneca West**/West Seneca East/Hamburg/Eden/Holland in the sport of Girls Ice Hockey 2864 pending all BOE approval dates and Hamburg/Eden in the sport of Wrestling, 879 D1

5.6 **Motion to approve of Outside Agency applications, letters (a) and (b)**

- a) Boys Basketball Lockport Rotary Tip off Weekend 12/2-12/3 at Lockport High school cosponsored by Lockport High School & Lockport Rotary Club
- b) Wrestling Lockport Wrestling Tournament on 1/22/2023 at Lockport High school cosponsored by Lockport HS & Sunrise Optimist Club

CARRIED

Grzymala/Zirkle

6.0 STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1 Combining of Schools Committee (J. Rabey)

Nothing to report

6.2 Charter Schools Classification Committee (J. Rabey)

Nothing to report

6.3 Finance Committee (D. Scholla)

6.3.1 **Motion to approve of the Treasurer's report** (Appendix C)

CARRIED

Penhollow/Jon Roth

6.3.2 2023-2024 Section VI Proposed Budget (Appendix D)

The 21-22 audit was conducted by the Bonadio Group. At completion, the Section was determined to be approximately \$42,000 in the black. The 22-23 and 23-24 school years are projections.

The 23-24 proposed budget was presented to the Finance Committee for review. Council members were asked to review the proposed budget with their respective leagues. The 23-24 proposed budget will be an action item at the January 18, 2023 Athletic Council meeting.

The annual audit, Quickbooks, and legal fees are combined within one line item on the budget. Considering the increase in legal fees over the past few years, concern was expressed about the budgeted/projected amounts for 22-23 and 23-24. D. Scholla, M. DiFilippo, and S. Penhollow were asked to re-examine the current proposed amount and adjust the 23-24 projection, if appropriate.

6.4 Sectional/Intersectional (M. DiFilippo)

6.4.1 12-run mercy rule after 5 innings for sectional play in the sport of Softball

This proposal came from the softball committee. The 12-run mercy rule is already utilized in regional and state play. Some Section VI leagues employ this rule during the regular season. The Softball Committee would like this rule implemented for sectional play. The Sectional Intersectional Committee is in support of this proposal. This proposal will be an action item at the January 2013 athletic council meeting.

6.5 Safety (M. McKenna)

6.5.1 September 2022 Meeting Report (Appendix E)

- It was noted that even though not utilizing headgear in the sport of Girls Lacrosse continues to be a concern, the NFHS and the sections are not in favor of mandating its use.

6.6 Modified Committee (J. Arnold, M. Librock)

6.6.1 September 30, 2022 Modified Committee Minutes (Appendix F)

6.6.2 Review of the Fall 2022 NYSPHSAA Modified Committee Meeting

The 50 % rule, which was scheduled to be voted on, was instead, tabled at the last Modified Committee meeting. The committee felt further discussion was needed at the section level. The 50% rule prohibits modified athletes from being able to move up to the JV or varsity level after the completion of half of the season. Some programs were interested in eliminating the 50% rule. Their rationale involves the opportunity to pull modified players up to JV (at any time) to fill spots exited by JV players who were moved up to varsity. By doing this, all 3 levels can be kept intact. Programs in opposition of eliminating the 50% rule believe in holding to the APP process, appropriately placing an athlete based on capability, and not using a roster filling process. The Section VI Modified Committee plans to discuss this further with the leagues in preparation for a possible vote at the March 2023 NYSPHSAA Modified Committee meeting. Council members were asked to discuss this item at the league level so their designated modified representative is provided direction on how to vote.

6.6.3 6th Grade Participation Survey

- As part of the NYSPHSAA strategic plan, adding 6th grade to the modified level will be investigated. M. Librock is looking to collect data (benefits, drawbacks, etc.) via a forthcoming google survey.

6.7 State Executive Committee/Central Committee

a) Superintendent (J. Rabey)

Nothing to report

b) Principal (A. Gens)

Nothing to report

c) Female Rep./Male Rep. (M. Fallacaro-Dougherty/J. Roth)

The following items will be action items at the January 18, 2023 Athletic Council meeting to provide M. Fallacaro-Dougherty and J. Roth direction for the February 2023 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Meeting (Appendix G):

- Consider removing the NYSPHSAA note under mixed competition (Handbook Committee)
- Consider amending guidelines for combined practices for 11-man football
This proposal was presented by Section VI Football Committee. They are seeking to change from a 7 V 7 to a 9 V 9 live drill.
- 2023-2024 Boys Wrestling Weight Classes
This proposal seeks to use NFHS 12 weight classes plus the addition of 101lb weight class. The Section VI Wrestling Committee is in favor of this proposal.
- Boys Wrestling Division Cut-Off Numbers
This proposal seeks to change Wrestling from a non-variation sport to a variation sport beginning with the 23-24 season. Variation sports decide their cut-off numbers. Non-variation sports are given their cut-off numbers. Beginning with the 23-24 school year, non-variation sports will be calculated so 40% are placed in Division I and 60% in Division II. Currently, wrestling cut-off numbers follow 600 and above in Division I and 599 and below in Division II. The Section VI Wrestling Committee wishes to remain even between divisions.
- Girls Flag Football
Girls Flag Football needs to create high school sports standards. It is the recommendation of NYSPHSAA to use the current Girls Lacrosse standards for Flag Football. The Section VI Girls Flag Football Committee is scheduled to meet this evening. It is anticipated this item will be discussed.
- Girls Flag Football – NFHS/NYSPHSAA Playing Rules
This proposal seeks to set the same rules that were used during the pilot. However, a running clock is recommended in place of the previously used stop clock.
- Girls Flag Football – Establish a State Championship in 2024
It was noted that if this proposal is approved, the championship would be scheduled during week 48 of the 2024 calendar.

The following items will be action items at the March 22, 2023 Athletic Council meeting to provide M. Fallacaro-Dougherty and J. Roth direction for the May 2023 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Meeting (Appendix H):

- 2023-2024 Membership Dues
NYSPHSAA is proposing a dues increase, over 3 years, as outlined in Appendix H.
- NYSPHSAA Spectator Sportsmanship Regulation
This proposal was tabled at the last meeting. Section VI Superintendents and member schools' board of education thoughts and recommendations are sought. Full district support is needed in the event this proposal is approved.

6.8 Extended Eligibility (M. DiFilippo)

Nothing to report

6.9 Chemical Awareness (J. Grzymala)

J. Grzymala recognized Senior Simon Connors (Lake Shore) for a job well done in presenting at the NYSPHSAA Central committee meeting.

J. Grzymala also thanked M. DiFilippo and B. Banker for speaking to the student-athletes at the last Niagara Orleans League SAAC Committee meeting.

6.10 Transfer/Foreign Student (M. DiFilippo)

Reports were emailed to the Executive Committee

6.11 Sportsmanship (J. Graczyk, D. Ames)

6.11.1 September 22, 2022 minutes (Appendix I)

6.12 Veterans (J. Trampert)

Nothing to report

6.13 Mixed Competition (A. Gens)

Nothing to report

6.14 Nominations (D. Lilleck)

6.14.1 **Motion to approve Lindsay Bergman (Kenmore) as Female Modified Committee Representative**
CARRIED
Marisa/Gens

6.14.2 **Motion to approve of Mike Wendt (retired Wilson Superintendent) as member of the Section VI Appeals Committee**
CARRIED
MacSwan/Jeff Roth

6.14.3 Alpine Skiing Chair Vacancy

One candidate is interested.

Ellicottville/Allegany-Limestone, Williamsville, and Clarence have programs.

6.14.4 Reminder – Applications for NYSPHSAA Section VI - Female Representative (challengers to incumbent) and Superintendents Representative due January 1, 2023

It was announced that Dr. J. Rabey will be stepping down from his position in January 2023, prior to the end of his term. M. Donahue, in exercising presidential power, selected Dr. Tonja Williams (Buffalo Public Schools Superintendent) to fill the Superintendents Representative position on the Executive Committee for the remainder of the term (June 30, 2023).

6.14.5 Winter Sports Chairs – June 30, 2022 Term Expiration (Renewals/Challengers)

All current winter chairpersons are interested in renewing their terms. An application for challengers is posted on the Bulletin Board page of the Section VI website and are due no later than January 5, 2023. Candidates will be presented for approval at the May 2023 athletic council meeting.

6.15 Corporate Partners (M. DiFilippo)

Nothing to report

6.16 Hall of Fame (B. Banker)

The Hall of Fame will be held at The Columns Banquets on Friday, December 2, 2022. Tickets can be purchased using the following link: <https://gofan.co/app/events/635055?schoolId=NYSHSAAVI>

6.17 Unified Sports (D. Ames)

6.17.1 Unified Sports – Bowling Pre-Season Coaches Meeting
December 14, 2022, Erie 1 BOCES, 5pm-7pm, Room B-1

7.0 SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

7.1 All WNY Scholar Athlete (J. Roth)

The deadline for applications is December 5th, 2022.

7.2 Charter Schools (M. DiFilippo)

7.2.1 Placement of Charter Schools Update – See item 9.1

8.0 STATE COMMITTEE REPORTS (informational only)

- 8.1 Indoor Track Committee Meeting Minutes, August 30, 2022 (Appendix J)
- 8.2 Wrestling Committee Meeting Minutes, September 20, 2022 (Appendix K)
- 8.3 Girls Ice Hockey Committee Meeting Minutes, September 16, 2022 (Appendix L)
- 8.4 Boys & Girls Bowling Meeting Minutes, October 14, 2022 (Appendix M)
- 8.5 Boys Lacrosse Meeting Minutes, November 2, 2022 (Appendix N)
- 8.6 Girls Basketball Meeting, Minutes, September 19, 2022 (Appendix O)
- 8.7 Championship Advisory Committee, September 28, 2022 (Appendix P)
- 8.8 NYSPHSAA Foundation, September 16, 2022 (Appendix Q)
- 8.9 Boys Ice Hockey, September 23, 2022 (Appendix R)

9.0 GUEST REPORTS

9.1 NYSPHSAA (T. Nelson & R. Zayas)

- NYSPHSAA is releasing a new RFP for their ball adoption agreement. Companies other than Spalding may be interested in submitting a bid. There is potential for having different vendors across sports. The amount of potential revenue is drastically reduced when using a segmented model. Revenue, however, is not the only consideration. Quality is also a significant factor. The Sections receive 75% and NYSPHSAA receives 25% of the ball adoption agreement.
- NYSPHSAA is preparing for the next few weeks of state championships
- Per the NYSPHSAA Constitution, if a section cannot place a member school within a league, it then becomes the responsibility of the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee to decide placement. Section VI notified NYSPHSAA it is unable to decide placement for Health Sciences, Tapestry, and Global Concepts. The NYSPHSAA Executive Committee convened on October 19, 2022 to discuss placement and is in the process of creating a sub-committee to examine all the options of placement. The sub-committee will then make a recommendation to be acted on by the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee at their February 2023 meeting. Section VI will not have representation on the sub-committee.
- The state office was made aware that the State Education Department has scheduled their NYS history regents exam on the same date as the 2023 NYSPHSAA Boys Tennis Championships. NYSPHSAA has held firm that state championship dates do not move. NYSPHSAA is working with the NYSED and the championship venue to see if there is any flexibility.
- R. Zayas made council members aware that there are a significant number of fake social media accounts promoting streaming of post season games and links associated with state championships.

9.2 NYSA Report (J. Roth)

Nothing to report

10.0 **SPORTS REPORTS**

- 10.1 **Motion to approve Spring 2023 pre-season reports: Boys Lacrosse, Girls Lacrosse, Softball, Baseball, Track & Field, Unified Basketball, Flag Football, Boys Golf, Girls Golf, Boys Tennis**
CARRIED (Appendix S)
Rabey/MacSwan

11.0 **OLD BUSINESS**

Nothing to report

12.0 **NEW BUSINESS**

- 12.1 #31 Transfer rule on page 46 and #19 Penalties, letter (a) on page 37 of the NYSPHSAA handbook (M. House)

M. House referenced the recent situation regarding the Lewis J. Bennett HS student-athlete and the transfer rule. He inquired about the section reviewing the prescribed penalty for use of an ineligible player to see if there is interest in changing it.

R. Zayas shared that since NYSPHSAA issued the prescribed penalty, it could be revised, but the governance process by which that can be done must be followed.

Council members were asked to make sure there is a clear understanding of the transfer rule with their respective leagues. The prescribed penalty for use of an ineligible player should also be discussed and feedback collected by league heads. The league heads will, in turn, discuss the feedback at their next scheduled meeting. After examination of that feedback, a recommendation is expected to be presented at the January 2023 Athletic Council meeting.

- 12.2 Constitution/By Laws/Policy Manual Ad Hoc Committee (M. Donahue)

Section VI is beginning the process to form an Ad Hoc Committee to review the constitution, bylaws, and policy manual. The committee will be comprised of a representative from each league.

13.0 **GOOD OF THE ORDER/ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn
CARRIED
Rabey/Salisbury

Respectfully Submitted,



Beth Fadeley
Recording Secretary

ATTENDANCE (Voting Members - *) ABSENT

Executive Committee		Committee Chairpersons		Sportschairs
President*	Maureen Donahue	Chemical Awareness	John Grzymala	
President-Elect*	Dave Lilleck	Extended Eligibility	Mark DiFilippo	
Superintendents' Rep.*	Jeff Rabey	Finance	Steve Penhollow	
Principals' Rep.*	Al Gens	Male Modified	Matt Librock	Guests
Male Rep.*	Jeff Roth	Female Modified		Mark McAllister (Toth)
Female Rep.*	Marisa Fallacaro-Dougherty	Nominations	Brett Banker	Pat Burke
Past President	Brett Banker	NYSAAA	Jeff Roth	Marc LaMorticella
Executive Director	Mark DiFilippo	Policy Handbook	Marisa Fallacaro-Dougherty	
Treasurer	Don Scholla	Safety	Matt McKenna	
		Sectional Intersectional	Mark DiFilippo	
		Sportsmanship	Doug Ames/Jim Graczyk	
		Transfer	Mark DiFilippo	
		Veterans	Jim Trampert	
		Hall of Fame	Jim Dunnigan	
		Combining of Schools	Jeff Rabey	

League	Representative	Alternate
BUFFALO		
Superintendents Rep./AD*	Michael House	TBD - New Associate Supt. for Strategic Alignment and Innovation
Principals' Rep.*	Carlos Alvarez Mike Morris	Mike Morris
Female Rep.*	Kaitlin States	Syble Smith (McKinley, Head Volleyball & Swim Coach)
Male Rep.*	Steve McDuffie	David Kelly (Olmsted, Head Golf, Swim & Tennis Coach)

CHAUTAQUA CATTARAUGUS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (CCAA)		
Superintendents' Rep.*	Steve Penhollow, Falconer	TBA
Principals' Rep.*	Jason Halpainy, Randolph	TBA
Female Rep.*	Carol Zirkle, Fredonia	Greg Lauer, Fredonia
Male Rep.*	Kevin Salisbury, Southwestern	Greg Lauer, Fredonia

ERIE COUNTY INTERSCHOLASTIC CONFERENCE (ECIC)		
Superintendents' Rep.*	Sean Croft, Starpoint	
Principals' Rep.*	Tim Wiles, Cleveland Hill	Steve Smith, Alden
Female Rep.*	Renee Smith, Tonawanda	Daryl Besant, Lake Shore
Male Rep.*	Dave Hack, Orchard Park	Jason Iwanko, Eden Vince Dell'oso

NIAGARA FRONTIER LEAGUE (NFL)		
Superintendents' Rep.*	Dan Ljiljanich, Niagara Wheatfield	
Principals' Rep.*	Trevor Brown, Kenmore	TBA
Female Rep.*	Lindsay Bergman, Kenmore	
Male Rep.*	Jon Roth, Grand Island	

NIAGARA ORLEANS LEAGUE (NO)		
Superintendents' Rep.*	Jacob Reimer, Barker	Mark Kruzynski, Medina
Principals' Rep.*	Steve Dimitroff, Akron	Steve Dimitroff, Akron
Female Rep.*	Joel Reed, Medina	
Male Rep.*	John Grzymala, Roy-Hart	Eric Valley, Medina

SUPERINTENDENT REPRESENTATION (BOCES)		
Erie 1 BOCES*	Jon MacSwan, Cleveland Hill	TBA
Erie 2 BOCES*	Scott Taylor, North Collins	TBA
ON BOCES*	Mark Kruzynski, Medina	TBA
CA BOCES*	Kaine Kelly, Randolph	TBA

APPENDIX A

ACTION ITEM: November 16, 2022 Athletic Council Meeting
2023-2024 Section VI Timeline for Schedules/Assignment of Officials
NORTH: Buffalo, ECIC, NFL, NO, MM, Independent

Green: Section responsibility	Yellow: Officials/Organization's responsibility			
White: School / assigner responsibility				
	Fall 2023	Winter 2023-24		Spring 2024
Enter fees for the upcoming year (2023-2024)	Apr. 3, 2023	August 11, 2023		August 11, 2023
Officials Rankings from coaches/chairs due	May 5, 2023	Aug. 25, 2023		Jan. 3, 2024
Subassigners review rosters in arbitersports and report changes to the Section office.	May 5, 2023	Aug. 25, 2023		Jan. 3, 2024
Draft schedules complete	May 19, 2023	Sept. 11, 2023		Jan. 5, 2024
Reset ALL officials to NOT-ready	May 19, 2023	Sept. 11, 2023		Feb. 2, 2024
Email officials with instructions to register	May 19, 2023	Sept. 11, 2023		Feb. 2, 2024
Final schedules complete including non-league games Import of schedules to arbitersports begins	June 1, 2023	Sept. 18, 2023		Feb. 2, 2024
Final date: ALL schedules must be in arbitersports	June 14, 2023	Oct. 2, 2023	For B&G Basketball only	Feb. 16, 2024
Officials registered & availabilities listed	June 16, 2023	Oct. 10 2023		Feb. 16, 2024
*Varsity and JV assignment of officials begins	June 19, 2023	Oct. 13, 2023	Oct. 23, 2023	Feb. 21, 2024
*Assignments released to the OBR's for 5 day review	July 7, 2023	Oct. 28, 2023	Oct. 28, 2023	NA**
*Round Table (with OBRs) to finalize assignments	July 12, 2023	Nov. 1, 2023	Nov. 1, 2023	NA**
*Publish V,JV assignments-4 days to accept (7 days - Fall only)	July 13, 2023	Nov. 2, 2023	Nov. 2, 2023	NA**
*Last day to accept assignments	July 21, 2022	Nov. 6, 2023	Nov. 6, 2023	4 days after publish
Publish Football assignments-7 days to accept	Mid-July			
Notify Athletic Offices & Officials Groups to make final payments/save financial reports (ArbiterPay)	Nov. 17, 2023	March 15, 2024		June 14, 2024
Delete season schedules	Dec. 8, 2023	March 29, 2024		June 26, 2024

Dates apply to the sports where multiple leagues share officials.

Fall - XC is league assigned; Girls Swim - ECIC & MM (auto-assigned), Buff, NO, NFL (league assigned), publish dates agreed to by involved Leagues

Winter - Boys Swimming is league assigned. Wrestling is League assigned -*Who goes first is determined between NFL,NO, and ECIC

Spring - Track is league assigned and the publish date is agreed to by the leagues involved.

NOTE: High school basketball assigning is scheduled until AFTER college assigning

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SOUTH: Cattaraugus & Chautauqua

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White: School / assigner responsibility			
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Officials registered & availabilities listed	June 16, 2023	Oct. 10, 2023	For B&G	Feb. 16, 2024
GVB assignments using Group 30** officials must be complete	June 18, 2023	NA	Basketball ONLY	NA
Varsity & JV assignment of officials begins	June 19, 2023	Oct. 13, 2023	Oct. 23, 2023****	Feb. 21, 2024
Publish V,JV, Mod assignments (4 days to accept)	***	***	***	***
Publish Football assignments (4 days to accept)	*	NA	NA	NA
Notify Athletic Offices & Officials Groups to make final payments/save financial reports (ArbiterPay)	Nov. 17, 2023	March 15, 2024		June 14, 2024
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* Assignments will be complete but not published until after the first meeting of the Stier Chapter of Football Officials

** Assignments from WNYGVOA (Group 30) to Ellicottville, N.Collins, Portville and W.Valley

*** Dates to be set by Southern Tier assigners

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SOUTH ASSIGNERS WHO USE AUTO-ASSIGN ARE TO COORDINATE THE DATES OF WHICH THEY INTEND TO ASSIGN WITH THE SECTION OFFICE TO AVOID CONFLICT WITH THE NORTH AUTO-ASSIGN

APPENDIX B

Classification Numbers for 2023-24 – By BEDS

(BEDS NYSPHSAA approved 11/1/2022)

Classification numbers are available on www.section6.e1b.org Under AD Toolkit, or FORMS, *Classification*
www.section6.e1b.org Under AD Toolkit, or FORMS, *Classification*

Individual Sports: Division I: 600+, Division II: 0-599						Sport Specific Classification cut-off numbers:						
Sport Specific 6 classification below:						Cheer: D1. 1: 750+, D2: 0-749 Large Squad 17-32 Small Squad 5-16						
Sport	AAA	AA	A	B	C	D	C. Country:* 4 classes A: 815+, B: 450-814, C: 255-449, D: 0-254 5/21					
Bskt B	1105+	692-1104	391-691	222-390	119-221	0-118	Field Hockey: A: 915+, B: 450-914, C: 0-449					
Bskt G	1113+	699-1112	397-698	237-396	129-236	0-128	Football: AA: 1025+, A: 665-1024, B: 385-664, C: 261-384, D: 0-260 7/22					
BB	1087+	704-1086	398-701	245-397	144-244	0-143	Ice Hockey: Large: 1000+, Small: 999 & down					
SB	1082+	692-1081	403-691	240-402	152-239	0-151	B. Lacrosse:A:1060+, B:765-1059, C:430-764, D:0-429 5/19					
Soc B	1090+	719-1089	412-718	261-411	144-260	0-143	G. Lacrosse: A: 1060+, B:775-1059, C:465-774, D:0-464 5/19					
Soc G	1082+	703-1081	406-702	251-405	141-250	0-140	B. Volleyball: Division I: 901+, Division II: 0-949 5/19					
VB G	1141+	747-1140	470-746	290-469	182-289	0-181						

School	League	BEDS 23-24	School	League	BEDS 23-24
Niagara Falls	NFL	1547	Bflo Acad Science	Indep.	332
Lancaster	ECIC	1230	Buffalo Arts Academy	Buffalo	330
Jamestown	CCAA/ECIC	1091	Buffalo Culinary Arts	Buffalo	321
Orchard Park	ECIC	1083	Southwestern	CCAA	317
Frontier	ECIC	1035	Newfane	NO	315
Lockport	NFL	1007	Lewis J Bennett	Buffalo	308
Williamsville North	ECIC	981	Riverside Academy	Buffalo	297
Hutchinson Tech	Buffalo	944	Cleveland Hill	ECIC	288
Clarence	ECIC	936	Salamanca	CCAA	288
Niagara-Wheatfield	NFL	872	Falconer	CCAA	285
McKinley	Buffalo	834	Lafayette International	Buffalo	285
West Seneca West	ECIC	830	Eden	ECIC	282
Kenmore West	NFL	822	Leonardo Da Vinci	Buffalo	282
Sweet Home	ECIC	789	WNY Maritime Charter	Indep.	281
North Tonawanda	NFL	749	John F Kennedy	ECIC	276
Hamburg	ECIC	747	Portville	CCAA	269
Williamsville East	ECIC	711	Royalton-Hartland	NO	269
Starpoint	ECIC	699	Allegany-Limestone	CCAA	267
Grand Island	NFL	666	MST Prep	Buffalo	266
Amherst	ECIC	650	Tapestry Charter School	Indep.	264
Kenmore East	NFL	645	Middle Early College	Buffalo	243
Williamsville South	ECIC	573	Wilson	NO	243
South Park	Buffalo	564	Silver Creek	CCAA	234
West Seneca East	ECIC	557	East Community	Buffalo	228
Charter/ Applied Tech	NFL	539	Gowanda	CCAA	221
Cheektowaga	ECIC	513	Frewsburg	CCAA	206
Pioneer	ECIC	513	Global Concepts Charter	Indep.	201
Lake Shore	ECIC	512	Randolph	CCAA	201
Maryvale	ECIC	482	Holland	ECIC	195
Lewiston Porter	NFL	474	Cassadaga Valley	CCAA	182
Iroquois	ECIC	467	Cattaraugus-Little Valley	CCAA	177
Dunkirk	CCAA	462	Chautauqua Lake	CCAA	176
City Honors	Buffalo	446	Barker	NO	159
International Prep	Buffalo	446	Westfield	CCAA	152
Albion	NO	440	Maple Grove	CCAA	147
Olean	CCAA	420	Research Lab	Buffalo	147
Lackawanna	ECIC	410	Brocton	CCAA	140
Tonawanda	ECIC	404	Ellicottville	CCAA	140
Depew	ECIC	402	Franklinville	CCAA	132
Springville Griffith Inst	ECIC	401	North Collins	CCAA	123
Alden	ECIC	398	Panama	CCAA	120
Burgard	Buffalo	375	Pine Valley	CCAA	117
East Aurora	ECIC	371	Forestville	CCAA	111
Frederick Olmsted	Buffalo	366	Sherman	CCAA	89
Emerson	Buffalo	363	Clymer	CCAA	87
Medina	NO	344	Academy @4	Buffalo	84
Fredonia	CCAA	339	West Valley	CCAA	48
Akron	NO	336	Pathways	Buffalo	45
Health Sciences Charter	Indep.	335			

Schools 97

APPENDIX C
Section VI NYSPHSAA, Inc.

Treasurer's Report

As of November 9, 2022

Nov 9, 22

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

1050 - Arbiter Pay	80,488.11
1030 - Bank of America Checking	162,252.85
1040 - Bank of America Money Market	225,961.39
1043 - Northwest Savings Bank	418,726.59

Total Checking/Savings	<u>887,428.94</u>
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Total Current Assets	<u>887,428.94</u>
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TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>887,428.94</u></u>
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LIABILITIES & EQUITY	0.00
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Boys Ice Hockey Fees	162,000
Girls Ice Hockey Fees	49,500
Indoor Track Fees	114,400
Dedicated Funds for States	150,000
TOTAL	475,900.00
FUND BALANCE	411,529.00

APPENDIX D

Section VI Budget 2023-2024 (DRAFT)

Actual 2021-2022		Budget 2022-2023		Projection 2023-2024	
Erie 1 BOCES		Erie 1 BOCES		Erie 1 BOCES	
Revenue		Revenue		Revenue	
Coordination Fees	\$ 367,046.00	Coordination Fees	\$ 365,000.00	Coordination Fees	\$ 382,000.00
BOCES Billing		BOCES Billing (estimate)	\$ -	BOCES Billing (estimate)	\$ -
Total Revenue	\$ 367,046.00	Total Revenue	\$ 365,000.00	Total Revenue	\$ 382,000.00
Operating Expenses		Operating Expenses		Operating Expenses	
Salaries	\$233,143.00	Salaries	\$ 234,000.00	Salaries	\$ 235,000.00
Executive Director (Mark & Timm)		Executive Director (102,405)		Executive Director (105,000)	
Office Staff (Beth & Pauline)		Office Staff (97,000)		Office Staff (100,000)	
Treasurer (30,000)		Treasurer (30,000)		Treasurer (30,000)	
Equipment	\$ 1,471.00	Equipment	\$ 1,500.00	Equipment	\$ 1,500.00
Supplies	\$ 1,247.00	Supplies	\$ 1,000.00	Supplies	\$ 1,500.00
Contract Services	\$ 72,587.00	Contract Services	\$ 100,000.00	Contract Services	\$ 80,000.00
Benefits	\$ 87,627.00	Benefits	\$ 100,000.00	Benefits	\$ 100,000.00
Computer/Technology	\$ 14,040.00	Computer/Technology	\$ 13,000.00	Computer/Technology	\$ 15,000.00
Rent/Utilities, Etc.	\$ 12,587.00	Rent/Utilities, Etc.	\$ 9,000.00	Rent/Utilities, Etc.	\$ 9,000.00
Print Shop	\$ -	Print Shop	\$ 6,000.00	Print Shop	\$ 6,000.00
Total Operating Expenses	\$422,702.00	Total Operating Expenses	\$ 464,500.00	Total Operating Expenses	\$ 448,000.00
Section VI		Section VI		Section VI	
Revenue		Revenue		Revenue	
Sports Programs		Sports Programs		Sports Programs	
Sectional	\$ 544,543.00	Sectional	\$ 500,000.00	Sectional	\$ 500,000.00
Regional	\$ 80,671.00	Regional	\$ 50,000.00	Regional	\$ 80,000.00
Boys Ice Hockey - Reg. Season	\$ 245,130.00	Boys Ice Hockey - Reg. Season	\$ 250,000.00	Boys Ice Hockey - Reg. Season	\$ 250,000.00
Girls Ice Hockey - Reg. Season/Sec	\$ 52,215.00	Girls Ice Hockey - Reg. Season/Sec	\$ 50,000.00	Girls Ice Hockey - Reg. Season/Sec	\$ 50,000.00
Indoor Track & Field - Reg. Season/Sec	\$ 75,032.00	Indoor Track & Field - Reg. Season/Sec	\$ 105,000.00	Indoor Track & Field - Reg. Season/Sec	\$ 125,000.00
State Championships	\$ 39,896.00	State Championships	\$ 50,000.00	State Championships	\$ 50,000.00
Total Sports Programs	\$ 1,037,487.00	Total Sports Programs	\$ 1,005,000.00	Total Sports Programs	\$ 1,055,000.00
General Administration		General Administration		General Administration	
Dues Collected by Section	\$ 103,310.00	Dues Collected by Section	\$ 103,000.00	Dues Collected by Section	\$ 120,000.00
Dues Collected by BOCES	\$ 367,046.00	Dues Collected by BOCES	\$ 365,000.00	Dues Collected by BOCES	\$ 400,000.00
Interest Income	\$ 346.00	Interest Income	\$ 1,000.00	Interest Income	\$ 1,000.00
Corporate Sponsorships	\$ 97,178.00	Corporate Sponsorships	\$ 100,000.00	Corporate Sponsorships	\$ 100,000.00
Media/Program AD's	\$ 5,543.00	Media/Program Sales	\$ 2,000.00	Media/Program Sales	\$ 2,000.00
Other Athletic Council Income	\$ 62,817.00	Other Athletic Council Income	\$ 15,000.00	Other Athletic Council Income	\$ 15,000.00
Total General Administration	\$ 636,240.00	Total General Administration	\$ 586,000.00	Total General Administration	\$ 638,000.00
Total Revenue	\$ 1,673,727.00	Total Revenue	\$ 1,591,000.00	Total Revenue	\$ 1,693,000.00
Operating Expenses		Operating Expenses		Operating Expenses	
Sports Programs		Sports Programs		Sports Programs	
Sectionals + Awards/Assignors	\$ 423,422.00	Sectionals + Awards/Assignors	\$ 430,000.00	Sectionals + Awards/Assignors	\$ 430,000.00
Regionals	\$ 44,458.00	Regionals	\$ 20,000.00	Regionals	\$ 50,000.00
Boys Ice Hockey	\$ 230,994.00	Boys Ice Hockey	\$ 235,000.00	Boys Ice Hockey	\$ 240,000.00
Girls Ice Hockey	\$ 46,856.00	Girls Ice Hockey	\$ 45,000.00	Girls Ice Hockey	\$ 50,000.00
Indoor Track & Field	\$ 133,889.00	Indoor Track & Field	\$ 98,000.00	Indoor Track & Field	\$ 130,000.00
State Championships	\$ 168,218.00	State Championships	\$ 150,000.00	State Championships	\$ 175,000.00
Total Sports Program Expense	\$ 1,047,837.00	Total Sports Program Expense	\$ 978,000.00	Total Sports Program Expense	\$ 1,075,000.00
General Administration/AC		General Administration/AC		General Administration/AC	
Medical Benefit (Exec. Dir.)	\$ 7,000.00	Medical Benefit (Exec. Dir.)	\$ 8,000.00	Medical Benefit (Exec. Dir.)	\$ 21,000.00
Vehicle Allowance (Exec. Dir.)	\$ -	Vehicle Allowance (Exec. Dir.)	\$ 3,600.00	Vehicle Allowance (Exec. Dir.)	\$ -
Audit/QB Services/Legal Fees	\$ 20,917.00	Audit/QB Services/Legal Fees	\$ 15,000.00	Audit/QB Services/Legal Fees	\$ 20,000.00
Mileage (Treasurer)	\$ 703.00	Mileage (Treasurer)	\$ 700.00	Mileage (Treasurer)	\$ 700.00
Meetings/Seminars/Catering	\$ 13,087.00	Meetings/Seminars/Catering	\$ 14,000.00	Meetings/Seminars/Catering	\$ 15,000.00
Sportsmanship/HOF/Veterans	\$ 10,981.00	Sportsmanship/HOF/Veterans	\$ 12,000.00	Sportsmanship/HOF/Veterans	\$ 12,000.00
Misc/Bank Fees	\$ 47,927.00	Misc/Bank Fees	\$ 1,500.00	Misc/Bank Fees	\$ 1,500.00
Chair Stipends/Insurance	\$ 41,052.00	Chair Stipends/Insurance	\$ 40,000.00	Chair Stipends/Insurance	\$ 45,000.00
Form X/Arbiter	\$ 7,909.00	Form X/Arbiter	\$ 20,000.00	Form X/Arbiter	\$ 20,000.00
Supplies/Office/Apparel/Printing	\$ 7,083.00	Supplies/Office/Apparel/Printing	\$ 10,000.00	Supplies/Office/Apparel/Printing	\$ 10,000.00
Ads/Sponsor/Donation	\$ 975.00	Ads/Sponsor/Donation	\$ 2,500.00	Ads/Sponsor/Donation	\$ 2,500.00
NYSAAA/NIAAAA/PD	\$ 3,345.00	NYSAAA/NIAAAA/PD	\$ 3,500.00	NYSAAA/NIAAAA/PD	\$ 3,500.00
Total Athletic Council	\$ 160,979.00	Total General Admin/AC Expense	\$ 130,800.00	Total General Admin/AC Expense	\$ 151,200.00
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 1,631,518.00	Total Operating Expenses	\$ 1,573,300.00	Total Operating Expenses	\$ 1,674,200.00
Change Unrestricted Net Assets	\$ 42,209.00	Change Unrestricted Net Assets	\$ 17,700.00	Change Unrestricted Net Assets	\$ 18,800.00
UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS - Begin Year	\$ 509,443.00	UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS - Begin Year		UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS - Begin Year	
UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS - End Year	\$ 551,652.00	UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS - End Year		UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS - End Year	



NYSPHSAA Safety Meeting Report

Date: September 30, 2022 @ 1pm

Topic Discussed:

1. Girls Lacrosse Headgear
2. Concussion Management Update
3. Thunder/Lightning/Tornado Policy
4. Wind Chill Policy Update
5. Modified Items – soccer mouthguards – 6th graders

Attendees:

Section I – Jim Rose
 Section 2 – Rick Knizek
 Section III – Katie Clark
 Section IV – absent
 Section V – John Lombardi
 Section VI – Matt McKenna
 Section VII – Jen Drucker
 Section VIII – Jen Keane
 Section IX – Janet Carey
 Section X – Erica Backus
 Section XI – Tim Mullins
 NYSPHSAA – Todd Nelson
 Liaisons – Aimee Brunell, Connie Griffin, Dr. O'Bryan, Tim Shay
 Guests: Liz Parry (GLAX), Jeremy Thode (GLAX), Sanjeev Chalisery (Earth Networks)

Status Updates:

1. **NYSPHSAA Jewelry Rule** – NYSPHSAA has removed the NYSPHSAA Jewelry Rule and will follow the sport specific rule as it relates to Jewelry. Beads are now allowed to be worn in any sport if they are secured to the head and do not pose any increased risk to any student athlete. Religious Headwear is allowed in any sport if it secured.
2. **Anyone Can Save a Life** – Schools are encouraged to utilize the Anyone Can Save a Life program in their interscholastic program. Team should develop an EAP in case of an emergency medical situation.
3. **BIANYS Update** – Aimee Brunell provided an update on the updates to the Concussion Management Law with the NYS Legislators. She also provided an update on a grant that BIANYS is working on with the NYSATA and an opportunity for NYSPHSAA member schools to take advantage of a Concussion Outreach Program and Education (COPE). If schools want more information, please feel free to reach out to Aimee.
4. **Tornado Policy** – NYSPHSAA did approve a Tornado Policy for regular and post season play. The policy can be found in the NYSPHSAA Handbook and on the NYSPHSAA website. The NYSPHSAA staff will include it in the coordinator manual as well.

Items Discussion/ Action Taken:

1. **Girls Lacrosse Headgear** – Todd Nelson informed the Safety Committee that the NFHS and USA Lacrosse is not inclined to mandate the use of headgear for girls' lacrosse. They will continue to monitor the situation and request further studies. Liz Parry and Jeremy Thode represented the NYSPHSAA Girls Lacrosse Committee. They expressed that the committee was unanimous that they did not want to recommend mandating head gear for girl's lacrosse. The Girls Lacrosse Committee feels the rules allow for teams and players to wear headgear if they want to and the evidence for NYS does not support the need to mandate the use of headgear. They commented that during the past 2022 Lacrosse Championship not one player chose to wear the headgear. A vast majority of the NYSPHSAA Safety Committee echoes the sentiments of the Lacrosse Committee. The Certified Athletic Trainers reported that they did not see an increase amount of head injuries in their areas and appreciated the fact that the rules did allow players to wear the headgear if they chose to do so. Aimee Brunell reported that BIANYS would support following the science and the results of the studies that have been conducted. Overall, based on the studies that have been conducted and the few amounts of head injuries in NYS neither the Girls Lacrosse Committee nor the NYSPHSAA Safety Committee are recommending the mandating of headgear for Girls Lacrosse at this time. If the national governing bodies decide to make a



change in the rules regarding headgear in girls lacrosse, then NYSPHSAA would respect and follow the rules.

2. **Possession Clock for Boys and Girls Lacrosse** – NYSPHSAA requested the NFHS discuss the possibility of instituting a rule for a possession clock in both boys and girls lacrosse. There is not a desire from NFHS to implement such a rule at this time. The NFHS has suggested that NYSPHSAA request a pilot program to the NFHS to allow for a possession clock for the 2024 season. NYSPHSAA Boys and Girls Lacrosse Committees will work in putting a request into the NFHS. Both committees feel that this will help minimize risk to student athletes, especially in the girl's lacrosse game.
3. **Lightning Policy** – The Safety Committee has discussed updating the Lightning policy to include the use of technology for several years. They examined the use of spheric maps from Earth Networks but that application was too cumbersome for users to use. Earth Networks presented a new product they have developed called spheric connect. They will provide free trial periods for anyone on the Safety Committee that would like to try the app. Spheric Connects seems to be more user friendly and warnings are based on the location of someone cell phone. Schools would need multiple licenses to give to multiple individuals during the season. There is a cost per license. Jim Rose and Jarett Rhoads have also been looking into a free app called My Lighting Tracker. This app seems to be very user friendly and there is no cost to use the app. Jim and Jarrett are still working on determining the reliability of the app. They will be contacting the company to see more information on the reliability. This topic will be on the agenda for the Spring meeting and a possible recommendation to go to the Executive Committee.
4. **Modified Recommendation** – The Safety Committee does not have any concerns with the modified recommendation to recommend the use of mouth guards by modified goalies instead of requiring the use of mouth guards for modified goalies. Jim and Todd presented a discussion item regarding the possibility of adding 6th graders to be eligible for interscholastic sports. This regulation would have to be changed by SED but the modified committee did have an initial discussion and wanted the input from the Safety Committee. Most of the committee did express concern over including 6th graders in the interscholastic program. Their concerns revolved around maturity levels of the 6th graders and the time that interscholastic sports have as compared to youth sports. They also expressed the concern that another level of teams would add more responsibility for the athletic departments. The other ancillary concern was lack of coaches and officials for another level of teams.
5. **Section Concerns** – There were no Section concerns

Future Items/Meeting:

1. Lighting Policy
2. Lacrosse Possession Clock
3. Next Meeting: **March 31, 2023 at 10am**

NYSPHSAA Modified Committee
September 30th, 2022
Fall Meeting Minutes



Attendance and Introductions

State Coordinators: Jim Rose & Judy Salerno
Secretary: Jesse Merchant
NYSPHSAA Staff: Todd Nelson

Section Representatives:

Section 1	Jesse Merchant	<i>vacant</i>
Section 2	Michael Kinney	Catie Wilson
Section 3	Matt Wood	Barbara Felice
Section 4	Joe Alger	Becca Gentile
Section 5	Brad Gertis	Jeff Onze
Section 6	Julie Arnold (<i>absent</i>)	Matt Librock
Section 7	Vicki McMullan	John Burdick
Section 8	Janine Heilbronn	Kevin Witt
Section 9	Gregory Warren	Suzanne Lenzian (<i>absent</i>)
Section 10	Tiffany Irish	Shawn Miller
Section 11	Kathy Masterson (<i>absent</i>)	Debra Ferry (<i>absent</i>)

Sport Coordinators:

Boys Baseball	Steve Nolan		
Boys Basketball	Bob Hummel	Track & Field	Vera Trenchfield
Girls Basketball	Kirk Ehrensbeck	Volleyball	Mira Martincich
Cheerleading	Alisa Pacheco (<i>absent</i>)	Wrestling	John Richard
Cross Country	Vera Trenchfield		
Field Hockey	Barbara Felice		
Football	Steve Nolan		
Gymnastics	Janice Trudeau	Principals Rep	Scott Reinhart
Ice Hockey	<i>vacant</i>		
Boys Lacrosse	John Stiso		
Girls Lacrosse	Beth Staropoli (<i>absent</i>)		
Soccer	Matt Wood		
Softball	Mike Glenn		
Swimming	John Doerner		
Tennis	Michael Gordon (<i>absent with notification</i>)		

Minutes of Spring 2022 Meeting

(A) Consider approval of the Spring 2022 Meeting minutes:

Motion to Approve: Shawn Miller/ Barbara Felice

Carried: For– 15 Against – 0 Abstention – 0

Central Committee Report – Todd Nelson and Jim Rose

Todd Nelson – The NYSPHSAA Strategic Plan was approved at the July Central Committee meeting in Lake Placid. The Strategic Plan is made up of four key initiatives:

1. Increasing Student Participation
2. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
3. Increasing the recruitment and retention of officials
 - a. School Based Officials – approved last year at July 2021 Central Committee
 - b. NYSPHSAA working to streamline the official certification process
 - i. Working with a company to provide a digital training program which could be utilized by prospective officials.
 - ii. NYSPHSAA is committed to support all chapters through this digital training program through the provision of curriculum, etc.
 - iii. Provisional Certification – begin work at the modified level only
 - iv. Ref Preps – certification process is roughly a 5-hour commitment
4. Fiscally responsible – Even with the challenges presented by COVID the Association is working hard to maintain Fiscal responsibility. This has been increasingly challenging because of the loss of revenue without state championships.

Todd also provided a brief description of a pilot program that is being developed within the Baseball associations to expose High School Juniors and Seniors to a pathway for officials certification.

Correspondence

Resignation Letter from Tami Barbour – Volunteer Secretary has stepped down

Discussion Items

None at this time

Action Items

- (A) Consider approval of keeping everything as Action Items:

Motion to Approve: Barbara Felice / Vicki McMullin

Carried: For – 3 Against – 12 Abstention – 0

- (A) Consider approval for Modified Soccer to have a single 10-minute overtime without a switchover.

Motion to Approve: Vicki McMullin / John Burdick

Defeated: For – 3 Against – 12 Abstention – 0

Rationale – expedite the game play time

Description – Concerns over moving away from the HS rules.

- (A) Consider approval of changing mandatory mouthpieces for Modified Soccer goalies to a recommendation.

Motion to Approve: John Burdick / Vicki McMullin

Carried: For – 13 Against – 2 Abstention – 0

Discussion – Safety committee did not see any convincing data to dictate

- (A) Consider approval of eliminating the 1200/2300-meter limit (Indoor/Outdoor Track & Field) and to allow entry into 4 total events with one event being a relay.

Motion to Approve: Joe Alger / Matt Librock

Carried: For – 16 Against – 0 Abstention – 0

(A) Consider approval of eliminating the 50% of the season restriction on the NYSPHSAA Promotion Standard.

Motion to Table: Barbara Felice / Shawn Miller

Carried: For – 16 Against – 0 Abstention – 0

Discussion: Representation rule is only sport specific (not level specific). All 7/8th grader would need to go through the APP process. No restriction from NYSED about when a child can go through the Fitness testing portion of the APP. The NYSPHSAA Safety committee has not reviewed this topic. They will review it later today at their regularly scheduled meeting. Should the committee instead be discussing restricting the period in which a student-athlete can perform the APP.

Go back to our sections –

Exploring the removal of the 50% limitation within the Promotion Rule.

Focus discussions around the promotion rule and not the APP regulation from NYSED

NYSPHSAA Classification –

50% regulation is based upon the team's schedule. That student must be promoted before the halfway point of your schedule. Example: in a 12-game schedule the athlete must be promoted before the conclusion of the 6th game.

Sectional Reports

Section 1	None
Section 2	Concerns over schools in certain leagues not being able to field teams
Section 3	None
Section 4	None
Section 5	None
Section 6	None
Section 7	None
Section 8	None
Section 9	Happy to see everyone back.
Section 10	None
Section 11	absent

Sports Coordinators Reports

Boys Baseball Steve Nolan
No report

Boys Basketball Bob Hummel
Clarification was requested on who is responsible for the enforcement of section specific standards at the modified level. NYSPHSAA Response – Coaches must enforce the section standards.

Girls Basketball Kirk Ehrensbeck
No report

Cheerleading Alisa Pacheco (*absent*)
No report

Cross Country Vera Trenchfield
No report

Field Hockey Barbara Felice
Sport Coordinator feels that an additional time-out has been approved but it never appeared in the Handbook.

Football Steve Nolan
No report

Gymnastics Janice Trudeau
No report

Ice Hockey *vacant*
No report

Boys Lacrosse John Stiso
Questions for Todd Nelson regarding information being provided by RefPreps. OCF representatives will get access to the curriculum and other resources at an upcoming OCF meeting led by the NYSPHSAA staff.

Girls Lacrosse Beth Staropoli (*absent*)
No report

Soccer Matt Wood
No report

Softball Mike Glenn
No report

Swimming John Doerner
No report

Tennis Michael Gordon (*absent*)
No report

Sports Coordinators Reports continued

Track & Field No report	Vera Trenchfield
Volleyball No report	Mira Martincich
Wrestling No report	John Richard

Old Business

New Business

(D) Ice Hockey

(D) Adding 6th Graders – Advocating for a change to the NYSED Regulation.

Rationale:

- This discussion is part of the “Increasing Participation” initiative within the strategic plan
- If there is interest it will likely be a 1-2 year process
- Informal discussions have occurred with Section Executive Directors, etc.
- Recommendation would be to wait until the next Executive Committee meeting to get their blessing on creating a sub-committee.

Discussion:

- Concerns about safety of having a 6th grader and 6/7, 8/9 and 10-12
- The original model was based on Junior Highs (789) and has not changed based upon changes toward Middle Schools (5678)
- APP is built to go in both directions
- Scott Reinhart – Middle Level Liaisons – Most principals seemed to be in support of including 6th graders. Flexibility is important in providing the setting for success. Encourages everyone to use him as a resource.
- Matt Librock – Currently also a MS assistant principal – Fully in support and supports the idea of forming a sub-committee to examine.
- Modified committee was asked to get feedback from their sections regarding 6th graders participating on modified teams and submit a report to Jim, Judy, Jesse and Todd no later than December 20, 2022.

(D) Barbara Felice would like to have our next meeting in person.

Spring Meeting Date

Thursday March 30th, 2023

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn: Joe Alger / Barbara Felice

Carried: For – 15 Against – 0 Abstention – 0

New York State Public High School Athletic Association



Executive Committee Meeting – October 19, 2022

Handbook Committee – Removing the NYSPHSAA Note under Mixed Competition

- Action Item
 Discussion Item
 Informational Item

Action Item
in Feb

Presenter:

Pat Pizzarelli, Handbook Chairperson

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Handbook Committee is recommending removing the following NYSPHSAA Note under Mixed Competition regulation in the NYSPHSAA Handbook.

"NYSPHSAA Note: This clause is to meet the need of the exceptionally talented girl".

Effective Start Date:

When approved by the Executive Committee

Rationale:

Mixed Competition is an SED regulation. The NYSPHSAA Note is an opinion by NYSPHSAA on a regulation that we have no jurisdiction over this regulation. This could cause some issues for our member schools and NYSPHSAA if we were challenged on this language.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Handbook Committee

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

None.

Attachments:

None

New York State Public High School Athletic Association

Executive Committee Meeting – October 19, 2022



FOOTBALL – Amend Guidelines for Combined Practices for 11-Man

- Action Item
- Discussion Item
- Informational Item

Action Item

Presenter:

Gary Vanderzee, NYSPHSAA Football Coordinator

Proposal

The NYSPHSAA Football Committee is seeking approval of an amendment to the Combined Practice guidelines for 11-man football.

Effective Start Date

August 19, 2023

Rationale

In 2019 the NYSPHSAA Football State Committee established guidelines for interschool practices. Five items make up the framework of these guidelines. Items d) and e) are being proposed to be revised.

CURRENT GUIDELINES:

- a) Coaches are to instruct their own players.
- b) "Full Live" contact is permitted but not required.
- c) Athletes/Teams may not participate in a combined practice unless they previously completed five (5) days of practice.
- d) While working on team situational aspects, drills may not exceed seven (7) players from either team. This will allow for teams to conduct a 7 v 7 period for skill positions or it may be designed to focus on an inside run package to emphasize offensive/defensive line play.
- e) Schools using more than seven (7) players in a team drill will be in violation of this rule.

PROPOSED CHANGES:

- d) While working on team situational aspects, drills may not exceed a maximum of nine (9) players from either team. This will allow for teams to conduct a 9 v 9 period for skill positions or it may be designed to focus on an inside run package to emphasize offensive/defensive line play.
- ** 8-Man Football teams will only be allowed a maximum of seven (7) players from either team.
- e) 11-Man teams using more than nine (9) players in a team drill will be in violation of this rule.
8-Man teams using more than seven (7) players in a team drill will be in violation of this rule.

The rationale for the request centers on allowing teams to work on inside run play with a full line. Currently, with the 7 v 7 rule in place, a team that uses a tight end with two running backs can't run full line drills. They would need to use 5 linemen plus the tight end and quarterback and they are already at the maximum of 7 without counting the running backs. As a result, teams are forced to go half line and not incorporate any backside linemen. Most teams utilize pulling lineman from the back side when

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executing inside run play. If the rule is modified to read a maximum of 9 players, teams could use 5 linemen, a tight end, and 2 running backs to get a true evaluation and a more productive drill.

When the state committee established these guidelines, the 7 v 7 rule was put in for two reasons:

1. There needed to be a clear distinction that these drills were not actually scrimmages with 11 on 11 so the decision was made to max out at 7 v 7 so it would be clear to all, it was not an 11 on 11 full team scrimmage. We believe modifying this rule will still accomplish that same premise while allowing for a more productive teaching period for athletes. Anyone viewing this period will still note the offense has no wide receivers and the defense has no defensive backs. It will still be evident to all that this is not an 11 on 11 situation.
2. If more than 7 v 7 was permitted, 8-Man teams would have a full line-up thus making it a scrimmage. With that, we would only be asking for this modification be implemented for 11-Man football.

It should also be noted the original decision to max at 7 v 7 had nothing to do with safety. As mentioned, it was simply put in so there was a distinction between the combined practice and a scrimmage. This change would still honor that premise.

Proposal Originated

The NYSPHSAA Football Committee on March 29, 2022

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes

None

Attachments

None

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Boys Wrestling – 2023-2024 Weight Classes

ACTION ITEM FEB

- Action Item
- Discussion Item
- Informational Item

Presenter:
Marty Sherman, Boys Wrestling Coordinator

Proposal:
The NYSPHSAA Boys Wrestling Committee is recommending using the following NFHS weight classes plus a NYSPHSAA lower weight. The weight classes would be 101 (NYSPHSAA), 108, 116, 124, 131, 138, 145, 152, 160, 170, 190, 215, 285.

Effective Start Date:
2023-2024 season

Rationale:
The NFHS has given the State Associations the option to select 12, 13, or 14 weight classes. The committee feels that the NFHS 12 weight classes is best suited for NYS. The committee also feels that NYS has had a lower weight class for many decades and many Sections would like to keep a lower weight class.

Proposal Originated:
NYSPHSAA Wrestling Committee

Budgetary Impact:
None, this is in line with the number of weight classes currently being offered.

Notes:
The committee voted 7-4 to approve this recommendation. Sections 2,3,7 and 8 were opposed.

Attachments:
None

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Boys Wrestling – Division Cut-Off Numbers

- Action Item
- Discussion Item
- Informational Item

Action Item

Presenter:

Marty Sherman, Boys Wrestling Coordinator

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Boys Wrestling Committee is recommending that Boys Wrestling become a variation sport and is recommending having the Division cut-off numbers be 600 and above Division 1 and 599 and below being Division 2.

Effective Start Date:

2023-2024 season

Rationale:

The new format to determine the classification cut-off numbers for non-variation sports in two division sports is 40% of the teams in Division 1 and 60% of the teams in Division 2. The Boys Wrestling Committee is concerned with the imbalance of the two Divisions. The Boys Wrestling Committee would like to keep the divisions balanced and the cut-off numbers being 600 and above for Division 1 and 599 and below being Division 2.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Wrestling Committee

Budgetary Impact:

None.

Notes:

The committee voted unanimously to approve this recommendation.

Attachments:

None

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Girls Flag Football – High School Sport Standards

- Action Item
- Discussion Item
- Informational Item

Action Item

Presenter:

Todd Nelson, Assistant Director

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Girls Flag Football Committee is recommending the following High School Sport Standards for Girls Flag Football.

- Minimum 6 practices to represent your school
- Maximum 16 games during the regular season
- 1 night rest between contests
- 1 contest allowed per day
- NFHS Football Rules plus NYSPHSAA Rules
- 1 scrimmage per day

Effective Start Date:

Spring 2023

Rationale:

As an emerging sport, Girls Flag Football needs to establish High School Sport Standards. These standards are the same as Girls Lacrosse Standards.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Girls Flag Football Committee

Budgetary Impact:

None.

Notes:

None.

Attachments:

None

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Girls Flag Football – NFHS/NYSPHSAA Playing Rules

- Action Item
- Discussion Item
- Informational Item

ACTION ITEM

Presenter:

Todd Nelson, Assistant Director

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Girls Flag Football Committee is recommending following the NFHS Football playing rules along with the NYSPHSAA Girls Flag Football Rules.

Effective Start Date:

Spring 2023

Rationale:

During the pilot program in the Spring of 2022 the participating teams used the NFHS Football rules along with NYSPHSAA Girls Flag Football Rules. The committee did review all of the rules and made minor adjustments to them for the 2023 season.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Girls Flag Football Committee

Budgetary Impact:

None.

Notes:

None.

Attachments:

NYSPHSAA Playing Rules

GIRLS FLAG FOOTBALL– ESTABLISH A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP IN 2024

- Action Item
- Discussion Item
- Informational Item

Action Item

Presenter:

Joe Altieri, NYSPHSAA Assistant Director
Todd Nelson, NYSPHSAA Assistant Director

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Staff and Girls Flag Football Committee is seeking to conduct a state championship starting in spring 2024.

Effective Start Date:

Week #48 in Spring 2024

Rationale:

Due to Girls Flag Football meeting the criteria of six sections with four or more programs, a state championship may be established per the NYSPHSAA Championship Philosophy.

Proposal Originated:

The NYSPHSAA Girls Flag Football Committee met for the first time on September 14, 2022.

Budget Impact:

There will be travel expenses for schools to send a flag football team to a state championship in addition to NYSPHSAA incurring expenses to rent a venue, pay for officials and awards, travel, and also pay for other associated state tournament expenses. Additionally, schools/sections/NYSPHSAA will generate revenue from admissions at local games, Section tournaments and the State Tournament to help offset budgets.

Other

Each section will send a representative to a Regional competition (see proposed regions below) for the right to advance to the State Semifinals/Finals. Teams will be made up of 15-30 players and follow the NFHS Football Rules supplemented by the NYSPHSAA Flag Football rules. They will also adopt all high school sports standards as published in the NYSPHSAA handbook.

The schedule is proposed as follows:

State Semifinals/Finals	Week #48 – Games on Fri & Sat <u>OR</u> Sat & Sun
Regionals	Week #47 – Games on Friday, Saturday or Sunday
Section Tournament	Week #46 – Games days to be determined by the section

Proposed Regions:	North Sections: II, III, VII, X	South Sections: VIII, XI
	West Sections: V, VI	East Sections: I, IV, IX

****tentative; subject to change***

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Venues:

Section Tournaments and Regional game sites will be determined by sections. Regional rotations will be set up by the committee and approved by CAC and Executive Committee. The State Semifinals/Finals will be determined by a bid process at least one year prior to the event date, approved by the Executive Committee.

Awards:

Certificates for Regionals, Semi-Finalists and Finals will be distributed. Championship t-shirts, 1st place medals, plaques, Final Four bracket boards and champion boards will be awarded to team champions. Finalists will be awarded medals and plaques. Semi-finalists will receive plaques. Sportsmanship shirts will be awarded to one athlete from each participating State Tournament team. A maximum number of team personnel will be established to allow for a budgeted quantities of awards.

Staff/Officials:

NYSPHSAA Staff will oversee and manage the planning of this event with consultation with the state coordinator and committee. The state coordinator shall oversee gameday operations on the field with assistance from NYSPHSAA and the state committee.

Game officials will be determined using Officials Fees & Policies procedures, established by CAC, and will be similar to girls lacrosse procedures.

CAC Feedback:

No concerns at this time (discussion).

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2023-2024 Membership Dues

- Action Item
- Discussion Item
- Informational Item

Presenter:

Dr. Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director

Effective Start Date:

2023-2024 School year

Details:

The following increase of NYSPHSAA membership dues will be included within the NYSPHSAA Budget to be voted on at the May Executive Committee meetings.

Year 1 – 2023-2024

\$900 + .90/student over 300

Year 2 – 2024-2025

\$950 + .95/student over 300

Year 3 – 2025-2026

\$1000 + \$1/student over 300

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Sportsmanship: NYSPHSAA Spectator Sportsmanship Regulation

- Action Item
- Discussion Item
- Informational Item

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DISCUSS in FEB
POSSIBLE ACTION in MAY

Presenter:
Todd Nelson, NYSPHSAA Assistant Director

Proposal:
The NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Committee is recommending adding the following NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Spectator Regulations to the Handbook.

“Any negative, inappropriate, derogatory comments or actions that brings direct attention to a supervisor or school administrator by a spectator or group of spectators are required to be addressed by the host school, Sectional or NYSPHSAA representative in the following non-sequential order depending on the comments or behavior:

- First warning – Directing the spectator or group of spectators to refrain from any negative comments or actions.
- Second warning – A personal discussion with the spectators or group of spectators on the above NYSPHSAA expectations and reminding the spectators or group of spectators of the next step, removal of the game or event, will be utilized if the behavior continues.
- Removal from the contest – The spectator or group of spectators will be directed to leave the facility for the remainder of the game or event. If spectators or group of spectators refuse to leave the game or event, play will be stopped until they vacate the premise.

Penalty for being removed from a game or event: Any spectator removed from a game or event will have a minimum penalty of completing the NFHS Parent Credential course or a one game suspension before they are allowed to attend any interscholastic event, home or away. Once the course is completed the spectator will provide a certificate of completion to the athletic department office. Schools are required to communicate with the offending spectator on the NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Spectator Expectations.

- Depending on the severity of the behavior/comments or future disqualifications by the offending spectator NYSPHSAA and the Section may get directly involved in the situation.

Note: A school may take any or all these actions during or after an interscholastic contest.

Effective Start Date:
Fall 2022

How do WE Administer THIS
Are Supes & BOE's in FAVOR of THIS

DATE REVISED: June 17, 2022

APPENDIX I



Sportsmanship Committee Meeting Report

Date: September 22, 2022 @ 1pm via ZOOM

Topic Discussed:

1. Sportsmanship Banner/Plaque Award Winners
2. NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Expectation Statement
3. NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Regulation Proposal
4. Officials/School Serious Complaint Form

Attendees:

Section I – Jesse Merchant
Section 2 –
Section III – Matt Wood
Section IV – Patti Murphy
Section V –
Section VI – Jim Graczyk
Section VII – Brent Denis
Section VIII – Jim Amen
Section IX – Adam Kless
Section X – Rose Bronchetti
Section XI – Jeremy Thode
NYSPHSAA – Todd Nelson, Kristen Jadin

Not present:

Curtis Wilkinson (2), Paul Lahue (V),
Doug Ames (VI)

Status Updates:

1. Stay in the Game Decals – Stay in the Game decals have been delayed as the vendor increased prices exponentially. Kristen and Todd are in the process of finding another option. If schools have full banners or schools need new banners, we have a few left in our office. Section X won the section competition (highest percentage of schools who did not have any disqualifications).

Items Discussion/ Action Taken:

1. Sportsmanship Banner/Plaque Award Winners – Todd handed out plaque awards to most sections. Recognized four schools as the Banner Award winners (Shelter Island (XI), James I. O’Neill (IX), Lisbon (X), Olmstead (VI)). Congratulations to all the schools.
2. NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Expectation Statement – Has been presented to Central Committee. Two minor changes made to it by Central committee – use the word critical in terms of official shortage and to remove “*“NYSPHSAA understands and recognizes officials, just like student athletes and coaches, are not going to be perfect 100% of the time.”*” Item to be voted on in October. Do not anticipate any issues with it being approved.
3. NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Regulation Proposal – This topic has been discussed at AD Workshops and Athletic Council meetings and there are some concerns. Concern is regarding how we are going to manage it and how much support athletic administrators are going to get from their administration. Another concern is does the penalty go across the board for all levels? Todd asked for feedback from Section XI and VIII because this is already implemented in their section. Jeremy – just when we suspend kids from a game, if caught, penalty extended? Monitoring it may include it being the next home game. Dr. Masera is bringing this to the Superintendents Council. When effort is put in, it works. Jim Amen – Put that into effect to empower ADs. No concern with support with administration. If it gets to that point, must defend through the section. Jeremy - Section or the course – most people wouldn’t want to sit out of a student’s next game. Motivation to give an option.. Todd – maybe change the proposal to disqualified from next home game? Easier to manage. Patti – after discussion with superintendents, instead of a game, they suggest a length of time (a month). Home team’s responsibility to manage. If someone takes the course, then released sooner. Jim A. – Home team option is a good option. Further discussion ensued. Jesse – Section I thought it was important for it to be the next game. However, there is concern with it being unenforceable. Todd – Maybe if they do not serve their penalty, then adding on may help with the situation. Jeremy - Failure to abide by suspension results in additional consequences. Dr. Zayas is going to suggest postponing vote on regulation so we can talk to different groups. Begin in Fall of 2023. Gives everyone opportunity to educate necessary individuals. Jim A. – Trying to address a sportsmanship issue so why wait? Discussion



ensued regarding incorrectly disqualifying a student. Sections are handling this differently. Patti and Rose believe if official makes the call, then the call should stand. Adam – written right in their policy. Todd N. – No member school or section has the ability to set aside NYSPHSAA rules and regulations.

4. Officials/School Serious Complaint Form – Finalizing for schools and officials. Concerns coming directly to Todd, and he will follow up.
5. Section Concerns
 - a. Section I – Physical fight occurs – maybe extend beyond one game. Use the same for incident of bias that occurs on field. Jesse will put language together for Spring meeting.
 - b. Section III – Similar questions and concerns with proposal. Delaying it will be helpful.
 - c. Section IV – Still working on wording with Superintendents and boards.
 - d. Section VI – None.
 - e. Section VII – None.
 - f. Section VIII – Language regarding race and ethnicity.
 - g. Section IX – None.
 - h. Section X – Working on own sportsmanship program in Section X.
 - i. Section XI – Start issues on social media prior to games. Too many coaches getting misconducts, increase game penalty. Messaging – talk to people at games about officials being harassed. Long Island Nets partners with Team Up for Unity. Leadership conference – 4 kids from every school. Let kids collaborate.

Future Items/Meeting:

1. Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 4, 2023 @ 1pm via ZOOM

APPENDIX J

MINUTES

NYSPPHSAA Boys & Girls Winter Track & Field Committee Meeting Tuesday, August 30, 2022 @ 1:00 pm via Zoom

Attendees: Section 2 - Doug Hadley (B), Bob Wallen (G); Section 3 - Rob Tuttle (G), Dan Reid (G Asst); Section 4 - Neil DeRaiche; Section 5 - Bob Goodell (B), Dave Hennessey (G); Section 6 - Emilio Mancini (G); Section 7 - Sean Gantner (G); Section 8 - Dennis Kornfield (B), Kristin Frazer (G); Section 9 - Mike White (B), Dave Feuer (G); Section 10 - John Tebo (B); Section 11 - Tony Toro (B), James Christian (G); CHSAA - Stephanie Irving (G); Officials - Bob Headwell; Ocean Breeze - Lou Vazquez and Lauren Primerano; MileSplit - Kyle Brazeil; NYSPPHSAA - Joe Altieri, Chris Watson, Joe deGuzman, Dr. Robert Zayas

1. Coordinators Kristin Frazer and Dave Hennessey welcomed everyone into the meeting at 1:01 pm. Dave also noted it is different without Oscar on the call and welcomed Kristin to her new role as Boys State Coordinator.
2. Kristin asked if anyone is missing on the directory to please let Kristin and Dave know of updates for contact information. They would like to keep an updated contact list.

3. NYSPPHSAA Staff Reports:

Joe Altieri:

- a. Welcomed Kristin as the new Boys State Coordinator. Also thanked Neil DeRaiche and Bob Wallen for serving on the interview committee; was first time having an appointment committee and set the bar high for all future committees.
- b. NYSPPHSAA Strategic Plan - will be posted on the NYSPPHSAA website soon. He noted the 4 initiatives NYSPPHSAA would be focused on the next 5 years (growth in participation, officials recruitment/retention, financial stability, DEI)
- a. Nominations for the NYSPPHSAA Hall of Fame - submissions required to be online by January 29, 2023.
- b. Indoor Track State Meet bid goes through 2023 for Ocean Breeze hosting. The RFP will be going out soon for 2024-2026. There will be a 30-60 day window for Sections and/or facilities to submit a bid. Goal is to release the RFP in September after the committee determines a good day to meet in November or December via Zoom. NYSPPHSAA will send the bids to the Committee a day or two before the meeting so they can review in advance. Kristin will send out a poll to the committee to determine a meeting date and time. In January, the CAC would discuss the bids then in February, the Executive Committee will vote.
- c. Congratulated Lou, Lauren and the committee on an outstanding 2022 meet.

Chris Watson:

- a. The state meet is pretty standard every year from an operations standpoint. He will work with Kristin and Dave on ordering athlete/coach badges.
- b. He announced, at this time there are no NYSPPHSAA policies on COVID restrictions.
- c. There was a ton of signage that helped with the entry process. It was the best year so far with entry procedures and we will continue that process.

Robert Zayas:

- a. We are now abiding by NFHS rules regarding jewelry. We no longer have a prohibition against jewelry. This information has been communicated with Officials Organizations.

Joe DeGuzman:

- a. MF Athletic has renewed their sponsorship for 3 more years.
- b. He introduced Kyle Brazeil from MileSplit who had a brief report.

Mile Split: He explained the big change last year was the rolling deadline for relay names which seemed to work well. No other changes to the platform, but rejecting athletes will be an easier process. He also wanted the committee to know that the Outdoor Committee is looking to have their entries be more coach driven and entered.

Joe Altieri on behalf of Todd Nelson and Chris Joyce (absent with notice):

- a. Due to a positive response and experience, state tournaments will once again have a digital event program. CP Sportswear will continue to provide apparel.
- b. Digital ticketing will also continue for 2023. The procedure went well in 2022.

Joe Altieri on behalf of Kristin Jadin (on maternity leave)

- a. He noted she will return from maternity leave in late September and will be back to working on Championship Operations Packets. Feedback is always welcome.

4. Ocean Breeze Update - Lauren Primerano/Lou Vasquez

- a. The track is being re-surfaced by the end of October with the newest Mondo surface installed. Ocean Breeze will be getting a second scoreboard; it is not certain of when it will be installed. Joe asked about entry procedures due to COVID, etc? Lauren explained that NYC has lifted all COVID protocols and OBAC is back to pre-COVID procedures. Kristin asked if Coaches and Spectators would need to be vaccinated? Lauren said there is not a mandate for that currently.

5. Committee Business:

- a. Dave reiterated that the Jewelry rule has been eliminated.
- b. Standards - Dave noted we have not revised them lately. Last year we did not change the standards due to COVID. Dave has a document with prior years results that we can utilize to update standards. He suggested we may need to look into two separate standards for Flat and Banked Tracks. **Bob Wallen (2) made a motion to retain the current standards. Mike White (9) seconded. The motion passed unanimously to maintain the current standards and review them next year. Dave will send out the standards soon.** Chris Watson asked to have them sent to him as well so he can post on the NYSPHSAA website.
- c. State Meet Recap: Kristin reviewed the document that was compiled at last year's championship meet titled Reflections 2022. Some items to note:
 - 1. Coaches gate pass list will be due by Wednesday.
 - 2. Seeding meetings will be together and will be done event by event. This will eliminate any Coordinator who is both genders from having to run back and forth and miss any information.
 - 3. As in 2022 for LJ/TJ, the Girls will be jumping towards the finish line. There was discussion regarding Boards being put down and tape on the floor. OBAC staff have been trained to pick up tape each day. Lauren will do her best to let them know to leave the tape on Friday.

4. Conversions for Boys was changed at the 3/6/20 State Meeting to allow conversions for the Boys for the Mile and 2 Mile. Kyle offered to send a link to the conversion calculator from MileSplit. It also has a conversion for Flat to Banked tracks.
5. Lauren approved the use of a new Multi-Purpose Room for our meeting to avoid the commotion of set up and arrival.
6. Random seeding for the 1,000 m and up was voted on unanimously at the 10/21/19 State Meeting at the NYSPHSAA Offices.
7. Separate Committee and Media areas. Keep Committee where we have been and have the Media set up on the other platform near the PV (has outlets for power).
8. Girls will be competing first for 2023 followed by Boys (except the 55H Final)
9. Hospitality Room: Lou offered this and noted its up to NYSPHSAA if they want to provide refreshments in a room for that use. Lauren mentioned there was a mess left around the track under officials chairs and asked the State to encourage officials to take a 15-minute break to eat in the room instead of out of the track in view of the public. Bob Headwell explained that the Officials try to eat while Field events are warming up so they don't delay the meet and leave events unmanned. Joe stated we don't want delays in our event so he asked Bob to ensure Officials clean up after themselves.
10. High Jump - let Ocean Breeze staff set up. Plan on starting around 12:00 for 2023.
11. Lower Height Pole Vault Pit will start around 1:00 pm
12. Discussion regarding coaches wanting to choose PV pit for their athletes. Coordinators should ask at their Qualifier Meet what height Pole Vaulters would like to start at. Kyle will try to have a spot on the form for starting height.
13. Entry to Ocean Breeze. Chris Watson asked that any Section that will be handing out packets/bibs/credentials on Saturday morning to provide Coaches or themselves to handle that task. He also requested radios for communication and noted NYSPHSAA will bring empty boxes and/or envelopes for Sections and the distribution.
14. A request was made to have a line for athletes in addition to coaches.
15. Awards: Mike White stated last year the help was fantastic. We will again have a sign up sheet at our Friday meeting for Sections to sign up for times to assist with awards. It was emphasized the importance of corralling athletes to the awards area and keeping them away from the runways.
16. Requests/Proposals/Questions/Concerns:
 - a) Dave explained that after much discussion a number of years ago it was decided to bring back 12 athletes to the final of the 300 m and 8 for the 4X4 and 4X2 due to it being proportional to the field.
 - b) Mike White (9) made a motion to continue to bring back 12 athletes to the 300 m Final but move to a 3 heat Final. Times 9-12 would be in Heat 1; Times 5-8 would be in Heat 2; and times 1-4 would be in Heat 3. Bob Wallen (2) seconded. Much discussion took place regarding running in lane 1, keeping 2 heats BUT changing who ran in certain lanes. After discussion a vote took place on the motion. The vote was 13 for the motion and 2 against. The motion passed.**
 - c) Regarding the athlete in the 1,00m run, Bob Headwell explained it was done to allow an athlete an opportunity to compete.
 - d) Regarding the High Jump athlete, Dave explained that the bar was never lowered; it was held up from being raised.

- e) Discussion took place about waiting for athletes and looking for athletes as well as time excused from an event. Bob Headwell explained it is a Games Committee decision to determine the amount of time to be excused from an event.

Section Poll:

Section 2 - 10 minutes

Section 3 - 10-15 minutes

Section 4 - 10 minutes

Section 5 - 15 minutes

Section 6 - 10 minutes

Section 7 - 10 minutes

Section 8 - 10 minutes

Section 9 - 10 minutes

Section 11 - 10 minutes

Kristin said she would share a document from Section 8 with their procedure and wording for everyone to review and consider.

d..Wheelchair standards/races vs standards/races for other impairments: Dave asked why we limit this to only wheelchair athletes and why not other impairments? Chris suggested we as a committee, if interested, can make a proposal. Dave and Kristin can set up a time to meet with NYSPHSAA office staff. Joe suggested reaching out to Todd Nelson as he handles the Unified program at NYSPHSAA.

e. Dave Hennessey made a motion to rename the Weight Throw in honor of the late Oscar Jensen who contributed over 50 years to the sport. Bob Wallen (2) seconded. The committee unanimously voted in favor of this recommendation. Joe explained that NYSPHSAA has never named any state championship event after anyone before and its a big ask but will bring it back to NYSPHSAA and get back to the committee. It was asked if medals could be engraved with Oscar's name. Chris Watson indicated probably not with tje medals having one design for all sports.

f. Miss an event = out of remainder of meet - this was covered during the Reflections.

Doug Haldey (2) made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:13 pm; Second by _____

Minutes respectfully taken by Assistant Coordinator Bob Wallen; reviewed by Coordinators & NYSPHSAA Staff



**NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL
ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION INC.
WRESTLING COMMITTEE
STATE WRESTLING COMMITTEE**



MINUTES:

FALL MEETING- CONFERENCE CALL

09/20/22

In Attendance:

NYS Chairman	Marty Sherman	
Section 1 Chair	Jamie Block	Horace Greeley HS
Section 2 Chair	John Vishneowski	
Section 3 Chair	Brad Hamer	
S3 Asst. Chair	Bill Kays	
Section 4 Chair	Rick Armstrong	
S4 Asst. Chair	Jeff Nolan	Windsor High School
Section 5 Chair	Bill Hadsell	Geneva High School
S5 Asst. Chair	Chris Bourne	
Section 6 Chair	Mike DeBarbieri	
S6 Asst Chair	Israel Martinez	
Section 7 Chair	Gary Edwards	Peru High School
S7 Asst Chair	Rob Witkiewicz	
Section 8 Chair	John Mankowich	Jericho HS
Section 9 Chair	Jeff Cuiilty	Cape Cod
S9 Asst Chair	Eric Hartmann	Warwick Valley
Section 10 Chair	Randy Morrison	Gouverneur HS
Section 11 Chair	Matt DeVincenzo	Comsewogue
AIS Asst	Jim Regan	
AIS Asst	Jason Edwards	Hackley

Guests:

NYS Asst Dir	Joe Altieri	
NYS Asst Dir	Todd Nelson	
NYS Asst Dir	Kristen Jayden	
Dir Communication	Chris Watson	
Dir Foundation/Mkt	Chris Joyce	
NYSWOA	Frank Marotta	
NYSWOA	Fred Brown	
PA Chairman	Mark Byers	
NYS Seeding Com	Ed Ramirez	
<u>Absent:</u>		
NYS Exec Dir	Robert Zayas	
Teall Prop Group	Joe DeGuzman	
NYSWOA-Pres	Nicholas Graziano	
NYSWOA	Mike Stephens	
S1 Asst. Chair	Bob Bernarducci	Pleasantville HS
S2 Asst. Chair	Chad Languish	Schenectady HS
S8 Asst Chair	Peter Cardone	
S11 Asst Chair	Bob Panariello	
CHS Chair	Tom Straehle	Iona Prep
CHS Asst Chair	Pat Kennedy	St Joseph's Collegiate
CHS Asst Chair	Dave Ironman	Msgr Farrell
PSAL Chair	Ken Bigley	
AIS Chairman	Carmine Giovino	

AGENDA: (Blue highlighted items= new information for 2022-23)

(Red highlighted items= action needed between now and next meeting)

a. Introductions

- a. Welcome Mark Byers (PA Wrestling State Chairman).

b. Joe Altieri:

- a. **There are NO Covid restrictions for any of the state tournaments or venues.**
- b. Update: Future Championships Site Bid-Duals thru 2024, Individual through 2025.

c. State Tournament Venue and Lodging- (same as 2022)

For NYS Duals Syracuse: Doubletree and Crowne Plaza will be hosts.

Doubletree Hotel (Sections 2, 6, 7, 8, 11)

Linda Benn, 315-431-2207, linda.benn@hilton.com

Crown Plaza Syracuse (Sections 1, 4, 5, 9, 10)

Jenna Godlewski, 315-703-1912, jgodlewski@cpsyracuse.com

Chairmen need to reply to Joe on:

- Are there any sections going back to 2 athletes per room like during Covid?
- Chairmen should contact their NYS Duals hotels soon to make preliminary reservations for the number of rooms that are estimated to be needed. Do not contact hotels for the individual state championship yet as Holiday Inn Express downtown has decreased their block size and NYSPHSAA is working on a replacement.
- d. **NYSPHSAA Hall Of Fame Class of 2023 deadline Jan 29, 2023 for nominations.**
- e. **NYSPHSAA Strategic 5 year Plan: four Initiatives will be on: Equity/Diversity/Inclusion, Financial stability, Recruitment and retention of officials, and Increase in Student Athlete participation.**

III. Robert Zayas:

- a. N/A

IV. Todd Nelson

- a. Update on: Classification-Ad hoc committee that looked at classification numbers. What was the result of the February 2022 vote for 40% of the schools be in D1 and 60% be in D2 for the 2023-24 school year. This would cause approximately 36 schools to move from D1 to D2. (see data below: Old Business)
Motion #1: Brad Hamer-Section 3- Wrestling will become a “variation sport” for 2023-24 with current cutoff numbers of 600+ for D1 and 599 and below for D2 (to best keep approximately the same number of schools in each Division).
Passed: Unanimously
- b. State Tournament Program Changes-**All programs will be free of charge and digital in 2022-23.** A QR code will be available at the tournament for spectators to click on. **Data for programs needs to be received by the Monday prior to the tournaments.** Updated brackets for Day 2 and prior to finals will be available as well as a finalized bracket when concluded for those that request.
- c. InBody scale certifications: The InBody120 automatically starts booting when it is turned on. While booting, it performs a self-weight calibration. This happens every time the unit is turned on. **To get the scale certified you must contact your County Bureau of Weight and Measures (as you would for a regular scale).**
- d. (NWCA-Track Wrestling): Status of In-Body training: **Todd will schedule a meeting with all consultants and Track in mid-October for an update on using the equipment.** NYS website has a 45- minute video available for InBody Training.
- e. **An updated download link and documentation will be sent in mid-October to the assessors that have the InBody units with the Lookin Body 120 software that integrates with Track.**
NWCA contact info:
OPC-Questions: **Dr. Jackie Paquette** Email: JPaquete@nwca.cc **717-653-8009 X103**
Track-Questions: **Eve Duncan** Email: Eve.Duncan@FloSports.tv
- f. Inbody Laser Height measuring devices are available for \$149.
Link is: <https://inbodyusa.com/products/push-stadiometer/>
NYSWC recommends all sections use this device for measuring height so that all heights throughout the state are calculated consistently.
- g. Current Assessors Handbook on NYSPHSAA **will be updated on website.**
- h. **Current approved Assessor List is for 2022-23 will be updated on website.**
- i. Current skin form should read: **“For use during 2022-23Season”** and will be updated on website.

- j. Updated: Form01-NYS-ParentAwarenessForm for wt certifications will be updated on website.
- k. As our current 2-year pilot has now expired, the committee has decided to extend it thru 2022-23. Executive committee will officially vote on this in October.
- l. For the 2023-24 season, NYSWC needs to determine if NYS wants to follow the NFHS 12 weight class proposal (and add an additional 13th weight class at the start). At the 8/8/22 Conference Call, Jeff Cuiilty-S9 has provided an estimate of how many wrestlers could be at each of the new weight classes based on 2021-22 actual participation. After discussion: Committee has decided to go with either the 12-weight class proposal (with the addition of a 101 pound weight class, or the 13-weight class proposal. NYS would have a total of 13 weight classes either way.

Motion #2: Mike DeBarbari-S6: For the 2023-24 season NYS will adopt the following 12+1 weight classes:

101	108	116	124	131	138	145	152	160	170	190	215	285
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In Favor: Sections: 1,4,5,6,9,10,11

Opposed: Sections: 2,3,7,8

Minimum weights for 7th and 8th graders based on new weight classes will be determined at the spring meeting.

NYS will not be adopting the NWCA 13 weight class option:

107	114	121	127	133	139	145	152	160	172	189	215	285
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m. Discussion of implementation of the NWCA 1.5% weight loss plan:

- **Mark Byers-(PA Wrestling Chairman)**-Input on 1.5% system that PA has used for past 4 seasons. Their weight certs begin 6 weeks prior to first competition up until the Monday prior to the first competition. No certs are allowed after January 15. They allow a one-time appeal using hydrostatic weighing. All weigh-ins are required to be entered (even if the wrestler did not wrestle that day). It is possible to make a weight class on the scale but not be allowed to wrestle at the weight they weighed in at as their decent plan did not allow them to be that low. It is possible to have never wrestled at the weight class they will enter for post-season. PA used the Growth allowance but not the honor weigh In procedure. Weigh In form codes are: EWC-Eligible Wt class EWW-Eligible Wrestling Weight

The 50% printout: Track now has the ability to print a 50% report showing a team roster and for each wrestler how many weigh-ins they had, what weights they were at, and what their allowed 50% rule weight class would be for post-season. If NYS were to take advantage of this report, the current spreadsheet we use each year to track 50% weigh-ins would no longer be needed. In addition, this would be a great transition for coaches (should NYS move to the 1.5% method in 2023-24) as each coach would have to get in the habit of entering all weigh-ins and printing weigh in sheets from Track for the 2022-23 season.

(Even though the full 1.5% weight loss plan would not be in effect for 2022-23): NYSWC feels the following items would need to be followed for 2022-23

- Do what the majority of states (29) are now requiring. Each team shall record the actual weights of their wrestlers into Track for each contest. (Once the weight is entered it cannot be changed). This would normally be done at the conclusion of the dual meet as an additional step just prior to recording the dual meet result into Track.
- Track will generate a weigh-in sheet for each dual meet contest showing the MWW and the Eligible Weight Class for that contest for each wrestler. Each coach logs the weights onto the weigh-in sheet and then enters those weights into Track ASAP after the contest has

concluded. Tournaments can still use the NYS weigh-in form but coaches will need to enter the actual weights of their wrestlers when they go to enter each wrestler's results.

- Open Weigh Ins can be allowed: This is an option to be set by each state. With the Zero Open weigh in option: a coach is blocked from printing the weigh in sheet for the next contest, until the weights from the previous contest are entered. -NYS would select the: **1 Open weigh in option**: It would work as follows. Example: a team has a contest on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday this week. The weigh-ins for a Tuesday contest do not have to be entered to print the weigh in sheets for the Thursday contest, but the Saturday weigh in sheet will be blocked until the Tuesday weigh-in is entered. **So only One outstanding weigh in is allowed to not be entered** when a state selects the 1 Open Weigh in option. **NYS will need to decide what option we will use.**
- If a wrestler is on a weigh-in sheet they cannot be removed, but an option: DNP- Did not participate can be selected.
- The majority of states do give a +2 pound growth allowance after Christmas. NYS will continue to do this. The system is programmed to take into account the +2 pound growth allowance or and any +1 additional pounds for back to back matches etc.
- The NWCA 1.5 full system looks at the weight vs the certified weight for each contest. If wrestler weighs in more than certified weight it will re-calculate the 1.5 percent weight loss plan so as not to allow the wrestler to lose too much weight too rapidly. Even though the full 1.5 weight loss system would not be implemented in 2022-23, each individual wrestler could be given access to their own weight loss plan. Coaches can be given access to each opponent's rosters as well.

Motion #3 Izzy Martinez-S6-For 2023-24: NYSPHSAA will implement the NWCA 1.5% method of weight loss for the 2023-24 season and the 50% rule will be eliminated but the Growth allowance will remain in effect.

In Favor: Sections: 2,3,5,6,7,8,9,10,11

Opposed: Sections: 4

Abstain: Section 1

Motion #4; Matt DeVincenzo-S11-For 2023-24: As NYSPHSAA will be implementing the NWCA 1.5% method of weight loss for the 2023-24 season the Honor weigh-in system should be eliminated.

Discussion: There is concern that the "Honor" system is being abused in some sections. In many districts, administrators are not performing the honor weigh-ins.

In Favor: Sections: 2,3,5,6,7,8,9,10,11

Opposed: Sections: 1

Abstain: Section 4

Motion #5; Jeff Cuiilty-S9-For 2022-23: Coaches will be required to use Track wrestling weigh-in sheets for entering all weigh-in's for duals and tournaments. The 1.5% method will be available for wrestlers and coaches to view its data, but it will not be implemented in 2022-23. The 50% rule will remain in effect and the new Track 50% printout will be used for determining post-season weight class eligibility. The Growth allowance and the Honor -weigh-in procedure will remain in effect for 2022-23

In Favor: Sections: unanimously approved

Opposed: None

This proposal will guide NYS gradually towards the full 1.5% system implementation in 2023-24.

Chairmen need to reach out to their Executive Directors immediately to inform them this will be an Action item for October and require a vote for implementation this season.

V. Kristen Jayden / Chris Joyce / Joe DeGuzman /Chris Watson -

- a. Kristen: Regional-State Tournament Awards will be same as in 2021-22.
- b. Kristen: Championship Operations Packet will be followed and communicated to all attendees at each championship event.
- c. Chris Joyce: **Wrestling sport page needs the updated forms**-Marty & Jeff will send. Digital Ticketing for all events will be done in advance via GoFan for Dual Meet Championships and Ticketmaster for the MVP Arena. **Walkup tickets (without Ticketmaster fees) will available at the door for the MVP arena only.**
- d. Joe DeGuzman: Marketing-Sponsorship Updates: NYSPHSAA is working on a contract for the mat sponsor. One bid has been received so far.
- e. Chris Watson: Records and State Tournament History-send Chris any updates needed as it will be used for the digital program.

VI. Frank Marotta - (NYS Officials)

- a. Recommendation that Chairmen submit official's evaluations from their Sectional offices to the officials screening committee. If they were compiled: Chairmen would need to submit the 2021-22 ratings for the season just completed for evaluation of the 2022-23 tournament officials.
- b. **Screening the officials for the 2023 State Tournaments:**
The chapter must communicate with the Chairman by Nov.15 and provide the names of officials who are eligible to referee at the State Tournaments and the Chairman should notify the chapter by Nov. 22 indicating if he cannot support their nominee (so the screening committee will have time to replace that person). A Chairman can just state that "he does not feel the State Committee would approve that official's credentials"
The chapter deadline for submitting the blue or green forms to the Chairmen and to Frank is Dec.1. The number of nominees per chapter has been increased so we have more officials to screen as we anticipate using 32 officials at the 2023 States. **The NYSWOA Screening Committee will meet on Dec.18** and as usual we welcome a couple of members of this committee to attend and observe. **Let Frank know if you wish to attend. Screening Committee recommendations for the State Duals will be sent immediately to Marty so that he can clear them with the Sectional Chairmen and the recommendations for the February tournament will be submitted at the January State Wrestling Committee meeting.**
- c. Update on: Nominations for the Upstate Chapter of the Nation Wrestling Hall of Fame- **Nominations for the September 2023 ceremony should be submitted by: 12/1.**
Special congratulations to NYSWC members: Chris Bourne and Randy Morrison who are being inducted this year on 9/25
- d. **NYSWOA Rules Interpretation meeting will be in Syracuse on October 8, 2022**

VII. TrackWrestling Reporting Updates:

- a. Jeff Cuiilty- Chairmen should check the **previously emailed** list of team names for TrackWrestling and report back if any changes are requested for 2022-23. (TrackWrestlingNWCA-NYS-TeamNames-2022-23).

- b. Changes in Sections known to date:

TEAM	2021-22 SECTION	2022-23 SECTION
OUR LADY OF LOURDES	1	9

- c. Opt-ups from D2 to D1 known to date:

TEAM
CHRISTIAN BROTHERS ACADEMY-S2
CHENANGO FORKS-S4
JOHNSON CITY-S4

- d. Changes in Divisions known to date:

TEAM	SECTION	2021-22 DIVISION	2022-23 DIVISION
CLARKE	8	2	1

PEARL RIVER	1	1	2
INDIAN RIVER	3	1	2
OLEAN-ALLEGHANY LIMESTONE	6	1	2
LAWRENCE	8	1	2
SAUGERTIES	9	1	2
MOUNT SINAI	11	1	2

- e. Coaches need to be told that the name they enter on the weight certification sheets will be the name that shows up for the entire season on the TrackWrestling database.
- f. Track will email coaches **around 10/21**. Jeff Cuiilty-S9 will send TrackWrestling-DataEntry Document and NewCoachEMailRequest for password forms for statewide distribution around that same time. New coaches will need to email the request form back to Jeff Cuiilty-S9 to be able to log in.
- g. The following AIS teams will be participating in D2 this season:

SCHOOL	YES	NO
COLLEGIATE	YES	
DALTON SCHOOL	YES	
HACKLEY SCHOOL	YES	
HARVEY SCHOOL-DELETE		NO
HORACE MANN	YES	
LEXINGTON SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF		NO
LONG ISLAND LUTHERAN		NO
MARTIN LUTHER		NO
NEW YORK MILITARY ACADEMY		NO
POLY PREP		NO
RIVERDALE COUNTRY SCHOOL- DELETE		NO
RYE COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL	YES	
SAINT DEMETRIOS		NO
STORM KING SCHOOL		NO
THE NEW YORK INSTITUTE FOR SPECIAL ED		NO
STONEY BROOK SCHOOL	YES	
TREVOR DAY SCHOOL- DELETE		NO
TRINTY SCHOOL	YES	
TRINITY-PAWLING SCHOOL		NO
YESHIVA SCHOOL		NO

- h. Chairmen should tell coaches in their section, who host a tournament that they are required to enter the exact name of their tournament into Trackwrestling. **If you are not a host: YOU SHOULD NOT ENTER THE NAME OF THE TOURNAMENT.** You should wait until the host school enters the event. Once done non-host schools will be able to select it from a drop-down menu.
- i. **The MasterTournamentSch-2022-23 document will continue to be emailed to Chairmen for sharing with their coaches every two weeks to include updates on what tournament are being held.**
- j. Common Language on Track is needed for post season events. NYS Governing Body administrator (Jeff Cuiilty-S9) will enter the names for all the Post season tournaments to make the list consistent.
For this to be done Chairmen will need to return the **DatesBySection spreadsheet that has been emailed** to supply dates, times and sites of their post season events.

VIII. Handbook Committee Report: (Marty Sherman / Jeff Cuiilty-9, Frank Marotta, Rick Armstrong-4, Jamie Block-S1)

The following items to be included int the Wrestling Handbook came up during the 2021-22 season and were reviewed at the Spring 2022 meeting . When NYSPHSAA publishes: The “2022-23 Program of Wrestling” guidebook: **(Items in red are the additions to the 2022-23 Handbook)**. The new publication will be mailed to all Athletic Directors and coaches.

WEIGH – IN PROCEDURES

No sweatpants are allowed. Underwear only is not allowed. Weighing in naked in not allowed. If a wrestler is found to have weighed-in without following the approved weigh-in clothing as listed above, the weigh in shall be declared an illegal weigh-in.

Penalty shall be that the wrestler(s) involved would be ineligible participants.

HONOR WEIGH-INS; If needed:

Procedure for schools unable to do honor weigh-in’s due to Covid (ex: remote learning):

Team A is on remote learning and cannot do honor weigh-in’s, Team B is not remote and can do honor weigh-in’s. So as to not penalize Team A, no honor weigh-in will be allowed and both schools must do the matside weigh-in without the +3 allowance. Team A must inform Team B within 24 hours of the match that they are remote and that no honor weigh-in’s will be allowed

ADDITIONAL POUNDS

In the case of a tournament: A tournament director grants all the teams in the tournament an extra pound because one of the individuals from a team entered is wrestling a dual the day before the tournament. The dual the day before the tournament is cancelled (bad weather, etc), **or the team that enabled the other teams to get the extra pound is told by their administration that they are no longer allowed to attend.** All teams in the tournament still get the extra pound. NFHS-Rule 4-5-5. **So long as all the teams were given the 48 hours’ notice of the extra pound, the extra pound cannot be taken away.**

The maximum allowance to be granted is 2 lbs. **(not including the growth allowance)**. A third consecutive day of completion would grant this 2 lb allowance to the schools involved. A fourth and fifth consecutive day would require the 2 lb allowance to carryover. The allowance would never go to 3 lbs over **(not including the growth allowance)**.

WRESTLING FORFEITURES

Should a wrestler compete in a 6th tournament bout illegally, the match result will be forfeited, if it was a placement match, the eligible wrestler will earn the place and team scoring will be adjusted accordingly. The team points and results of the previous 5 bouts that were legally wrestled are not affected.

ADDITIONAL HANDBOOK ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: (Please review prior to meeting)

In a multi meet format athletes from same school cannot wrestle each other.

As coaches create all the matches for the multi-meet, why would a match between two wrestlers from the same team be needed?

If round-robin pools are being used, the teammates could wrestle the other wrestler(s) in the pool, but why would the “extra” match between the teammates be needed to be contested?

If bouts between teammates are allowed to be set up in a multi-meet, this could incentivize people to wrestle teammates at end of year to boost a W/L record for seeding or to attempt to gain an extra event for 50% rule, which we would not want to happen.

This will be included in the new handbook

2 teams do honor weigh-in in the morning.

Both teams do matside weigh-in and set matchups.

The Ref doesn't show, and the match cannot be rescheduled.

This will count as a weigh-in.

What if the returning Section champ needed one more weigh in and this happened to them in the last dual of the season?

Our current handbook addresses:

Teams that do not show up for a dual meet:

Situation 1: Meet is not wrestled and **no weigh in occurs:**

Situation 2: Meet is not wrestled (not due to school closing) and **honor weigh in occurs:**

Situation 3: Meet is not wrestled (due to school closing), and **honor weigh in occurs**

This situation is not like the Situations currently listed because **both teams weighed in twice**. Therefore, if the situation is that the referee did not show due to no fault of either school, then maybe the weigh should count.

If the weigh in counts should all wrestlers be charged 1 point?

As a wrestler can weigh in for a dual meet tournament or dual meet and have the weigh in count without being charged a point.

Should this be treated like when someone weighs in but doesn't wrestle?

When both teams complete the morning honor weigh in and the matside weigh in and a ref does not show and the match cannot be rescheduled, then the Weigh in counts but no points are charged.

This will be included in the new handbook

IX. Seeding/Forfeit Committee: Jeff CUILTY, Ed Ramirez, Bill Kays, John Vishneowski

- a. **Seeding Mechanics document Draft for 2022-23 attached** (changes in red)
Document has been reviewed by the Seeding Committee and the NYSWC at the Spring 2022 meeting and includes changes that came up at the 2021-22 seeding meeting.

X. 2023 Tournament: Auto-Qualifiers (Jeff CUILTY)

Auto-Qualifiers Sub-Committee: Marty Sherman, John Vishneowski-2, Bill Kays-3, Izzy Martinez-6 and Jeff CUILTY-9,

- a. The **AutoQualifiersInfo-2022-23** document is **attached**.
- b. Last year, Chairmen should have submitted their procedure for handling "True Seconds" for their Athletic Councils approvals The document: **TrueSecondMatches-2022-23** (previously emailed and **re-attached**) should be reviewed and updated so that all sections are aware of how each section is handling True Second matches.
- c. The number of qualifiers shown below for each Section in each Division for the upcoming season were calculated based on Champs places earned in 2018-19, 2019-20, and 2021-22. As the 2020-21 season was not contested due to Covid, the Power Points below are based on the previous 3 contested seasons using the approved 1st=16, 2nd=12, 3rd=9, 4th=7, 5th=5, 6th=3, 7th=2, and 8th =1 point system. At the conclusion of the 2022-23 tournament, Jeff CUILTY-S9 will re-do the calculation using a system where: 1st=8, 2nd=7, 3rd=6, 4th=5, 5th=4, 6th=3, 7th=2, and 8th =1 point. After the data for the 2022-23 season is received the committee needs to determine if they want to make a change for 2023-24 or 2024-25.

The decision comes down to how we want to reward sections with qualifiers:

- 1-Do we want the top placers to get the most weight or
- 2-Do we want multiple lower placers to get the most weight.

The # schools shown are based on BEDS #'s for 2023 as of 8/1/23, (these numbers will be updated once the actual # of schools competing this year are entered into Track.

However, the # of schools are only listed for information purposes and has nothing to do with the Power Points calculation).

DIVISION 1	# SCHOOLS	POWER POINTS	# QUALIFIERS
SECTION 11	41	300	3
SECTION 8	41	287	3
SECTION 5	20	275	2
SECTION 9	15	217	2
SECTION 1	35	173	2
SECTION 6	18	125	2
SECTION 2	19	118	2
SECTION 4	9	104	1
SECTION 3	17	93	1
SECTION 10	1	0	1
CHSAA 12	19	N/A	1
PSAL 13	65	N/A	1
TOTALS	300		21

DIVISION 2	# SCHOOLS	POWER POINTS	# QUALIFIERS
SECTION 4	25	300	3
SECTION 5	46	292	3
SECTION 3	32	289	2
SECTION 2	32	235	2
SECTION 6	33	223	2
SECTION 8	10	176	2
SECTION 11	10	158	2
SECTION 1	12	67	1
SECTION 7	5	59	1
SECTION 9	17	50	1
SECTION 10	4	46	1
PSAL 13	10	N/A	1
AIS 14	8	N/A	1
TOTALS	244		22

XI. State Dual Meet Championship: (Brad Hamer-3, Bill Kays-3)

State Dual Meet Tournament-

The NYS State Dual Meet Tournament is scheduled to take place on:

Saturday January 28, 2023 at the SRC Arena in Syracuse.

As this tournament is the state sponsored tournament to determine the official NYS team dual meet champion, it is considered a post-season event, so that it would not count for points or weigh-in's. **The 50% will not apply. If a wrestler is certified at a weight class, they can participate at it.** Individual wins and losses will count on individual records and for seeding.

NYS Dual Meet Tournament 2022-23-Draft document is **attached** with specifics.

NYS PHSA office will finalize the sections on: **Tournament Program-Credentials-Gate List** and **Internet Broadcast** before the document will be finalized.

The NYS Girls tournament will be held on Friday January 27 (the night prior to the boys NYS DUALS). Mat setups will now be on Thursday. **Teams looking to practice on Friday will either need to practice in the morning prior to the start of the girl's tournament or contact Brad to obtain a site at a local high school. Girls who wrestle in the Girls tournament may also participate in the boy's event on Saturday. There will be no extra pound for the boy's event.**

For 2022-23:

Sections who do not host qualifiers and will select their participant: Section **7**

Sections with single elimination tournaments: Sections **2,4,8,9,11**

Sections that have additional matches after a team has lost: Sections: **1,3,5,6,10**

XII. Girls Wrestling:

- Reminder that when the MasterTournamentSchedule that is sent out every two weeks, it is **color coded in purple** to include tournaments with separate girls' divisions and tournaments for girls only.
- Now that 4 Sections (Sections 2,4,6,9) have indicated they will have at least 4 Girls Only teams, NYSPHSAA will now recognize Girls Wrestling as an emerging sport.**

SECTION 2	SECTION 4	SECTION 6	SECTION 9	OTHER
Berlin-New Lebanon	Chen Forks	Chautauqua Lake	Chester	General Brown-3
Coxsackie-Athens	Tioga	Fredonia	Fallsburg-TV	Canandaigua-5
Niskayuna	Union Endicott	Niagara	FDR-Hyde Park	Waterloo-5
Tamarac	Waverly	Orchard Park	Minisink Valley	Bay Shore-11
Shaker-North Colonie			Port Jervis	Rocky Pt-11
Tamarac			Saugerties	
Watervilet				

Now that a Girls Wrestling Committee has been formed, a State Girls Chairmen will be elected.

They have recommended the following 13 weight classes:

94, 100, 107, 114, 120, 126, 132, 138, 145, 152, 165, 185, 235.

- Todd Nelson-NYSPHSAA Girls only Wrestling Invitational will be held on the Friday night prior to the Boys NYS Duals. The Girls tournament will not count as a point towards a girls 20 point maximum.**

XIII. The 2023 NYS Tournament: MVP Arena- Old Business-(Marty Sherman)

- a. If nothing is scheduled at Times Union for the Wed prior, setup crew would like to set up mats on Wednesday again.
- b. 2023 Tournament is scheduled for: **Fri/Sat: Feb 24 & Feb 25, 2023**
Sectional Tournaments should be completed the weekend of Fri/Sat//Sun 2/10,11,12
Seeding Meeting will be Saturday 2/18/23.
- c. **NYSTournament-NewFormat-Times-10 Mats is attached.**
Spring meeting discussed: Rearranging the D1 and D2 10-mat configuration for 2022-23 to determine if the floor plan with D1 on one end and D2 on the other end would be more beneficial to spectators. There were comments that the length of the 5 mats for each division made it difficult to view the action on the farthest mats. The end seating in the arena was also basically empty. Going to one division on each end of the arena may make it more “fan friendly”
NYSWC is currently not in favor of this proposed change and wants to keep all the D1 on one side and all the D2 on the other side (as was done at the 2021-22 tournament), Officials prefer this design for them to escort and assign mat officials.
Should numerous complaints be received at this year’s event, NYWC reserves the right to consider the proposed reconfiguration in future years.
- d. **Future Dates:**

2023-24	2/23-2/24	Times Union Center
2024-25	2/28-3/1	Times Union Center

XIV. Modified Committee: -No Report

- a. X

XV. Old Business-(Marty Sherman)-

- a. Annual Examination of the 600-cutoff number for D1-D2
Jeff Culty-9 sent all Chairmen the annual BEDS update spreadsheet for (2022-23) which was completed and returned.

Based on the 2022-23 data for Sections 1-11 (not including CHSAA or PSAL) the following breakdown will take place for the current season. (actual data available upon request)

For 2022-23: Not including CHSAA & PSAL	# schools D1`	# schools D2	Change
Keep the existing 600 cutoff *-Includes 3 Opt-Up schools	216*	226	D2 has +10 more schools than D1
Equalization number: Is 567	221	221	D2 and D1 have and even amount of schools

When CHSAA and PSAL schools are included with the current 600 cutoff number:

For 2022-23: Including CHSAA & PSAL	# schools D1`	# schools D2	Change
Keep the existing 600 cutoff	300	244	D1 has +56 more schools than D2

-An equalization of schools that would include CHSAA and PSAL would require 28 schools (Currently in D1 to drop to D2).

Any proposed changes to the cutoff number have to be approved for the following year.
Based on the above the NYSWC does not recommend any changes to the 600 cutoff number for 2023-24 as request wrestling to be a “variation sport”.

XVI. New Business:

- a. none

AJOURNMENT

-Today’s Meeting: Start time: 1:00 p.m. End Time: 3:45 p.m. (2 hrs 45 minutes)

Next meeting(s):

Winter Meeting Conference Call: Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at 10:00 am

Summary of (Red) Action Items that need to be taken care of before next meeting:

Chairmen need to:

- **Chairmen need to reach out to their Executive Directors immediately to inform them that Motion #5 (attached) will be an Action item for October and require a vote for implementation this season.**
- Start thinking about areas of improvement or feedback for the RFP bids for state tournaments
- Chairmen need to reply to Joe on: -Are there any sections going back to 2 athletes per room like during Covid?
- Chairmen should contact their NYS Duals hotels soon to make preliminary reservations for the number of rooms that are estimated to be needed
- Send Joe: NYSPHSAA Hall Of Fame Class of 2023 deadline Jan 29, 2023, for nominations
- Send to Chris Watson: Records and State Tournament History- any updates needed as it will be used for the digital program.
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- Inform coaches that: If they will be using InBody scales for weigh-in's they need to get the scale certified you must contact your County Bureau of Weight and Measures (as you would for a regular scale).
- Coaches need to be told that the name they enter on the weight certification sheets will be the name that shows up for the entire season on the TrackWrestling database
- Chairmen should tell coaches in their section, who host a tournament that they are required to enter the exact name of their tournament into Trackwrestling. **If you are not a host: YOU SHOULD NOT ENTER THE NAME OF THE TOURNAMENT.** You should wait until the host school enters the event. Once done non-host schools will be able to select it from a drop-down menu.

Marty Sherman needs to:

- Report back to the NYSWC on status of: our current 2-year pilot has now expired, the committee has decided to extend it thru 2022-23. Executive committee will officially vote on this in October.
- Prepare the 5 newly passed motions for the approval process (separate attachment)
- Have NYSWC discuss what options will be used in setting up Track for 2023-24” Example One Open Weigh in allowed for printing weigh-in sheets.
- Determine start and end dates for wt certs for 2023-24

Jeff Cuiilty needs to:

- Include in future minutes under Old Business: Minimum weights for 7th and 8th graders based on new weight classes will be determined at the spring meeting
- Wrestling sport page needs the updated forms send to Chris Joyce for state website
- Add the 2 new items to the Handbook
- At the conclusion of this year’s state tourn At the conclusion if the 2022-23 tournament, Jeff Cuiilty-S9 will re-do the calculation using a system where: 1st=8, 2nd=7, 3rd=6, 4th=5, 5th=4, 6th=3, 7th=2, and 8th =1 point. After the data for the 2022-23 season is received the committee needs to determine if they want to make a change for 2023-24 or 2024-25.
- Update AutoQualifiersInfo-2022-23 with the actual # of schools participating by section once Track team names are finalized

NYSPHSAA office needs to:

- **Set up practice locations for Friday for boy’s teams competing in the NYS Duals-**

Todd Nelson:

- Todd will schedule a meeting with all consultants and Track in mid-October for an update on using the equipment
- Have Track send an updated download link and documentation in mid-October **to the assessors** that have the InBody units with the Lookin Body 120 software that integrates with Track.
- Current Assessors Handbook on NYSPHSAA will be updated on website.
- Current approved Assessor List is for 2022-23 will be updated on website.
- Current skin form should read: **“For use during 2022-23Season”** and will be updated on website.
- Updated: Form01-NYS-ParentAwarenessForm for wt certifications will be updated on website.

Motions for approval

Motion #1: Brad Hamer-Section 3- Wrestling will become a “variation sport” for 2023-24 with current cutoff numbers of 600+ for D1 and 599 and below for D2 (to best keep approximately the same number of schools in each Division).

Passed: Unanimously

Motion #2: Mike DeBarbari-S6: For the 2023-24 season NYS will adopt the following 12+1 weight classes:

101	108	116	124	131	138	145	152	160	170	190	215	285
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In Favor: Sections: 1,4,5,6,9,10,11

Opposed: Sections: 2,3,7,8

Motion #3 Izzy Martinez-S6-For 2023-24: NYSPHSAA will implement the NWCA 1.5% method of weight loss for the 2023-24 season and the 50% rule will be eliminated but the Growth allowance will remain in effect.

In Favor: Sections: 2,3,5,6,7,8,9,10,11

Opposed: Sections: 4

Abstain: Section 1

Motion #4; Matt DeVincenzo-S11-For 2023-24: As NYSPHSAA will be implementing the NWCA 1.5% method of weight loss for the 2023-24 season the Honor weigh-in system should be eliminated.

Discussion: There is concern that the “Honor” system is being abused in some sections. In many districts, administrators are not performing the honor weigh-ins.

In Favor: Sections: 2,3,5,6,7,8,9,10,11

Opposed: Sections: 1

Abstain: Section 4

Motion #5: Jeff CUILTY-S9-For 2022-23: Coaches will be required to use Track wrestling weigh-in sheets for entering all weigh-in’s for duals and tournaments. The 1.5% method will be available for wrestlers and coaches to view its data, but it will not be implemented in 2022-23. The 50% rule will remain in effect and the new Track 50% printout will be used for determining post-season weight class eligibility. The Growth allowance and the Honor -weigh-in procedure will remain in effect for 2022-23

In Favor: Sections: unanimously approved

Opposed: None

Chairmen need to reach out to their Executive Directors immediately to inform them that Motion #5 will be an Action item for October and require a vote for implementation this season.

APPENDIX L

MINUTES

NYSPPHSAA GIRLS ICE HOCKEY Committee Meeting Friday, September 16, 2022 @ 10:00 am via Zoom

Attendees: Coordinator Carl Normandin, Mark Fierro, Joe Stark, Tess Brogan, Rob Kopek, Rick Hopkins; NYSPPHSAA - Joe Altieri, Chris Joyce, Olivia Parkin (intern)

1. Welcome

Coordinator Carl Normandin welcomed the committee. He indicated Jen Gray-McKinley accepted a new job and is no longer able to serve on the committee. He thanks Jen for the valuable service she provided over the years and welcomed Joe Stark as the new coordinator. He also noted Margaret Lawrence accepted a new teaching job and could not get time off to attend the meeting but will serve on the committee.

2. NYSPPHSAA Staff Reports:

Joe Altieri, Assistant Director

- a. NYSPPHSAA Strategic Plan - will be posted on the NYSPPHSAA website soon. He noted the 4 initiatives NYSPPHSAA would be focused on over the next 5 years (growth in student participation, officials recruitment/retention, financial stability, Diversity/Equity/Inclusion)
- b. Reported there are no COVID restrictions set by NYSPPHSAA for 2022-23 championships nor were there any set forth by the NEXUS Center in Utica. Carl confirmed this.
- a. Nominations for the NYSPPHSAA Hall of Fame - submissions required to be online by January 29, 2023.
- b. Indicated the dates of 2023 and 2024 regional championships and that 2025 would be done by bid. The RFP will go out at this time next year and the committee would review bids. For 2025-27.
- c. Noted Assistant Director Kristen Jadin will return from maternity leave next week and will work with Carl on awards and the Championship Operations Packet.
- d. Noted, on behalf of Chris Watson, records should be reported to Chris to update the NYSPPHSAA website. Carl was going to talk with committee on what records they wanted on the web site. Joe also indicated matchups, dates, times and sites of all rounds of regionals should be reported to Chris ASAP. Carl stated he would send Regional Semifinals and Finals matchups right after the meeting.
- e. Noted on behalf of Joe deGuzman, that sponsorship is handled by Teall Properties Group (TPG) and Joe deGuzman represents TPG. He is working on sponsorship for all NYSPPHSAA sports including girls ice hockey.

Chris Joyce, Director of Marketing

- a. Reported digital ticketing went well in 2022-23, which was the first year NYSPPHSAA transitioned to all digital ticketing for its events. We will continue this for 2023.
- b. Announced the NYSPPHSAA Foundation was launched. He said one of their focuses was increase in participation and that girls ice hockey is a great sport to hone in on. They are not actively seeking grants or funding but down the road girls ice hockey may be a prime sport to seek funding for.

3. Committee Business:

Carl Normandin, Coordinator

- a. Carl noted NYSPHSAA now does all the behind the scenes work for planning and organizing for our championship. Takes the burden off the host section.
- b. Scores from Sectional championships will be posted on the NYSPHSAA landing page for Girls Hockey. Contact Chris Watson if any info listed is incorrect.
- c. The committee was pleased with the merchandiser and would like to continue with apparel for the 2023 regional.
- d. Sportsmanship awards (a NYSPHSAA t-shirt) will be issued at the semifinals – 1 per team, Coaches decision on who the recipient is.
- e. Regional Championship Schedule/Info:
February 17 - Friday 6PM & 8PM
February 18 - Saturday 12 PM Championship
(Back up date Sunday, February 19)
Mark offered to reach out to NEXUS Center to discuss planning details. Joe Altieri offered to follow up as well and request a site visit before Christmas with Mark and Carl.
- f. Host hotels have been secured for the Regional Championship. Coordinators need to finalize room blocks (15 per team) for Friday night. Staff, CP, Carl will also be accounted for.
- g. The committee reviewed the 2021 Regional Championships and felt it was a success.
- h. Mike Trimboli is working to increase membership in the NYS Hockey Coaches Organization. Contact Trimboli at www.nyhockeycoaches.org
- i. All sectional championships must be completed by 7 PM on 2/12/213. Please try to wrap-up ahead of that day in case of inclement weather.
- j. Girls Ice Hockey can now submit nominations for Coach of the Year award to the NFHS.

4. Section Concerns:

Section 1 – None

Section 2 – This is their first year and will be a part of Section 7

Section 3/4 – There is potential for an additional team next year in central NY. Possibly CNS/Baldwinsville

Section 5 – Parent group working with Section 5 to become viable

Section 6 – Has implemented a combined school agreement limit; no more than 4 districts will make a team

Section 7 – Potentially losing a team this year due to Plattsburgh/Beekmantown merging due to lack of players; Joe Stark new section coordinator

Minutes respectfully taken and reviewed by Carl Normandin and Joe Altieri

APPENDIX M

MINUTES

NYSPHSAA BOYS & GIRLS BOWLING Committee Meeting

Friday, October 14, 2022 @ 10:00 am via Zoom

Attendees: Boys Coordinator Mike O'Connell (3), Girls Coordinator Eileen Shultis (8); Bill Neumann (2), Gary Vanderzee (2), Jeff Klatt (3), Rick Raychel (4), Mark Foeder (5), Brian Usselman (5), Joe Biondo (6), Dan Kaplan (6), Sean Collins (9), Jason LaFlesh (10), Joe Vasile Cozzo (11) NYSPHSAA: Joe Altieri, Todd Nelson, Chris Joyce, Chris Watson, Olivia Parkin (Intern).
ABSENT: 1 (B & G), 7 (B & G)

1. Coordinators Mike O'Connell and Eileen Shultis welcomed the committee at 10:07 am
2. NYSPHSAA Staff Reports:

Joe Altieri, Assistant Director

- a. Introduced NYSPHSAA Intern Olivia Parkin (UAlbany student) observing at today's meeting.
- b. NYSPHSAA Strategic Plan has been approved. He noted the four initiatives NYSPHSAA would be focused on the next five years: growth in student participation, officials recruitment/retention, financial stability, and diversity/equity/inclusion (DEI).
- c. Reported there is a new proprietor, Rick Merle, at Strike N Spare and is working with him on the same terms for the 2023 tournament. Mike O'Connell noted they also have a staffer, Dan, who has helped with NYSPHSAA and Section 3 events over the years and is still at the bowling center. Mike will report on upgrades at the facility later in the meeting.
- d. Reported there are no COVID restrictions or policies from NYSPHSAA for 2022-23 championships nor were there any set forth by Strike N Spare for the 2023 tournament.
- e. Nominations for the NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame - submissions required to be online by January 29, 2023 and anyone can submit a nomination in the coach, athlete, administrator, official or contributor categories.

Todd Nelson, Assistant Director

- a. Thanked Mike O'Connell for his efficiency with rosters for the program and we will continue the same roster collection procedures for the 2023 event.
- b. Reported on classification cut-off changes in other sports and bowling's current status. He will work with Eileen and Mike on the report on bowling.

Chris Joyce, Director of Marketing

- a. Reported digital ticketing went well last year and we will continue at all 2022-23 state tournaments.
- b. On behalf of Joe deGuzman (TPG), he noted if anyone has any sponsorship leads for bowling, please contact him.
- c. On behalf of Kristen Jadin, he noted awards will continue to be ordered by her and shipped to wherever necessary. He said she would work with Mike and Eileen on the Operations Packet especially the new policy on the composite team gate lists.

Chris Watson, Director of Communications

- a. Stated the importance of committee members reviewing the website for accuracy for records and tournament schedule.
 - b. Asked committee members to provide start year of their service on the committee so they can receive their Service or Lifetime passes which are distributed every two years. Joe noted we have old committee directories dated 2020 and asked Eileen to send her most recent versions.
3. Committee Business:
- a. Strike N Spare – Mike reported on upgrades and renovations at the facility.
 - Strike n Spare is under new management
 - The room downstairs may not be available
 - The number of lanes available is reduced by 10 to 62 lanes
 - Bowler’s area will be smaller, concourse larger (no carpeting)
 - Lane draw will be done in the future pending available lane numbers
 - Site inspection in January

Section 1 – Absent

Section 2 - # of girls from each section who are trying to play on the boys team

Section 3 – None

Section 4 – Any concerns on matches being filmed

Section 5 – None

Section 6 – None

Section 7 – Absent

Section 8 – None

Section 9 – Inquired about virtual meets in the case bussing wasn’t available. Mike confirmed it was only permitted for the 2021-22 season

Section 10 – Inquired about virtual matches. Same response as above.

Section 11 – None

Meeting minutes written by Eileen Shultis & Joe Altieri, reviewed by Committee/Staff prior to distribution.

APPENDIX N

MINUTES

NYSPHSAA BOYS LACROSSE Committee Meeting Wednesday, November 2, 2022 @ 10:00 am via Zoom

Attendees: Coordinator Jim Amen (8); Joe Ceglia (1), Steve Nolan (2), Rob Goss (3), Ryan Hallenbeck (4), Mike Simon (5), Ed Greenway (6), William Miller (9), Bryan Bourdeleau (10), Tim Mullins (Asst State Chair & 11); NYSPHSAA: Dr. Robert Zayas, Joe Altieri, Todd Nelson, Kristen Jaden, Chris Joyce, Chris Watson; Guests: Walt Munze (Officials), John Stiso (Officials)

1. Coordinator Jim Amen welcomed everyone and started the meeting at 10:06 am.

2. NYSPHSAA Staff Reports:

Dr. Robert Zayas, Executive Director

- a. Congratulated Jim Amen on his NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame induction in July 2022
- b. Reported there are no COVID restrictions or policies from NYSPHSAA for 2022-23 championships.
- c. Reviewed NYSPHSAA Strategic Plan approved in July. He noted the four initiatives NYSPHSAA would be focused on the next five years: growth in student participation, officials' recruitment/retention, financial stability, and diversity/equity/inclusion (DEI).

QUESTION: Jim Amen asked examples of DEI. Robert stated some and how this area may be addressed.

QUESTION: Jim Amen asked about the budget process which included a question about staff salaries and their hard work. Robert reviewed the process with the committee. He noted championships don't make that much money. There is also a salary review process. He noted Tim Mullins serves on the budget committee.

Joe Altieri, Assistant Director

- a. Nominations for the NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame - submissions required to be online by January 29, 2023 and anyone can submit a nomination in the coach, athlete, administrator, official or contributor categories.
- b. State Tournament Update – Reported we are in year 2 of a 3-year bid term and next year at this time we will review bids for the 2025-27 state semifinals and finals. The RFP for the bid will be reviewed by Jim and Tim before its sent out and the committee may offer input on it.
- c. On behalf of Kristen Jadin, he noted she will work with Jim Amen on the Operations Packet. If the committee has feedback on changes to the packet, let her know.
- d. On behalf of Kristen Jadin, he noted she will continue ball distribution for Regionals and Jim and committee should let her know of quantity changes and address changes for 2023.

Todd Nelson, Assistant Director

- a. Recommendation for classification cut-off numbers made last year by boys lacrosse was approved for 2023

Chris Joyce, Director of Marketing

- a. Reported digital ticketing went well last year and we will continue at all 2022-23 state tournaments. Also reported a new ticket transparency law that will show the all-inclusive price of \$11.50 on the website (this simply now shows the fees that are charged at the end of the purchase).
- b. On behalf of Joe deGuzman (TPG), he noted if anyone has any sponsorship leads for boys lacrosse, please contact him.

Chris Watson, Director of Communications

- a. Stated the importance of committee members reviewing the website for accuracy for records and tournament schedule.
- b. Emphasized regional schedule, changes and results must be reported to NYSPHSAA ASAP.
- c. Will work with Jim on the tournament badge order when we get closer to tournament.

2. NFHS Rules/Modified Rules for 2023

- a. Walt Munze & John Stiso - Both provided a report of new rules. The PowerPoint presentation provided will be forwarded by Jim.

3. State Tournament Coordinator Report

- a. Committee Members- Contact Information-Any Changes send to Jim Amen
- b. A big Thank you to the Section Coordinators who were able to assist with State Championships
- c. State Tournament slate for 2023. Please get all regionals info to Jim and Chris Watson.
- d. Thoughts about last year's Championships (All Rounds)-Any suggestions from our host/site coordinators.
 - Joe Ceglia – Asked if coordinators can get reimbursed for travel to States. Joe Altieri explained it's always been a policy for sections to pay for coordinators. He will inquire with Section 1 on this.

5. Committee business

- a. NEW BUSINESS from any Committee Member
 - Shot Clock implementation – subcommittee will be formed by Jim Amen
- b. Jim Amen Jr.-Face to Face Meetings and not Zoom
 - State does not budget for face to face meetings
- c. Joe Ceglia has something regarding Sub-Regionals
 - Why are some Sections participating in sub regionals and others aren't?
 - A subcommittee will be formed by Jim Amen to explore this. Joe Altieri explained the process of how this works:
Sport Committee makes recommendation, passed along to CAC then to Executive Board

Next meeting

November 1, 2023 (Bids will also be reviewed at this time so meeting may be longer)

Adjournment at 12:01 pm

Meeting minutes written by Tim Mullins & Joe Altieri

MEETING REPORT

Meeting: Sport Committee

Date: Monday September 19, 2022 @ 9:30 AM

Topics Discussed:

1. Welcome/Introductions
2. Information from the NYSPHSAA office
3. 2023 NYSPHSAA Tournament Dates
4. Officials Committee Report
5. 2023 NYSPHSAA Tournament Information
6. 2024 NYSPHSAA Tournament Dates
7. 2022 Regional Concerns
8. 2022 NYSPHSAA Financial Information
9. 2023 Regional Rotation
10. 2023 State Tournament Schedule
11. Sectional Concerns
12. Old Business
13. New Business

Attendees:

Sectional Coordinators

- 1) Christos Drosopoulos
- 2)
- 3) Larry Stockwell
- 4)
- 5) Tim Lincoln
- 6) Chris Durr
- 7) Greg Waters
- 8) TJ Burke
- 9) Steve Boucher
- 10)
- 11) Bill Denniston

NYSPHSAA & Guests

Kristen Jadin, Joe Alteri, Chris Joyce, Chris Watson, Jason Slater, June MacGilfrey, Eileen Troy, Sheri Zappala

Items Discussion/ Action Taken:

1. **Welcome & Introductions:** Tim Lincoln welcomed the committee and reviewed the committee directory
2. **Information from the NYSPHSAA Office**

Joe Altieri, Assistant Director

- a. Welcomed the group and welcomed back Kristen Jadin from maternity leave.
- b. NYSPHSAA Strategic Plan - will be posted on the NYSPHSAA website. He noted the four initiatives NYSPHSAA would be focused on the next five years will be growth in student participation, officials recruitment/retention, financial stability, and diversity/equity/inclusion (DEI).
- a. Indicated the state tournament is at Hudson Valley CC for 2023 and 2024 and at this time next year, the committee and staff will review/vote on bids for 2025-27. The committee will have input on the RFP before it goes out to sections and beyond.
- b. Noted, on behalf of Chris Watson, records should be reported to Chris to update the NYSPHSAA website. He also indicated Regional matchups, dates, times and sites should

all be reported to Watson ASAP. NYSPHSAA would like some kind of information on their website for girls basketball even if it's just sites or dates.

- c. Nominations for the NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame - submissions required to be online by January 29, 2023.
- d. Reported there are no COVID restrictions or policies from NYSPHSAA for 2022-23 championships nor were there any set forth by Hudson Valley CC for the 2023 tournament.

QUESTION: When will six classification status/BEDS be determined and shared. Joe reported Todd has been working on that for 3-4 weeks now and plans to release a draft prior to Executive Committee in October, which is when the final approval will take place.

Kristen Jadin, Assistant Director

- a. Reported on Spalding being in the 2nd year of three-year contract. A bid for a new contract will be going out this fall.
- b. Stated she will work with Tim Lincoln and Jason Slater on the Operations Packet for the tournament.

QUESTION: Stephen asked if we can go digital for Regional and State Tournament certificates instead of printing then distributing at Regional sites. Joe/Kristen explained the process for approval and that this was rejected by the Executive Committee a couple of years ago. It would likely have to go to Championship Advisory Committee but would need support by this committee. Joe will add it to CAC agenda and Stephen will let Greg Ransom (CAC Chair) know. MOTION by Stephen to move to digital certificates. SECOND BY TJ Burke. Carried unanimously 8-0 (absent: Sections 2, 4, 10)

Chris Joyce, Director of Marketing

- a. Reported digital ticketing went well in 2022-23, which was the first year NYSPHSAA transitioned to all digital ticketing for its events. We will continue this for 2023.

Dr. Robert Zayas, Executive Director

- a. Questions about the new NYSPHSAA Jewelry Rule were brought up. Prior to Dr. Zayas joining the call Joe stated the rule as it was approved in May and indicated it covers all sports. Dr. Zayas then joined and made clarifications including it is up to the officials to

interpret what is a safety hazard. He also clarified there is no prohibition with hair length and made an example of NCAA womens basketball. He also stated the rule is approved and the NYSPHSAA handbook has been adjusted to include the exact language of the proposal.

3. 2023 NYSPHSAA Tournament Information

- a. NYSPHSAA Tournament program – Online
 - i. If you would like a hard copy you must order within two weeks after the end of the championship.
- b. NYSPHSAA 2023 Brackets (Region 3vs Region 4 / Region 2 vs Region 1)
- c. NYSPHSAA Region Rotation Calendar

4. Officials Committee - Eileen & June -

- a. Date for officials is February 17th
- b. Send you best 3 person official even if they have been there before.
- c. Fees \$121.00 for regionals and beyond
- d. Will still be using form that Tim Developed.

5. 2023 NYSPHSAA Tournament Dates:

- a. Regionals: March 6 - March 12
- b. NYSPHSAA Tournament: March 17 - March 19
- c. Federation Tournament: March 24 - March 26

6. 2024 NYSPHSAA Tournament Dates

- a. Regionals: March 5 - March 11
- b. NYSPHSAA Tournament: March 15 - March 19
- c. Federation Tournament: March 22 - March 24

7. 2022 Regional Concerns – None

8. 2022 NYSPHSAA Financial Information – Tim handed out the financial information from the NYSPHSAA office.

9. 2023 NYSPHSAA Regional Rotations

- a. Thanks to Larry for the certificate spreadsheet to facilitate where the regional plaques go
- b. Motion by Steve Boucher, 2nd by TJ Burke to go to Digital Certificates for Regional and State Tournament. Carried 8-0 at meeting and 3-0 with Section 2, 4 and 10 voting by email.

10. State Tournament Schedule Rotation - Tim handed out the State tournament schedule

11. Section Concerns - None

12. Old Business - None

13. New Business

- a. Elimination of All-Star awards – awards can no longer be printed in the NYSPHSAA program. – Chris Durr, if we can't announce or can't put in program why have them. Motion Chris Durr, 2nd Larry Stockwell - . Carried 8-0 at meeting and 3-0 with Section 2, 4 and 10 voting by email.
- b. Tim handed out a draft copy of the new tournament schedule starting in 2024 with the addition of Class AAA
- c. Need to have update to the following regional rotations because the schedule is ending.
 - i. Region 1 Class B
 - ii. Region 1 Class C
 - iii. Region 2 Class A – Also need to put Section 7 back in this mix
 - iv. Region 2 Class B
 - v. Region 2 Class C

14. Adjourn

- a. Motion by Chris Durr, 2nd by Greg Waters.

Next Meeting
Thursday, March 16th, 2023 @ 5:00 PM
Barnsider Restaurant

CHAMPIONSHIP ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes – Wednesday, September 28, 2022

CAC Members Attending: Greg Ransom (Chair), Mike Andrew (Team Sports), Deb Ferry (At-Large), Carl Normandin (At-Large), Adam Stoltman (Superintendent & NYSPHSAA 2nd Vice President), Eileen Troy (At-Large), Carlos Cotto (At-Large), Jamie Harter (Individual Sports), Mark Ward (At-Large), Kathy Hoyt (new Executive Director rep eligible to vote starting in January). Absent with notice: Susan Reid (At-Large), John Rathbun (Executive Director).

Staff/Officers Attending: Joe Altieri (CAC Liaison/Assistant Director), Dr. Robert Zayas (Executive Director), Todd Nelson (Assistant Director), Kristen Jadin (Assistant Director), Chris Watson (Director of Communications), Julie Bergman (Past President), Russell Bartlett (President), Tim Mullins (Vice President), Olivia Parkin (Intern)

Coordinators Attending: Dr. Jim Wright (Softball), Mike Andrew (Boys Soccer)

Call to Order by Chair Greg Ransom at 10:04 am. Greg welcomed the group including new member Josh Harrica replacing Carl Normandin. He thanked John Rathbun (retiring in December) for his service on CAC and welcomed Kathy Hoyt who will fill the Executive Director rep position. On behalf of the office, Assistant Director Joe Altieri expressed appreciation for John's service and noted, other than Eileen and Greg, John is the longest tenured CAC member having started in 2012.

President Bartlett welcomed the committee. Dr. Zayas welcomed the committee and was grateful there was no discussion of COVID related items. The office finished its 11 athletic director workshops last week and is excited for a great start to the school year.

Greg reminded the committee we are a recommending body and will vote after coordinators present and leave the call. He also stated the committee should be viewing proposals globally, not representing their section.

ACTION ITEMS *(These items will be presented for a vote at the October 19th Executive Committee Meeting):*

Softball - Two-Day Tournament in 2023 – Coordinator Dr. Jim Wright explained the proposal. Deb asked if the hotel was prepared for the extra day of the tournament. Joe responded the hotel was a concern of the staff and that we currently have a contract for 20 rooms Thursday and 130 rooms for Friday. We would need the hotel to provide at least 100 more rooms for Thursday and don't know if they are available at this time. Robert emphasized he has concerns about a change of this magnitude this late. Josh asked if there were any financial concerns with the facility. Jim indicated no, it is free of charge both days due to the bid. Eileen noted the outstanding venue and great job that Jim did with the 2022 tournament. Mike had a concern the calendar is too close to implement in 2023. He suggested an amendment. Deb wanted to see the tournament go to two days in 2023 if the hotel is available Thursday night. If not, then go to 2024. Mark noted we need lodging and can't have issues with schools finding rooms. Greg reported there are always issues at championships with hotels and accommodating schools. Eileen stated despite the short notice COVID has taught us how to be prudent and swift on taking action on what's best for student-athletes and we should implement in 2023 if the hotel is available. Mark agreed. Mike felt a two-day tournament needed to be implemented but knows there's financial impact. He asked Joe about two athletes to a room vs four to a room and what schools are doing now. Joe stated, by spring, schools were 3-4 athletes to a room and anticipated the same for fall championships.

MOTION by Deb to support the proposal. SECOND by Mark. Mike motioned to make an amendment to the motion to implement in 2024. SECOND by Josh. After discussion, both were willing to withdraw their amendment for a new

motion. **MOTION by Adam that the two-day championship be approved for implementation in 2023 if venue/hotel needs can be secured by October 18, 2022. SECOND by Mike.** Carried 9-0

Prior to the next proposal, Joe clarified who the CAC voting members are and that Adam was representing both CAC and is the newest officer (2nd Vice President). He stated today we had nine CAC voting members. He subsequently emailed Role of the CAC and an updated CAC directory.

Game Day Cheer – Form a State Tournament in 2023 – Assistant Director Todd Nelson explained the proposal. He additionally explained the host venue would be Veterans Memorial Arena in Binghamton which agreed, during the bid process in 2020, to host in 2023 whether it was an invitational or a state tournament. No questions or concerns were raised. **MOTION by Jamie to support the proposal. SECOND by Josh. CARRIED 9-0.**

Wrestling – Addition of Officials to Individual Tournament – This was voted 10-0 at the previous CAC meeting in the case it was brought to the floor at the July Central Committee meeting. Today, Assistant Director Todd Nelson noted it was the responsibility of the CAC to decide on officials matters like this proposal and asked for any additional concerns. None at this time so the vote will stand as is.

MOTION by Mike to support the proposal for approval by the CAC with revisions to be made in the Officials Fees & Policies document. SECOND by Susan. CARRIED 10-0. (June 22, 2022)

Boys Soccer – Increase Allowable Yellow Cards for Postseason – Coordinator Mike Andrew explained the proposal. Adam asked what the rules currently are for girls soccer. Mike stated it's the same (three cards) as boys. Kathy asked how many sections have eight postseason games before they qualify for the Final Four. Mike reported Class A in Section 1 could reach eight games and some Class C's and D's around the state can reach seven games. Julie felt the proposal was condoning poor behavior. Mike agreed and felt that wasn't the logic of the proposal. Adam clarified hand balls could be yellow cards. Mike confirmed they can be. Other members brought forward scenarios where non-sportsmanship issues could be yellow cards. Deb stated athletes should be aware of their behavior and providing them more yellow cards allows for them to show less sportsmanship.

MOTION by Jamie to support the proposal. SECOND by Adam. DEFEATED 0-8.

FOR DISCUSSION:

NOTE: These items were introduced for discussion today and will be presented for action/vote at the January 2023 CAC meeting then subsequently at the February Executive Committee meeting, unless noted otherwise.

Girls Flag Football – Form a State Tournament in Spring 2024 – Assistant Directors Joe Altieri and Todd Nelson explained the proposal. No questions or concerns were raised.

Non-Variation Sports Timeline (Jen Simmons Rule) – Assistant Director Todd Nelson explained the proposal. The approval is typically in May however the proposal offers sports to recommend their numbers when they feel its most appropriate which may not be May. Todd asked Greg if the proposal should come to the CAC or the Handbook Committee or both. Todd felt the proposal should come from the CAC or Handbook since they are responsible for language in the NYSPHSAA Handbook. Josh asked if we can bring it to the February Executive Committee meeting for discussion. Todd stated yes and Robert can put it on the handbook committee meeting agenda and we'll also add it to the next CAC meeting agenda. Greg also suggested it go on Executive Directors meeting agenda. Kathy, as the Executive Director rep, will add it to the agenda for October.

Digital Participation Certificates at Regional/State Tournaments – Assistant Director Joe Altieri explained this is not a proposal yet but Girls Basketball State Committee unanimously agreed to recommending digital instead of paper certificates at Regional and State Tournament games. He stated it came up a couple years ago and didn't go anywhere and that this change would have to be for all sports or none so there is consistency. More information forthcoming on this topic.

Girls Wrestling Update – Assistant Director Todd Nelson reported Girls Wrestling qualifies as an emerging sport and will propose a number of items in the coming months including weight classes, sport standards and rules. This includes an invitational event in January 2023, the night before the boys dual meet championship in Syracuse. He noted a current issue is participation in the event. NYSPHSAA would like to limit the invitational to our member schools only, not include the Federation which participated in other girls wrestling competitions. Dr. Zayas stated we are in favor of only our member schools for numerous reasons including time constraints with the venue, unknown registrations and not having the opportunity to address logistics for the first event.

FOR REVIEW/INPUT/CHAMPIONSHIP SITE SELECTIONS:

Cross Country Site Selection 2024-26 – Joe explained the two bids from Letchworth State Park and Queensbury High School. He indicated both staff and state committee agreed on splitting the venues for the three-year bid. CAC expressed no concerns with the staff and committee recommending 2024 and 2026 at Queensbury and 2025 at Letchworth.

INFORMATIONAL:

2022-27 Championship Dates & Sites – Joe noted the updated document through spring 20278. He indicated the new name of the Carrier Dome as JMA Wireless Dome and noted the 2022 football finals are now finalized on Saturday and Sunday, one week following Thanksgiving.

ADJOURNMENT: MOTION by Mike. SECOND by Mark. The meeting adjourned at 11:06 am.

Minutes respectfully submitted by NYSPHSAA liaison Joe Altieri; reviewed/approved on September 30th by CAC Chair, CAC members and the NYSPHSAA Executive Director prior to distribution.

Next Meetings:

Wednesday, January 11, 2023 @ 10:00 am

Wednesday, April 12, 2023 @ 10:00 am

Wednesday, June 21, 2023 @ 10:00 am



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
September 16, 2022
Virtual via Zoom

1. Welcome

The meeting was called to order by President Gavin Regan at 1:16 PM.

Section Representatives

Section 2: Andrew Cook
Section III: Pete Mahunik
Section VI: Mark Kruzynski
Section VII: Jess Barnhart
Section VIII: Mike Brostowski
Section IX: Chris Mayo
Section X: Gavin Regan
Section XI: Bill Bennet

Ex-Officio

NYSPHSAA Executive Director – Robert Zayas

Staff

Director of Foundation & Marketing - Chris Joyce
NYSPHSAA Director of Finance – Lisa Hand
NYSPHSAA Intern – Olivia Parkin

Absent

Section I: John Buonamano
Section IV: Eric Knolles
Section V: Shawn Jeffers
Ex-Officio: Russell Bartlett

2. Minutes – May 2022 & July 2022

- Gavin reviewed the minutes from May and July 2022.
 - **Motion to approve** May & July Minutes carried. Mayo/Kruzynski

3. Financial Report

- Gavin stated we need to reappoint our vice president.
 - **Motion to approve** Eric Knolles as Vice President carried. Regan/Brostowski
- Gavin stated we need to a new treasurer, and was looking for a volunteer. Chris Mayo said that he would be willing to do it.
 - **Motion to approve** Chris Mayo as treasurer carried. Regan/Brostowski

- Gavin discussed the DRAFT – Operating Policies and Financial Procedures for the NYSPHSAA Foundation. He briefly explained the purpose, and the responsibilities involved.
 - **Motion to approve** Operating Policies and Financial Procedures for the NYSPHSAA Foundation carried. Brostowski/Kruzynski
- Gavin discussed the 2022-23 budget. He explained that it is a bare minimum for the first year.
- Chris J. commented that the salaries and NYSPHSAA contribution are just accounting items that offset. It is not new money.
- Chris J. also stated that the fundraising number is a guess, and that we need to fund something during this year.
- Jess Barnhart left the meeting.
 - **Motion to approve** 2022-23 Budget for NYSPHSAA Foundation carried. Mahunik/Cook.

4. Directors Report

- Foundation Day of Giving
 - October 14 – recognized day it was founded
 - Not a one-time donation, but recurring.
 - Year-end tax advantages
 - He will send out materials and encourage all to promote this within your section.
- Update on Fundraising at NYSPHSAA Championships
 - Promotion will continue with PA announcements and program advertisements
 - Working with GoFan to add donation feature to ticketing, trying to eliminate fees
- Fundraising Toolkit is a work in progress.
 - Chris J gave an update as to the funds available at this time, approximately \$14,000.
 - Bill Bennet arrived 1:30

5. Action Items

- None

6. Other Business

- Fund Raising event Spring 2023
 - Virtual 5k? Other Suggestions?
 - Golf Tournament, Bowl-A-Thon, In Person Race.
 - Challenge for a State wide organization to have in person events.
 - Chris J shared his thoughts:
 - Challenges of a state wide organization having an in person event.
 - Year 1 Virtual Event
 - Accessible to all areas of the state
 - Only cost would be medals.
 - Memorial Day Weekend 2023.
 - Gavin gave his thoughts:
 - Very inexpensive, limits our liability, and whole state can do it.
 - Chris J will start working on this.
- Promote Foundation within your section
 - Athletic Councils, AD meetings, etc.
 - Gavin said that we need to let other know what is going on.
 - Chris J stated that we need to get information to schools, and parents.
 - Host event at your school and promote successes
 - Partner with events that are already going on. Piggyback
 - Some proceeds to the foundation.
 - Chris J will create a brochure to help promote the Foundation.

- Tabling can be done at events as long as staffing is available.
- We need to let people know we are giving money out.
 - Girls Ice Hockey and Girls Flag Football would be good places to start as programs expand
- Chris J stated that we need to emphasize our 3 main objectives
 - Increasing participation
 - Professional development for coaches
 - Training and retaining officials.
 - Gavin stated the benefits of articulating this to our sections.
 - People don't want to donate to an operating budget, they want it to go towards something.

7. For the Good of the Order

- Optional Meeting – emails going back, google doc.
 - Chris J will forward information in an email as to what other states are doing to get it started.
- Chris J asked that we promote within our schools though the media available.
- Upcoming meetings 1/20/23, 5/12/23, and optional meeting
- Motion to adjourn carried. Brostowski/Mayo.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter W. Mahunik
Secretary

APPENDIX R

MINUTES

NYSPPHSAA BOYS ICE HOCKEY Committee Meeting Friday, September 23, 2022 @ 10:00 am via Zoom

Attendees: Coordinator Scott Stuart (and Section 2), Dean Berardo (1), John Cunningham (3), Paul Zarach (4), Mike Ferreri (5), Rick Brooks (6 & Tourn. Director), Matt Walentuck (7), Tim Cook (10); NYSPPHSAA – Dr. Robert Zayas, Joe Altieri, Todd Nelson, Kristen Jadin, Chris Joyce, Chris Watson, Olivia Parkin (intern); ABSENT WITH NOTICE: 9

1. Coordinator Scott Stuart welcomed the committee and asked for changes on the committee directory. None were provided. He indicated Section 9 would not be on the call. Scott asked for a motion to approve the minutes. **MOTION** by Dean Berardo, **SECOND** by Tim Cook. Unanimously approved.
2. NYSPPHSAA Staff Reports:
Joe Altieri, Assistant Director
 - a. Welcomed the group and introduced office intern Olivia Parkin. He reported there are no COVID restrictions or policies from NYSPPHSAA for any 2022-23 championships nor were there any set forth by LECOM HarborCenter for the 2023 tournament.

QUESTION: Rick asked if we can go back to conducting a tournament banquet. Joe indicated banquets are not permitted, but optional meal functions for teams are allowed. He asked if a speaker can visit with the teams while they have a meal. Dr. Zayas clarified we can't permit that as part of our no-banquet due to it attracting teams and creating a banquet-like function that teams may feel obligated to.

- b. NYSPPHSAA Strategic Plan is posted on the NYSPPHSAA website. Noted the four initiatives NYSPPHSAA is focused on the next five years will be growth in student participation, officials recruitment/retention, financial stability, and diversity/equity/inclusion (DEI).
- c. Indicated the state tournament is at the HarborCenter for 2023 and 2024 and at this time next year, the committee and staff will review/vote on bids for 2025-27. The committee will have input on the RFP before it goes out to sections and beyond.
- d. Noted, on behalf of Chris Watson, records should be reported to Chris to update the NYSPPHSAA website. Scott Stuart emphasized there are many coaching win-loss records to be updated.
- e. Nominations for the NYSPPHSAA Hall of Fame - submissions required to be online by January 29, 2023.

Todd Nelson, Assistant Director

- a. Stated if you are considering changes in classification numbers they must be proposed/reported at the April Championship Advisory Committee meeting so they can be approved at the May Executive Committee meeting.

Kristen Jadin, Assistant Director

- b. Stated she will work with Scott on the Championship Operations Packet as the tournament nears.

Chris Joyce, Director of Marketing

- a. Reported digital ticketing went well in 2021-22, which was the first year NYSPHSAA transitioned to all digital ticketing for its events. We will continue this for 2022-2023.

3. State Tournament Report (Rick Brooks)

- a. 2023 Tournament Schedule – Rick asked if anyone had any objection to keeping the schedule the same as 2022. There were no concerns and it will remain the same. **UPDATE:** At the end of the meeting, Joe referenced an email he and Rick received from the HarborCenter during the meeting, but after the committee's schedule discussion. The request was to start games 30 minutes earlier so the Canisius playoff game can start earlier. Rick proposed starting the last 3 semifinals 10 minutes earlier each to gain 30 minutes. This would revise the schedule to 9:00, 11:20, 1:40 and 4:00 gametimes for semifinals. MOTION by Tim Cook, SECOND by Rick Brooks. Unanimously approved. Rick will communicate the revised schedule back to the HarborCenter.

4. Committee Business (Scott Stuart)

- a. Status of Section 9 hockey- Monroe Woodbury will not have hockey and Section 9 will not have a team per Scott Stuart's discussion with Frank Allesandrino. When discussing the plan to replace the spot held by Section 9, Todd Nelson said we already have the approval for the procedure to fill an open bracket. The committee moved forward by drawing out a Division I At-Large through the 2028 season.
- b. Regional Rotations/At Large- Division II At-Large will be Section VII for 2023. Section V will follow in 2024, Section X in 2025. Division I At-Large will be Section I in 2023 and then follow the following order: Section V, VI, X, II, and III
- c. Approve Brackets for 2023- Division II- Section VII AL @ II, VII @ I, X @ VI, VI @ III Division I- Section X @ I, I AL @ II, III @ IV, V @ VI; Scott with motion, Rick Brooks Second, Unanimously approved.
- d. Review Approved Proposals OT procedure and Substitute Goalie Warm up procedures from 2022

March meeting were discussed.

- e. NFHS Coach of the Year nominations from Ron Woodruff

5. Officials Update (Jim Keegan)

- a. Due to a school function, he could not attend the meeting. Todd Nelson, officials liaison, did not have anything to report on behalf of Jim.

6. 2023 Meeting – the committee agreed to the corresponding date next year – Friday, September 22, 2023

Minutes respectfully taken by Tim Cook/Scott Stuart

APPENDIX S

SECTION VI PRE-SEASON REPORT

Outdoor Track 2023

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Submitted October 2022

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Committee meeting date(s)

The Track & Field Committee Meeting will be held in December at East Aurora High School

2023 Post Season Information

Class Meets AA-A-B-C-D	Thurs.-Sat. May 25,26 ,27	Times & Sites TBA - 2 on Thu., 2 on Fri. & 1 on Sat.
State Qualifier entry close date	Sun. May 28	2:00 p.m.
Scratch & Correction Deadline	Tues. May 30	9:00 p.m.
State Qualifier	Fri.-Sat. June 2 & 3	12 noon both days – Site TBA
States:	Fri.-Sat. June 9 &10	11:00 a.m. Fri & 10:00 a.m. Sat. – Middletown (Section IX)

Number of Schools Participating / Sectional Alignments

There are two divisions as set up by the state:

Division I – 600 and up – approximately 24 schools

Division II – up to 599 – approximately 60 schools

Class Meets – 5-classes of approximately 12-15 schools will compete in each class meet according to BEDS numbers

Changes in Policy/Practice for the upcoming season

Rule Changes for 2022-23 – taken from NFHS –

Points of Emphasis

***Jewelry Rule eliminated**

Other Pertinent Data

- All Class Meet Online Entries will close on Tuesday May 23rd at 11:00 pm.
- 5 Section VI Class Meets will be contested Thursday May 25th through Saturday May 27th at various sites with a class champion for each meet.
- Section VI State Qualifier Meet: Online Entries will close on Sunday May 28th at 2:00 pm with final scratches on Tuesday, May 30th by 10:00 am.
- Qualifiers for the State Meet – The champion in each event from each division, plus the 2nd place finisher from each division with a state standard qualifying time, distance, or height. Anyone qualifying with the Super Standard will also go if they compete in the qualifying event at the State Qualifier Meet and did not place in the top two in their event.
- The 2023 New York State Track & Field Championships will be held on June 9th and 10th at Middletown High School in Section 9. Travel and lodging arrangements are being made and we will have three busses plus a van traveling to Middletown on Thursday June 8th and returning on Saturday, June 10th.

Respectfully submitted 10/28/2022,
Justin Craddock (Boys) and Walt McLaughlin (Girls)
Section VI Sportchairs

**SECTION VI PRE-SEASON REPORT
BASEBALL 2023
Chairperson: Robert Parry
November 2022**

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Committee Meeting Date(s)

- Spring Coaches Meeting – Wednesday, March 8th @ 6:30 pm
- Seeding Meeting – Saturday, May 20 @ 10:00 am

Sectionals

Class AA - 8 schools

Class A1 - 10 schools

Class B1 - 16 schools

Class C - 13 schools

Class D - 8 schools

Class A2 - 11 schools

Class B2 - 16 schools

Changes in Policy/Practice for the upcoming season:

- No new changes for the upcoming season.

Rule Changes for 2023

- The pitch count numbers were modified to allow for a progression from March to June, but the pitch count rules remained the same.
- The State meeting is January 2023. It is unknown until after the state meeting if there are any new rule changes.

Respectfully Submitted 10/19/22

Robert Parry, Section VI Baseball Sport Chairman

SECTION VI PRE-SEASON REPORT
Boys Lacrosse 2022
Chairperson: Ed Greenway
November 2022

Committee members (voting*)

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Pre-season meeting will be held at Williamsville East HS on November 14, 2022 at 7pm.

In attendance: Ed Greenway- Section 6, Class A/ B-Andy Behm, Class C- Jim Maisano Class D Ray Logan, and numerous other coaches from all Section 6 represented schools.

Post - Season Information

BOYS LACROSSE Chairperson: Ed Greenway(w) 716-626-8600		
Last day for league play	Wed. May 17	
Seeding Meeting	Wed. May 17	At Williamsville East HS
Play-in Round (if needed)	Fri. May 19	Higher Seed
Quarterfinals	Wed. May 24	Higher Seed
Semifinals	Fri. May 26	Higher Seed
Finals	Wed May 31	Location TBA Class A and D
	Thurs June 1	Class B and C
Far West Regionals	Sat. June 3	Section 5 Rochester
West State Semifinals	Wed. June 7	Cortland State
State Finals	Sat. June 10	Hofstra University LI

**State competition will continue with the Wednesday- Saturday format for the 2023 season.

- All schedules will be done by Varsity Head Coach including JV schedule and sent in proper format to Ed Greenway and Joe Jablonski by Dec. 27, 2022. Nonleague scheduling meeting will be on Nov. 14, 2022 7pm at Williamsville East HS

Changes in Policy/Practice for the upcoming season

All players must have NOSCAE approved shoulder pads by Jan. 1 2022.

Rule Changes for 2023

Will be approved – if any – and placed in 2023 handbook

Other Pertinent Data from State Meeting TBA spring 2023

Brackets will be set up for sectional playoffs- teams will remain in brackets this year- there will be no reseeding
State Face to Face Section Lacrosse Chairmen Meeting Albany NY TBA

Respectfully submitted 10/7/2022

Ed Greenway, Section VI Boys Lacrosse Sport Chair

ATHLETIC COUNCIL MEETING - Agenda item 10.0



**Golf Boys
Pre- Season Report
2023**

League Qualifiers and Team Champs

League	Individual Qualifiers	School
CCAA	TBA	TBD
NFL	Rocco Randazzo(12) -Lewiston Porter RJ DElisanti(11) -Niagara Wheatfield Ryan Kates(12) -Kenmore East Peter Monahan(10)- Lewiston Porter Anthony Gagliardi(11) -Lockport Dylan Novak(11) -Grand Island Landon Calvert(11) -Kenmore West Trent Robinson(12) -Lockport Jacob Willard(12) -Kenmore East 1 st Alt Ty Reed(12) Niagara Wheatfield	Lewiston Porter
BPS	Eliel Rodriguez (12)- Hutch Tech Connor Kennedy (?)-City Honors Miles Eagan (?)- City Honors Shane Jordan (?)- City Honors Patrick Braddle (?)- McKinley Kendrick Warnick(?)- Performing Arts	City Honors
NO	Nathan Myers(12)- Wilson Aidan Paul(11)- Medina Dylan Lonnen(11) - Medina Joel Harris(11) - Barker Drew vRomesser(12)-Akron Jack Goehle(11) - Newfane Trace Hill(11)- Akron 1 st Alt-Colin Irwin(11)- Newfane	Akron
ECIC	Tyler Delisanti (11)-Williamsville East Enzo Clerici (10)-Orchard Park Landon Arnold (10)- Orchard Park Alex Schickling (12)- Frontier Garrett Senfield (11)- Orchard Park Drew Cacciotti (11)- W Seneca West/East David Brooks (10)-Clarence Teddy Swiech (12)- Lancaster Adam Cichowski (10)- Iroquois Jack Chrzanowski (12)- Williamsville South Julian Mogensen (12)- Williamsville South	Orchard Park

Chris Kramer (12)-Williamsville North
 Carter Speranza (11)-Alden
 Tyler Zent (11)- Clarence
 Jonathan Serpe (11)-Clarence
 Tyler Grimm (10)-Starpoint
 Tyler Marfurt (10)-Williamsville East
 Jack Lopinski (9)-Amherst
 Mason Besant (12)-East Aurora
 Nick Prezioso (11)-Starpoint
 Liam Graham (11)-Clarence
 Brady Susi (11) -Frontier
 Max Gacioch (12)-East Aurora
 Carson Belle-Isle(11) -Amherst
 Dominic Passariella (12)-Maryvale
 1st Alt. Matt Jones (12) -Williamsville North
 2nd Alt. Jaxsen Kolb(11)- Depew

Report on changes in policy or practice that were implemented: Tom Gladd (NYSPHSAA Golf Chair) has proposed a rule change that would allow cell phones to be used as distance measuring devices at the state tournament. Currently, phones are allowed in league and sectional play. **Problems encountered/concerns:** Fall season encountered few weather problems.

More teams are starting to use the iwanamaker scoring which allows easy access for the media and parents to view live scoring. I will be contacting iwanamaker to set up schools in the BPS.

Recommendations for next season: More guidance for the newly formed BPS League. The chair did a good job in organizing the new league and I will try to have more contact with him (Chris Gelsomino) in early spring. We expect those golfers who have qualified to be present at sectionals. In the Spring of 2022, most of the BPS golfers did not show nor did the team that won their league participate.

After the section tournament, it would be greatly appreciated if individual coaches would wait for at least one week before asking about the specifics of the state tournament. Our sectionals are finished 3 weeks before states, giving us ample time to allow for the state committee to send hotel info, itineraries, etc. Other sections complete their sectionals a few days before states which delays final information sent to me.

Calendar 2023:

	Date	Location & Time
State Qualifier:	May 15	Bartlett CC Olean NY
States:	June 3-5	Mark Twain Course, Elmira, NY
Federation:	TBD	TBD

Other pertinent data: None at this time

Financial summary (receipts/expenditures):
To be submitted by the Section VI Treasurer

Respectfully Submitted 10/31/2022
 Carolyn Shields, Section VI Boys Golf Chair



Boys Tennis 2023 Pre-Season Report

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First Day of Practice: 3/13/23

Preseason Meeting: 3/11

Deadline for opting out of team sectionals- May 8th

Team Sectional Committee meeting dates: Tuesday May 9th at 7pm on webex.

All schools are invited to play in Team Sectionals by filing a separate Team Sectional Commitment to Compete form and submitting it to the league chairperson by Monday May 8th.

Team Sectional Format- depending on the number of schools participating large schools and small schools will be placed in "pods" sending them to a venue to be played at 9am and 11am for example on May 13th They would have two semifinals and a final. Matches not completed would be continued May 16th till conclusion.

Number of Schools Participating/Sectional Alignments: For Individual Sectionals the Number of Schools Participating is listed below.

ECIC-5, CCAC-4, BUF-3, NFL-2, NO-2.

Lancaster, Clarence, Orchard Park and possibly Hamburg are the proposed venues for Team Sectionals

Commitment to Compete Form:

Team Commitment to Compete Form as well as mandatory UTR.

Post Season Information:		
	<u>Date</u>	<u>Site</u>
Team Sectionals	5/13,16-20	TBD
Team Sectional Finals	5/20	@OPHS
Team Regionals	5/27	@OPHS
Team Finals	6/9	National Tennis Center
Individual Sectionals	5/23-26	@OPHS
Individual States	6/1-3	National Tennis Center

Changes in Policy/Practice for the upcoming season:

Rule Changes/Points of Emphasis for 2023:

Mandatory use of UTR

Other Pertinent Data:

Respectfully submitted by
T. McMahon 10/31/2022
Alex Chambers 10/31/2022



**FLAG FOOTBALL 2023
PRE-SEASON REPORT
Chairperson: Marissa Dauria**

Committee members

Committee Members: Leah Ponticello (NFHS), Katie Harrington (NT), Kevin Salisbury (South Western)

Division Chairmen: TBA

Committee meeting dates: November 16th, 2022 6:30 PM

January 18th, 2023 6:30 PM

Classification Breakdown

2023 cut-off #'s TBA based on teams interested.

Alignments: TBA

First Day of Practice: TBA

Preseason Meeting:

3/15/23 - 6:30 p.m. on zoom

Post Season Information

2023 Tentative Post Season Calendar			
Event		Date	Location & Time
Preseason Meeting		3/15/23	6:30 p.m. on zoom
First practice date		3/29/23	
First game date		4/13/23	
Last day for league play		5/26/23	
Seeding Mtg		5/30/23	Sweet Home/zoom, 7pm
Event	Class		
Pre-Quarters:	NA	5/24/23	at higher seed, 5pm
Quarters:	NA	5/30/23	at higher seed, 5pm
Quarters:	NA	5/30/23	at higher seed, 5pm
Semifinals:	NA	6/2/23	at higher seed, 5pm
Semifinals:	NA	6/2/23	at higher seed, 5pm
Finals:	NA	6/7/23	TBA(Highmark if possible), 7pm

Crossovers:	NA	6/12/23		TBA(Highmark if possible), 7pm
Regionals:	NA			- will not be offered in 2023
States:	NA			- will not be offered in 2023
Post Season Meeting		6/16/23		

Changes in Policy/Practice for the upcoming season - TBA

Rule Changes/Points of Emphasis for 2023 –

TBD

Football Rules Changes – 2023

TBD

Other Pertinent Data – Schedule to be released on 2/1/23

Respectfully submitted 10/31/22

Marissa Dauria

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SECTION VI PRE-SEASON REPORT
Girls Lacrosse 2023
Chairperson: Rick Schmitt & Jeff Bauda
November 2022

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2022 GLAX Calendar

First Practice	March 13th
First Scrimmage/Contest -- after athlete completes 6 individual practices	March 20th
Notification of Non-Participation in Sectionals to Rick Schmitt Deadline.....	May 19th
League Game Cutoff Date.....	May 19th
Power Point Seeding.....	May 19th

Memorial Day: May 29th
ACT Exams:
SAT Exams: 5/6 & 6/3

Post Season Information

GIRLS LACROSSE Chairpersons: Richard Schmitt (w) 716-440-6204			
Seeding Meeting			
Pre Quarters	C only	Mon. 5/22nd	Higher seed 4:45 pm
Quarterfinals	A,B,C,D	Tues. 5/23rd	Higher Seed 4:45 pm
Semifinals	A,B,C,D	Thurs. 5/25th	Higher Seed 4:45 pm
Finals	A,B,C,D	Tues. 5/30 th Wed. 5/31st	TBD Class: A, B, C, D
Regionals	A,B,C,D	Sat. 6/3 rd	TBD Buffalo
States	A,B,C,D	6/9 & 6/10	SUNY Cortland

Number of Schools Participating/ Sectional Alignments

We have 29 teams this year and we will continued with our 4 conferences alignment creating conferences based upon 2022 season results. Some teams changed conferences from the 2022 season. Buffalo Public has elected to enter a JV team only again for 2023

Playoff Seeding: Each team will play in their respective Class for playoffs (based on BEDS#).

A-(3 teams), B-(8 teams), C-(11team), & D-(7 team) -- class teams will be seeded based upon their results against Class Opponents in conference play and crossover games. Conference 1 and conference 2 will have crossover games and conference 3 and 4 will have crossover games. Conference 1 & 2 will be seeded higher than conference 3 & 4.

Tie Breaker procedure for Playoffs:

When ranking teams for playoffs we had some divisional ties. The tie-breaker was a coin toss.

* Head-to-head goal differential: This year, in the event there is a tie between teams, there should be a goal differential between teams to determine standings. (I.e. Team A beats team B -5-3 the first time they play then Team B beats team A in the 2nd game they play 5-4. Team A is plus 1, they finish 1st.)

* In the event there is still a tie, Goals Against head to head: least amount of goals given up

* In the event there is still a tie, Goals For head to head: most goals scored

* In the event there is still a tie, *Coin Toss*

* 3-way tie: In the event there is a 3-team tie, there will be a goal differential between the 3 teams to determine standings. Tally up the point differential in each match against the other tied teams. The team with the least amount of goals given up is 1st.

* In the event there is still a tie, it's the total amount of points scored against the other tied teams.

* In the event there is still a tie, *Coin Toss*

Respectfully submitted 10/14/22

Richard Schmitt

Section VI Girls Lacrosse chair

SECTION VI PRE-SEASON REPORT Golf Girls 2022-2023

Committee members *

The sport of Girls Golf is no longer federated as of 2018. The Girls Golf Committee consists of one representative from each participating league plus the Section VI Chairperson. Each school listed below is participates in league competition recognized by Section VI.

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Section VI Meeting Date(s): March 6 2023 6 pm via Google Meet

May 22, 2023 Section VI Championships Coaches Meeting

State Qualifier:	Monday, May 22, 2023	Gowanda Country Club
States:	June 4-5-6, 2023	Mcgregor Links and Country Club (Section 2)

Number of Schools Participating/ Sectional Alignments:

17 schools. No sectional alignment due to the limited number of schools participating.

FALL: BPS: City Honors, Hutch-Tech, Olmsted, South Park,
ECIC Small Schools: Depew, Tonawanda, Williamsville East, Williamsville South
ECIC Large Schools: Clarence, Lancaster, Orchard Park, Williamsville North,
*****New for Fall 2023 Possibly Starpoint**

SPRING: CCAA: Cassadaga Valley/Maplegrove, Fredonia, Jamestown, Olean,
Southwestern/Catt.LittleValley,

Schools that have had female participation in league play or individual sectional qualification in the past are: Alden, Dunkirk, East Aurora/Holland, Ellicottville, Medina, Newfane, Pioneer, Royhart, Sweethome, Wilson.

Changes in Policy/Practice for 2022-2023: None

Special Reminder: Girls that compete on their school's Boys Varsity Golf Team may qualify for post-season play in girls competition. These girls must compete according to the Boy's rules, play a minimum of 6 matches, and have a **9 hole stroke average of 54.99** or better.

Rule Changes for 2022- 2023: None

Other Pertinent Information:

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.

Respectfully submitted,
Joseph M. Biondo Section VI Chairman 10/25/22

**SECTION VI PRE-SEASON REPORT
SOFTBALL 2022-23
Chairperson: Jay Hall
November 2022**

Committee members (voting*)

Chairman

Jay Hall, 129 Clinton St., Tonawanda, 14150
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[meeting called to order by chairperson hall at 9:15 AM](#)

Kelly Ambrose notified everyone that she was stepping down as ECIC chair. She will stay on as an At large member and will notify me when they choose a replacement. She will continue to hold position until a replacement is found. Chairman Hall and several others thanked Kelly for an outstanding job.

Present Jay Hall, Kevin Salisbury, Susan Teets, Kelly Ambrose, Dan Selig, Jeffrey Kryszczuk, Cheryl O'Connor and Marlene Stone

Buffalo

CCAA

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ECIC

TBD

voting

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NO	Marlene Stone	mstone@akronschools.org	585-737-1158 voting
BUFFALO	Debbie Matos	DMatos@buffaloschools.org	716-316-4839 voting

At-Large Representatives:

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Old Business

New web-site worked well. If you are a returning coach when emails come out, you do not have to register again. Coaches asked if something could be added where they can request games or ask questions. There will be a coaches platform that will not be seen by general public.

ITB- cannot be acted on as all sections must use it (as per Sept.21st 2022 athletic council meeting)

Mercy rule will be discussed at the November 16th athletic council meeting

New Business

Committee meeting date(s)

League cut off date to schedule games is Tuesday, May 16th

Seeding meeting May 16 7:00 PM Depew Middle School

All league games must be completed and reported on website by 7:00pm May 16th

Number of Schools Participating/Sectional Alignments

We are splitting the A,B classes

6 classifications will probably take effect in 24 (as per Jim Wright)

2-day state tournament was talked about

Sectional dates have been approved

Semi finals will now have 3 umpires per the new contract a discussion was held to see if we wanted To keep semi's at higher seed or move to neutral site.

Motion made by Kevin second by Kelly

To keep them at higher seed

Motion Passed 4-0

Depew, Grand Island and Gowanda sites were discussed with all agreeing that they are excellent Sites.

Continue to report scores and rate umpires on the website. This is a must
As Buffalo news does not report scores.

No non preferred list will be accepted again this year

Run rules that league chairs said are in affect this year.

CCAA – all divisions have run rule believes all are 12 after 5

NFL- 12 after 5

NO- no run rule

ECIC- 12 after 5

Buffalo- 10 after 5

Discussion about music ECIC had problem with both teams wanting to play music and would try to be louder than the other. We cannot dictate to leagues but everyone agreed they would bring back our sectional rule and use them.

For sectional play the home team will only be allowed to play music before or in between innings. No walk up music will be allowed. For neutral sites the only music allowed will be from committee person working the game.

COACHES MEETING WILL BE HELD MARCH 1ST 6:00 PM ROOM B1 AT BOCES

Post Season Information *SUBJECT TO CHANGE

SOFTBALL Chairperson: Jay Hall C: 481-1587				
			Rain Dates	
League Cut-Off		Tues May 16		7:00pm Prior to seeding meeting
Seeding Meeting		Tues May 16		7:00pm Depew Middle School
Pre-Quarters	All classes	Wed May 17	Next day	Higher Seed – Time 5:00 pm
Quarter Finals	A1,A2,B1,B2	Thurs May 18	Fri May 29	Higher Seed- Time 5:00 pm
Quarter Finals	AA,C,D	Mon May 22	Tues May 23	Higher Seed- Time 5:00 pm
Semi-Finals	A1 A2	Mon May 22	Next day	Higher Seed-Time 5:00 pm
Semi-Finals	B1 B2	Tues Mat 23	Next Day	Higher Seed Time 5:00 pm
Semi-Finals	AA C D	Wed May 24	Next day	Higher Seed- Time 5:00
Finals	A1 A2	Wed May 24	Next Day	At Depew High School 5:00 @ 7:00 pm
Finals	B1 B2	Thurs May 25	Next Day	At Grand Island High School 5:00 @ 7:00 pm
Finals	AA	Tues May 30	Next day	At Depew 5:30
Finals	C D	Tues May 30	Next day	At Gowanda High School C 5:00 D 7:00
Crossover	A	Tues May 30	Next day	At Depew High School 7:00 pm
Crossover	B	Wed May 31	Next Day	At Grand Island High School 7:00 pm
Regionals	C,D	Fri June 2	TBD	At Gowanda High School 5:00 @! 7:00 pm
Regionals	AA,A,B	Sat June 3	TBD	At section V TBA
States	All classes	Fri Sat June 9.10	Next Day	In Long Island

Other dates:

First day of practice March 13th

Section VI coaches meeting Tues, 03/01/23 6:00 PM Erie 1 BOCES B1

Rosters on web site by March 23rd

Opt out of sectionals Tuesday May 9th

Preferred umpire list due May 9th

Respectfully submitted

Jay Hall, Section VI Softball Chairman

SECTION VI PRE-SEASON REPORT
Unified Basketball 2023
Chairperson: Doug Ames

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Committee meeting date(s)

Unified Bowling Coaches Pre Season Meeting - December 14, 2022 Cheektowaga HS
 Unified Basketball Coaches Pre Season Meeting - March 09, 2023 Cheektowaga HS

Season Information (Subject to Change)

Unified Basketball		
Event	Date	Location & Time
Practice begins	3/13/2023	
Scrimmage date	4/25/23	11 sites 3 to 4 teams - 5:00 - 6:30 PM
Games begin	4/26 - 5/26/23	
Opt out date	5/24/23	
First Round of Play-Offs	5/30/23	
Culmination Event	6/01/23	
Youth Activation Summit	11/24 - 11/25/23	Virtually w/ section V

Number of Schools Participating

Buffalo: 4 / ECIC: 20
 NFL: 8 / NO: 3
 CCA: 7
 Section 5: Pembroke

Changes in Policy/Practice for the upcoming season

1. Multiple scrimmage sites for 2023 season
2. Rosters online
3. Skills at halftime
4. Officials enforcing rules throughout the season as well as tournament – Foul line enforced
5. Scorebooks are recommended for all games
6. Games tied after regulation teams will be play one (1) quarter of four minutes of overtime

Other Pertinent Data

1. Opt out date for Culmination event is May 24, 2023
2. Possible two (2) sites of competition for the culmination event discussion at pre season meeting
3. Extended Eligibility at the NYSED level - Central Committee Review for Unified Sports Only
 Skills Alternative Assessment (CDOS students)
4. Coaching styles – regular season & culmination tend to change to be more competitive
5. Schedule / Alignment
6. Reporting results through google doc
7. T-shirts for Divisional Champions

Respectfully submitted 6/8/23
Doug Ames, Section VI Unified Sports Chair