



ATHLETIC COUNCIL MINUTES

November 13, 2024

HIGHLIGHTS

- 1.0 **CARRIED:** Motion to move 6.1.1 ahead of 5.2 on the agenda
- 3.1 **CARRIED:** September 18, 2024 Section VI Athletic Council meeting minutes
- 4.1 **CARRIED:** 2025-2026 North & South Timelines - Schedules/Assignment of Officials
- 5.2 **CARRIED:** Combining of Schools Applications, Numbers (1) through (6)
- 5.3 **CARRIED:** Senior All-Star Application, Letter (a)
- 6.1.1 **CARRIED:** Move Lake Shore/Silver Creek in the sport of Boys Lacrosse from Class C to Class B.
- 6.3.1 **CARRIED:** Treasurer's report
- 6.4.1 **CARRIED:** Boys Basketball Tiebreaker Proposal
- 6.4.2 **CARRIED:** Boys Wrestling Individual D1 and D2 Championship Tournaments Proposal
- 6.4.3 **CARRIED:** Softball Championship Series Proposal
- 10.1 **CARRIED:** Spring 2025 pre-season reports Baseball, Softball, Boys Golf, Girls Golf, Flag Football, Boys Lacrosse, Girls Lacrosse, Unified Basketball, Boys Tennis, Track & Field.

ATHLETIC COUNCIL MINUTES

1.0 CALL TO ORDER (D. Lilleck)

- 1.1 Pledge of allegiance
- 1.2 Commenced 11:34am

Motion to move 6.1.1 ahead of 5.2 on the agenda

CARRIED

Fallacaro-Dougherty/Roth

2.0 INTRODUCTIONS & AWARD PRESENTATIONS (M. DiFilippo)

- 2.1 Toth's Sports (Rusty Knight) – Luncheon Sponsor

3.0 MINUTES (D. Lilleck)

- 3.1 ***Motion to approve the September 18, 2024 Section VI Athletic Council meeting minutes***

CARRIED

Zirkle/MacSwan

4.0 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (M. DiFilippo)

- 4.1 **Motion to approve of 2025-2026 North & South Timelines - Schedules/Assignment of Officials (Appendix A)**

CARRIED

Ljiljanich/Fallacaro-Dougherty

- 4.2 Mandatory AD Meeting – January 2025

The mandatory athletic director workshop will be held January 30, 2025 at Erie 1 BOCES. Inside Out is scheduled to present during the morning session. Break out groups for professional development are scheduled for the afternoon.

- 4.3 Fall Sectional Wrap-up

Thus far, positive feedback has been received regarding fall post season. M. DiFilippo acknowledged and thanked those schools who hosted neutral site playoff games. With the football sectional finals upcoming at Highmark Stadium, a reminder was given that GoFan and NYSPHSAA passes are not valid for these events. M. DiFilippo is the contact for paper tickets.

- 4.4 Section Coaches Meetings

Section VI Coaches meetings are scheduled for tonight, November 13.

- 4.5 Athletic Council representatives

The importance of league to identify alternates to the Section office and attendance at athletic council meetings was shared. In addition, the council members will be reminded to notify their alternate as well as their league leadership in advance if they plan to be absent for a scheduled meeting.

It was noted that the September 18, 2024 athletic council meeting was the first time Section VI had 100% female representation for female representative positions.

5.0 **COMMUNICATIONS** (M. DiFilippo)

5.2 **Motion to approve of Combining of Schools applications, numbers (1) through (6)**

CARRIED

Taylor/Fallacaro-Dougherty

Winter

1. Basketball B/G, New, **LJ Bennett**, Alternative, V, JV, resubmitted , 389, A
2. Bowl Unified BG, Existing, **Silver Creek**, Forestville, 325

Spring

3. Baseball, Existing, **Maritime Charter**, Tapestry Charter, V, , Nov AC Agenda, 372, A
4. Flag Football, New, **Maritime Charter**, Tapestry Charter, V, , Nov AC Agenda, 372, C
5. Lax B, Existing, **Lake Shore**, Silver Creek, V, JV, 7/8, 593, B *COS Review, Move up class B*
6. Lax G, Existing, **Lake Shore**, Silver Creek, V, JV, 7/8, 593, C

5.3 **Motion to approval of Senior All-Star application, letter (a)**

CARRIED

Zirkle/Wiles

- a) Winter – Boys & Girls Basketball N.O. / G.R. Exceptional Senior Game 3/7/25 at Medina High School

6.0 **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

6.1 Combining of Schools Committee (J. Sortisio)

6.1.1 Motion to approve to move Lake Shore/Silver Creek in the sport of Boys Lacrosse from Class C to Class B.

CARRIED 3 opposed (ECIC)

Zirkle/Salisbury

It was noted that this action item is a recommendation from the Combining of Schools Committee at the request of the Boys Lacrosse Committee. If the Combining of Schools Committee feels that a combined team established dominance then they have the authority to recommended a move of class. Placement is for one school year.

6.2 Charter Schools Classification Committee (J. Sortisio)

Nothing to report

6.3 Finance Committee (S. Penhollow)

6.3.1 **Motion to approve of the treasurer's report** (Appendix B)

CARRIED

Banker/Dimitroff

6.3.2 2025-2026 Section VI Proposed Budget (Appendix C)

The proposed budget will be an action item at the January 15, 2025 athletic council meeting. Council members were encouraged to review the proposed budget with their respective leagues.

6.4 Sectional/Intersectional (M. DiFilippo)

6.4.1 **Motion to approve of the Boys Basketball Tiebreaker Proposal**

CARRIED

Fallacaro-Dougherty/Roth

6.4.2 **Motion to approve of the Boys Wrestling Individual D1 and D2 Championship Tournaments Proposal**

CARRIED

Roth/Ljiljanich

6.4.3 **Motion to approve of the Softball Championship Series Proposal**

CARRIED

Fallacaro-Dougherty/Roth

6.4.4 Proposal to Extend the FAT timing qualifier standard to the Class Meets for the 100, 200 and the 100/110 hurdles.

This will be an action item in January. Currently, Section VI has FAT timing for its sectional qualifier. The Track & Field Committee proposes to add FAT timing to class meets as well. The Committee's rationale ensure the most accurate timing is used and to prevent missing kids that should be there. If approved, implementation would begin March 2024.

6.5 Safety (M. McKenna) Appendix I

M. McKenna reviewed the NYSPHSAA Safety Committee report from October 1, 2024.

Council members were encourage to remind their respective leagues that safety concerns should be reported to M. McKenna so they can be addressed at the state level.

6.6 Modified Committee (L. Bergman, M. Librock)

6.2 Rolling Agenda

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1X_iVIWi-nmrYKJ5C3laJsbqWXMozuray1XyZb79uuto/edit?usp=sharing

6.7 State Executive Committee/Central Committee

a) Superintendent (J. Sortisio)

Nothing to report

b) Principal (C. Alvarez)

Nothing to report

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

The following are discussion items for the November 13, 2024 Athletic Council meeting and action items at the January 15, 2025 Athletic Council meeting to provide direction for M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative, to vote at the February 2025 NYSPHSAA Central Committee meeting. (Appendix D)

6.7c1 Handbook – Foreign Exchange Policy Revision

Brought forth by Section 6. No concerns.

6.7c2 Football – Request to Start Practice on Monday of Week #7

This will ensure enough time to schedule the required 10 practices. In order for this to become an action item, it requires SED approval, which R. Zayas is trying to obtain.

6.7c3 Boys/Girls Bowling – Start At-Large Rotation with Section III for 2025; Establish Remaining Rotation following 2025 State Tournament

6.7c4 Outdoor Track & Field – Establish Strict Set of Super & At-Large Standards

6.7c5 Boys Tennis – Establish New Regional Rotation for 2025-30 Using Guiding Principals

6.7c6 Boys Tennis: Establish New At-Large Rotation to Fill Byes for 2026-30

The rotation for singles and doubles is provided in the corresponding appendix.

6.7c7 Flag Football Rule Adjustment – Minimum Flag Belt Length

6.7c8 Flag Football Rule Change – Spotting the Ball

6.7c9 Flag Football – Rule Adjustment – First Possession Line

6.8 Extended Eligibility (M. DiFilippo)

Nothing to report

6.9 Chemical Awareness (J. Grzymala)

- League SAAC Committee Members (5) to meet the week of November 18th at Erie 1 BOCES to discuss NYSPHSAA Leadership Survey, Events, Upcoming SAAC Invites in Section VI
- Jr. and Sr. Representatives from Section VI will be attending Syracuse Conference (Dec. 1st & Dec.2nd)
- J. Grzymala and K. Schon will be working with BPS on Dec 6, NFL coming up, NO (last week). J. to develop a culminating event

6.10 Transfer/Foreign Student (M. DiFilippo)

Reports were provided to the Executive Committee

6.11 Sportsmanship (J. Graczyk, D. Ames)

6.11.1 State Meeting Highlights

- NYSPHSAA Banner Awards (4- Sharon Springs / 8- Cold Spring Harbor)
- NYS Good Sports Promotion Survey (No rejections Section 7)
- "Stay in the Game" Banner Decals

Discussion Topics:

- Football Disqualifications / PSA Videos for Sportsmanship w/ local BOCES
- Soccer rejections are on an increase across the State "physical contact"
- Artificial noisemakers / cowbell issues - NYSPHSAA has no rules that prohibit noisemakers as long as they do not mimic the noise of the game.

6.12 Veterans (J. Trampert)

Nothing to report

6.13 Mixed Competition (C. Alvarez)

Nothing to report

6.14 Nominations (B. Banker)

6.14.1 Male Representative Position, term expires June 2025 (July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2029)

J. Roth shared his intent to renew his term. A challenger application will be posted on the Section VI website following today's athletic council meeting with deadline of March 1, 2025.

6.14.2 Spring Sports Chairs Terms Expiration June 30, 2025, new term July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2028
(Action Item May 2025) (Renewals/Challengers)

A challenger application will be posted on the Section VI website following today's athletic council meeting with deadline of March 1, 2025.

6.15 Corporate Partners (M. DiFilippo)

6.15.1 It was noted that PBS Friday night lights broadcast and their PBS radio stations played infomercials to promote sportsmanship and recruitment of officials.

6.16 Hall of Fame (J. Dunnigan)

The induction ceremony is scheduled for December 6, 2024 at The Columns Banquets. Members asked to remind their respective leagues that nominations are accepted throughout the year.

6.17 Unified Sports (D. Ames)

6.17.1 Unified Champion Schools "National Banner" Section VI Winners:
Amherst, Fredonia, Niagara Wheatfield, Pioneer
Starpoint - renewal

7.0 SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

7.1 All WNY Scholar Athlete (J. Roth)

The fall 2024 forms are live on the Section VI website under Scholar Athlete The deadline to submit is Monday December 9, 5pm.

8.0 STATE COMMITTEE REPORTS (informational only) Appendix E

- Flag Football, September 17, 2024
- Girls Wrestling, September 18, 2024
- Championship Philosophy Committee, October 1, 2024
- Football, October 7, 2024
- Championship Advisory Committee, October 10, 2024
- Bowling, October 11, 2024

9.0 GUEST REPORTS

9.1 NYSPHSAA (T. Nelson & R. Zayas)

- This weekend is the 3rd weekend of state championships, NYSPHSAA's goal is to be provide a great atmosphere and make the experience memorable for those involved.
- At the last NYSPHSAA meeting, the Championship Philosophy Committee was charged with reviewing the awards system. This will be a discussion item at the January 2025 NYSPHSAA meeting.

9.1.1 Schools Without Boundaries Report (M. Fallacaro-Dougherty) Appendix F

The Schools Without Boundaries Committee is tasked with seeking resolution for placement of private school/charter schools. NYSPHSAA is concerned that taking certain actions could negatively impact the association via lawsuit or legislative action.

NYSPHSAA provided the Schools Without Boundaries Committee data to begin discussions.

As of 2016, private/charter schools were winning less than 10% in all sports and just a little over 10% in the 6 class sports and football.

Last school year, the private schools won 4 out of the 6 state girls basketball championships, which is believed to have precipitated this discussion.

9.1.2 DEI Committee Report (A. Lloyd) Appendix J

The NYSPHSAA DEI Committee is comprised of representatives from each section and members of NYSPHAAA. They have convened 4 times since February 2024. The next meeting is scheduled for December 2024.

- At its most recent meeting, the committee continues to define what DEI means. Also, it was recommended the language between NYSPHSAA, the sections, and the DEI Committee be the same. Another topic discussed was pathways to promote diversity with standing committees.
- A. Lloyd requests to form Section 6 DEI committee, each league asked to submit a representative from their league.

9.2 NYSAAA Report (J. Roth)

Scholar Athlete essay application is due next week. The committee selects a male and female at the chapter level.

10.0 SPORTS REPORTS

10.1 *Motion to Approval of Spring 2025 pre-season reports: Baseball, Softball, Boys Golf, Girls Golf, Flag Football, Boys Lacrosse, Girls Lacrosse, Unified Basketball, Boys Tennis, Track & Field.* (Appendix G)

CARRIED
Hack/MacSwan

11.0 OLD BUSINESS

11.1 Girls Basketball Semi-finals

Last year, East Aurora brought up a concern involving equitability specific to boys and girls basketball semifinals venues. M. DiFilippo, K. Schon, D. Lilleck, and M. Donahue met with East Aurora representatives to hear their concerns. Buffalo State, which traditionally hosts boys basketball semifinals, is not able to accommodate girls basketball semifinals this school year. Therefore, Maryvale, Ken-Ton, Lancaster, and a couple local colleges/universities have been looked at as an alternative was the recommendation. But knowing a resolution is still needed, M. DiFilippo and K. Schon, in collaboration with the basketball chair people, are working on a recommendation for 25-26 with action from the athletic council before the end of this 24-25 school year.

12.0 NEW BUSINESS

12.1 3-Region Concept (Appendix H)

Members were asked to review the data on this item in the corresponding appendix, discuss with their respective leagues, and provide feedback to M. DiFilippo. In the past, all state sport committees have recommended state rotations. One of the issues presented is each sport is different. The 3-region concept, would provide a set standard and eliminate the need for approving each sport committees' recommendation every time they have a change. Approval of this concept would continue to group Section 6 with Section 5, but would give other sections a consistent partner too. There are concerns within the proposal relating to weekday travel, facilities, inequities, but the committee is moving toward a solution for all.

13.0 GOOD OF THE ORDER/ADJOURNMENT

13.1 *Motion to adjourn*

CARRIED
Hack/Dimitroff

ATTENDANCE (Voting Members - *) Absent Alternate Present

Executive Committee		Committee Chairpersons		Sport Chairs
President*	Dave Lilleck	Chemical Awareness	John Grzymala	
President-Elect*	Brett Banker	Combining of Schools	Jeff Sortisio	
Superintendents' Rep.*	Jeff Sortisio	Charter School Classification	Jeff Sortisio	
Principals' Rep.*	Carlos Alvarez	Extended Eligibility	Mark DiFilippo	
Male Rep.*	Jeff Roth	Finance	Steve Penhollow	
Female Rep.*	Marisa Fallacaro-Dougherty	Male Modified	Matt Librock	Guests
Past President	Maureen Donahue	Female Modified	Lindsay Bergman	R. Knight (Toth's)
Executive Director	Mark DiFilippo	Nominations	Brett Banker	P. Burke
Asst Exec Director	Kim Schon	NYSAAA	Jeff Roth	T. Nelson
Treasurer	Beth Fadeley	Policy Handbook	Marisa Fallacaro-Dougherty	
Office Staff	Pauline Turski	Safety	Matt McKenna	
		Sectional Intersectional	Mark DiFilippo	
		Sportsmanship	D. Ames/J. Graczyk	
		Transfer	Mark DiFilippo	
		Hall of Fame	Jim Dunnigan	
		Veterans	Jim Trampert	

League	Representative	Alternate
BUFFALO		
Superintendents Rep./AD*	Aubrey Lloyd	TBA – Assistant Superintendent of Athletics
Principals' Rep.*	Michael Morris, South Park	Eric Johnson, Burgard
Female Rep.*	Dr. Ramona Reynolds	Syble Smith (McKinley, Volleyball & Swim Coach)
Male Rep.*	Steve McDuffie	David Kelly (Olmsted, Golf, Swim & Tennis Coach)

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Superintendents' Rep.*	Steve Penhollow, Falconer	TBA
Principals' Rep.*	Kourtney Almeida, Pine Valley	Corey Markum, Westfield
Female Rep.*	Carol Zirkle, Fredonia	Steve Anastasia, Olean
Male Rep.*	Kevin Salisbury, Southwestern	Ben Drake, Jamestown

ERIE COUNTY INTERSCHOLASTIC CONFERENCE (ECIC)

Superintendents' Rep.*	Sean Croft, Starpoint	Dr. Jeff Rabey, Depew
Principals' Rep.*	Tim Wiles, Cleveland Hill	Steve Smith, Alden
Female Rep.*	Carrie Vetter, Iroquois	Daryl Besant, Lake Shore
Male Rep.*	Dave Hack, Orchard Park	Jason Iwankow, Eden Vince Dell'Oso, Starpoint

NIAGARA FRONTIER LEAGUE (NFL)

Superintendents' Rep.*	Dan Ljiljanich, Niagara Wheatfield	Dr. Brian Graham, Grand Island
Principals' Rep.*	Trevor Brown, Kenmore	Andrew Auer, Lew-Port
Female Rep.*	Lindsay Bergman, Kenmore	Matt McKenna, Niagara Wheatfield
Male Rep.*	Joe Contento, Niagara Falls	Matt McKenna, Niagara Wheatfield

NIAGARA ORLEANS LEAGUE (NO)

Superintendents' Rep.*	Jacob Reimer, Barker	Jill Heck, Royalton-Hartland
Principals' Rep.*	Steve Dimitroff, Akron	Dan Bedette, Newfane
Female Rep.*	Mariah LaSpina, Albion	Rob Mucha, Barker
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: Athletic Council on November 13, 2024 2025-2026 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 2025	Winter 2025-26		Spring 2026
Enter fees for the upcoming year (2025-2026)	Apr. 3, 2025	August 11, 2025		August 11, 2025
Officials Rankings from coaches/chairs due	May 5, 2025	Aug. 25, 2025		Jan. 2, 2026
Subassigners review rosters in arbitersports and report changes to the Section office.	May 5, 2025	Aug. 25, 2025		Jan. 2, 2026
Draft schedules complete	May 16, 2025	Sept. 8, 2025		Jan. 5, 2026
Email officials with instructions to register	May 16, 2025	Sept. 8, 2025		Feb. 2, 2026
Final schedules complete including non-league games Import of schedules to arbitersports begins	June 2, 2025	Sept. 15, 2025		Feb. 2, 2026
Final date: ALL schedules must be in arbitersports	June 13, 2025	Oct. 1, 2025	For B&G Basketball only	Feb. 17, 2026
Officials registered & availabilities listed	June 16, 2025	Oct. 8 2025		Feb. 17, 2026
*Varsity and JV assignment of officials begins	June 18, 2025	Oct. 14, 2025	Oct. 23, 2025	Feb. 20, 2026
*Assignments released to the OBR's for 5 day review	July 9, 2025	Oct. 29, 2025	Oct. 29, 2025	February 27, 2026
*Round Table (with OBRs) to finalize assignments	July 14, 2025	Nov. 3, 2025	Nov. 3, 2025	March 3, 2026
*Publish V,JV assignments-4 days to accept (7 days - Fall only)	July 15, 2025	Nov. 4, 2025	Nov. 4, 2025	March 4, 2026
*Last day to accept assignments	July 22, 2025	Nov. 8, 2025	Nov. 8, 2025	March 8, 2026
Publish Football assignments-7 days to accept	Mid-July			
Notify Athletic Offices & Officials Groups to make final payments/save financial reports (ArbiterPay)	Nov. 21, 2025	March 18, 2026		June 9, 2026
Delete season schedules	Dec. 12, 2025	April 8, 2026		June 30, 2026

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

ACTION ITEM: Athletic Council November 13, 2024
2025-2026 Section VI Timeline for Schedules/ Assignment of Officials
SOUTH: Cattaraugus & Chautauqua

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White: School / assigner responsibility	Fall 2025	Winter 2025-26		Spring 2026
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GVB assignments using Group 30** officials must be complete	June 17, 2025	NA	Basketball ONLY	NA
Varsity & JV assignment of officials begins	June 18, 2025	Oct. 14, 2025	Oct. 23, 2025****	Feb. 20, 2026
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. 21, 2025	March 18, 2026		June 9, 2026
Delete season schedules	Dec. 12, 2025	April 8, 2026		June 30, 2026

* 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
Section VI NYSPHSAA, Inc.

Treasurer's Report

As of November 7, 2024

Nov 7, 24

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

1040.1 · Bank of America CD	26,204.29
1043.1 · Northwest CD	314,533.60
1050 · Arbiter Pay	60,000.00
1000 · Petty Cash	2,400.00
1030 · Bank of America Checking	414,707.28
1040 · Bank of America Money Market	1.69
1043 · Northwest Savings Bank	121,920.01

Total Checking/Savings 939,766.87

Total Current Assets 939,766.87

TOTAL ASSETS **939,766.87**

LIABILITIES & EQUITY 0.00

Dedicated Funds

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Accrual</u>
Boys Ice Hockey	\$ 115,000.00	\$ 125,000.00
Girls Ice Hockey	\$ 43,500.00	\$ 49,500.00
Indoor Track	\$ 124,800.00	\$ 130,000.00

Budgeted

State Championships	\$ 212,000.00
	\$ 495,300.00

FUND BALANCE \$ 444,466.87

APPENDIX C

Actual 2023-2024		Budget 2024-2025 Approved Jan 2024		Projection 2025-2026	
Erie 1 BOCES		Erie 1 BOCES		Erie 1 BOCES	
Revenue		Revenue		Revenue	
Coordination Fees (BOCES Billing)	\$ 370,705.00	Coordination Fees (BOCES Billing)	\$ 619,000.00	Coordination Fees (BOCES Billing)	\$ 582,520.00
Off. Recruit. & Ret. (BOCES Billing)	\$ 14,200.00	Off. Recruit. & Ret. (BOCES Billing)	\$ 14,200.00	Off. Recruit. & Ret. (BOCES Billing)	\$ 14,200.00
Travel Pay (BOCES Billing)	\$ 8,875.00			Travel Pay (BOCES Billing)	\$ (4,888.00)
Total Revenue	\$ 393,780.00	Total Revenue	\$ 633,200.00	Total Revenue	\$ 591,832.00
Operating Expenses		Operating Expenses		Operating Expenses	
Salaries	\$ 228,652.00	Salaries	\$ 318,500.00	Salaries	\$ 339,085.00
Executive Director		Executive Director (117,500)		Executive Director (118720)	
Office Staff		Office Staff (111000)		Office Staff (125915)	
Treasurer		Asst. Director (90,000)		Asst. Director (94450)	
Equipment	\$ 1,424.00	Equipment	\$ 1,500.00	Equipment	\$ 1,500.00
Supplies	\$ 1,029.00	Supplies	\$ 500.00	Supplies	\$ 2,300.00
Contract Services	\$ 113,533.00	Contract Services	\$ 130,000.00	Contract Services	\$ 150,000.00
Benefits	\$ 89,367.00	Benefits	\$ 140,000.00	Benefits	\$ 148,400.00
Computer/Technology	\$ 10,740.00	Computer/Technology	\$ 13,500.00	Computer/Technology	\$ 13,500.00
Rent/Utilities, Etc.	\$ 13,264.00	Rent/Utilities, Etc.	\$ 14,000.00	Rent/Utilities, Etc.	\$ 14,000.00
Print Shop	\$ 1,242.00	Print Shop	\$ 1,000.00	Print Shop	\$ 1,300.00
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 459,251.00	Total Operating Expenses	\$ 619,000.00	Total Operating Expenses	\$ 670,085.00
Section VI		Section VI		Section VI	
Revenue		Revenue		Revenue	
Sports Programs		Sports Programs		Sports Programs	
Sectional	\$ 641,855.00	Sectional	\$ 570,000.00	Sectional	\$ 600,000.00
Regional	\$ 97,331.00	Regional	\$ 55,000.00	Regional	\$ 85,000.00
Boys Ice Hockey - Reg. Season	\$ 229,520.00	Boys Ice Hockey - Reg. Season	\$ 250,000.00	Boys Ice Hockey - Reg. Season	\$ 230,000.00
Girls Ice Hockey - Reg. Season/Sec	\$ 52,552.00	Girls Ice Hockey - Reg. Season/Sec	\$ 50,000.00	Girls Ice Hockey - Reg. Season/Sec	\$ 50,000.00
Indoor Track & Field - Reg. Season/Sec	\$ 147,063.00	Indoor Track & Field - Reg. Season/Sec	\$ 130,000.00	Indoor Track & Field - Reg. Season/Sec	\$ 140,000.00
State Championships	\$ 57,695.00	State Championships	\$ 50,000.00	State Championships	\$ 50,000.00
Total Sports Programs	\$ 1,226,016.00	Total Sports Programs	\$ 1,105,000.00	Total Sports Programs	\$ 1,155,000.00
General Administration		General Administration		General Administration	
Off Recruit & Ret (non-coser)	\$ 11,500.00	Off. Recruit & Ret. (non-coser)	\$ 11,500.00	Off. Recruit & Ret. (non-coser)	\$ 11,400.00
Travel Pay (non-coser)	\$ 3,375.00			Travel Pay (non-coser)	\$ 4,888.00
Dues Collected by Section	\$ 112,875.00	Dues Collected by Section	\$ 619,000.00	Dues Collected by Section	\$ 189,990.00
Dues Collected by BOCES	\$ 370,705.00	Dues Collected by BOCES		Dues Collected by BOCES	\$ 582,520.00
Off. Recruit & Ret. (coser)	\$ 14,200.00	Off. Recruit & Ret. (coser)	\$ 14,200.00	Off. Recruit & Ret. (coser)	\$ 14,200.00
Travel Pay (coser)	\$ 8,875.00			Travel Pay (coser)	\$ (4,888.00)
Interest Income	\$ 13,127.00	Interest Income	\$ 1,000.00	Interest Income	\$ 13,000.00
Corporate Sponsorships	\$ 128,050.00	Corporate Sponsorships	\$ 100,000.00	Corporate Sponsorships	\$ 120,000.00
Media/Program Sales	\$ 2,500.00	Media/Program Sales	\$ 3,000.00	Media/Program Sales	\$ 2,500.00
Other Athletic Council Income	\$ 49,425.00	Other Athletic Council Income	\$ 15,000.00	Other Athletic Council Income	\$ 38,000.00
Total General Administration	\$ 714,632.00	Total General Administration	\$ 752,200.00	Total General Administration	\$ 971,610.00
Total Revenue	\$ 1,940,648.00	Total Revenue	\$ 1,857,200.00	Total Revenue	\$ 2,126,610.00
Operating Expenses		Operating Expenses		Operating Expenses	
Sports Programs		Sports Programs		Sports Programs	
Sectionals	\$ 487,066.00	Sectionals	\$ 480,000.00	Sectionals	\$ 530,000.00
Awards + Assignors	\$ 66,074.00	Awards + Assignors	\$ 52,000.00	Awards + Assignors	\$ 70,000.00
Regionals	\$ 54,721.00	Regionals	\$ 38,500.00	Regionals	\$ 58,000.00
Boys Ice Hockey	\$ 199,920.00	Boys Ice Hockey	\$ 248,000.00	Boys Ice Hockey	\$ 212,000.00
Girls Ice Hockey	\$ 52,395.00	Girls Ice Hockey	\$ 48,500.00	Girls Ice Hockey	\$ 55,500.00
Indoor Track & Field	\$ 120,221.00	Indoor Track & Field	\$ 130,000.00	Indoor Track & Field	\$ 130,000.00
State Championships	\$ 198,859.00	State Championships	\$ 212,000.00	State Championships	\$ 215,000.00
Total Sports Program Expense	\$ 1,179,256.00	Total Sports Program Expense	\$ 1,209,000.00	Total Sports Program Expense	\$ 1,270,500.00
General Administration/AC		General Administration/AC		General Administration/AC	
Medical Benefit (Ex Dir)	\$ 25,352.00	Medical Benefit (Ex Dir)	\$ 15,000.00	Medical Benefit (Ex Dir)	\$ 11,000.00
Audit/QB Services/Legal Fees	\$ 28,914.00	Audit/QB Services/Legal Fees	\$ 35,000.00	Audit/QB Services/Legal Fees	\$ 35,000.00
Meetings/Seminars/Catering	\$ 12,878.00	Meetings/Seminars/Catering	\$ 15,000.00	Meetings/Seminars/Catering	\$ 15,000.00
Sportsmanship/HOF/Veterans	\$ 12,143.00	Sportsmanship/HOF/Veterans	\$ 14,500.00	Sportsmanship/HOF/Veterans	\$ 14,500.00
Misc/Bank Fees	\$ 249.00	Misc/Bank Fees	\$ 600.00	Misc/Bank Fees	\$ 600.00
Chair Stipends/Insurance	\$ 41,351.00	Chair Stipends/Insurance	\$ 43,000.00	Chair Stipends/Insurance	\$ 44,000.00
Form X/Arbiter	\$ 21,628.00	Form X/Arbiter	\$ 21,500.00	Form X/Arbiter	\$ 23,300.00
Supplies/Office/Apparel/Printing	\$ 4,715.00	Supplies/Office/Apparel/Printing	\$ 11,000.00	Supplies/Office/Apparel/Printing	\$ 10,000.00
Ads/Sponsor/Donation	\$ 900.00	Ads/Sponsor/Donation	\$ 1,100.00	Ads/Sponsor/Donation	\$ 900.00
NYSAAA/NIAAA/PD	\$ 5,539.00	NYSAAA/NIAAA/PD	\$ 3,600.00	NYSAAA/NIAAA/PD	\$ 6,000.00
Officials Recruitment & Retention	\$ 22,982.00	Officials Recruitment & Retention	\$ 25,700.00	Officials Recruitment & Retention	\$ 25,600.00
Total General Admin/AC Expense	\$ 176,651.00	Total General Admin/AC Expense	\$ 186,000.00	Total General Admin/AC Expense	\$ 185,900.00
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 1,815,158.00	Total Operating Expenses	\$ 2,014,000.00	Total Operating Expenses	\$ 2,126,485.00
Change Unrestricted Net Assets	\$ 125,490.00	Change Unrestricted Net Assets	\$ (156,800.00)	Change Unrestricted Net Assets	\$ 125.00
UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS - Begin Year		UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS - Begin Year		UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS - Begin Year	
UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS - End Year		UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS - End Year		UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS - End Year	
		Total Needed in Coordination Fees	\$ 764,800.00		

Handbook - Foreign Exchange Policy Revision

- Action Item
- Discussion Item
- Informational Item

Note fees

Presenter:

Patrick Pizzarelli, NYSPHSAA Handbook Committee Chair

Proposal:

Consider approval of the addition of the following language to the NYSPHSAA Handbook under section 9.2, regarding the Foreign Exchange Policy: "This regulation applies only to students participating at the varsity level. Students competing at the sub-varsity level are not subject to this rule."

Effective Start Date:

2025-2026 School Year

Rationale:

Provides students opportunities to participate at the sub-varsity level.

Proposal Originated:

Section VI presented this item as a concern at the Central Committee meeting. President Bartlett directed the concern to the Handbook Committee. The Handbook Committee unanimously supported the Section VI proposal and thus is bringing it forward to the Executive Committee for approval.

Budgetary Impact:

Budgetary Impact

Notes:

None

Attachments:

None

FOOTBALL – Request to Start Practice on Monday of Week #7

- Action Item
- Discussion Item
- Informational Item

Presenters:

Gary Vanderzee, NYSPHSAA Football State Coordinator
Ken Stoldt, NYSPHSAA Football Assistant Coordinator

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Football State Committee is seeking approval to continue allowing NYSPHSAA member football programs to start high school football practice on Monday of Week #7.

Effective Start Date:

August 2025

Rationale:

Besides the way the calendar falls in 2025, this proposal notes the same reasons why the committee requested a Week #7 start date in 2024:

- Required 10 days of practice (football is the only fall sport that requires 10)
- Current start date does not allow flexibility or absence of a student-athlete before Game 1
- Current start date requires practices over entire Labor Day Weekend
- Fiscal strain for districts opening up schools over Labor Day
- This proposal builds in flexibility for eligibility
- Allows for safer progression of practice with a holiday weekend
- Accounts for possible missed practices/games over Jewish holiday

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Football Committee at its September 9, 2024 meeting.

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

The NYSPHSAA Football State Committee voted 9-0 in favor of this proposal at its September 2024 zoom meeting. This proposal makes it necessary for NYSPHSAA to once again seek approval from the New York State Education Department to extend beyond the NYSED 15-week limitation for Fall sports. Dr. Robert Zayas will make this request.

Attachments:

None

**BOYS/GIRLS BOWLING – Start At-Large Rotation with Section III for 2025;
Establish Remaining Rotation following 2025 State Tournament**

- Action Item
- Discussion Item
- Informational Item

Presenter:

Mike O’Connell, NYSPHSAA Boys Bowling Coordinator
Eileen Shultis, NYSPHSAA Girls Bowling Coordinator

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Boys and Girls Bowling State Committee is seeking approval to allow Section III to start the rotation for the at-large teams in Division 1 and Division 2 in 2025, then establish the remaining rotation after the 2025 state tournament.

Effective Start Date:

Winter (March) 2025

Rationale:

The at-large replaces the pacer teams at the tournament and the state committee felt it was cost effective for Section III to provide the at-larges in 2025 since there would be no travel/cost with a local team and the committee can see how the new tournament format plays out. The 2025 tournament will be the first year bowling splits into two divisions.

The committee will work on a proposed rotation to discuss during/following the state tournament and will award an at-large berth in each division for sections who have ten (10) or more competing schools for each of the respective divisions.

Proposal Originated:

Section VI- Dan Kaplan at the NYSPHSAA Boys/Girls Bowling State Committee meeting on October 13, 2023.

Budgetary Impact:

There is no cost to NYSPHSAA as the lineage for the at-large teams would be the same as the pacer teams. There would be typical travel costs (lodging, transportation, meals) for sections to send an additional team.

Notes:

The Bowling State Committees supported this proposal with a 4-3 (1 abstention) vote at their Oct 11th meeting.

CAC Feedback:

Will be provided at the January 16th meeting.

**OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD – ESTABLISH STRICT SET OF
SUPER & AT-LARGE STANDARDS**

- Action Item
- Discussion Item
- Informational Item

Presenter:

Dan Doherty, NYSPHSAA Girls Outdoor Track Coordinator
Tom Wells, NYSPHSAA Boys Outdoor Track Coordinator

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Outdoor Track and Field Committee is seeking approval for a stricter set of Super and At-Large Standards for the 2025 state meet (and beyond). The meet must be a formal meet using FAT timing.

Effective Start Date:

Spring 2025

Rationale:

It is necessary to develop more strict Super Standards and At-Large Standards for the state meet to limit the number of qualifying athletes. Based on previous years, it has been calculated that there will be 600-700 less athletes that will qualify for the state meet in 2025 using the proposed standards. Following the 2025 state meet, the state committee and staff will review the number of qualifiers based on the proposed formula. At this time, they will determine continuing with the formula or propose a new set of standards/formula for 2026.

The Committee believes FAT timing is the important aspect of the Super Standard and as long FAT is being used it can be in any meet format with a certified official.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Girls and Boys Outdoor Track and Field Committee at its September 10, 2024 meeting.

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

The state committee voted 17-0 in favor of this proposal at its September 10th meeting.

Attachments:

Super Standards (old way), Super Standards using Seed Avg (proposed), Standards for At-Large (old way), Standards for At-Large using Seed Avg (proposed)

CAC Feedback:

CAC voted 8-0 in support of this proposal at its October 10th meeting.

BOYS TENNIS: Establish New Regional Rotation for 2025-30
Using Guiding Principles

- Action Item
- Discussion Item
- Informational Item

Presenter:

Quan Huynh, NYSPHSAA Boys Team Tennis State Coordinator

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Boys Tennis Committee is seeking approval for a new regional rotation for 2025-30 using the guiding principles approved by the Executive Committee.

Effective Start Date:

Spring 2025

Rationale:

With the assistance of the NYSPHSAA Office, each team sport committee was charged with developing new regional rotations, following the approval of new guiding principles for regional rotations, to focus on equity.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Boys Tennis Committee September 2024

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

This NYSPHSAA State Committee voted 8-0 (with 1 abstention) in favor of supporting this proposal.

Attachments:

See proposed regional rotation.

CAC Feedback:

CAC voted 8-0 in support of this proposal at its October 10th meeting.

BOYS TENNIS TEAM - 2025-30 (WITH GUIDING PRINCIPLES)												
DIVISION 1 (9 sections)												
2025		2026		2027		2028		2029		2030		
Sub Regional	Regional Final	Sub Regional	Regional Final	Sub Regional	Regional Final	Sub Regional	Regional Final	Sub Regional	Regional Final	Sub Regional	Regional Final	
11 @ 8	11/8 @ 1	1 @ 4	1/4 @ 9	3 @ 2	3/2 @ 4	5 @ 6	5/6 @ 3	9 @ 2	9/2 @ 4	5 @ 6	5/6 @ 3	
	9 @ 4		2 @ 3		1 @ 9		4 @ 9		6 @ 5		4 @ 9	
	6 @ 5		5 @ 6		6 @ 5		2 @ 1		11 @ 8		2 @ 1	
	3 @ 2		8 @ 11		11 @ 8		8 @ 11		3 @ 1		8 @ 11	
DIVISION 2 (10 sections)												
2025		2026		2027		2028		2029		2030		
Sub Regional	Regional Final	Sub Regional	Regional Final	Sub Regional	Regional Final	Sub Regional	Regional Final	Sub Regional	Regional Final	Sub Regional	Regional Final	
2 @ 7	2/7 @ 3	11 @ 8	11/8 @ 1	4 @ 1	4/1 @ 9	7 @ 2	7/2 @ 3	11 @ 8	11/8 @ 9	3 @ 7	7/3 @ 2	
4 @ 9	4/9 @ 1	6 @ 5	6/5 @ 4	2 @ 3	2/3 @ 7	9 @ 1	9/1 @ 4	5 @ 6	5/6 @ 3	4 @ 9	4/9 @ 1	
	5 @ 6		9 @ 3		5 @ 6		6 @ 5		2 @ 7		6 @ 5	
	8 @ 11		7 @ 2		11 @ 8		8 @ 11		1 @ 4		8 @ 11	
Committee Vote:										Total of Both Divisions		
7-0 (1 abstention) in support of this proposal on 9/23/24										Section	# Sub Regs	# Home Gms
										1	3	7
Concerns:										2	5	6
* wants to see top teams get to state tournament & not be eliminated in sub & reg final										3	3	7
										4	4	6
										5	4	6
BOYS TENNIS INDIVIDUAL - At-Large Rotations										6	4	6
										*7 (only D2)	2	4
	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030							
Singles	1 & 2	5 & 6	9 & 11	3 & 4	7 & 8							
Doubles	3 & 4	7 & 8	1 & 2	5 & 6	9 & 11							
voted 9-0 by state committee on 9/23/2024										10	NA	NA
										11	3	6



BOYS TENNIS: Establish New At-Large Rotation to Fill Byes for 2026-30

- Action Item
- Discussion Item
- Informational Item

Presenter:

Quan Huynh, NYSPHSAA Boys Team Tennis State Coordinator

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Boys Tennis Committee is seeking approval for a new at-large rotation to fill byes for 2026-30. See proposed rotation below:

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>	<u>2028</u>	<u>2029</u>	<u>2030</u>
Singles	1 & 2	5 & 6	9 @ 11	3 & 4	7 & 8
Doubles	3 & 4	7 & 8	1 & 2	5 & 6	9 & 11

Effective Start Date:

Spring 2026

Rationale:

Every five years the boys tennis committee must establish a new at-large rotation to fill its byes. The rotation being proposed matches the 2021-25 rotation for both singles and doubles. Filling the byes provides equitable competition for all participants in both singles and doubles instead of some players receiving a bye and getting extra rest. The proposal provides the exact same number of contests for each participant which begins with two contests per day for each player. Six additional athletes (2 singles, 4 doubles) will now compete.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Boys Tennis Committee September 2024

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

This NYSPHSAA State Committee voted 9-0 in favor of supporting this proposal.

Attachments:

None

CAC Feedback:

CAC voted 8-0 in support of this proposal at its October 10th meeting.

Flag Football Rule Adjustment- Minimum Flag Belt Length

- Action Item
- Discussion Item
- Informational Item

Presenter:

Jen Lapinski- Co- Flag Football Coordinator

Proposal:

Consider approval to add language to the current rules identifying a minimum belt length.

Specifically, the rules shall read: Flag length is 14 inch minimum from the bottom of the belt (including the clip) to the bottom of the flag as a measuring point

Effective Start Date:

Spring 2025

Rationale:

There is currently no requirement relative to belt length in the rule book. Last year, it was added that all belts must be a pop belt and have at least two flags, specifically stating:
Flag belt - Each player must wear "pop" flag belts at the waistline with two flags.

Based on feedback from several sections, there is a need for a minimum length to be instituted to ensure consistency and fairness in play and disallow teams any advantage by wearing a belt that is shorter than their opponents in length.

Proposal Originated:

Sectional concern brought to the NYSPHSAA Flag Football Committee and continued discussion amongst the Flag Football committee relative to belts.

Budgetary Impact:

None- by adding a minimum length that is consistent with the flags that schools have received from the NFL & Flag 60, we do not anticipate any budgetary impact on schools needing to purchase new belts.

Notes:

The NYSPHSAA Flag Football Committee voted in favor of this change 7-0. It was also discussed with our State Officials representative that this would fall under player equipment.

Attachments:

Flag Football Rule Change- Spotting the Ball

- Action Item
- Discussion Item
- Informational Item

Presenter:

Jen Lapinski- Co- Flag Football Coordinator

Proposal:

Consider approval of a language change to current rules: The ball is spotted where the ball was when the player is deflagged.

Proposal to change to: ***“The ball will be spotted where the flag is pulled.”***

Effective Start Date:

Spring 2025

Rationale:

The current flag football rules state that no diving is allowed. Changing the language to read “ball will be marked where the flag is pulled” aligns with this rule and addresses safety concerns relative to collisions on the field. This will eliminate the need for athletes to stretch forward as the ball will be placed where the flag is pulled.

Proposal Originated:

Sectional concern brought to the NYSPHSAA Flag Football Committee. This was also discussed with and support by officials.

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

The NYSPHSAA Flag Football Committee voted in favor of this change 7-0.

Attachments:

Flag Football - Rule Adjustment- First Possession Line

- Action Item
- Discussion Item
- Informational Item

Presenter:

Jen Lapinski- Co- Flag Football Coordinator

Proposal:

Consider approval to change the spot of the ball to the 14-yard line after the following:

- The visiting team will have the choice before the toss – heads or tails.
- The team who wins the coin toss has the option to defer, select offense (a 20-yard line start)- **Change to 14-Yard lined start**).
- ***After a touchdown, touchback or safety- any play that results in a team starting at the first possession line (14 Yard Line).***

Effective Start Date:

Spring 2025

Rationale:

The offense is at a severe disadvantage starting 1st and zone (20 yards). This is consistent with how other states currently have their first possession line.

Proposal Originated:

Sectional concern brought to Flag Football Committee.

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

The NYSPHSAA Flag Football Committee voted in favor of this change 7-0. It was also discussed with and supported by officials.

Attachments:



**NYSPHSAA Flag Football
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, September 17, 2024 via Zoom**

**ATTENDEES:**

NYSPHSAA Staff: Joe Altieri, Kristen Jadin, Chris Joyce, Todd Nelson, Lexi Swatt

COMMITTEE: Marissa Dauria (Co-Coordinator), Jen Lapinski (Co-Coordinator), April Wertheim (3), Brad Tomm (4), Jen Lapinski (5), Marissa Dauria (6), Brent Denis (7), Arnold Epstein (8), Elaine Schellburg (9), Philip Torregrosa (11)

GUESTS: Tim Arden (officials)

1. Attendance & Welcome

Meeting called to order at 10:06 am by Co-Coordinators Marissa Dauria and Jen Lapinski.

2. Committee Directory Updates/Welcome New Members

Jen reminded the committee any changes in emails should be sent to her and Marisa.

3. NYSPHSAA Reports

Joe Altieri, Assistant Director

- a. Thanked Cortland, Section III, Machell Phelps, Jen, Marisa and everyone helping with the inaugural state tournament in June.
- b. On behalf of Dr. Robert Zayas, he noted Robert has been meeting with the State Education Dept and has been told SED is removing the mixed competition amendments from its proposal. He clarified APP guidance and regulations have not changed.
- c. NFHS Implicit Bias Course – Required for new committee members; link will be sent to committee.
- d. State Tournament Update – He asked for feedback on hotels (divisions were separated; breakfast included at Holiday Inn Express; donated by CRSC at Hometown Studios). No concerns or feedback.

Todd Nelson, Assistant Director

- a. Flag Football meets the Championship Philosophy for three classes for 2025. Classification #'s for three classes will be voted on at the October Executive Committee meeting. The CAC requested the committee discuss their concern about the top of C and bottom of C. The proposed breakdown is:

Class A – 74

Class B – 74

Class C – 75

The committee did not have concern and felt the distribution was fair.

- b. Rule Discussions – Concern about 1 yard buffer zone for defense, looking at 7 yard zone. NFHS has formed a Flag Football Rules committee. Todd serves on that committee. The plan is to have a rule book by Fall 2025. One more season with NYSPHSAA rules and default to tackle rules if there is no rule that is applicable.

Kristen Jadin, Assistant Director

- a. Indicated Spalding is committed to flag football in 2025 and balls will be required for use in sectional and regional play. Sections will receive a supply of balls for postseason. Jen/Marisa will notify Kristen of where regional balls should go. The model of the Spalding ball is referenced as the youth model. Kristen shared the link to the NYSPHSAA ball models for each sport:

https://nysphsaa.org/documents/2021/6/14/Spalding_Dudley_NY_Adoption_Items_9_1_20.pdf

QUESTION: Arnie asked about stock of balls. Kristen indicated there is no issue with stock but

encouraged the group to put their orders in now. She will handle issues directly with them if anything arises. **QUESTION:** Elaine asked if it was required for regular season play. Kristen said it is not required to be Spalding but must be the youth size.

- b. State Tournament Awards & Certificates – Digital certificates are linked in our Operations Packet and on our website to download for athletes after the regionals/state meet. They are on the Sport landing page, not the Championship page.
- c. Student Leadership Conference – Will be April 3, 2025 in Albany. A student survey will be distributed for application. Please encourage students to apply.

Chris Joyce, Director of Marketing

- a. Foundation – Reported we had a great year of fundraising in 2023-24. Grants are now available for schools. They can apply on the NYSPHSAA website. **QUESTION:** Jen asked if schools just starting out can apply for grants. Chris stated yes, funds are there to consider member schools.

Lexi Swatt, Director of Sports Information

- a. Media Requests – Any requests, please forward them to her.
- b. Since flag football is just starting out, it would be great to establish record categories right away. She asked the committee to identify what stats are important to them. She referenced boys football records to browse through.

4. State Tournament Items

- a. The following schedule was agreed upon by the staff and committee for 2025:

Saturday Semifinals:

- Homer HS: 9:30, 11:30 - Class C
- Cortland HS: 9:30, 11:30, 1:30, 3:30 - Class A, Class B

Sunday Finals:

- Cortland HS: 11 am – Class A Finals
1:15 pm – Class C Finals
3:30 pm – Class B Finals

- b. State Tournament Media Guide (formerly program)
 - Jen and the committee would like to see some additional information in it about the sport so fans are informed of rules, etc.

5. Officials – Tim Arden

- a. No report and agreed on the rule changes.
- b. Todd asked about the running clock rule and made clarifications on it. There is no stoppage at the 2:00 mark in the 2nd or 4th quarters.

6. Section Concerns

- a. Section V – had some rule changes they were going to offer later on that Section V supports
- b. Section VI – belt length concern from coaches; leather ball is better for use in wet weather
- c. Section VII – asked how many sections have modified programs, considering in VII
- d. Section IX – discussed markings on the field. It was pointed out the school handles that.
 - Asked for sideline markings to be better.
 - Asked for clarity on pass interference rule. Tim Arden responded by saying officials need to be prepared first, and also officials need to be consistent with the call
- e. Section X – brought up a concern about the youth vs junior ball

No concerns from Section III and IV (Section I and 2 not present).

7. Old/New Business

Proposals to bring as discussion at October Meeting:

- a. Proposal for Belt Length to be between 14-16". Discussion included must be a pop belt, minimum length of 14" measured from the clip down to the end of the flag, measure flag material only. Todd suggested using a minimum length of the flag from the bottom of the belt to the bottom of the flag as a measuring point, 14".

MOTION by: Jen to adopt flag length of 14" minimum from the bottom of the belt (including the clip) to the bottom of the belt as a measuring point.

SECOND by: Arnie

The committee voted 7-0 in favor.

- Arnie requested a diagram of the measuring for officials and coaches.
- Concern about officials stating they will not enforce flag belt pulls or length in the past.
- Section states: Different amount of tension in varying companies who sell the flags.
- Section VI states: Officials can/will enforce ball size.

- b. Proposal for Yard Line Start at the 14, not the 20 yard line
This is a typical rule across the state - start 1st and 14 to open the game and half.

MOTION by: Jen for teams to begin the 1st and 2nd half with the ball at the 14 for offense.

SECOND by: Phil

The committee voted 7-0 in favor.

- c. Proposal for ball being marked where flag is pulled

MOTION by: Jen to adopt the ball being marked where the flag is pulled

SECOND by: Marissa

The committee voted 7-0 in favor

- d. Todd shared a concern from a section not present who was asking about the defensive buffer zone. He asked the committee to discuss. There was no interest from the committee to adjust this rule.
- e. Concern about rule time changes. NFHS should have it completed by June 2025, then it will come to this committee in September 2025, to be discussed and voted on in January 2026 along with waivers if discussed. New rules would be used in spring 2026.

8. Next Meeting

- a. Tuesday, January 7th at 10:00 am via Zoom

Minutes as of 10/1/24 respectfully completed by Marissa Dauria and Joe Altieri



NYSPHSAA GIRLS WRESTLING Committee Meeting
Wednesday September 18, 2024
10:00am

Minutes

([Meeting Link](#))

BID OPENING: Nobody other than only section appointed coordinators will be permitted. All other meeting attendees will need be entered into the room after the Bid Opening has completed. We will use the same link for the Bid Opening and our NYSGWC Meeting.

NYSGWC Meeting

Bid Opening:

1. Bid Discussion 2026-28

Joe Altieri explained the full bid process and timeline of approval. He indicated each committee and the NYSPHSAA staff will make its own recommendation today after evaluating the one submitted bid by MVP Arena (Albany, Section 2). Furthermore, since the girls and boys wrestling tournaments were approved by the Executive Committee to be together as a joint bid, he explained there would need to be a new approval by the Executive Committee if the girls wanted to explore having the individual state tournament in a separate place and/or at a separate time.

He began the actual bid discussion with the NYSPHSAA staff's position which was that MVP Arena is an outstanding venue with great amenities for our events but we need to be fiscally responsible and the bid from MVP Arena showed a significant cost for 2026-28. He offered the girls coordinator Ryan Palmer and boys coordinator Marty Sherman to continue the discussion. A discussion ensued about the finances of the bid including current cost, cost difference between current and proposed, reasons why there are increases, \$50,000 donation from MVP for the new bid, and breakdown of girls costs for adding the additional days/hours.

The girls committee entered a virtual room to have a separate discussion while the boys remained on the line for their own discussion.

MOTION by Eric Mullen - Section V to re-bid the event due to proposed expenses and explore the girls tournament going week #33 or #34, separate from the boys event. The girls committee would like to request a separate bid and consider a joint re-bid. SECOND by Dave Shanahan - Section XI.

Committee voted 10-0 in favor of this motion.

1. Welcome, Introductions & Announcements – Ryan Palmer (State Coordinator)

Meeting Called to Order at:

Roll Call:

Section I – Jamie Block

Section 2 – Frank Fronhofer

Section III – Rick Spicer

Section IV – Brandon MacWhinnie, Rick Gumble

Section V – Eric Mullen

Section VI – Brad Rowe, Tom Shifflet

Section VII – Rob Witkiewicz

Section VIII – Sean Severin

Section IX – Eric Hartmann

Section X – Randy Morrison

Section XI – Dave Shanahan

NYSPHSAA – Todd Nelson, Joe Alteri

NYSWOA – Thomas Fauvell, Matt Smith, Frank Marotta, Gene Tracy

Coordinator – Ryan Palmer

USA Wrestling - Derrick Smith, Kevin Maxwell

2. Emma Randall - Girls Freestyle Clinics

Minutes: Emma provides information on upcoming clinics in the NYC and New Jersey areas.

3. Qualifiers for States - Second Reading

Minutes: Information is again presented to the committee. No changes since last presentation.

94	100	107	114	120	126	132	138	145	152	165	185	235
3	6	11	8	8	11	2	2	3	3	3	2	4
9	3	9	11	11	2	6	3	2	2	2	4	5
2	8	8	9	9	6	11	10	5	6	6	5	2
6	11	5	2	2	9	10	6	6	1	1	3	8
1	9	4	4	4	8	4	5	9	9	11	6	9
11	5	6	5	5	4	8	9	1	5	4	1	3
8	1	2	3	6	1	9	8	10	4	5	11	6
5	2	3	6	1	5	3	4	8	11	9	8	11
4	4	1	1	3	10	1	1	4	8	8	9	1
10	10	10	10	10	3	5	11	11	10	10	10	10
7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7

All Sectional Champions Automatically Qualify.

2nd Automatic Qualifier by weight.

Section 1 will have a 2nd auto qualifier at 94, 152, 165

Section 2 will have a 2nd auto qualifier at 94, 114, 120, 126, 132, 138, 145, 152, 165, 185, 235

Section 3 will have a 2nd auto qualifier at 94, 100, 138, 145, 152, 165, 185

Section 4 will have a 2nd auto qualifier at 107, 114, 120, 132, 185, 235

Section 5 will have a 2nd auto qualifier at 107, 138, 145, 185, 235

Section 6 will have a 2nd auto qualifier at 94, 100, 126, 132, 138, 145, 152, 165, 185

Section 7 will have a 2nd auto qualifier at

Section 8 will have a 2nd auto qualifier at 100, 107, 114, 120, 126, 235

Section 9 will have a 2nd auto qualifier at 94, 100, 107, 114, 120, 126, 145, 152, 235

Section 10 will have a 2nd auto qualifier at 132, 138

Section 11 will have a 2nd auto qualifier at 100, 107, 114, 120, 126, 132, 165

If a Section cannot fill their automatic qualifier with a top 3 Sectional finisher, 1st Alternate by weight.

Section 1 will have the 1st Alternate at 145, 185

Section 2 will have the 1st Alternate at

Section 3 will have the 1st Alternate at 235

Section 4 will have the 1st Alternate at 126, 165

Section 5 will have the 1st Alternate at 100, 114, 120, 152

Section 6 will have the 1st Alternate at 107
Section 7 will have the 1st Alternate at
Section 8 will have the 1st Alternate at 132
Section 9 will have the 1st Alternate at 138
Section 10 will have the 1st Alternate at
Section 11 will have the 1st Alternate at 94

**If a Section cannot fill their automatic qualifier with a top 3 Sectional finisher,
2nd Alternate by weight.**

Section 1 will have the 2nd Alternate at 100, 126
Section 2 will have the 2nd Alternate at 107
Section 3 will have the 2nd Alternate at 114
Section 4 will have the 2nd Alternate at 152
Section 5 will have the 2nd Alternate at 165
Section 6 will have the 2nd Alternate at 120, 235
Section 7 will have the 2nd Alternate at
Section 8 will have the 2nd Alternate at 94, 138
Section 9 will have the 2nd Alternate at 132
Section 10 will have the 2nd Alternate at 145
Section 11 will have the 2nd Alternate at 185

4. Rule Changes - Final Review of Proposals

Girls Wrestling – Adopting the USA Junior Rules

- Action Item
 Discussion Item
 Informational Item

Presenter:

Ryan Palmer, Girls Wrestling Chairmen

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Girls Wrestling Committee is recommending adopting the Juniors rules in the USA Wrestling Rulebook. With the following waivers:

- Blood Time, Injury Time, & Concussion Time – Follow NFHS rules except choice of position after second injury time.
- Prohibit Belly to Belly and Belly to Back throws directly over the head.
- The number of uniforms and the color of the uniforms. Follow NFHS uniform rules
- Mat layout and mat size. Follow NFHS rules.
- Weight classes – follow current NYSPHSAA weight classes
- Weight allowances and Christmas weight allowances. Follow NFHS rules.
- Add NFHS Sportsmanship component to the tie breaker procedure. Follow NFHS rules
- Misconduct/Sportsmanship for Coaches & Athletes. Follow NFHS rules.
- Tournament Scoring. Follow NFHS rules.
- Competition Points. Follow current NYSPHSAA rules.
- Weigh-In location/Attire. Follow current NYSPHSAA/NFHS rules.
- Special Equipment. Follow current NFHS rules.

Effective Start Date:

2024 – 2025 Season

Rationale:

The Girls Wrestling Committee recommended and the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee approved using the USA Wrestling Rulebook for Freestyle wrestling. The juniors section of the rulebook is most appropriate for the HS level competition.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAAA Girls Wrestling Committee

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:The committee voted 9-1 in support of this proposal. Section 1 voted against the proposal.

Attachments: None

Minutes: We are adopting the NFHS Time allotments. Injury protocols will still follow USA Wrestling guidelines; ie: If a wrestler is being pinned and “screams,” and an injury is not evident, the match is over by fall.

5. Officials Intent Update

Minutes: Committee reviews the submission to the Officials Intent Google Form, to be presented at the October Executive Committee meeting

6. Certifications

- Boys early cert date: 10/27 (Girls Teams should NOT be attending)
- Transfer of Cert Data will be 11/27/2024 in the AM
 - We will continue to certify with boys until a unique day/location is determine for girls only
 - We will continue to certify with the boys as long as we have girls participating against both Girls and Boys.

7. Hotels

2025 NYSPHSAA Girls Wrestling Lodging Need Breakdown				
Timestamp	Email Address	Section	Doubles	Kings
8/17/2024 11:38:42	jablock@chappaquaschools.org	Section 1	18	
8/6/2024 20:36:09	randymorrison01@gmail.com	Section 10	2	3
8/6/2024 10:57:03	dshanahan@elwood.k12.ny.us	Section 11	10	
8/15/2024 8:27:32	ftron@salemcsd.org	Section 2	14	
8/16/2024 12:22:18	rmspicer55@gmail.com	Section 3	25	2
8/6/2024 16:22:08	brandon.macwhinnie@gmail.com	Section 4	26	4
8/22/2024 9:32:53	mullene@canandaiguaschools.org	Section 5	25	1
8/16/2024 11:18:36	thomasshifflet@gmail.com	Section 6	21	2
8/14/2024 11:13:05	rwitkiewicz@nacs1.org	Section 7	6	
8/19/2024 11:13:36	smseverin165@gmail.com	Section 8	18	
8/21/2024 9:41:28	ehartmann@pjschools.org	Section 9	18	2

Minutes: All sections agreed to the above room totals, with the exceptions of:

- Section 3 - requests 27 Doubles, 0 King
- Section 6 - requests 24 Doubles, 2 King
- Section 7 - requests 8 Doubles

8. Sectional Concerns

Section 1 – 2/8 Girls State Qualifier

Section 2 – 2/18 Girls State Qualifier

Section 3 – 2/16 Girls State Qualifier

Section 4 –

Section 5 – Seeding for tournament (PINS)?

Section 6 –

Section 7 –

Section 8 – 2/2 Girls State Qualifier

Section 9 – 2/17 Girls State Qualifier. Concerns over using only PINS, if mixed comp is involved.

Section 10 –

Section 11 – 2/9 Girls State Qualifier

9. Other

10. Meeting Adjournment

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Frank Fronhofer (Section 2)

Second: Eric Hartmann (Section 9)

11. Next Scheduled Meeting Date:

January 6, 2024[^]

[^] A meeting may be called sooner



Championship Philosophy Committee Report

Date: October 1, 2024 at 2pm

Attendees: Tom Baker (I), Mark Bubniak, Doug Gejay (2), Scott Sugar (III), Mike Andrew (IV), Jen Lapinski (V), Mark DiFilippo (VI), Mike Graney (VII), John Mankowich (VIII), Greg Ransom (IX), Mark Wilson (X), Joe Mercado (XI), Tim Lincoln (Team Sports), Dan Doherty (Individual Sports), NYSPHSAA – Dr. Robert Zayas, Tim Mullins, Kristen Jadin, Todd Nelson, Joe Altieri, Chris Joyce, Renee James, Debra Ferry, Adam Stoltman, Tatiana Quatrochi (intern)

Status Updates/Items Discussion/Action Taken:

1. Welcome – Dr. Zayas welcomed the committee and thanked them for joining.
2. Championship Awards Draft Proposal – Dr. Zayas presented the proposal. Kristen clarified that some sports will be losing awards they currently have now. A motion to approve the proposal as is – John Mankowich. Joe Mercado – second. Unanimous support. Motion passes. Mark D. – Asked to include how sports are impacted in the proposal.
3. Regional Rotations – Dr. Zayas asked Sections to share which proposal they want to continue to explore. NYSPHSAA has been addressing this for several years. Listened to membership concerns and thus created guiding principles. Similar past concerns continue to be presented. Three ideas were presented at the last meeting. The goal today is to determine which direction the membership would like to continue to explore. This is NOT a definitive vote.
 - Section I – In favor of exploring 3-Region Concept – most equitable and consistent.
 - Section 2- Mark expressed this is his first meeting and just in talking to a few people and Section 2 Executive Director, if Section had to choose one or the other, the 3-Region concept would be the choice to examine.
 - Section III – Section III's first choice is the 16-Team Bracket. However, they are okay with exploring the 3-Region concept as a backup plan.
 - Section IV – Mike met with the Section IV Executive Committee today. Not prepared to pick one or the other. Both are good options to explore.
 - Section V – Support exploring the 3-Region concept.
 - Section VI – Mark shared Section VI is adamantly against at-larges and believes NYSPHSAA should stay with guiding principles. Not interested in the other two options.
 - Section VII – Supports 3-Region Concept for exploration.
 - Section VIII – Supports 3-Region Concept for exploration. Asks when exploring this option to limit the number of at-large teams and make sure it rotates.
 - Section IX – 3-Region Concept is preferable for exploration.
 - Section X – In favor of sticking with guiding principles – if needed, can explore 3-Region.
 - Section XI – 3-Region Concept is preferable for exploration.

Dr. Zayas informed that NYSPHSAA staff will begin developing templates for the 3-Region concept including scenarios where Sections do not participate in certain classes. These templates will be reviewed and discussed for potential future adoption. Mark W. suggested limiting at-large teams wherever possible, but Scott disagreed, pointing out that many sports already include at-large teams. Dr. Zayas noted that if the consensus is to limit at-large teams, regions without representation could be paired with other regions in the same situation, with at-large bids rotating among Sections with four or more schools. He added that a timeline would need to be established, and if a consistent geographic partner is not available, an at-large solution would be considered.



Section VI raised concerns about travel for at-large teams, which Dr. Zayas acknowledged, emphasizing the need to creatively address the issue. Scott mentioned that the 3-Region Concept still does not resolve the issue of midweek travel and believes that any solution involving midweek travel should be avoided. He suggested creative alternatives, and Dr. Zayas agreed, noting that most cases involve contiguous Sections and that efforts would continue to address outliers.

NYSPHSAA staff will continue to refine the concept and present the templates to the 11 Sections for further feedback. Tim commended the discussion and Robert's efforts, while Adam agreed that the feedback provided valuable insights for the staff. Deb pointed out the different philosophies across Sections, acknowledging the staff's understanding of these differences.

Dr. Zayas concluded by stating that if any changes were made, they wouldn't be implemented until Fall 2026, with M. Andrew from Section IV agreeing that a start before 2026 would not be desired. All concurred.

Future Items/Meeting:

1. Next Meeting: TBD

2024 NYSPHSAA FOOTBALL COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2024 @ 1:00PM
MINUTES

ATTENDANCE: Dr. Robert Zayas, Todd Nelson, Joe Altieri, Lexi Swatt, Kristin Jadin- NYSPHSAA Staff; Gary Vanderzee-Chairman; Ken Stoldt-Asst. Chairman; Steve Luciana, Mike Cring- Section 1 Sean Colfer-Section 2; Keith Kempney- Section 3; Jeff Paske, Matt Haferle-Section 4; Scott Barker-Section 5; Jay Sirianni- Section 6; Pat Keleher-Section 7; Section 8-absent; Dave Coates- Section 9; Matt Tessmer-Section 10; Tim Horan-Section 11; Ric Hamblin, Tim Arden- Officials; Steve Nolan- Modified; Paul Sealy- NYSHSFCA

NYSPHSAA Reports: Todd Nelson brought up an updated protocol for the high pants situation. If a player does not have legal pants, that player should not be allowed in the game. If the player has legal pants but is not wearing them properly, the player should be told by the official to leave the field until they are legal. If the player returns to the field with illegal pants, the coach will be warned and a penalty will be assessed if it happens again. In addition, officials who see teams that have pants that are too small are to continue notifying the Section directors. Robert Zayas stated he will provide a memo on this topic to distribute to membership and officials organizations to help reinforce the rule.

Season Updates: No report

Classification vote: The proposed classification numbers for 2025-26 will be voted on at the October Executive Meeting.

8 Man Championship: Robert asked if there was a proposal from Section III or IV to host the regional championship. His understanding was nothing formal was offered prior to the NYSPHSAA officers decision on Sept 11th to make the game a home site rotation. Joe Altieri explained the communication prior to Sept 11th with Jeff Paske and Section III about hosting and confirmed nothing was formally offered. Then the officers meeting happened without a site offered. During today's meeting, Jeff stated he will make calls to schools in Section IV to see if there is availability. The proposal will go to the NYSPHSAA officers for consideration.

Officials: No report

Modified: No report

NYSHSFCA: No report

Round Table: Sean Colfer (Section 2) noted Section 2 is in need of a game for Week 6.

Next Meeting: Monday, November 4th @ 1:00pm

Respectfully submitted by,
Gary Vanderzee/ Ken Stoldt, NYSPHSAA Football Chairman/Asst. Chairman on 10/8/24



CHAMPIONSHIP ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes – Thursday, October 10, 2024

CAC Members Attending: Greg Ransom (Chair), Mike Andrew (Team Sports), Jamie Harter (Ind. Sports), Jen Keane (At-Large), Josh Harrica (At-Large), Eileen Troy (At-Large), Kathy Hoyt (Executive Director), Dave Lilleck (Superintendent), ABSENT with notice: Susan Reid (At-Large), Mark Ward (At-Large), Carlos Cotto (At-Large).

Staff/Officers Attending: Joe Altieri (CAC Liaison/Assistant Director), Dr. Robert Zayas (Executive Director), Todd Nelson (Assistant Director), Kristen Jadin (Assistant Director), Lexi Swatt (Director of Sports Information); Tim Mullins (President), Deb Ferry (2nd Vice President).

Coordinators Attending: Tom Wells (Outdoor Track)

Call to Order by Chair Greg Ransom at 10:05 am. Greg thanked Deb Ferry and Adam Stoltman, former members of CAC and now officers. He reminded the committee that our task is to vet proposals and represent the association and not schools or sections individually. Sport Coordinator, Superintendent and Executive Director representatives of the committee should also vote on items pertaining to those groups and keep them informed. He offered Dr. Robert Zayas and President Tim Mullins opening remarks/reports.

Dr. Zayas reported on the meeting of the Championship Philosophy Committee last week where they discussed awards and regional rotations. The awards proposal will be presented to the Executive Committee on October 24th while the regional rotations discussion resulted in the committee directing the staff to look into details and templates for a three-region concept for possible implementation in the 2026-27 school year. Robert also reported there is a lot of information circulating on social media related to transgender student participation. Robert continues to advise schools to place students on teams that most appropriately aligns with the student’s gender identity in accordance with NYS Anti-Discrimination laws. President Mullins thanked Greg and the CAC for their work. He also thanked Deb and Adam for their service and welcomed Dave and Jen to the committee.

Greg asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the July 3, 2024 “special” CAC meeting.

MOTION by Josh. SECOND by Jamie. CARRIED 8-0.

PROPOSALS

(These items will be presented as discussion or action at the next Executive Committee Mtg)

Following proposal presentations by Sport Coordinators, Greg announced Sport Coordinators may depart the call so the CAC can discuss and vote on proposals.

OUTDOOR TRACK – Super & At-Large Standards – Girls Outdoor Track Coordinator Tom Wells explained the proposal. Greg confirmed the state committee will meet following the 2025 meet to examine the number of qualifying athletes. Eileen complimented the state committee on the proposal having recently spoken to area track coaches about various track proposals.

MOTION by Mike A. to support the proposal. SECOND by Jamie. CARRIED 8-0.

BOYS TENNIS – At-Large Rotation – On behalf of coordinator Quan Huynh, Joe A. explained the proposal. No questions/concerns were raised.

MOTION by Jamie to support the proposal. SECOND by Mike A. CARRIED 8-0.

BOYS TENNIS – Regional Rotations Using Guiding Principles – On behalf of coordinator Quan Huynh, Joe A. explained the proposal.

DURING CAC-ONLY DISCUSSION: Jen asked if it was a concern with the committee that Section I, VIII and IX (considered to be the strongest tennis sections) are playing each other in sub-regionals and regional finals. Joe noted the committee had a concern but didn't have a solution for it since guiding principles had to be followed and equity established with everyone playing in sub-regionals. It was also recognized those three sections only play twice in the entire rotation. Mike asked why girls and boys have different regional rotations. Joe stated there wasn't a good reason. They worked on their rotation over six months apart separately.

MOTION by Dave to support the proposal. SECOND by Jen. CARRIED 8-0.

CAC SUB-COMMITTEE – Regional Dates/Nights Rest Rule – Greg explained the meeting of the sub-committee (Greg, Sue, Deb, Mark, Joe) and the proposed language to address this (concern from Section 1 at Central Committee meeting). Mike A suggested the regional final be Friday or Saturday (language states just Saturday). Greg wanted to present this to executive directors on October 23rd to get feedback then when CAC meets in January, formalize the proposal for presentation at the February 5th Executive Committee meeting.

FOR REVIEW/INPUT/CHAMPIONSHIP SITE SELECTIONS:

Cross Country Site Change 2025 – Joe A. explained Section V withdrew their bid to host in 2025 due to not feeling Letchworth State Park can put a quality product out with the necessary amenities. Queensbury, who originally bid on the event for 2024 thru 2026, is prepared to host in 2025.

CAC expressed no concerns with the recommendation.

Girls Volleyball Site Selection 2025-27 – Joe A. explained the lone bid submitted by Cool Insuring Arena in Glens Falls. He indicated both staff and state committee agreed on the bid as the recommendation.

CAC expressed no concerns with the recommendation.

Outdoor Track 2026-28 – Joe A. explained no bids were submitted for this event and a re-bid is out and due November 26th. During and following the track committee meeting in September it was learned that numerous high school, college and public venues were interested but did not want to commit to three years or did not want to close school on a Friday in June. They did not realize prior to the bid, those were not requirements in the bid.

CAC expressed no concerns with the recommendation.

Girls/Boys Wrestling 2026-28 – Joe A. explained there was one bid submitted by MVP Arena (Albany) and it was significantly higher in cost than the current expenses at MVP. Both the staff and girls/boys committees agreed to not recommend the bid and go to a re-bid due December 20th.

CAC expressed no concerns with the recommendation.

INFORMATIONAL:

8-MAN FOOTBALL REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP – Joe A. reported the NYSPHSAA Officers approved a proposal from the football committee on September 11th to hold the 8-man regional championship on Saturday, December 7th at the home site of the east region. He noted the state committee has since requested Section IV host the game so it’s at a central location. Robert gave background on the proposal and said they need to provide financial information and details if they are interested in Section IV hosting the game.

CLASSIFICATION – FLAG FOOTBALL – Todd Nelson explained the state committee discussed the classification breakdown for a second time (as directed by CAC) and he indicated there was no movement to change the recommendation for classification cut-offs. He reported one executive director had a concern that may come up at a later time.

2024-29 Championship Dates & Sites – Joe A. noted the updated championship documents in the packet noting the championship recommendations above.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Josh. SECOND by Eileen. CARRIED 8-0. The meeting adjourned at 10:54 am.

Minutes respectfully submitted by NYSPHSAA liaison Joe Altieri; reviewed/approved on 10/11/2024 by CAC Chair, CAC members and the NYSPHSAA Executive Director prior to distribution.

2024-25 Meetings (Zoom)	Thursday, January 16, 2025 @ 10:00 am Wednesday, April 16, 2025 @ 10:00 am Wednesday, June 18, 2025 @ 10:00 am
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NYSPHSAA Boys/Girls Bowling Committee
MEETING MINUTES
Friday, October 11, 2024 via Zoom



ATTENDEES:

NYSPHSAA Staff: Joe Altieri, Kristen Jadin, Lexi Swatt, Erica Lavigne (intern), Tatiana Quatrochi (intern)

COMMITTEE: Mike O'Connell (Boys State Coordinator), Eileen Shultis (Girls State Coordinator), Bill Neumann (2), Jeff Klatt/Mike O'Connell (3), Mark Foeder (5), Joe Biondo/Dan Kaplan (6), Dave Mendofik (7), Eileen Shultis (8), Jason LaFlesh/Carrie Blair-Wilcox (10), Rob Franco (11)

1. Attendance & Welcome

Meeting called to order at 10:07 am by coordinators Mike O'Connell and Eileen Shultis. No new coordinators were introduced. Joe asked if anyone is not listed on our website or we have incorrect emails, please email him with corrections.

2. NYSPHSAA Staff Reports

Joe Altieri, Assistant Director

- a. Thanked Mike, Jeff, Eileen, Section III and the state committee for their work on a successful state tournament. Mike O'Connell confirmed no change in proprietors at Strike N' Spare.
- b. State Tournament Hotel – Joe reported we have signed a revised contract with the Embassy Suites Carrier Circle. Increased quantity of rooms. It is in your best interest to contact the hotel as soon as possible. Maria Mirarcki, mariamirarcki@visionshotels.com, (315) 446-3200, ext 2122
- c. Stated the Championship Philosophy Committee met last week and discussed awards and regional rotations. A proposal for revising awards given out at state tournaments will be presented for discussion at the October 24th Executive Committee meeting. Later in the meeting, Kristen Jadin discussed details of the impact it will have on bowling.
- d. NFHS Implicit Bias Course – Required for new committee members. Link below.
https://nfhslearn.com/courses/implicit-bias?gclid=CjwKCAjwxOymBhAFEiwAnodBLCQUQq7zUoAqmAbV5UBZahE0dFuZN9dH0m2H1LVu8FpLUw80zdHkKR0CFjEQAvD_BwE
- e. NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame - Deadline is Jan. 29th for the Class of 2025. Explained a new approved recommendation to ask sport committees to submit one nomination every three years. Nomination form can be submitted online.
- f. On behalf of Todd Nelson, Assistant Director, reported he just received 2023-24 school enrollment numbers from SED and they will be forwarded to Section Executive Directors then will be voted on at the October Executive Committee meeting. Classification cut-off #'s will also be voted on at the October meeting then published on our website.
- g. On behalf of Chris Joyce, Director of Marketing & Foundation, he reported we had a great year of fundraising in 2023-24. We raised over \$12,000 from our inaugural golf tournament this past summer. Grants are now available for schools. They can apply on the NYSPHSAA website at the link below. Today is also the Foundation's Giving Day and donations can be made at the link below.

GIVING DAY: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/donation-form/c4608c0e-c199-4aae-878a-5d021e48464e>

GRANT APPLICATIONS: <https://form.jotform.com/NYSPHSAA/SchoolGrantApplication>

Kristen Jadin, Assistant Director

- a. Reported on Championship Philosophy Committee proposal on awards where section champions may no longer receive awards at state tournaments and medals/plaque distribution will change. Kristen asked for feedback from the committee which would be shared with the Executive Committee.

A discussion about this ensued with some in favor of keeping section awards and others not. Joe clarified section standings/winners can still be announced and recognized at state tournaments similar to wrestling; they just wouldn't get awards. Mike requested the committee vote in favor or opposed to the new proposal. The vote was 5 opposed, 3 in favor (Sections 1, 4, 9 not present)

- b. Operations Packets – Always posted on the NYSPHSAA website. Digital participation certificates for athletes are in the Operations Packets on our website under SPORTS (not CHAMPIONSHIPS).
- c. Student Leadership Conference – Will be April 3, 2025 in Albany. A student survey will be distributed for application. Please encourage students to apply by going to the link below.
https://nysphsaa.org/sb_output.aspx?form=25

Lexi Swatt, Director of Sports Information,

- a. Records – She requested the committee review records on the NYSPHSAA website. We don't know if there are records that should be reflected on the website or not. Records are as good as the information supplied to us. The record reporting form below should be used to submit records.
https://nysphsaa.org/sports/2021/6/9/MBOWL_0609210327.aspx

3. Committee Business

- a. Mike O'Connell shared the four proposals and schedule approved for the 2025 state tournament:
 1. Schedule:
 - Friday, March 14 - D1 Bowling
 - Saturday, March 15 - Composites bowling (Expanded format- sched noted below)
 - Sunday, Marh 16 - D2 Bowling
 2. Increase school division format to six players – using traditional composite division format (Bowl 6 drop lowest) using 2 pairs of lanes w/ 6 on a pair.
 3. Allow bowlers to compete in composite and team states
 4. Split composite into two divisions
 - D1 will bowl at 8am (boys and girls)
 - D2 will bowl 2nd squad--- Potential Time Change: Typically a 2pm start; however, Mike stated we might have to adjust to re-oil. TBD based on discussion with Dan (Championship Venue Management)
 - Mike showed a lane usage chart-- Lane utilization is much tighter, will not have as many dark pairs, but will be spread out more. Friday/Sunday will finish quicker, but Saturday will take longer.
 - Estimated head count for each squad is 680. Fire code is 857 but there likely won't be enough seats. Joe/Mike to discuss with Dan (Championship Venue Management)
 - Participation Survey – All sections participating in the school team event plan to field a team in the corresponding composite team event.
 5. Permit Use of At Large Rotation 2025 to fill pacer teams - Mike requested ideas from the committee to consider for the actual rotation. There was a concern about who would start first and many were unaware of costs associated with sending an at-large team so Mike offered Section III start the rotation. A local team would not incur travel expenses and the committee can see how the first year of the new format plays out.

MOTION by Eileen to have Section III start the rotation for 2025 and develop a full rotation to discuss at a later time starting with the 2026 tournament. SECOND by Bill N. Carried 4-3 (1 abstention).

4. Section Concerns – No concerns by any section.

5. Next Meeting dates

- a. Joe encouraged bowling to back up a couple weeks to ensure proposals can be in place for the state tournament. The committee agreed to move their meeting to a September date.
- b. **Next meeting:** Saturday, March 15th at the state tournament (time TBA)
- c. **Fall meeting:** Friday, September 26, 2025, @ 10:00 am

Adjournment at 11:09 am

Minutes as of 10/16/24 respectfully completed by Joe Altieri, Eileen Shultis, Mike O'Connell

APPENDIX F



Schools Without Boundaries Committee Meeting Report

Date: October 16, 2024 at 9:30am

Attendees: Joe Sigillo (I), Chris Culnan (2), Dr. Scott Sugar (III), Jeff Ferrara (IV), Dr. Patrick Irving (V), Marisa Fallacaro-Dougherty, Michael Graney (VII), Patrick Pizzarelli (VIII), Greg Ransom (IX), Bill Porter (X), Todd Gulluscio (XI), Alphonse Lambert (Non-Public, East), Buddy Wleklinski (Non-Public, West), Stephen France (Charter, East), Mark LaMorticella (Charter, West), NYSPHSAA – Adam Stoltzman (Chair), Tim Mullins, Debra Ferry, Russell Bartlett, Renee James, Dr. Robert Zayas, Kristen Jadin, Todd Nelson, Joe Altieri, Greg Joly, Grant Gower (OSSAA)

Status Updates/Items Discussion/Action Taken:

1. Welcome and Introductions - Adam welcomed everyone attending in person and expressed gratitude for their time and participation in the meeting.
2. NYSPHSAA Membership Concerns – Historical Overview
Dr. Zayas provided a historical perspective on membership concerns, specifically questioning how private or charter schools can win the New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) championships. Supporting information was provided in the meeting packet, emphasizing that this topic has been longstanding. Many athletic associations across the country face similar challenges. This issue gained prominence when 4 out of 6 non-public schools won the 2024 Girls Basketball Championships.
 - a. In 2016, the Oversight Committee was created to address concerns from sections about the placement of non-public schools. If a section raises an issue about a non-public school's placement, the Oversight Committee reviews the case and can request the section to reconsider.
 - b. The concept of creating a 12th Section was also previously discussed, but a vote of 14-8 indicated little interest. The Oversight Committee has only met once in the last eight years.
 - c. Pat asked for a list of 71 non-public schools, and Joe S. requested a list of charter schools from the last 5-10 years.
 - d. Marisa questioned whether other sections, besides Section VI, have historically allowed non-public schools to join. Section VI is the only one.
 - e. Dr. Zayas cautioned that prohibiting public schools from competing in state championships in any way could lead to potential legal and legislative challenges.
 - f. Marc emphasized the distinction between charter and non-public schools and suggested they should not be grouped together.
 - g. Adam inquired about how many sections have mechanisms for moving schools up in classification. Several sections have such systems in place. Buddy mentioned that Section III also considers a "success component" in its decisions.
Discussion followed.
3. Classification Policy - Todd presented the current classification policy, explaining that sections classify schools based on what they deem appropriate, though the criteria are not standardized across sections. NYSPHSAA has a policy in place, but the majority of championships with nonpublic schools in the finals, are still being won by nonpublic teams in lower classifications. Todd also reviewed the Championship Breakdown included in the packet. Dr. Zayas noted that similar data had been presented in 2016 for the 2008-2016 time period.



- a. Marisa inquired whether it would be possible to track private schools that have reached regional championships. Todd – it is possible, but will take some work. Section VI raised concerns that Section V nonpublic schools are taking opportunities away from Section VI schools by representing their region in state championships.
 - b. Chris C. questioned how a school with 69 BEDS number can consistently compete in higher classifications and maintain competitiveness. He mentioned schools with a BEDS of 71 playing in AA often struggle, but some schools are doing things to remain competitive that comparable public schools do not.
 - c. Greg asked how recruiting for non-public schools could be controlled, noting that sections have the authority to sanction or censure schools.
 - d. Joe S. highlighted the issue of losing students to non-public schools due to recruiting and asked what can be done about it. The question of whether transfers were made for athletic advantage is part of the transfer paperwork process in other states. Dr. Zayas mentioned previous discussions about undue influence in recruiting students and added that athletic directors are often reluctant to address this issue directly on the transfer paperwork.
 - e. Buddy pointed out that non-public schools do not have feeder programs like public schools do.
 - f. Dr. Sugar stressed the challenge of policing ethics, noting that both public and private schools sometimes disregard them. He emphasized that without self-reporting, schools are unlikely to face consequences, as there is no investigative body to enforce the rules. Renee clarified that a section can conduct its own investigations.
 - i. Adam acknowledged that the first line of defense is at the section level and asked what role NYSPHSAA can play in this.
 - ii. Dr. Zayas shared that NYSPHSAA has received information leading to a school being declared ineligible. He added that the association can receive tips but does not have the manpower to conduct investigations on a regular basis. Adam suggested schools hire a private investigator, but Dr. Irving noted that in Section V, BOCES provides investigative services, though it is costly. Dr. Zayas stated that if the membership wants NYSPHSAA to hire investigators, dues would need to be raised. However, in states where investigators are employed, it tends to create more issues than it resolves. Todd emphasized that the focus should be on accountability, with sections and the state holding schools responsible for their actions.
 - g. Chris C. shared that schools operate with different business models and philosophies, which complicates the issue. Alphonse added that schools need to act ethically, though parental influence is a complicating factor. Further discussion followed, with Chris C. expressing concern that the burden of proving violations is too high.
4. NYSPHSAA Transfer Rule - Dr. Zayas addressed the history of the NYSPHSAA Transfer rule. Shared that concerns regarding the number of transfers existed when he arrived in New York, noting a perception that the transfer rule disproportionately benefits non-public schools. In December 2015, an Article 78 proceeding challenged the rule, but the judge ruled that the transfer rule has a rational basis. Dr. Zayas provided an overview of the changes to the transfer rule over the last 10 years, highlighting that New York has a more



restrictive transfer policy compared to other states. For instance, New Jersey allows one free transfer, while Florida's transfer rule is shaped by legislative decisions. Renee added that the undue hardship provision has remained a key component of the rule over the years, ensuring flexibility where needed. From a legal standpoint, the transfer rule is considered strong and well-positioned.

5. National Perspective – Grant shared that the conversation around transfers and recruiting in Oklahoma mirrors discussions happening across the country. In 2011, Oklahoma introduced Rule 14 to address private school success, but similar challenges persist, with data showing trends comparable to those in New York. Grant explained that the lawsuit brought by five private schools was in response to amendments made to Rule 14. One notable aspect was the judge's decision to deem a "success factor" that bumps schools up by more than one classification as unconstitutional. The state is still navigating how to refine its classification rule and potentially adjust the way schools are classified.
 - a. Joe S. inquired about the possibility of a separate classification for private schools during postseason play. Grant responded, cautioning that using the term "separation" implies that one group of schools is fundamentally different from the other, and this was not a recommended avenue to pursue. Grant mentioned the judge in Oklahoma advised to stay away from "separating."
 - b. Dr. Zayas advised against making decisions based solely on potential litigation risks but emphasized the need to be prepared for what is likely to occur with litigation and more importantly, legislative challenges. Joe added that there are also concerns about litigation from public schools. Adam mentioned that there could be an opportunity for schools in Section VI to join NYSPHSAA and compete for a state championship. Stephen expressed confidence that their section has done well in determining appropriate classifications for its schools.
6. Litigation Overview – Renee provided a review of the litigation history related to this issue, with relevant documents included in the meeting packet. From a legal standpoint, she explained that separating non-public schools into their own classification is unlikely to hold up in court. Renee urged the group to consider the legal challenges faced in previous cases when evaluating potential changes.
 - a. Marisa asked why New Jersey is able to have separate championships for non-public schools. Dr. Zayas explained that New Jersey has always operated under that system, which is why it has been allowed to continue, similar to Section VI's success in denying non-public participation in Western New York (i.e., Section VI).
7. Insurance – Greg J. explained this issue has been ongoing for 20+ years. The association's insurance policy provides coverage for the association, its sections, board members, employees, and the decision-making process around rules and regulations. The policy has a \$5 million coverage limit with a \$50,000 deductible per claim. As of January 1, the retention will increase to \$100,000 due to the amount of litigation the insurance company is handling throughout the country. If 10 schools were to sue the association, the insurance would incur up to \$1 million in defense costs. Legal claims can take a long time to resolve, sometimes lasting over 5 years. This is not a quick process.
8. Discussion/Next Steps: Adam asked if there is any appeal in creating opportunities for Schools Without Boundaries. Buddy suggested that any issues arising within sections should be addressed at the section level, as there are already systems in place that should be utilized. Adam also proposed viewing the situation as an opportunity for more nonpublic schools to join and more opportunity to win championships.



- a. Chris C. raised the question of when the will of the people should factor into the decision-making process. Renee noted that while public opinion can be considered, legal factors such as due process and equal protection claims must be taken into account. Chris C. asked how creating a Class AAA differs from having a separate classification. Renee explained that such comparisons likely wouldn't hold up legally. Joe S. pointed out that an additional classification has never been tested in court, and one potential benefit could be providing Schools Without Boundaries more opportunities to win championships. Dr. Irving added that league structures wouldn't necessarily change. Stephen highlighted cost concerns for Schools Without Boundaries, suggesting that instead of having a Class AAA, they could explore adding another classification altogether. However, he cautioned that continually adding classifications could lead to over-expansion, benefiting everyone without solving the core issues. Russ disagreed with the logic of this argument as they do not coincide with one another. Buddy mentioned that even smaller schools are negatively impacted by these changes. Further discussion followed.
- b. Section I Suggestion: Section I presented suggestions to address the Schools Without Boundaries issue at the July Central Committee meeting. Russell Bartlett, NYSPHSAA President at the time, directed their suggestion to this Ad Hoc Committee. It was shared with group via the meeting packet. Suggestions surrounding this topic were discussed thoroughly throughout the meeting.
- c. Todd/Dr. Zayas presented an idea that would abide by the current criteria for the classification of non-public and charter schools. The "idea" would essentially create a separate classification for Sections to use when a Section has four or more non-public/ charter schools in Class 3A. The Section would then have the 3A non-public/ charter schools and the 3A public schools to play off to determine the Section's representative in the regional round. The ad hoc did not provide much interest in pursuing the idea. Discussion with 3A Select: Joe S. - Has concerns about gamesmanship and whether it will continue to create problems. Dr. Zayas acknowledged that unintended consequences often arise from changes. Dr. Sugar pointed out that equitable competition is not being achieved as per the NYSPHSAA Constitution and suggested there should be a dedicated entity to investigate and make decisions on these issues. He mentioned the possibility of considering another association if the current one cannot meet the needs of his community. Pat responded that the NYSPHSAA was established because the New York State Education Department (NYSED) allowed it to be. Renee advised focusing on specific issues that are not problematic and addressing those directly. Joe S. suggested inviting representatives from New Jersey to explain why their system works, noting that their model has not faced legal challenges. He proposed having them speak to this group for further insight. Greg raised concerns about recruitment and emphasized the need to take a closer look at the clause regarding recruitment, suggesting a redefinition of what constitutes recruiting. Pat noted that Section VIII reviews every transfer. Adam agreed that redefining recruitment is possible, but stressed that if sections do not enforce the rules, changes will not be effective. Dr. Sugar identified this as a state-wide issue and mentioned that the oversight committee can be used and is working on recommendations for the committee. Michael called for consistency in determining which factors should lead to a school



being bumped up in classification. Dr. Sugar added that consistency is needed in areas such as undue influence, recruiting, and classification.

9. Next Steps:

- a. Each section will prepare a proposal with substantive details.
- b. A proposal deadline was set for December 20th, with plans for an in-person meeting, including small group discussions.
- c. Joe S. requested a separate meeting for nonpublic/charter schools to discuss issues specific to charter and non-public schools.
- d. Dr. Irving suggested drafting a statement to share with the sections, outlining the group's direction.

Future Items/Meeting:

1. Proposals from Sections due to NYSPHSAA ([Kristen Jadin](#)) by Friday, December 20th
2. January - Sections review all submitted Proposals
3. Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 4, 2025 @ 9:00AM, Location TBD
 - a. Sections come prepared to discuss all proposals

APPENDIX G



FLAG FOOTBALL 2025 PRE-SEASON REPORT Chairperson: Marissa Dauria

Committee members

(all voting members):

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Division Chairmen: TBA

Committee meeting dates: October 17, 2024, November 21, 2024 and January 16, 2025

Classification Breakdown -

[2025 Flag Football Classes - Section VI](#)

Alignments:

Final : [Division Drafts 2025 Flag Football - Section VI - RECOMMENDED PROPOSAL.pdf](#)

Drafts: [Division Drafts 2025 Flag Football - Section VI](#)

First Day of Practice:

3/17/25

Preseason Meeting:

3/5/25 6:30 p.m. on zoom

Post Season Information

2025 Post Season Calendar			
Event		Date	Location & Time
Preseason Meeting		3/5/25	6:30 pm on zoom
First practice date		3/17/25	
First league game date		3/31/25	
Opt out of sectionals		5/14/25	in writing to chairperson by 12:00pm
Last day for league play		5/14/25	
Seeding Mtg		5/15/25	7:30 pm on zoom
Event	Class		
Quarters:	A	5/21/25	7pm at higher seed
Semifinals:	A	5/23/25	7pm at higher seed
Finals:	A	5/28/25	TBA at 7:30pm
Pre-Quarters:	B	5/20/25	7pm at higher seed
Quarters:	B	5/22/25	7pm at higher seed
Semifinals:	B	5/24/25	7pm at higher seed
Finals:	B	5/28/25	TBA at 5 pm
Pre-Quarters:	C1/C2	5/17/25	12pm at higher seed
Quarters:	C1/C2	5/19/25	7pm at higher seed
Semifinals:	C1/C2	5/21/25	7pm at higher seed
Finals:	C1/C2	5/24/25	TBA at C1 at 12pm C2 at 2:30 pm
Cross-Over C1/C2	C1/C2	5/29/25	TBA at 7pm
Regionals:	TBA	5/31/25(tentative)	A - 11:00 AM B - 1:30 PM C - 4:00 PM at Highmark Stadium
States:	TBA	6/7/25, 6/8/25	Cortland HS/Homer HS
Post Season Meeting		6/12/25	6:30 pm on zoom

Changes in Policy/Practice for the upcoming season - TBA

- will be finalized in February 2025

Rule Changes/Points of Emphasis for 2025 – TBD

- will be finalized in February 2025

Football Rules Changes – 2025

- will be finalized by February 2025

Other Pertinent Data

Schedule: Pending alignment approval will be submitted.

Respectfully submitted

Marissa Dauria - 10/21/24

**Section VI Pre-Season Report
Girls Lacrosse 2025
Chairperson: Rick Schmitt & Jeff Bauda
October 2024**

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2025 Girls Lacrosse Calendar:

First Practice
First Contest/Scrimmage (6th individual practices)
Last League Contest
Non-Participation in Postseason - **email notification by 12 pm**
Seeding Meeting (not in person)

March 17th
March 24th
May 15th
May 15th
May 15th

Memorial Day: 5/26/25

ACT Exams: n/a

SAT Exams: 5/3/25 & 6/7/25

Post Season Information:

Seeding Meeting (not in person)			May 15th
Pre-Quarters	C's only	Fri 5/16	Higher Seed
Quarters Finals	A, B, C, D	Mon 5/19	Higher Seed
Semi-finals	A, B, C, D	Wed 5/21	Higher Seed
Finals	A, B, C, D	5/27 & 5/28	TBD Class A, B, C, D
Regionals	A, B, C, D	Sat 5/31	TBD Rochester
States	A, B, C, D	6/6 & 6/7	SUNY Cortland

Schools Participating/Conference Alignments:

There are 30 schools/teams this season. We will continue with the 4 conference alignment, created based upon 2024 season results along with coaches input/requests. C1 will play crossover games against

C2 while C3 will play crossover games against C4.

BEDS Classification Numbers & Conference Play:

2025 ECIC BEDS & Classes/Conferences							
Class A: (1036+) 6 teams	Conf.	Class B: (728-1035) 7 teams	Conf.	Class C: (450-727) 10 teams	Conf.	Class D: (<449) 7 Teams	Conf.
Niagara Falls -1608	4	Frontier- 992	2	Hamburg - 725	1	Depew - 410	4
Kenmore -1442 (791 + 651)	4	Williamsville North - 930	3	Williamsville East - 696	3	Springville - 393	4
Lancaster - 1187	1	Clarence - 897	1	Starpoint - 696	3	East Aurora - 393	2
Lockport -1083	3	West Seneca West - 815	1	Amherst - 654	3	Newfane - 317	4
City Honors/Buff Pub	4	Niagara Wheatfield - 798	1	Grand Island - 626	2	Salamanca - 264	2
Orchard Park 1052	1	Sweet Home - 780	2	Williamsville South - 618	2	Eden - 258	2
		North Tonawanda -750	4	West Seneca East - 614	4	Gowanda - 216	3
				Lake Shore - 503	1		
				Iroquois - 491	3		
				Lewport - 458	3		
2024 MSM Division (7)		Sacred Heart		Mt. St. Mary's		Mercy	
Buffalo Seminary		Nardin		St. Mary's of Lancaster		Nichols	

New Rules:

A 90 second shot clock will be implemented for the 2025 season.

[Shot Clock Rules](#)

Playoff Seeding:

Seeding for playoffs will be based off of record against other Class opponents throughout league play. (ie. Class A plays Class A, B plays B, C plays C & D plays D).

Tie - Breaker for Conference Finish/Champion & Playoff Seeding:

1. **Two Team Tie:** Head - to - head
2. **Three Team Tie:** Goal Differential: least amount of total goals given up against all tied teams.
3. If still tied: total amount of goals scored against other tied teams
4. If still tied: coin toss.

Respectfully submitted

Richard Schmitt & Jeff Bauda

Section VI Girls Lacrosse Co-Chairs



**Boys Lacrosse
2024-25 Pre-Season Report
Chairperson- Ed Greenway**

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Committee Meeting Dates:

State Sectional Chairman Zoom 11/6/2024 10. Am
Fall Coaches Meeting Zoom- 11/12/2024. 7:30 pm S-

Preseason Meeting @ Will East Feb 25, 7:30 pm Business Rooms

Active Pilots: (Anything recent)

Shot clock implementation for all Varsity and JV boys contests for the 2025 season

Boys Lacrosse Committee proposals for the 2025 season:

*Waiting on final decision of classification review from Lakeshore/SC to see if they will remain in C or elevate to class B due to competitive advantage over time.

Classifications Alignment:

Class A:

Niagara Falls/Lewport, Lancaster, Orchard Park, Kenmore West/East, Buffalo, Lockport

Class B:

Frontier, Will North, Clarence, West Seneca West, Niagara Wheatfield, Sweet home, North Tonawanda
Starpoint * SilverCreek/Lakeshore

Class C:

Hamburg, Will East, Amherst, Grand Island, Will South, West Seneca East, * *Lakeshore/SC*, Iroquois

Class D:

Depew, East Aurora, Tonawanda, Medina, Akron, Newfane, Salamanca, Eden, Wilson, Gowanda

2025 Post Season Calendar:

Boys Lacrosse Event:	Date:	Time / Site:
First Practice	Mon- 3/16	
Number of practices before First Scrimmage / Contest		6 practices required to represent schools
NYS Roster Due on Website	Prior to 1st game	https://sectionvilacrosse.com
US Lacrosse All American *Must Nominate on Website see link	Fri., 5/9/25 need new date	*Must Nominate on Website USA Lacrosse.com https://www.usalacrosse.com/high-school-boys-submission-form
Non-participation in Sectionals	Wed., 5/14	
Last League Game	Thurs., 5/15	
Seeding Meeting	Thurs, 5/15	Teams will be alerted by bracket on website
Play-in Rounds if needed	Fri., 5/16	Higher seed host
Quarterfinals	Tues. 5/20	Higher seed
Semi-Finals	Thurs. 5/22	Higher seed
Admittance <u>Form</u> <u>Sectionals</u>		Bring 3 copies to Finals <u>Form</u>
Finals	Thurs. 5/29 Fri. 5/30	TBA C at 5pm Class D 7:30 pm TBA A at 5 pm Class B 7:30 pm
Regional NYS Roster on Website		Into MaxPreps
Regional Western Out-Bracket C & D	Wed. 6/4	Vs Section 5 @ Section 5 TBA C 5 pm & Class D 7:30 pm
Far West Regionals	Sat., 6/7	TBA Class C/D @ Section 3 TBA Class A/B @ Section 5 TBA
Post Season Meeting	Mon, 6/9	Williamsville East HS 6:30 pm Business computer rooms
West Regionals	Wed 6/11	Cortland State - White Class D-3pm, B 5:30pm, Grady Class A 4pm, C-6:30pm

State Championships	Sat., 6/14	Hobart William Smith College
Senior All Star Game	Wed June 18, 2025	Boys at 5:30 pm
Underclassman Bandits All-Star Game	Thurs. 19,2025	TBA

Important Dates:

Last Day for League Play: 5/14/2025

Sectional Opt. Out: 5/14/2025

Seeding Meeting: No meeting done by Divisional Chairs on 5/15 then uploaded to website

New Rules:

The State has implemented the shot clock at Varsity and JV boys games. Schools will need to budget for clocks at both ends of the field and a person to run clock. Sectional chairman and officials' organization will offer clinics in winter /February at North Amherst Recreation Center to help explain the process. TBA

Respectfully submitted,

Date:10/31/2024

Ed Greenway, Chairman

SECTION VI PRE-SEASON REPORT Outdoor Track 2024

Chairperson: Justin Craddock (Boys) and Walt McLaughlin (Girls)
Submitted October 30, 2024

Committee members (voting*)

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Justin Craddock
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N-O:

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ADVISOR

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Committee meeting date(s)

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

2025 Pre Season Information

Class Meets AA-A-B-C-D	Week of May 26	Times & Sites TBA: Wed-Sat May 22-25
Class Meet Entry Deadlines	Week of May 26	Specific dates TBD
Class Meets	Week of May 26	Locations to TBD
State Qualifier entry close date	Monday June 2	10:00 pm.
State Qualifier	Fri.-Sat. June 6 & June 7	11:00 noon Friday –10:00 Saturday, Site TBA
States:	Fri.-Sat. June 13 &14	11:00 a.m. Fri & 10:00 am Sat. – Middletown High School

Number of Schools Participating / Sectional Alignments

3 Class as determined by NYSPHSAA Committee:

Class A – 800 and up – approximately 13 schools

Class B – 400 to 799 – approximately 30 schools

Class C – 1 to 399 – approximately 40 schools

Class Meets – 5-classes of approximately 17 schools will compete in each class meet according to BEDS numbers

Changes in Policy/Practice for the upcoming season

NYSPHSAA approval of 3 Classes: A, B, C at State and Section levels.

Rule Changes for 2024-25 – taken from NFHS – No major changes.

Points of Emphasis:

Pole vault and high jump mats must be padded around the sides and back.

Other Pertinent Data

- Anticipated Class Meet Online Entries will close the week of Monday, May 26th at 10:00 pm.
- 5 Section VI Class Meets will be contested Wednesday May 28nd through Saturday May 31th at various sites.
- Section VI State Qualifier Meet: Online Entries will close Monday, June 2nd at 10:00 pm.
- Qualifiers for the State Meet – The champion in each event from each class, plus the 2nd place finisher from each division with an at-large state standard qualifying time, distance, or height. Anyone achieving 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 2025 New York State Track & Field Championships will be held on June 13th and 14th at Middletown High School. Travel and lodging arrangements are being made and we will have four busses plus an addition vehicle if needed traveling to Middletown on Thursday June 12th and returning on Saturday, June 14th.

Respectfully submitted 10/30/2024,
Justin Craddock (Boys) and Walt McLaughlin (Girls)
Section VI Sportchairs



Boys Tennis 2025 Pre-Season Report

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First Day of Practice: Mon 3/17/25

Preseason Meeting: Wed 3/12/25

Deadline for opting out of team sectionals- Fri May 2nd

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 Friday May 2nd

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 10th They would have two semifinals and a final.

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 Calendar: 2025		
	Date	Site
Team Sectionals	5/13-16	Neutral sites TBD
Team Sectional Finals	5/17	@OPHS, Clarence
Team Regionals	5/31	@OPHS
Team Finals	6/13	National Tennis Center
Individual Sectional Seeding Meeting	Sat 5/24	@ Southtowns Tennis Center
Individual Sectionals	5/27-30	@OPHS
Individual States	6/7,8,9	National Tennis Center

Rule Changes/Points of Emphasis for 2025

Mandatory use of UTR

Respectfully submitted by
T. McMahon 10/31/2024
Alex Chambers 10/31/2024



Boys Golf
2024-25 Pre-Season Report
Chairperson – Jacob Reimer

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Committee Meeting Dates:

Fall preseason meeting: 8/21/2024

Spring preseason meeting: 3/6/2025

Post season meeting: 5/12/2025

Season Info:

First Fall Practice: 8/26/2024

First Spring Practice: 3/17/2025

League Championships: Determined by leagues per season

Sectional Championship: 5/12/2025

State Championship: 6/7-6/9/2025

Number of Participating Schools (as of 9/1/2024):

Buffalo Public Schools - 5

ECIC - 24

Niagara/Orleans - 7

NFL - 8

CCAA – 17 (2 divisions)

Changes in Policy/Practice for upcoming season:

There will be a renewed effort to maintain all scoring digitally for matches. This will also pertain to the Section VI championship tournament in May.

Each league will continue to conduct league matches that best meet individual league needs.

Other Info:

The state championship was moved to a new location for the upcoming year at Mill Creek in Rochester on June 6-9, 2025.

League Chairs are to notify chair of Sectional Qualifiers as soon as possible after league championships.

Sectional Championship is scheduled to not conflict with other spring sports, including girls golf due to commonality of coaches and course availability.

Respectfully submitted
Jacob Reimer
October 22, 2024

SECTION VI PRE-SEASON REPORT Golf Girls 2024-2025

The Girls Golf Committee consists of one representative from each participating league plus the Section VI Chairperson. Each school listed below participates in league competition recognized by Section VI. The (*) denotes the league coordinator and committee member. The (**) denotes boys coach with at least one female on their roster for 2024-25

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Section VI Meeting Date(s): March 2025 TBD

May 19, 2025 Section VI Championships Coaches Meeting

State Qualifier:	Monday, May 19, 2025	Gowanda Country Club
States:	June 7-8-9, 2025	Wildwood Rochester, NY (Section 5)

Number of Schools Participating/ Sectional Alignments: 20 Schools Total

FALL: BPS: City Honors, Hutch-Tech, Olmsted, South Park,
ECIC Schools: Clarence, Depew, East Aurora, Lancaster, Orchard Park, Starpoint, Sweet Home, Tonawanda, Williamsville East, Williamsville North, Williamsville South

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

Schools that have had female participation in league play or individual sectional qualification in the past are: Amherst, Alden, Dunkirk, Holland, Ellicottville, Grand Island, Lake Shore, Medina, Newfane, Niagara Wheatfield, Pioneer, Royhart, Sweethome, Wilson.

Changes in Policy/Practice for 2024-25:

All participants for the 2025 Section 6 Tournament must fill out a waiver stating their intentions for participation in the NYSPHSAA State Championships prior to the May 19th Section 6 Tournament. The waiver does not have an effect on golfer's placement in the tournament or starting hole order. This only has an effect on how many alternates and the order of alternates will be needed in case a golfer(s) decides to opt out of the state tournament. We will need to know this ahead of time in order to settle tiebreakers on the day of the tournament.

Justification: For the last two seasons, there have been golfers who have qualified for the NYSPHSAA State Tournament, however, decided the day after the tournament that they had a prior commitment. This caused major headaches when it came time to add alternates. In 2024 there was a tie among alternates. This could have caused major issues if one of the alternates did not have a prior commitment to begin with. With the waiver,

the golfer will have notified their coach and the section chair of their intentions. All tiebreakers and placements would be completed on the day of the tournament.

Special Reminder: Girls that compete on their school's Boys Varsity Golf Team may qualify for postseason play in girls competition. Boys coaches were contacted by the Section VI Chairperson in the fall via their league coordinators. 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 2024-2025: 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



**SOFTBALL
PRE-SEASON REPORT
Chairperson: Jay Hall**

Committee Members: (voting*)

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Most Recent Committee Meeting Date: September 22, 2024

Members Present: Jay Hall, Jesse Beers, Brianna Hazelton, Dan Seelig, Jeffrey Kryszczuk, Cheryl O'Connor, Marlene Stone, Heather Kagelmacher, Vince Fininzio and Maria Warthling

Future Committee Meeting Dates: TBD

Current Pilot Programs:

1. Split classifications after opt-out pilot for 2 years, 23-24 and 24-25, in the sports of Boys Basketball (approved at 6/12/24 AC to be removed from pilot after 23-24 season), Girls Basketball, Baseball and Softball (Approved 11/15/23 AC)

Tabled Proposals:

Proposal: Tie breaking policy for sectional seeding. (Committee passed 3-0) **TABLED (S/I 9/12/24)**

Proposal

1. Head to Head if same division or league
2. Winning percentage of league or division games scheduled (independents all games)

3. Coin toss
4. 3 way tie still pull out of hat after 1-3 are used

Rational: With the leagues playing different amount of league games, going by total league games won is no longer fair to the teams playing fewer league games.

Proposals Pending Action:

Proposal: Championship Series **Recommend approving (S/I 9/12/24), AC Action Item (11/13/24)**

There will only be 3 teams in AAA we suggest 2 plays 3 winner plays 1 in best of three Reasoning first place team would only play 1 sectional game and have long layoff

Old Business:

Score reporting and rating of umpires is necessary and required for each game, reminder non-preferred officials form no longer accepted.

Regional Sites/Dates will remain the same: C/D- Friday (South), All Others- Saturday (North)

League Run Rules: Remain in play for Spring 2025

CCAA – 12 after 5

NFL- 12 after 5

NO- 12 after v5

ECIC- 12 after 5

Buffalo- 10 after 5

New Business:

Approval at NYSPHSAA meeting in October, NFHS Rules will be in effect for Spring 25.

Vote 4-0 for Sectionals higher seed is home team and choice of dugouts.

For games, the home team can only play music before or between innings. No walk-up music will be allowed. For neutral sites, the only music allowed will be from the committee person working the game.

Sectional Classification Alignments:

Sectional Alignments will be updated upon receipt of BEDS #'s

These will be altered if needed based on the number of declared opt outs.

2025 Post Season Calendar (*subject to change)				
			Rain Dates	
League Cut-Off		Saturday May 17		7:00pm Prior to seeding meeting
Seeding Meeting		Sun May 18		7:00pm Depew Middle School
Pre-Quarters	All classes	Tues May 20	Next day	Higher Seed – Time 5:00 pm
Quarter Finals	All Classes	Thur May 22	Next day	Higher Seed- Time Noon
Finals 1 st game	AAA	Thurs May 22	Next day	Higher seed Time 5: 00 pm
Semi-Finals	All classes but AAA	Tues May 27	Next day	Higher Seed-Time 5:00 pm
Finals 2 nd game	AAA	Wed May 28	Next Day	Lower Seed Time 5:00 pm
Finals	A1 A2 B! B2	Thurs May 29	Next Day	TBA only if split class
Finals	C&D	Fri May 30	Next Day	TBA C- 500 D 730
Finals	AA A AAA if needed	Sat May 31	Next day	TBA AAA 1000 AA 1230

Crossovers of Finals	A B	Sat. May 31	Next day	A 300 B 530
Sub regionals	AAA B	Wed June 4	Next day	TBA AAA 500 B 730
Regionals	C,D	Fri June 6	TBD	At Section 6 TBA
Regionals	AAA,AA,A,B	Sat June 7	TBD	At section VI TBD
States	All classes	Fri Sat June 13-14	Next Day	In Binghamton
Sites are being	confirmed			

Other Dates:

April 1st: Due Date for rosters to be uploaded on website

May 12th: 12pm Sectional Opt. Out Deadline

May 14th: Due Date for preferred umpire list

May 17th: Last day to play, all scores must be reported immediately post-game

May 18th: Sectional Seeding Meeting, Time and Location TBD

Tentative Venues for Host Sites:

Depew, Grand Island, Frontier, Williamsville East, Alleghany Limestone,

Gowanda, Olean, Williamsville North

Respectfully,

Jay Hall, Section VI Softball Chairman

Submitted 9/23/24



**Baseball
Pre-Season Report
2025**

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* Committee Voting Member

Committee Meeting Dates:

November 6th

January 8th

May 21st – Seeding meeting

Current Pilot Programs:

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Rule Changes, Points of Emphasis, etc.

- NFHS 1-6-2: One-way electronic communication devices are permissible from the dugout to the catcher while the team is on defense for the purpose of calling pitches.

- Courtesy Runners: Teams can use a courtesy runner for the pitcher or catcher to help speed up the game. The courtesy runner must be a player who is not currently in the game.
- Implementation of the new regional rotation to include a subregional game in Class B for the 2025 season.
- All subregional and regional championship games will be hosted by Section 5 for the 2025 season.

Important Dates:

March 12th – Preseason coaches meeting

March 17th – First day of practice

May 14th – Opt-out notification deadline

May 21st – Last day of league play

2025 Tentative Calendar:

BASEBALL Chairperson: Robert Parry				
Event		Date		Location & Time
Last day for league play		5/21/25		
Seeding Mtg		5/21/25		Virtual Meeting @ 8:00 pm
Event	Class	Date	Rain Date	Location & Time
Pre-Quarters:	A & B	5/23/25	5/24/25	@ Higher Seed
	AAA, AA, C, D	5/24/25	5/25/25	5:00 pm
Quarters:	A & B	5/24/25	5/25/25	@ Higher Seed
	AAA, AA, C, D	5/27/25	5/28/25	5:00 pm
Semifinals:	A & B	5/27/25	5/28/25	@ Higher Seed
	AAA, AA, C, D	5/29/25	5/30/25	5:00 pm
Finals:	A & B	5/29/25	5/30/25	TBD
	AAA, AA, C, D	5/31/25	6/1/25	
Crossover Finals:	A & B	5/31/25	6/1/25	TBD
Sub-Regional	Class B	6/3	6/4	Section 5
Regionals:	All Classes	6/6-6/7		Section 5
States	All Classes	6/13-6/14		Binghamton

SECTION VI PRE-SEASON REPORT
Unified Basketball 2025
Chairperson: Doug Ames

Committee members (voting*)

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Committee meeting date(s)

Unified Basketball Coaches Pre-Season Meeting - March 12, 2025 / League Host
 Unified End of the Year Meeting - June 17, 2025 / League Host

Season Information (Subject to Change)

Unified Basketball		
Event	Date	Location & Time
Practice begins	3/10/2025	
Scrimmage date	4/01/25	Note; To be determined by each league or division
Games begin	4/02/25 - 5/22/25	
Opt. out date	5/14/25	Teams not planning to compete in the culminating event
First Round of Play-Offs	5/27/25	
Culmination Event	5/29/25	The Rock- West Seneca
Youth Activation Summit	Fall 2024 - WNY SO	Fredonia State College 10/24

Number of Schools Participating

Buffalo: 5 / ECIC: 22
 NFL: 8 / NO: 4
 CCA: 12
 Section 5: Pembroke “Independent Schedule”

Changes in Policy/Practice for the upcoming season

1. Scrimmage sites / teams for 2025 season / set up by league or divisions
2. Rosters online / Scorebooks are recommended for all games at table
3. Skills at halftime
4. Officials enforcing rules throughout the season as well as tournament – Foul line enforced
5. Post Season competition / Bracket Set-up - Unified Chairman’s responsibility NOT leagues
6. Games tied after regulation teams will be play one (1) quarter of four minutes of overtime

Respectfully submitted 10/21/24
 Doug Ames, Section VI Unified Sports Chair

APPENDIX H

3 Region Concept (DRAFT)

Denotes Regional Final (No Mid Week Travel)

Denotes Regional Final Host

	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	Sub-Regionals				Regional Finals				Home		Away								
Region 1	Sub-Regional Regional Final	5 @ 6	6 @ 5	5 @ 6	AL/4 @ 5/6	6 @ 5	5 @ 6	AL/4 @ 5/6	6 @ 5	AL/4 @ 6/5	5 @ 6	6 @ 5	5 @ 6	AL/4 @ 5/6	6 @ 5	5 @ 6	AL/4 @ 5/6	6 @ 5	5 @ 6	AL/4 @ 5/6	6 @ 5	5-4	6-4	5-10	6-10	5-9	6-9	5-5	6-5
		AL @ 4	AL @ 4	AL @ 4		AL @ 4	AL @ 4		AL @ 4		AL @ 4	AL @ 4		AL @ 4	AL @ 4		AL @ 4	AL @ 4		AL @ 4		4-4	AL-4	4-10	AL-10	4-10	AL-0	4-4	AL-14
Region 2	2 @ 3	1/9 @ 2/3	3 @ 2	2 @ 3	3 @ 2	11 @ 8	3/2 @ 11/8	2 @ 3	3 @ 2	2 @ 3	1 @ 9	2/3 @ 1/9	3 @ 2	2 @ 3	3 @ 2	11/8 @ 3/2	11 @ 8					2-4	3-4	2-10	3-10	2-7	3-7	2-7	3-7
	1 @ 9																												
Region 3		9 @ 1	11/8 @ 9/1	1 @ 9	9 @ 1	1 @ 9	9 @ 1	1 @ 9	9 @ 1	9 @ 1		9 @ 1	1 @ 9	9 @ 1	9 @ 1							1-4	9-4	1-10	9-10	1-7	9-7	1-7	9-7
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Notes: Sections 1 & 9 have four straight years of Regional Finals (2028-2031); equity in sub-regionals & regional finals.

	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	Sub-Regionals				Regional Finals				Home		Away									
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Region 2	3 @ 10	2/7 @ 3/10	10 @ 3	3 @ 10	10 @ 3	7/2 @ 10/3	3 @ 10	10 @ 3	3 @ 10	2/7 @ 3/10	10 @ 3	3 @ 10	3 @ 10	10 @ 3	7/2 @ 10/3	7/2 @ 10/3						3-7	10-7	3-10	10-10	3-9	10-9	3-8	10-8	
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Region 3	1 @ 9	8/11 @ 1/9	9 @ 1	1 @ 9	9 @ 1	11/8 @ 9/1	1 @ 9	9 @ 1	1 @ 9	8/11 @ 1/9	9 @ 1	1 @ 9	9 @ 1	1 @ 9	9 @ 1	11/8 @ 9/1	11/8 @ 9/1					1-7	9-7	1-10	9-10	1-9	9-9	1-8	9-8	
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Notes: Equitable format; equity in sub-regionals & regional finals.

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Region 2			10 @ 3	7/2 @ 10/3	3 @ 10	10 @ 3	3 @ 10	10 @ 3	3 @ 10	10 @ 3	10 @ 3	10 @ 3	10 @ 3	10 @ 3	10 @ 3	10 @ 3						3-4	10-4	3-10	10-10	3-7	10-7	3-7	10-7	
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Region 3	1 @ 9	3/10 @ 1/9	9 @ 1	1 @ 9	9 @ 1		1 @ 9	9 @ 1	1 @ 9		9 @ 1	1 @ 9	9 @ 1	1 @ 9	9 @ 1	7/2 @ 9/1	7/2 @ 9/1					1-4	9-4	1-10	9-10	1-7	9-7	1-7	9-7	
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Region 3	11 @ 9	3/10 @ 11/9	9 @ 11	11 @ 9	9 @ 11		11 @ 9	9 @ 11	11 @ 9		9 @ 11	11 @ 9	9 @ 11	11 @ 9	9 @ 11	7/2 @ 9/11	7/2 @ 9/11					9-4	11-4	9-10	11-10	9-7	11-7	9-7	11-7	
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	3 @ 4		4 @ 3	3 @ 4			4 @ 3	3 @ 4	5/6 @ 3/4	4 @ 3		3 @ 4	4 @ 3	3 @ 4	5/6 @ 3/4	4 @ 3	3-4	4-4	3-10	4-10	3-7	4-7	3-7	4-7	
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	8 @ 11	8 @ 11			11 @ 8			8 @ 11			11 @ 8	8 @ 11	8 @ 11	9/1 @ 8/11		11 @ 8		8-5	11-5	8-10	11-10	8-7	11-7	8-7	11-7

Notes: No At-Large teams; concerns with potential extended travel for Regional finals; equity in sub-regionals & regional finals.

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Region 2	2 @ 7	1/9 @ 2/7	7 @ 2		2 @ 7	7 @ 2			2 @ 7	7 @ 2	2 @ 7	1/9 @ 2/7		7 @ 2	7 @ 2	11/8 @ 7/2	2-4	7-4	2-10	7-10	2-8	7-8	2-6	7-6	
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Region 2		10 @ 7	9/2 @ 10/7		7 @ 10	10 @ 7			7 @ 10	10 @ 7			10 @ 7			7 @ 10	10 @ 7	7-4	10-4	7-10	10-10	7-7	10-7	7-7	10-7
	2 @ 9	9 @ 2			2 @ 9				2 @ 9	9 @ 2			2 @ 9	9 @ 2	10/7 @ 9/2	2 @ 9		2-4	9-4	2-10	9-10	2-7	9-7	2-7	9-7
Region 3	11 @ 1	7/10 @ 11/1		1 @ 11		11 @ 1	1 @ 11		1 @ 11	11 @ 1			1 @ 11	11 @ 1	9/2 @ 1/11		1-4	11-4	1-10	11-10	1-7	11-7	1-7	11-7	
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Region 3	8 @ 1	7/10 @ 8/1		1 @ 8		8 @ 1	1 @ 8		1 @ 8	8 @ 1			1 @ 8	8 @ 1	9/2 @ 1/8		1-4	8-4	1-10	8-10	1-7	8-7	1-7	8-7	
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Notes:

If a Section adds a team during the rotation; could disrupt the scheduled equity of concept.
 Extended travel for regional finals in some classifications; Regional finals will be played on weekend.
 To avoid an At-large hosting, AL @ 4 sub-regional will always advance to the winner of 5/6.
 No more than 1 At-Large will be needed in "some" classifications.

APPENDIX I



Safety Committee Committee Meeting Report

Date: October 1, 2024 at 10am

Attendees: Mauren Myers (1), Katie Clark (3), Cathy Haight (4), John Lonbardi (5), Matt McKenna (6), Jen Drucker (7), Jen Keene (8), Janet Carey (9), Erica Backus (10), Tim Mullins (11), Dr. Obrien, Elyse Laughlin, Aimee Brunelle, Jarett Rhoads, Melissa Trau, Dr. Donatelli.

Status Updates/Items Discussion/Action Taken:

1. Concussion Management Update:
 - a. BIANYS is continuing to work with legislators to update the NYS Concussion Management Law. These updates include the list of providers that can clear a student back to participation. BIANYS is also providing COPE training to school nurses, school medical directors, coaches, athletic directors, and parents. Please use this link: <https://bianys.org/cope-concussion-outreach-prevention-education/>
2. Update and clarified the NYSPHSAA Thunder and Lightning policy allowing schools to use the MY Lightning Tracker APP. Schools can use the MY Lightning Tracker or APP or the long-standing policy of see lightning or hear thunder to make the best decision possible to minimize risk to student athletes, coaches, and spectators. NYSPHSAA staff will be sharing the change in policy with the OCF so they can pass the information on to all official chapters.
3. The Committee was updated that NYSPHSAA was informed by the NYSED that we could not mandate the Anyone Can Save a Life Program. Schools are encouraged to add this program to the District wide Safety Plan which has to be approved by the School Medical Director and adopted by the Board of Education each year.
4. Section Concerns:
 - a. Section 11 appreciated NYSPHSAA updating the member schools on the football knee pad pants issue.
 - b. Section 8 continues to have concerns about WeatherBug and heat index. They will continue to look at other options that may be more reliable.
 - c. Elyse and SED are looking to update the list of approved providers of FA/CPR/AED.
 - d. Melissa Trau and NYS Center of School Health will be hosting upcoming trainings: Here is the link, [NYSCSH e-Learning and Learning Management System \(LMS\) / Overview \(schoolhealthny.com\)](https://www.schoolhealthny.com)

Future Items/Meeting:

1. WeatherBug – Heat Index (Section 8)
2. Next Meeting: April 8, 2024 at 10am



Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI) Committee Meeting Report

Date: October 2, 2024 @ 2:00PM

ATTENDEES:

Kim Saxton (I), Dr. Carlos Cotto (2), Samantha Little (IV), Camaron Johnson (V), Aubrey Lloyd (VI), Justin Gardner (VII), Kru Patel (VIII), Dr. Jackelyn Manning Campbell (IX), Reginald McDonald (X), Joe Mercado (XI), NYSPHSAA – Dr. Robert Zayas, Kristen Jadin, Adam Stoltzman, Renee James, Joe Altieri, Tim Mullins, Debra Ferry
Not present: Diana Parente (VIII), Alton Hicks (III), Jennifer Pyle, Conference of Big 5 School Districts, Consultant

Status Updates/Items Discussion/ Action Taken:

1. Review definitions of Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion within NYSPHSAA – Dr. Zayas – Requested feedback from Sections on the draft DEI definitions provided. Aubrey – Praised the state's progress in DEI but suggested it should be reflected in NYSPHSAA's Mission Statement. He also emphasized the importance of aligning the DEI language between NYSPHSAA, Sections, and Leagues. Sam – Noted that not all Sections currently have a DEI committee, with only Sections I, V, VIII, IX, and XI being exceptions. She emphasized that if NYSPHSAA is committed to DEI, alignment across all Sections is necessary. She questioned how to encourage Sections to establish or adopt DEI practices at the local level. Robert – Stated that the goal today is to define DEI and include these definitions in the NYSPHSAA Handbook. He asked whether "Belonging" should be included in the definitions. Aubrey – Explained that "Belonging" refers to the feeling of being accepted and included, an outcome of inclusion efforts. Joe – Supported the idea, noting that each Section handles things differently. Kru – Asked whether NYSPHSAA is required to follow New York State Education Department (NYSED) recommendations exactly. Dr. Zayas – Clarified that NYSPHSAA is not limited or restricted by NYSED guidelines. Sam – Believed that "Belonging" is already embedded in the DEI definition and that creating a separate definition for it could dilute its meaning. She stressed staying true to the core DEI purpose, as these practices exist because historically, marginalized groups have not been included. Dr. Zayas – Asked if it would be possible to intertwine the concept of belonging within the existing definitions. Reggie – Agreed that "Belonging" is already inherent in the current definitions. Dr. Zayas – Suggested adding terms such as "connected," "heard," and "accepted" to the definitions. Dr. Manning Campbell – Proposed adding "respected" as well. Sam – Pointed out that these are definitions, not necessarily actions, and asked how to translate them into actionable steps. Kristen – Suggested that once the definitions are finalized they will be sent to the group for formal approval at the next meeting. Then, proposals should be developed to put DEI work into action.
2. Pathways to Promote Diversity on NYSPHSAA Committees – Dr. Zayas – Discussed efforts with the Big 5 to increase involvement. He noted that most NYSPHSAA committees have sectional representation, except for a few specific exceptions outlined in the meeting agenda. Dr. Zayas also outlined the NFHS approach to DEI on committees, emphasizing that NYSPHSAA aims to be purposeful and intentional in its approach. Sam – Proposed renaming the "minority representative" position the NFHS uses to something less problematic, such as "At-Large Representative." Dr. Cotto – Agreed, expressing that the current term may imply inferiority. He also raised the question of how to recruit within each section, noting that education should inspire youth, and perhaps candidates outside of day-to-day athletics could be considered. Dr. Zayas – Highlighted the importance of ensuring underrepresented groups have a voice at the table. Adam – Suggested adding a representative from the Big 5 to committees, including a discussion about possible changes to the Central/Executive Committee structure. Dr. Zayas – Supported adding a Big 5 representative to all standing and ad hoc committees as this would ensure diversity and increased representation for the largest school districts in NYS. However, the topic of the Executive/Central Committee would require a constitutional change, needing a 2/3 referendum vote from the NYSPHSAA membership.



He requested that the representatives take these ideas and the definitions back to their sections for further discussion, noting that the positives would outweigh any negatives. Dr. Cotto – Stressed the importance of representation as voting members. Camaron – Expressed concern about the infrequency of meetings, suggesting it could take years to implement changes. She emphasized the need for consistency. Dr. Zayas – Reassured that meetings can be held as frequently as needed. It was decided to meet again in early December.

3. New Business

- a. Camaron – Emphasized the importance of establishing policies for Sections and schools once DEI definitions are finalized, particularly for handling infractions. She noted that schools consistently violating DEI principles should face consequences. Dr. Zayas – Responded that current NYSPHSAA rules allow Sections to censure, sanction, or place a school on probation for violations. If a school fails to address these issues, the Section and Robert should become involved. Camaron – Asked if there is a standard operating procedure (SOP) for handling such infractions. Dr. Zayas – Clarified that there is no formal SOP, as no specific penalty is prescribed. The actions taken can vary depending on the situation. Dr. Cotto – Suggested incorporating professional development and providing opportunities for schools to engage with families. He asked if there could be more direct connections to local resources, workshops, and trainings to exhaust every possible way to engage. Kru – Stressed the importance of athletic directors meeting with their student sections to address these issues.
- b. Adam – Expressed appreciation for the group's commitment to this work despite busy schedules. Tim – Highlighted the importance of continuing to move this work forward for the benefit of the association and the students it serves. Debra – Thanked everyone for their efforts and encouraged continued focus on the mission statement moving forward.

Future Items/Meeting:

1. Next Meeting:
 - a. Early December
 - b. March 26, 2025 @ 2pm