



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

November 15, 2023

HIGHLIGHTS

- 3.1 **CARRIED:** Approval of the October 11, 2023 Section VI Executive Committee meeting minutes

ATHLETIC COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

- 3.1 **AC ACTION ITEM:** Approval of the September 20, 2023 Section VI Athletic Council meeting minutes
- 4.1 **AC ACTION ITEM:** Approval of the proposed 2024-2025 North & South Timelines - Schedules/Assignment of Officials (Appendix A)
- 5.1 **AC ACTION ITEM:** Approval of Combining of Schools Applications
- 5.2 **AC ACTION ITEM:** Approval of Outside Agency Contest Applications
- 5.3 **AC ACTION ITEM:** Approval of Senior All-Star Contest Applications
- 6.3.1 **AC ACTION ITEM:** Approval of the Treasurer's report (Appendix B)
- 6.3.3 **AC ACTION ITEM:** Travel Pay Proposal (Appendix E)
- 6.4.1 **AC ACTION ITEM:** Approval to implement a split classifications after opt-out pilot for 2 years, 23-24 and 24-25, in the sports of Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Baseball and Softball
- 6.4.2 **AC ACTION ITEM:** Approval of a 2-year pause (24-25 and 25-26) on class meets and institute an open sectional tournament in their place in the sport of Wrestling
- 11.1 **AC ACTION ITEM:** Approval of the proposed changes to the Section VI Constitution, implementation 24-25
- 10.1 **AC ACTION ITEM:** Approval of the following Spring 2024 pre-season reports: Baseball, Softball Girls Golf, Flag Football, Boys Lacrosse, Girls Lacrosse, Unified Basketball, Boys Tennis, Track & Field. (Appendix K)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Attendance: (*indicates present)

*M. Donahue, President

D. Lilleck, President-Elect

*B. Banker, Past President

*J. Sortisio, Superintendents' Representative

*C. Alvarez, Principals' Representative

*M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative

*J. Roth, Male Representative

*M. DiFilippo, Executive Director

1.0 CALL TO ORDER (M. Donahue)

Commenced: 9:42am

3.0 MINUTES (M. Donahue)

3.1 *Motion to approve the October 11, 2023 Executive Committee meeting minutes*

CARRIED

Fallacaro-Dougherty/Sortisio

4.0 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (M. DiFilippo)

4.1 **AC ACTION ITEM:** Approval of the proposed 2024-2025 North & South Timelines - Schedules/Assignment of Officials (Appendix A)

An approved timeline for schedules and assignment of officials is approved annually. Dates are similar and adjusted for weekends and holidays.

4.2 Mandatory AD Meeting

The 2nd Mandatory Athletic Director meeting of the 23-24 school year is scheduled for January 25, 2024, 9am to approximately 3pm at Erie 1 BOCES. All athletic directors are required to attend. If an extraordinary situation presents, where the athletic director is unavailable, an alternate representative from the school district must attend.

4.3 Fall Sectional Wrap-up

Section VI is in its final week of hosting post season events. No significant issues have presented. However, M. DiFilippo plans to present a proposal to the Sectional Intersectional Committee regarding Section VI coordinated and paid for transportation to state championships. The proposal will recommend one, universal depart from ("pick-up") location to begin the trip. The rationale for the proposal is to avoid the current challenges with multiple "pick-up" locations as well as drivers hours/rest periods.

4.4 Section Coaches Meetings

Overall, the new process is working well. However, M. DiFilippo plans to address the CCAA's issues with the current structure at their league meeting this Friday.

4.5 St. Mary's Indoor Track

Informational. St. Mary's has changed their mind after initial declination and recently requested to be included in the 23-24 Section VI Indoor Track schedule. They were denied as the request comes after the deadline to commit and schedules etc. have been confirmed.

5.0 COMMUNICATIONS (M. DiFilippo)

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

1) Swim B, Cheektowaga, JFK, V, 623

2) ADD HERE Wrestling B, HSCS, BASCS, V, 468 D2

Below are all informational Demerged

Hockey B, **DEMERGE Sweet Home**, Depew , see below add North Tonawanda

Swim B, **DEMERGE email I-Prep**, DaVinci DEMERGE, see below merge with Buffalo Arts

Swim B, **DEMERGE email-Panama**, Maple Grove, Chaut Lake, see below merge with Panama & Clake

Wrestling, **DEMERGE Fredonia**, Forestville, Silver Creek, , see below merge add Pine Valley

FYI Approved by email

Hockey B, **Sweet Home**, Depew ADD NORTH TONAWANDA, V, 10/23/23, 1228 D1

Swim B, **Buffalo Arts Academy**, L DaVinci, V, 10/16/23 Exec Email, 442 D2

Swim B, **Panama**, Chaut Lake, V, 10/27/23 Exec email, 154 D2

Wrestling, **Barker**, Royalton-Hartland, 7/8 Modified ONLY, FYI ,

Wrestling, **Fredonia**, Forestville, Silver Creek ADD PINE VALLEY, V, 10/27/23 EXEC email, 801 One Div

5.2 **AC ACTION ITEM:** Approval of Outside Agency Contest Applications

- a. Basketball-Boys, Lockport Optimists Club Basketball Tournament, 12/2/23, Lockport High School, Lockport HS & Sunrise Optimist Club
- b. Wrestling, Holiday Tournament , 12/9-10, JCC, Randolph & STOWA State Sanctioned
- c. Bowling B/G, NFHS Festival of Lights Bowling Tournament, 12/28/23, Tonawanda Bowling Center, NFHS & Tonawanda Bowling Center
- d. Wrestling, Lockport Boosters Wrestling tournament, 1/12-13-2024, Lockport High School, Lockport HS & Sunrise Optimist Club
- e. ADD HERE Hamburg Lions Club

5.3 **AC ACTION ITEM:** Approval of Senior All-Star Contest Applications

- a. Basketball B/G Silver Hoops, 3/22 or 3/23/24 at McKinley HS hosted by Police Athletic League & Buffalo Athletics

Three communications items were submitted after the agenda was finalized and emailed to the council. M. DiFilippo will request that the following be added to the athletic council agenda:

1. Outside Agency - Hamburg Lions Club Basketball Tournament
2. Combining of Schools - Health Sciences and BASCS in the sport of Wrestling
3. Combining of Schools - Williamsville in the sport of Unified Basketball

6.0 **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

6.1 Combining of Schools Committee (J. Sortisio)

Nothing to report

6.2 Charter Schools Classification Committee (J. Sortisio)

Nothing to report

6.3 Finance Committee (S. Penhollow)

6.3.1 **AC ACTION ITEM:** Approval of the Treasurer's report (Appendix B)

6.3.2 24-25 Proposed Section VI Budget (Appendix C)

6.3.3 24-25 Proposed Section VI Coordination Fees (Appendix D)

M. DiFilippo will present items 6.3.2 and 6.3.3 at the following athletic council meeting.

6.3.3 **AC ACTION ITEM:** Travel Pay Proposal (Appendix E)

S. Penhollow will present the attached proposal at the following athletic council meeting.

6.3.4 NYSPHSAA Foundation Board – Section VI Representative

Section VI continues to seek a replacement for M. Kruzynski (Medina) as Section VI representative on the NYSPHSAA Foundation Board.

6.4 Sectional/Intersectional (M. DiFilippo)

- 6.4.1 **AC ACTION ITEM:** Approval to implement a split classifications after opt-out pilot for 2 years, 23-24 and 24-25, in the sports of Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Baseball and Softball

The intention of this proposal is not to eliminate classifications.

- 6.4.2 **AC ACTION ITEM:** Approval of a 2-year pause (24-25 and 25-26) on class meets and institute an open sectional tournament in their place in the sport of Wrestling (Appendix F)

6.4.3 Flag Football Alignments

The Section VI Flag Football Committee is scheduled to meet tonight. M. DiFilippo has directed them to submit one proposal regarding alignments to the Sectional Intersectional Committee as opposed to the five they are currently entertaining.

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 is an informational item (Appendix H)

6.7c1 Structural Growth & Membership Dues

The following are discussion items that will be action items at the January 17, 2024 Athletic Council meeting to provide direction for M. Fallacaro-Dougherty (Female Representative) and J. Roth (Male Representative to vote at the January 2024 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting (Appendix I):

6.7c2 Safety Committee – My Lighting Tracker

6.7c3 Modified Committee – Remove One Hand Check Language

6.7c4 Modified Committee – Softball Metal Cleats

6.7c5 Modified Committee – Volleyball Representative

6.7c6 Unified Committee – Waiver of the Representation Rule

6.7c7 Boys Volleyball – Revise State Tournament Format - to include all sections (pool play) in the state tournament

6.7c8 Girls Ice Hockey – OT Procedure

6.7c9 Indoor Track – request adding s second division for relays only

6.7c10 Boys Lacrosse – permission to ask NFHS for a shot clock experiment

6.7c11 Boys/Girls Outdoor Track – establish third class starting in 2025

6.7c12 Baseball – adopt the NFHS suggested speed up rule

6.7c13 Flag Football – adopt flag belt requirements

6.7c14 Flag Football – adopt classification cut-off numbers

6.7c15 Flag Football – adopt regional rotation for 2024

6.7c16 Boys Tennis – move to 2 singles, 3 doubles (2-3) format in division 2 team tennis championships

6.8 Extended Eligibility (M. DiFilippo)

Nothing to report

6.10 Transfer/Foreign Student (M. DiFilippo)

Reports were emailed to the Executive Committee

6.13 Mixed Competition (C. Alvarez)

6.13.1 Hamburg Stage 3 Appeal Upheld, 26-0

6.14 Nominations (D. Lilleck)

6.14.1 Principals' Representative Position Update, term expires June 2024 (Action Item May 2024)

C. Alvarez would like to renew for another term.

6.14.2 President-Elect Position, term July 2024 – June 2026 (Action Item May 2024)

At present, no submissions have been received.

6.14.3 Boys Golf Chairperson Vacancy (remaining term, through June 30, 2025)

At present, no submissions have been received.

6.14.4 Fall Sports Chairs Terms Expiration June 30, 2024, new term July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2027
(Action Item May 2024) (Renewals/Challengers)

All incumbents have submitted intentions to renew. J. Otto and J. Costello have requested to co-chair field hockey for one year with J. Costello then moving forward as chairperson.

6.15 Corporate Partners (M. DiFilippo)

Nothing to report

7.0 **SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

7.1 All WNY Scholar Athlete (J. Roth)

7.1.1 Fall submission period open, deadline 12/4

8.0 **STATE COMMITTEE REPORTS** (informational only) Appendix J

8.1 Foundation Board – 9/15/23

8.2 Boys Basketball – 10/4/23

8.3 Girls Basketball – 9/18/23

8.4 Flag Football – 9/26/23

8.5 Football – 9/14/23

- 8.6 Boys Ice Hockey – 9/22/23
- 8.7 Outdoor Track & Field – 9/12/23
- 8.8 Girls Wrestling – 9/22/23
- 8.9 Girls Wrestling – 10/20/23
- 8.10 CAC – 9/27/23

9.0 GUEST REPORTS

9.1 NYSPHSAA (T. Nelson & R. Zayas)

T. Nelson will be present to report at the following athletic council meeting.

9.2 NYSAAA Report (J. Roth)

9.2.1 NYSAAA Scholar Athlete Application – Due Wednesday, November 22, 2023

9.2.2 Professional Development – November 21, 2023

10.0 SPORTS REPORTS

10.1 **AC ACTION ITEM:** Approval of the following Spring 2024 pre-season reports: Baseball, Softball Girls Golf, Flag Football, Boys Lacrosse, Girls Lacrosse, Unified Basketball, Boys Tennis, Track & Field. (Appendix K)

*There is no Boys Golf pre-season report at present because there is no chairperson.

At the following athletic council meeting, M. DiFilippo will request to remove the spring 2024 pre-season reports as an action item as further review by the Sectional/Intersectional committee is needed.

11.0 OLD BUSINESS

11.1 **AC ACTION ITEM:** Approval of the proposed changes to the Section VI Constitution, implementation 24-25 (Appendix L)

12.0 NEW BUSINESS

Nothing to report

13.0 GOOD OF THE ORDER/ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn

CARRIED

Roth/Fallacaro-Dougherty

APPENDIX A

Athletic Council Agenda Item - September 20, 2023

Athletic Council Action Item - November 15, 2023

Proposed 2024-2025 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 2024	Winter 2024-25		Spring 2025
Enter fees for the upcoming year (2024-2025)	Apr. 3, 2024	August 12, 2024		August 12, 2024
Officials Rankings from coaches/chairs due	May 6, 2024	Aug. 26, 2024		Jan. 3, 2025
Subassigners review rosters in arbitersports and report changes to the Section office.	May 6, 2024	Aug. 26, 2024		Jan. 3, 2025
Draft schedules complete	May 17, 2024	Sept. 9, 2024		Jan. 6, 2025
Email officials with instructions to register	May 17, 2024	Sept. 9, 2024		Feb. 3, 2025
Final schedules complete including non-league games Import of schedules to arbitersports begins	June 3, 2024	Sept. 16, 2024		Feb. 3, 2025
Final date: ALL schedules must be in arbitersports	June 14, 2024	Oct. 1, 2024	For B&G Basketball only	Feb. 18, 2025
Officials registered & availabilities listed	June 17, 2024	Oct. 9 2024		Feb. 18, 2025
*Varsity and JV assignment of officials begins	June 20, 2024	Oct. 15, 2024	Oct. 23, 2024	Feb. 21, 2025
*Assignments released to the OBR's for 5 day review	July 10, 2024	Oct. 30, 2024	Oct. 30, 2024	February 28, 2025
*Round Table (with OBRs) to finalize assignments	July 15, 2024	Nov. 4, 2024	Nov. 4, 2023	March 5, 2025
*Publish V,JV assignments-4 days to accept (7 days - Fall only)	July 16, 2024	Nov. 5, 2024	Nov. 5, 2024	March 6, 2025
*Last day to accept assignments	July 23, 2024	Nov. 9, 2024	Nov. 9, 2024	March 10, 2025
Publish Football assignments-7 days to accept	Mid-July			
Notify Athletic Offices & Officials Groups to make final payments/save financial reports (ArbiterPay)	Nov. 18, 2024	March 17, 2025		June 16, 2025
Delete season schedules	Dec. 9, 2024	March 31, 2025		June 30, 2025

Dates apply to the sports where multiple leagues share officials.

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

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

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

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

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Proposed 2024-2025 Section VI Timeline for Schedules/ Assignment of Officials SOUTH: Cattaraugus & Chautauqua

Green: Section responsibility	Yellow: Officials/ Organization's responsibility			
White: School / assigner responsibility				
	Fall 2024	Winter 2024-25		Spring 2025
Enter fees for the upcoming year (2023-2024)	Apr. 3, 2024	August 12, 2024		August 12, 2024
Subassigners review rosters in arbitersports and report changes to the Section office.	May 6, 2024	Aug. 26, 2024		Jan. 3, 2025
Draft schedules complete	May 17, 2024	Sept. 9, 2024		Jan. 6, 2025
Email officials with instructions to register	May 17, 2024	Sept. 9, 2024		Feb. 3, 2025
Final schedules complete including non-league games Import of schedules to arbitersports begins	June 3, 2024	Sept. 16, 2024		Feb. 3, 2025
Final date: ALL schedules must be in arbitersports	June 14, 2024	Oct. 1, 2024		Feb. 18, 2025
Officials registered & availabilities listed	June 17, 2024	Oct. 9, 2024	For B&G	Feb. 18, 2025
GVB assignments using Group 30** officials must be complete	June 18, 2024	NA	Basketball ONLY	NA
Varsity & JV assignment of officials begins	June 20, 2024	Oct. 15, 2024	Oct. 23, 2024****	Feb. 21, 2025
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. 18, 2024	March 17, 2025		June 16, 2025
Delete season schedules	Dec. 9, 2024	March 31, 2025		June 30, 2025

* 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

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

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 8, 2023

Nov 8, 23

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

1043.1 · Northwest CD	300,000.00
1050 · Arbiter Pay	90,000.00
1030 · Bank of America Checking	339,146.68
1040 · Bank of America Money Market	25,996.53
1043 · Northwest Savings Bank	119,457.76

Total Checking/Savings	874,600.97
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Total Current Assets	874,600.97
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TOTAL ASSETS	874,600.97
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LIABILITIES & EQUITY	0.00
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Dedicated Funds	Received	Accural
Boys Ice Hockey	\$ 121,000.00	\$ 137,500.00
Girls Ice Hockey	\$ 44,000.00	\$ 49,500.00
Indoor Track	\$ 114,400.00	\$ 124,800.00
State Championships	\$ 210,000.00	
	<u>\$ 489,400.00</u>	

FUND BALANCE	\$ 385,200.97
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APPENDIX C					
ESTIMATED Actual 2022-2023		Budget 2023-2024 Approved Jan 2023		Projection 2024-2025	
Erie 1 BOCES		Erie 1 BOCES		Erie 1 BOCES	
Revenue		Revenue		Revenue	
Coordination Fees (BOCES Billing)	\$ 365,728.00	Coordination Fees	\$ 382,000.00	Coordination Fees (BOCES Billing)	\$ 619,000.00
Off. Recruit. & Ret. (BOCES Billing)	\$ 14,200.00	BOCES Billing (estimate)	\$ -	Off. Recruit. & Ret. (BOCES Billing)	\$ 14,200.00
Total Revenue	\$ 379,928.00	Total Revenue	\$ 382,000.00	Total Revenue	\$ 633,200.00
Operating Expenses		Operating Expenses		Operating Expenses	
Salaries	\$ 226,166.71	Salaries	\$ 235,000.00	Salaries	\$ 318,500.00
Executive Director		Executive Director (105,000)		Executive Director (117,500)	
Office Staff		Office Staff (100,000)		Office Staff (111000)	
Treasurer		Treasurer (30,000)		Asst. Director (90,000)	
Equipment	\$ 127.06	Equipment	\$ 1,500.00	Equipment	\$ 1,500.00
Supplies	\$ 199.44	Supplies	\$ 1,500.00	Supplies	\$ 500.00
Contract Services	\$ 119,642.00	Contract Services	\$ 80,000.00	Contract Services	\$ 130,000.00
Benefits	\$ 83,301.15	Benefits	\$ 100,000.00	Benefits	\$ 140,000.00
Computer/Technology	\$ 12,725.00	Computer/Technology	\$ 15,000.00	Computer/Technology	\$ 13,500.00
Rent/Utilities, Etc.	\$ 12,994.00	Rent/Utilities, Etc.	\$ 9,000.00	Rent/Utilities, Etc.	\$ 14,000.00
Print Shop	\$ -	Print Shop	\$ 6,000.00	Print Shop	\$ 1,000.00
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 455,155.36	Total Operating Expenses	\$ 448,000.00	Total Operating Expenses	\$ 619,000.00
		Section VI		Section VI	
Revenue		Revenue		Revenue	
Sports Programs		Sports Programs		Sports Programs	
Sectional	\$ 623,467.50	Sectional	\$ 500,000.00	Sectional	\$ 570,000.00
Regional	\$ 55,314.05	Regional	\$ 80,000.00	Regional	\$ 55,000.00
Boys Ice Hockey - Reg. Season	\$ 260,615.50	Boys Ice Hockey - Reg. Season	\$ 250,000.00	Boys Ice Hockey - Reg. Season	\$ 250,000.00
Girls Ice Hockey - Reg. Season/Sec	\$ 53,164.10	Girls Ice Hockey - Reg. Season/Sec	\$ 50,000.00	Girls Ice Hockey - Reg. Season/Sec	\$ 50,000.00
Indoor Track & Field - Reg. Season/Sec	\$ 141,559.65	Indoor Track & Field - Reg. Season/Sec	\$ 125,000.00	Indoor Track & Field - Reg. Season/Sec	\$ 130,000.00
State Championships	\$ 52,054.00	State Championships	\$ 50,000.00	State Championships	\$ 50,000.00
Total Sports Programs	\$ 1,186,174.80	Total Sports Programs	\$ 1,055,000.00	Total Sports Programs	\$ 1,105,000.00
General Administration		General Administration		General Administration	
Dues Collected by Section	\$ 107,755.00	Dues Collected by Section	\$ 120,000.00	Dues Collected by Section	\$ 619,000.00
Dues Collected by BOCES	\$ 365,728.00	Dues Collected by BOCES	\$ 400,000.00	Dues Collected by BOCES	
Off. Recruit & Ret. (coser)	\$ 14,200.00			Off. Recruit & Ret. (coser)	\$ 14,200.00
Off. Recruit & Ret. (non-coser)	\$ 12,580.00			Off. Recruit & Ret. (non-coser)	\$ 11,500.00
Interest Income	\$ 370.16	Interest Income	\$ 1,000.00	Interest Income	\$ 1,000.00
Corporate Sponsorships	\$ 120,499.25	Corporate Sponsorships	\$ 100,000.00	Corporate Sponsorships	\$ 100,000.00
Media/Program Sales	\$ 3,450.00	Media/Program Sales	\$ 2,000.00	Media/Program Sales	\$ 3,000.00
Other Athletic Council Income	\$ 16,323.83	Other Athletic Council Income	\$ 15,000.00	Other Athletic Council Income	\$ 15,000.00
Total General Administration	\$ 640,906.24	Total General Administration	\$ 638,000.00	Total General Administration	\$ 763,700.00
Total Revenue	\$ 1,827,081.04	Total Revenue	\$ 1,693,000.00	Total Revenue	\$ 1,868,700.00
Operating Expenses		Operating Expenses		Operating Expenses	
Sports Programs		Sports Programs		Sports Programs	
Sectionals	\$ 473,586.76	Sectionals + Awards/Assignors	\$ 430,000.00	Sectionals	\$ 480,000.00
Awards + Assignors	\$ 50,068.45			Awards + Assignors	\$ 52,000.00
Regionals	\$ 36,273.64	Regionals	\$ 50,000.00	Regionals	\$ 38,500.00
Boys Ice Hockey	\$ 233,456.21	Boys Ice Hockey	\$ 240,000.00	Boys Ice Hockey	\$ 248,000.00
Girls Ice Hockey	\$ 45,752.50	Girls Ice Hockey	\$ 50,000.00	Girls Ice Hockey	\$ 48,500.00
Indoor Track & Field	\$ 130,460.93	Indoor Track & Field	\$ 130,000.00	Indoor Track & Field	\$ 130,000.00
State Championships	\$ 209,673.16	State Championships	\$ 175,000.00	State Championships	\$ 212,000.00
Total Sports Program Expense	\$ 1,179,271.65	Total Sports Program Expense	\$ 1,075,000.00	Total Sports Program Expense	\$ 1,209,000.00
General Administration/AC		General Administration/AC		General Administration/AC	
Medical Benefit (Ex Dir)	\$ 21,337.96	Medical Benefit (Ex Dir)	\$ 21,000.00	Medical Benefit (Ex Dir)	\$ 15,000.00
Audit/QB Services/Legal Fees	\$ 36,840.70	Audit/QB Services/Legal Fees	\$ 20,000.00	Audit/QB Services/Legal Fees	\$ 35,000.00
Mileage (Treasurer)	\$ 216.50	Mileage (Treasurer)	\$ 700.00	Mileage (Treasurer)	\$ 500.00
Meetings/Seminars/Catering	\$ 14,293.89	Meetings/Seminars/Catering	\$ 15,000.00	Meetings/Seminars/Catering	\$ 15,000.00
Sportsmanship/HOF/Veterans	\$ 13,597.97	Sportsmanship/HOF/Veterans	\$ 12,000.00	Sportsmanship/HOF/Veterans	\$ 14,500.00
Misc/Bank Fees	\$ 539.66	Misc/Bank Fees	\$ 1,500.00	Misc/Bank Fees	\$ 600.00
Chair Stipends/Insurance	\$ 41,273.40	Chair Stipends/Insurance	\$ 45,000.00	Chair Stipends/Insurance	\$ 43,000.00
Form X/Arbiter	\$ 20,161.75	Form X/Arbiter	\$ 20,000.00	Form X/Arbiter	\$ 21,500.00
Supplies/Office/Apparel/Printing	\$ 10,575.76	Supplies/Office/Apparel/Printing	\$ 10,000.00	Supplies/Office/Apparel/Printing	\$ 11,000.00
Ads/Sponsor/Donation	\$ 1,025.00	Ads/Sponsor/Donation	\$ 2,500.00	Ads/Sponsor/Donation	\$ 1,100.00
NYSAAA/NIAAA/PD	\$ 3,445.89	NYSAAA/NIAAA/PD	\$ 3,500.00	NYSAAA/NIAAA/PD	\$ 3,600.00
Officials Recruitment & Retention	\$ 17,346.25			Officials Recruitment & Retention	\$ 25,700.00
Total General Admin/AC Expense	\$ 180,654.73	Total General Admin/AC Expense	\$ 151,200.00	Total General Admin/AC Expense	\$ 186,500.00
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 1,815,081.74	Total Operating Expenses	\$ 1,674,200.00	Total Operating Expenses	\$ 2,014,500.00
Change Unrestricted Net Assets	\$ 11,999.30	Change Unrestricted Net Assets	\$ 18,800.00	Change Unrestricted Net Assets	\$ (145,800.00)
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

APPENDIX D

2024-2025 Proposed Coordination Fees												
										11/9/2023		
Formula for Section VI Fee												
Class Fee: AAA=\$4500 AA=\$4350, A=\$4220, B=\$4015, C=\$3845, D=\$3715												
Section VI Fee = Class Fee + # sports x			\$150	+ \$90 Football Fee + \$90 BLax + \$90 GLax Fee + \$200 Officials Contract Fee								
AAA = 1105+, AA=692-1104, A=391-691, B=222-390, C=119-221, D=0-118												
School	Class	Class Fee	# Sports	# Sports x \$150	Football Fee	BLax Fee	GLax Fee	Officials Fee	Section VI 24-25 Fee	Section VI 23-24 Fee	Difference	
AKRON	B	\$4,015	25	\$3,750	\$90	\$90			\$7,945	\$5,095	\$2,850	
ALBION	A	\$4,220	19	\$2,850	\$90				\$7,160	\$4,285	\$2,875	
ALDEN	B	\$4,015	25	\$3,750	\$90				\$7,855	\$5,005	\$2,850	
ALLEGANY-LIMESTONE	B	\$4,015	25	\$3,750	\$90				\$7,855	\$4,835	\$3,020	
AMHERST	A	\$4,220	34	\$5,100	\$90	\$90	\$90		\$9,590	\$6,470	\$3,120	
BARKER	C	\$3,845	19	\$2,850	\$90				\$6,785	\$4,115	\$2,670	
BROCTON	C	\$3,845	16	\$2,400	\$90				\$6,335	\$3,625	\$2,710	
CASSADAGA VALLEY	C	\$3,845	23	\$3,450	\$90				\$7,385	\$4,595	\$2,790	
CATTARAUGUS-LITTLE VALLEY	C	\$3,845	17	\$2,550	\$90				\$6,485	\$3,875	\$2,610	
CHAUTAUQUA LAKE	C	\$3,845	19	\$2,850	\$90				\$6,785	\$4,115	\$2,670	
CHEEKTOWAGA	A	\$4,220	26	\$3,900	\$90				\$8,210	\$5,330	\$2,880	
CLARENCE	AA	\$4,350	37	\$5,550	\$90	\$90	\$90		\$10,170	\$6,830	\$3,340	
CLEVELAND HILL	B	\$4,015	17	\$2,550	\$90				\$6,655	\$4,045	\$2,610	
CLYMER	D	\$3,715	16	\$2,400	\$90				\$6,205	\$3,625	\$2,580	
DEPEW	A	\$4,220	32	\$4,800	\$90	\$90	\$90		\$9,290	\$6,025	\$3,265	
DUNKIRK	A	\$4,220	26	\$3,900	\$90				\$8,210	\$5,125	\$3,085	
EAST AURORA	A	\$4,220	29	\$4,350	\$90	\$90	\$90		\$8,840	\$5,665	\$3,175	
EDEN	B	\$4,015	29	\$4,350	\$90	\$90	\$90		\$8,635	\$5,665	\$2,970	
ELLICOTTVILLE	C	\$3,845	19	\$2,850	\$90				\$6,785	\$3,985	\$2,800	
FALCONER	B	\$4,015	24	\$3,600	\$90				\$7,705	\$4,885	\$2,820	
FORESTVILLE	D	\$3,715	18	\$2,700	\$90				\$6,505	\$3,865	\$2,640	
FRANKLINVILLE	C	\$3,845	25	\$3,750	\$90				\$7,685	\$4,705	\$2,980	
FREDONIA	B	\$4,015	28	\$4,200	\$90				\$8,305	\$5,365	\$2,940	
FREWSBURG	C	\$3,845	21	\$3,150	\$90				\$7,085	\$4,355	\$2,730	
FRONTIER	AA	\$4,350	33	\$4,950	\$90	\$90	\$90		\$9,570	\$6,480	\$3,090	
GOWANDA	C	\$3,845	20	\$3,000	\$90	\$90	\$90		\$7,115	\$4,415	\$2,700	
GRAND ISLAND	A	\$4,220	32	\$4,800	\$90	\$90	\$90		\$9,290	\$6,230	\$3,060	
HAMBURG	AA	\$4,350	34	\$5,100	\$90	\$90	\$90		\$9,720	\$6,470	\$3,250	
HOLLAND	C	\$3,845	25	\$3,750	\$90				\$7,685	\$4,835	\$2,850	
IROQUOIS	A	\$4,220	34	\$5,100	\$90	\$90	\$90		\$9,590	\$6,265	\$3,325	
JAMESTOWN	AAA	\$4,500	28	\$4,200	\$90				\$8,790	\$5,700	\$3,090	
J.F.KENNEDY	B	\$4,015	21	\$3,150	\$90				\$7,255	\$4,525	\$2,730	
KENMORE:									\$19,010	\$12,700	\$6,310	
EAST	A	\$4,220	33	\$4,950	\$90	\$90	\$90		\$9,440	\$6,350	\$3,090	
WEST	AA	\$4,350	33	\$4,950	\$90	\$90	\$90		\$9,570	\$6,350	\$3,220	

School	Class	Class Fee + Assessment	# Sports	# Sports x \$150	Foot Fee	BLAX Fee	GLAX Fee	Officials Contract Fee	S6 24-25 Fee	S6 23-24 Fee		
LACKAWANNA	A	\$4,220	19	\$2,850	\$90				\$7,160	\$4,285	\$2,875	
LAKE SHORE	A	\$4,220	31	\$4,650	\$90	\$90	\$90		\$9,140	\$6,110	\$3,030	
LANCASTER	AAA	\$4,500	36	\$5,400	\$90	\$90	\$90		\$10,170	\$6,840	\$3,330	
LEWISTON PORTER	A	\$4,220	29	\$4,350	\$90	\$90	\$90		\$8,840	\$5,665	\$3,175	
LOCKPORT	AA	\$4,350	32	\$4,800	\$90	\$90	\$90		\$9,420	\$6,360	\$3,060	
MAPLE GROVE	C	\$3,845	22	\$3,300	\$90				\$7,235	\$4,345	\$2,890	
MARYVALE	A	\$4,220	25	\$3,750	\$90				\$8,060	\$5,005	\$3,055	
MEDINA	B	\$4,015	25	\$3,750	\$90	\$90			\$7,945	\$5,095	\$2,850	
NEWFANE	B	\$4,015	24	\$3,600	\$90	\$90	\$90		\$7,885	\$5,065	\$2,820	
NIAGARA FALLS	AAA	\$4,500	32	\$4,800	\$90	\$90	\$90		\$9,570	\$6,360	\$3,210	
NIAGARA WHEATFIELD	AA	\$4,350	33	\$4,950	\$90	\$90	\$90		\$9,570	\$6,350	\$3,220	
NORTH COLLINS	C	\$3,845	16	\$2,400	\$90	\$90	\$90		\$6,515	\$3,805	\$2,710	
NORTH TONAWANDA	AA	\$4,350	32	\$4,800	\$90	\$90	\$90		\$9,420	\$6,230	\$3,190	
OLEAN	A	\$4,220	25	\$3,750	\$90				\$8,060	\$5,005	\$3,055	
ORCHARD PARK	AA	\$4,350	37	\$5,550	\$90	\$90	\$90		\$10,170	\$6,960	\$3,210	
PANAMA	D	\$3,715	16	\$2,400	\$90				\$6,205	\$3,625	\$2,580	
PINE VALLEY	D	\$3,715	11	\$1,650	\$90				\$5,455	\$3,025	\$2,430	
PIONEER	A	\$4,220	28	\$4,200	\$90				\$8,510	\$5,570	\$2,940	
PORTVILLE	B	\$4,015	20	\$3,000	\$90				\$7,105	\$4,235	\$2,870	
RANDOLPH CENTRAL	C	\$3,845	21	\$3,150	\$90				\$7,085	\$4,355	\$2,730	
ROYALTON-HARTLAND	B	\$4,015	24	\$3,600	\$90				\$7,705	\$4,715	\$2,990	
SALAMANCA	B	\$4,015	26	\$3,900	\$90	\$90	\$90		\$8,185	\$5,305	\$2,880	
SHERMAN	D	\$3,715	13	\$1,950	\$90				\$5,755	\$3,265	\$2,490	
SILVER CREEK	B	\$4,015	24	\$3,600	\$90	\$90	\$90		\$7,885	\$4,895	\$2,990	
SOUTHWESTERN	B	\$4,015	25	\$3,750	\$90				\$7,855	\$5,005	\$2,850	
SPRINGVILLE	A	\$4,220	27	\$4,050	\$90		\$90		\$8,450	\$5,335	\$3,115	
STARPOINT	AA	\$4,350	33	\$4,950	\$90	\$90	\$90		\$9,570	\$6,350	\$3,220	
SWEET HOME	AA	\$4,350	35	\$5,250	\$90	\$90	\$90		\$9,870	\$6,590	\$3,280	
TONAWANDA	A	\$4,220	25	\$3,750	\$90	\$90			\$8,150	\$5,095	\$3,055	
WESTFIELD	C	\$3,845	21	\$3,150	\$90				\$7,085	\$4,355	\$2,730	
WEST SENECA:									\$19,010	\$12,700	\$6,310	
EAST	A	\$4,220	33	\$4,950	\$90	\$90	\$90		\$9,440	\$6,350	\$3,090	
WEST	AA	\$4,350	33	\$4,950	\$90	\$90	\$90		\$9,570	\$6,350	\$3,220	
WEST VALLEY	D	\$3,715	15	\$2,250					\$5,965	\$3,415	\$2,550	
WILLIAMSVILLE:									\$29,930	\$20,260	\$9,670	
EAST	AA	\$4,350	36	\$5,400	\$90	\$90	\$90		\$10,020	\$6,710	\$3,310	
NORTH	AA	\$4,350	36	\$5,400	\$90	\$90	\$90		\$10,020	\$6,840	\$3,180	
SOUTH	A	\$4,220	36	\$5,400	\$90	\$90	\$90		\$9,890	\$6,710	\$3,180	
WILSON	B	\$4,015	21	\$3,150	\$90	\$90			\$7,345	\$4,445	\$2,900	
CUBA-RUSHFORD			2	\$300					\$300	\$240	\$60	
FRIENDSHIP			2	\$300					\$300	\$240	\$60	
HINSDALE		\$500							\$500	\$500	\$0	
LYNDONVILLE			1	\$150					\$150	\$120	\$30	
TOTALS:								\$0	\$580,020			

SECTION VI COORDINATION FEES												
School	Class	Class Fee + Assessment	# Sports	# Sports x \$150	Foot Fee	BLAX Fee	GLAX Fee	Officials Contract Fee	S6 24-25 Fee	S6 23-24 Fee		
CHARTER SCHOOLS:												
BASCS	A	\$4,220	8	\$1,200	\$90				\$5,510	\$2,965.00	\$2,545.00	
CSAT (NFL)	A	\$4,220	15	\$2,250					\$6,470	\$3,920.00	\$2,550.00	
GLOBAL CONCEPTS	C	\$3,845	11	\$1,650	\$90				\$5,585	\$3,155.00	\$2,430.00	
HEALTH SCIENCES	B	\$4,015	14	\$2,100	\$90				\$6,205	\$3,685.00	\$2,520.00	
TAPESTRY	B	\$4,015	14	\$2,100					\$6,115	\$3,425.00	\$2,690.00	
WNY MARITIME	C	\$3,845	7	\$1,050	\$90				\$4,985	\$2,845.00	\$2,140.00	
TOTALS:								\$0	\$34,870	\$19,995.00	\$14,875.00	
BUFFALO PUBLIC SCHOOLS:												
ALTERNATIVE #131	D	\$3,715	12	\$1,800	\$90				\$5,605	\$3,145.00	\$2,460.00	
PERFORMING ARTS #192	B	\$4,015	24	\$3,600	\$90				\$7,705	\$4,885.00	\$2,820.00	
BURGARD HS #301	A	\$4,220	23	\$3,450	\$90				\$7,760	\$4,765.00	\$2,995.00	
CITY HONORS #195	A	\$4,220	29	\$4,350	\$90	\$90	\$90		\$8,840	\$5,665.00	\$3,175.00	
EAST HS #309	B	\$4,015	22	\$3,300	\$90				\$7,405	\$4,475.00	\$2,930.00	
EMERSON #302	B	\$4,015	22	\$3,300	\$90				\$7,405	\$4,645.00	\$2,760.00	
HUTCH TECH HS #304	AA	\$4,350	30	\$4,500	\$90	\$90	\$90		\$9,120	\$5,990.00	\$3,130.00	
I. PREP. HS #198	A	\$4,220	23	\$3,450	\$90				\$7,760	\$4,765.00	\$2,995.00	
LAFAYETTE HS #207	B	\$4,015	21	\$3,150	\$90				\$7,255	\$4,525.00	\$2,730.00	
DA VINCI HS #212	B	\$4,015	21	\$3,150	\$90				\$7,255	\$4,525.00	\$2,730.00	
LEWIS J. BENNETT #363	B	\$4,015	23	\$3,450	\$90				\$7,555	\$4,765.00	\$2,790.00	
MCKINLEY #305	AA	\$4,350	26	\$3,900	\$90				\$8,340	\$5,330.00	\$3,010.00	
M.E.C. #335	B	\$4,015	23	\$3,450	\$90				\$7,555	\$4,595.00	\$2,960.00	
MST HS #197	B	\$4,015	22	\$3,300	\$90				\$7,405	\$4,475.00	\$2,930.00	
OLMSTED HS #156	B	\$4,015	29	\$4,350	\$90	\$90	\$90		\$8,635	\$5,665.00	\$2,970.00	
O.T.C. #42	D	\$3,715	2	\$300					\$4,015	\$1,855.00	\$2,160.00	
PATHWAYS #357	D	\$3,715	17	\$2,550	\$90				\$6,355	\$3,745.00	\$2,610.00	
RIVERSIDE HS #208	B	\$4,015	22	\$3,300	\$90				\$7,405	\$4,645.00	\$2,760.00	
SOUTH PARK HS #206	A	\$4,220	23	\$3,450	\$90				\$7,760	\$4,970.00	\$2,790.00	
BUFFALO CULINARY #355	B	\$4,015	20	\$3,000					\$7,015	\$4,315.00	\$2,700.00	
RESEARCH LAB HS #366	C	\$3,845	20	\$3,000					\$6,845	\$4,015.00	\$2,830.00	
BUFFALO TOTALS:								\$0	\$154,995	\$95,760.00	\$59,235	
SECVI INVOICE TOTALS:									\$189,865	Charter & BPS		
GRAND TOTAL					\$8,280	\$3,420	\$3,150	\$0	\$769,885	Charter/BPS/ Coser		
									\$769,885	total w/o rec&ret		

APPENDIX E

PROPOSAL 2 OFFICIALS MILEAGE COSTS

Of the 95 section VI high schools, 13 schools paid over \$1500 for the 22-23 school year for travel fees. Those districts paid in total, an extra \$11,425 combined.

It is suggested that the “cost of doing business” for every school district be set at \$1500. Meaning that all high schools would be required to pay up to \$1500 annually in travel fees for their individual district. (This does not include an initial \$125 fee)

Each high school would be responsible to pay \$125 annually into a “mileage fund” to the section. This would generate from the 95 schools: \$11,875. (To be paid at the start of a school year along with their section VI dues)

The districts that paid over the \$1500, would be reimbursed from the section for any fees incurred during the school year above and beyond the \$1500 threshold.

The “reimbursement” will likely be applied as a reduction to the section dues that affect those high schools, in the next fiscal school year.

<u>SCHOOL</u>	Cost By School 22-23	over \$1500 by:
Akron	620	
Albion	3980	2480
Alden	450	
All- Limestone	1700	200
Amherst	240	
Barker	2100	600
Bennett	0	
Brocton	600	

Buffalo Academy Sciences	0	
Buffalo Acad-visual & Perf Arts	40	
Buffalo School of Culinary Arts & Hospitality Mana	0	
Burgard Vocational High School	100	
Cass Valley	160	
Catt/Little Valley	1780	280
Chat Lake	900	
Cheektowaga	155	
City Honors School	20	
Clarence	485	
Cleve Hill	40	
Clymer	980	
CSAT	180	
Depew	180	
Dunkirk	2020	520
East Aurora	740	
East High School-Buffalo	40	
Eden	480	

Ellicottville	2120	620
Emerson	20	
Falconer	1380	
Forestville	960	
Franklinville	760	
Frederick Law Olmsted	0	
Fredonia	1760	260
Frewsburg	1280	
Frontier	360	
Global Concepts	40	
Gowanda	1820	320
Grand Island	420	
Hamburg	280	
Health Sciences	0	
Holland	1040	
Hutchinson Central Technical High School	60	
International Prep School	80	
Iroquois	260	

Jamestown	840	
JFK	300	
Kenmore East	220	
Kenmore West	240	
Lackawanna	20	
Lake Shore	1672	172
Lancaster	320	
Leonardo Da Vinci High School	20	
Lewis J. Bennett High School	20	
Lewiston-Porter	2660	1160
Lockport	980	
Maple Grove	220	
Maryvale	180	
Math Science Technology Preparatory School	20	
Mckinley High School	200	
Medina	3780	2280
Middle Early College High School	80	
Newfane	1440	

Niagara Falls	1040	
Niagara Wheatfield	540	
North Collins	900	
North Tonawanda	440	
Olean	1280	
Orchard Park	300	
Panama	640	
Pine Valley	160	
Pioneer	3620	2120
Portville	1440	
Randolph	1440	
Research Laboratory for Bioinformatics & Life Scie	0	
Riverside Academy	0	
Roy Hart	1560	60
Salamanca	1360	
Sherman	480	
Silver Creek	1480	
South Park High School	20	

Southwestern	700	
Springville	1900	400
Starpoint	660	
Sweet Home	320	
Tapestry	20	
Tonawanda	80	
West Seneca East	180	
West Seneca West	380	
West Valley	400	
Western New York Maritime	0	
Westfield	140	
Will East	100	
Will North	350.95	
Will South	100	
Wilson	1360	
	67232.95	11,472

\$125 per school district would
generate:

11,875

APPENDIX F

Wrestling Proposals (Implementation 2024-2025)

1. Leagues / Coaches would like to have the opportunity to enter up to 15 wrestlers into the postseason with a maximum of two entries per weight class (both entries must have 6 separate contests on 6 separate dates with a better than .500 record). Most of the Sections across the state allow for more than 13 entries into the postseason.
2. Open Sectional event (with a 2 year pause on the Class tournaments). See the attached proposal at the end of this report.

Interest in hosting a post season tournament has been expressed by Albion (Class B) and Clarence (Class AA or Sectionals). **Perhaps Buffalo State University** would be an option for an Open Sectional?

2 YEAR PROPOSAL FOR PAUSING THE CLASS TOURNAMENTS IN SECTION 6 FOR WRESTLING

Rationale:

1. We have had several teams combine in Section 6 to create fewer programs. In 2022-23 we had only 19 Division 1 programs / teams (10 merged to form 5). We had 30 Division 2 programs (16 merged to form 5 programs).
2. Most teams cannot field an entire roster of 13 starters from week to week (several forfeits).
3. NYSPHSAA currently holds a “Dual State Team Championships”. Each Section holds a true Championship team event that sends our best D1 and D2 teams to that “Dual State Team Championships”. The Class tournaments, as they currently exist, do not accurately identify our best teams. A team can win the Class tournaments with 6 wrestlers (out of 13 weight classes).
4. By pausing our Class tournaments, teams will have a weekend off prior to an “Open” Individual State qualifier event (Sectionals). It is also one fewer weigh-in that needs to occur. In most cases, wrestlers would face the same athletes two weeks in a row for the Class and Sectional championships. By pausing our class tournaments (with the current low participation numbers; logistically, we now would only need to acquire facilities for the Sectional Championships. That in turn, would allow us to allocate our resources to provide a better championship experience for the athletes and coaches in an open sectional format. As part of this proposal to pause the Class tournaments temporarily; we shall revisit reinstating the Class tournaments for the 2025-2026 season based on our leagues’ preferences.
5. If we do hold an open sectional for wrestling, the tournament can be scored; in which case we can still identify our Class level champion teams. Those teams (1st, and 2nd place in each class) will be recognized with the corresponding Sectional plaque award.

Proposed new individual qualifying procedures for Section 6 Wrestling:

2 weeks prior to the NYSPHSAA Individual State Wrestling tournament, Section 6 will hold its Individual Wrestling Championships (2 tournaments – D1 and D2). Schools may enter up to 15 wrestlers total with a maximum of 2 per weight class. If there are 2 entries in any weight class, **both** entries must have a minimum of 6 varsity contests (on 6 separate dates) with a better than .500 win-loss record. All matches (Public, Private, Catholic, Federation) will count towards a wrestler’s record. The tournament will be standard double elimination. If there are more than

32 wrestlers entered in a weight class, the school whose “second entry” has the worst win-loss percentage” will be forced to move to another weight class or withdraw from the tournament. Additional tiebreaking criteria will be established in the event that there is more than one second entry with identical records (to resolve which wrestler has to leave the weight class with more than 32 entries).

The tournaments will be held over 2 days. In most cases, they will be Friday-Saturday events. Saturday-Sunday will also be considered based on the availability of the host sites. An ideal site would have the space for putting down 5-6 mats. A typical schedule will resemble the following:

Friday

10:00 am – 11:00 am Weigh-ins

12:00 noon Wrestling begins (32-man bracket)

A tentative schedule would be to wrestle **2 rounds forward** in the championship bracket and **3 rounds back** in the consolation bracket. This will allow for an early Friday departure. Wrestlers should not be competing in the later hours of the evening.

Saturday

7:30 – 8:30 am Weigh ins

9:00 Wrestling starts with the Quarterfinal round of 8

11:00 - Semi finals

2:00 – Consolation Finals (5th-6th place matches)

3:00 p.m. Finals (1st/2nd; 3rd/4th bouts run at the same time)



Safety Committee Meeting Report

Date: September 29, 2023 at 10am

Topic Discussed:

1. SportGait Presentation
2. Thunder and Lightning Policy
3. Modified Recommendations

Attendees:

Section I –
 Section 2 – excused with notification
 Section III – Nicole Halloran/Katie Clark
 Section IV – Mike Andrew
 Section V – John Lombardi
 Section VI – Matt McKenna
 Section VII – Jen Drucker
 Section VIII – Jen Keane
 Section IX – Janet Carey
 Section X – Erika Backus
 Section XI – Tim Mullins
 NYSPHSAA – Todd Nelson
 Others – Dr. O'Brien, Jarrett Rhoades, Melissa Trau, Tim Shay, Connie Griffin, Joe Myer

Status Updates:

1. Concussion Management Update – BIANYS continues to work with the legislators to update the NYS Concussion Management Law. They are working with SED on language to identify who can clear a student back to participation, the current law states only a physician can clear.
2. Anyone Can Save a Life – Starting with the 2024-2025 school year all teams will be required to complete the Any One Can Save a Life Program on submit the EAP to the athletic office. They will also be required to hold one drill prior to 50% of the season being completed. The current website (www.anyonecansavealife.org) is being updated and the current videos will be active in the month of October.
3. NYS School Health Cetner has updated information on the SED guidance for concussion management released this summer and the new CDC Youth Concussion course. The updated health history form is also available with the revisions to the Dominic Murray information.

Items Discussion/ Action Taken:

1. SportGait – Joel Meyer from SportGait gave a presentation on SportGait. SportGait offers new testing to help athletic trainers and doctors to evaluate individuals for concussion symptoms. These new tests go much deeper than the current Impact tests that many of our schools are using. Please see the attached document provided by Joel. If schools are interested in finding out more, they can contact Joel directly.
2. Thunder and Lighting Policy – Members of the Safety Committee were asked to use the My Lighting Tracker to see how effective the app was in detecting lighting. Jarret Rhoades has actively used this app for the past 6 months as well as Jim Rose from Section 1. The app seems to be very reliable based on the data points used to detect lighting within a certain distance from the location of the user. Once lighting is detected then the user would have to monitor when the last lighting strike was through the app. The following motion was made by Tim Mullins and seconded by Mike Andrew.
 - i. The NYSPHSAA Safety Committee is recommending adding to the Thunder and Lighting Policy the use of the My Lighting Tracker app. Schools would be able to use the My Lightning Tracker app to detect lighting within 15 miles of the location of the game or practice. If lighting was detected the current language would be followed and the practice or game would be suspended for 30 minutes until the last lighting strike was outside of the 15-mile range. Schools would choose to either use the current language of seeing lighting or hearing thunder or use the My Lighting App. The committee approved 9-0.



3. Modified Recommendations – The Safety Committee discussed two recommendations by the modified committee (removing the language in the NYSPHSAA Handbook regarding the one hand check in Boys Lacrosse and prohibiting metal cleats in the sport of softball). The Safety Committee did not have any concerns with either of these recommendations.

Future Items/Meeting:

1. Section 8 brought up a concern regarding the reliability of WeatherBug for the Heat Index Policy. The Section is asking if NOAA may be a more reliable source. Section 8 will investigate further and report back to the Committee at the Spring meeting.
2. Next Meeting: April 2, 2024 at 10am.

New York State Public High School Athletic Association



Executive Committee Meeting – October 18, 2023

Structural Growth & Membership Dues

- ☐ Action Item
☐ Discussion Item
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Presenter:

Dr. Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director

Effective Start Date:

2024-2025 School Year

Details:

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

\$1050 + \$1/student over 300

This represents a \$50 increase of the base fee

Additionally, the base fee of NYSPHSAA membership dues will increase \$50 annually beginning in the 2024-2025 school year. The Executive Committee expressed interest in incorporating structural growth of membership dues within the association's budget structure. Schools can now budget a \$50 annual increase. The \$50 annual increase will be included within the NYSPHSAA Budget, which will be voted on at the May Executive Committee meetings. A sample schedule increase is below. The increase will continue until the Budget/Audit Committee proposes a revision based upon membership feedback and input.

2024-2025

\$1050 + \$1/student over 300

2025-2026

\$1100 + \$1/student over 300

2026-2027

\$1150 + \$1/student over 300

2027-2028

\$1200 + \$1/student over 300

New York State Public High School Athletic Association

Executive Committee Meeting – October 18, 2023

Safety Committee – My Lighting Tracker

☐ Action Item
☒ Discussion Item
☐ Informational Item

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Presenter:

Todd Nelson, NYSPHSAA Safety Committee Liaison

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Safety Committee is recommending adding to the NYSPHSAA Thunder and Lightning Policy the use of "My Lighting Tracker App". Schools would have to suspend or cancel any practice or game if the My Lighting App detected lightning within 15 miles of the location of the event. The event could not be resumed until 30 minutes had passed from the last lightning strike within the 15-mile radius. Schools would still be able to use the current system of seeing lightning and hearing thunder.

Effective Start Date:

Spring 2024

Rationale:

The current language requires schools that see lightning or hear thunder to suspend a game or practice for minimum of 30 minutes from the last time lightning was seen or thunder was heard. In many parts of the state lightning can be seen from a great distance away. The NCAA uses the range of 10 miles to suspend a contest or practice. The Safety Committee feels that a radius of 15 miles is appropriate for interscholastic sports. The committee is confident that the data points used by the app are reliable.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Safety Committee

Budgetary Impact:

None – the app is free of charge

Notes:

None

Attachments:

None

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Modified Committee – Remove One Hand Check Language

☐ Action Item
☒ Discussion Item
☐ Informational Item

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Presenter:

Jim Rose, NYSPHSAA Modified Co-Chairperson

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Modified Committee is recommending removing Boys Lacrosse Game Rule #3 – “A one-arm swing with a Crosse whether contact is made or not, shall be considered a personal foul – slashing. This includes the over-the-head check.”

Effective Start Date:

Spring 2024

Rationale:

This recommendation falls in line with the US Lacrosse rules for U12 and U14 play. This is an acceptable play at all levels from the U12 level and up. If contact is made to the head a foul will be called as per the NFHS rules.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Modified Committee

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

None

Attachments:

None

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Modified Committee – Softball Metal Cleats

☐ Action Item
☒ Discussion Item
☐ Informational Item

VOTE

Presenter:

Jim Rose, NYSPHSAA Modified Co-Chairperson

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Modified Committee is recommending removing the language that prohibits metal cleats in the sport of modified Softball.

Effective Start Date:

Spring 2024

Rationale:

A few years ago, the High School Softball removed the language that prohibited the use of metal cleats at the high school level because of an OCR complaint. The language at the modified level remained in effect. Baseball is not prohibited from using metal cleats at either level.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Modified Committee

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

None

Attachments:

None

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Modified Committee – Volleyball Representative

☐ Action Item
☒ Discussion Item
☐ Informational Item

VOTE

Presenter:

Jim Rose, NYSPHSAA Modified Co-Chairperson

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Modified Committee is recommending Cathleen Dnyprowsky as the Modified Volleyball Representative.

Effective Start Date:

Spring 2024

Rationale:

The Modified Committee needs a volleyball rep. Cathleen is a member of the NYSPHSAA Girls Volleyball Committee.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Modified Committee

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

None

Attachments:

None

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Unified Committee – Waiver of the Representation Rule

- ☐ Action Item
- ☒ Discussion Item
- ☐ Informational Item

VOTE IN JAN.

Presenter:

Todd Nelson, NYSPHSAA Unified Committee Liaison

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Unified Committee is recommending that the NYSPHSAA Representation rule preventing students from gaining an unfair advantage they are prohibited from participating in the same sport in different seasons during the school year for Unified participants only.

Effective Start Date:

Spring 2024

Rationale:

Many schools tend to struggle to get Unified partners for their unified sports program. By waiving this rule students who participate on other interscholastic teams could participate on the Unified teams. There is a concern that this could cause potential dominating play by these students which is something the Unified programs tries to avoid.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Unified Committee

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

None

Attachments:

None

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BOYS VOLLEYBALL– REVISE STATE TOURNAMENT FORMAT TO INCLUDE ALL SECTIONS (POOL PLAY) IN THE STATE TOURNAMENT

☐ Action Item
☒ Discussion Item
☐ Informational Item

VOTE JAN

Presenter:

John Coletta, NYSPHSAA Boys Volleyball State Coordinator

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Boys Volleyball Committee is seeking approval to revise the state tournament format to include all sections in the state tournament and increase the length of competition to two days.

Effective Start Date:

Fall 2025 Season

Rationale:

Our aim is to provide a state tournament that showcases the highest quality in the state of New York while also growing the sport and base across the state. Each section would have a representative showcasing their champion on the state tournament stage.

- All 7 sections would participate with a rotating at-large bid that will equally rotate around each section until all sections are included. This would include two representatives for the Division 1 and Division 2 pools that would fall in accordance with the rotating bid. This will also allow us to have two four-team pools for round robin tournament play totaling 16 teams in the tournament.
- The at-large representative will be placed in an opposing pool from their section.
- Sections will be spaced out appropriately over a seven-year plan to take into account each rotation of the at-large bid.
- This proposal will also eliminate the need for a regional tournament and save sections on expenses and the need to find facilities. All sections will conduct their sectional contests and as the bid rotates to each section the sectional runner up will become the candidate for the respective at-large bid.
- This proposal will also be in these phases during the bid process and will need to take into account a three-court facility that can house the needs of the new format.
- This proposal will put the two divisions into a morning and afternoon wave for pool play.
- The second day of the tournament will go into semifinal play with a 3 out of 5 standard system of play.
- The final phase of the tournament on the second day will be the final results of the top two pool play winners advancing to a semifinal game and onto the finals.

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Girls Ice Hockey Committee – OT Procedure

☐ Action Item
☒ Discussion Item
☐ Informational Item

VOTE JAN

Presenter:

Carl Normandin, NYSPHSAA Girls Ice Hockey Committee

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Girls Ice Hockey Committee is recommending following the same procedure as the Boys Ice Hockey for overtime in the post season. The following language would be added to the NYSPHSAA Handbook.

POST SEASON

c. In Sectional, Regional and NYSPHSAA Championship Play: After the third period the ice will be resurfaced, and teams will switch ends. Play shall be continued until the first goal is scored in Overtime for no more than two overtime periods of 17/15 minutes. (July 2022)



d. If the game shall be tied at the end of the first overtime period, teams will play another overtime period of 17/15 minutes, after the ice is resurfaced and teams switch ends. If the score is still tied, the "shoot out" procedure will be used. (13.08.12) (July 2022)

e. If the teams are still tied after the two overtimes of the NYSPHSAA finals, Co-champions will be crowned.

Effective Start Date:

2024-2025 Season

Rationale:

The Girls Ice Hockey Committee has a similar rationale as the boys had when they changed the OT procedure in July 2022. Both Committees feel that the chance of having a winner declared before the "shootout" using this format is increased immensely by playing a full period and switching sides.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Girls Ice Hockey Committee

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

None

Attachments:

None

INDOOR TRACK – REQUEST ADDING A SECOND DIVISION FOR RELAYS ONLY

☐ Action Item
☒ Discussion Item
☐ Informational Item

Vote JAN

Presenter:

Kristin Frazer, NYSPHSAA Boys Indoor Track Coordinator
Bob Wallen, NYSPHSAA Girls Indoor Track Coordinator

Proposal:

The Boys and Girls Indoor Committees are seeking approval to add a second division for the 4 x 200, 4 x 400 and 4 x 800 relays at the State Championships. This proposal does not apply to the Intersectional Relay.

Effective Start Date:

Winter 2024-25

Rationale:

Our committee discussed the difficulty of schools that would be considered Division 2 by enrollment numbers (under 600 students) to have a relay team qualify for the State meet due to the Indoor Track and Field State Championships utilizing only one division. The Committee felt strongly that Track and Field is an individual sport and would like to remain one division for individual events, but felt that relay events requiring more individuals is more difficult with less student athletes to draw from. Our committee brought this idea back to their Sections and the response from the Sections was overwhelmingly in favor.

Proposal Originated:

Boys and Girls Indoor Track Committees at their June 14, 2023 meeting

Budgetary Impact:

Sections will have an increased cost including transportation, lodging and meals for additional athletes (6 additional relay teams-3 Girls, 3 Boys). NYSPHSAA may have additional facility rental costs depending on how much additional time is needed in the venue to conduct Division 2 relays. NYSPHSAA will also incur an additional cost for awards and champion t-shirts for the Division 2 relay winners.

Notes:

The Girls and Boys Committee voted in favor of this proposal at its August 29, 2023 meeting. The Girls Committee was in favor by a 7-1 vote and the Boys Committee was in favor by a 6-1 vote. Of note, both "No" votes were based on concerns of limited facilities in their respective Section.

CAC Feedback:

CAC voted 10-0 to support this proposal.

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Boys Lacrosse: Permission to Ask NFHS for a Shot Clock Experiment

☐ Action Item
☒ Discussion Item
☐ Informational Item

VOTE JAN

Presenter:

Jim Amen, NYSPHSAA Boys Lacrosse Coordinator

Proposal:

The Boys Lacrosse Committee is recommending receiving permission to ask the NFHS for an experiment to use a shot clock in the 2025 and 2026 Lacrosse season. The attached document covers what would be included in the request to the NFHS.

Effective Start Date:

2025 season

Rationale:

Increase the pace of play; remove discretion from the stalling rule thereby helping officials to be more consistent; and increase safety during the last two minutes of the game by not requiring the winning team to play within the restricted space of the goal area.

Proposal Originated:

Boys Lacrosse Committee

Budgetary Impact:

Cost of Shot Clock

Notes:

The Girl's Lacrosse Committee is also interested in asking for an experiment to the NFHS. They will be meeting in December and may request to be part of this experiment. The details of their experiment are a little more intricate due to the rules of the game.

Attachments:

Details of the Shot Clock Experiment

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BOYS/GIRLS OUTDOOR TRACK – ESTABLISH THIRD CLASS STARTING IN 2025

☐ Action Item
☒ Discussion Item
☐ Informational Item

VOTE JAN

Presenter:

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

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Boys and Girls Outdoor Track Committees are seeking approval to establish a third class starting in 2025.

Effective Start Date:

Spring 2025

Rationale:

Currently, the number of athletes participating in the State Championship is approximately 3.8% of the total outdoor track athletes in New York State. The addition of a third division would bring the participating number of athletes to 5-6% (approximately 500 more athletes), which falls within the numbers the Championship Philosophy has established.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Boys/Girls Outdoor Track Committee meeting in the Fall of 2022

Budgetary Impact:

The change in format will result in more athletes at the NYSPHSAA State Championship which will mean an increase in cost of awards, rental of venue, lodging, officials, staff and other areas related to increasing the size of the event. Gate receipts with added athletes at Sectional and State Tournaments will result in offsetting the costs or generating a profit.

Notes:

Both the Boys and Girls Outdoor Track Committees voted unanimously in favor of this proposal at its June 8, 2023 meeting.

Attachments:

None

CAC Feedback:

Proposal was not discussed or voted on at the Sept 27th CAC meeting. Following the meeting, some CAC members provided feedback on this proposal which included support of the proposal, concern of the added costs, and concern of having a large enough venue for states.

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BASEBALL – ADOPT THE NFHS SUGGESTED SPEED UP RULE

- ☐ Action Item
☒ Discussion Item
☐ Informational Item

VOTE JAN

Presenter:

Al Roy, NYSPHSAA Baseball Coordinator

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Baseball Committee is seeking approval to adopt the NFHS suggested speed up rule permitting courtesy runners as written in the NFHS rule book.

The NFHS rule states “by state association” adoption therefore it must be approved by NYSPHSAA to be in place.

Effective Start Date:

March 2024

Rationale:

Implementing this rule would allow courtesy runners for the pitcher and catcher, thus resulting in games moving along faster instead of waiting for a catcher to dress equipment and delay the start of warmups.

Proposal Originated:

Baseball Committee in June 2023

Budget Impact:

None

Notes:

This rule will also allow for additional participation for players not in the game. The committee voted 10-0 in favor of this proposal, with one section not responding.

Attachments:

None

CAC Feedback:

Not required

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FLAG FOOTBALL - ADOPT FLAG BELT REQUIREMENTS

- ☐ Action Item
- ☒ Discussion Item
- ☐ Informational Item

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Presenter:

Marrissa Dauria, NYSPHSAA Flag Football Co-Coordinator
Jen Placito, NYSPHSAA Flag Football Co-Coordinator

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Flag Football Committee is recommending adding the following language to the NYSPHSAA Flag Football Rules regarding the flag belts.

1. The "pop" type flag belts will be used by all schools.
2. All flag belts will have a minimum of two flags on the belt.

Effective Start Date:

Spring 2024

Rationale:

The Committee feels adding these minimum requirements to the flag belt will provide consistency around the state.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Flag Football Committee

Budgetary Impact:

Some schools are buying their own flag belts. Most schools are using flag belts provided by USA Football and NFL Flag.

Notes:

None

Attachments:

None

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FLAG FOOTBALL – ADOPT CLASSIFICATION CUT-OFF NUMBERS

☐ Action Item
☒ Discussion Item
☐ Informational Item

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Presenter:

Marrissa Dauria, NYSPHSAA Flag Football Co-Coordinator
Jen Placito, NYSPHSAA Flag Football Co-Coordinator

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Flag Football Committee is recommending the following cut-off numbers for the Spring 2024 season.

Division 1	788 and Up	93 schools	50.27%
Division 2	787 and down	92 schools	49.72%

Effective Start Date:

Spring 2024

Rationale:

Flag Football currently has 185 teams competing in the 2024 season. The committee feels that equally dividing the team across the state is best for the sport of Girls Flag Football.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Flag Football Committee

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

The Flag Football Committee anticipates growth in the number of teams for the 2024-2025 school year and if they go above the 201 team criteria they would ask for a third class.

Attachments:

Classification Breakdown

CAC Feedback:

CAC voted 10-0 to support this proposal.

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FLAG FOOTBALL – ADOPT REGIONAL ROTATION FOR 2024

☐ Action Item
☒ Discussion Item
☐ Informational Item

VOTE JAN.

Presenter:

Marrissa Dauria, NYSPHSAA Flag Football Co-Coordinator
Jen Placito, NYSPHSAA Flag Football Co-Coordinator

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Flag Football Committee is recommending the following Regional Rotations for the 2024 season. The host Section is listed in red.

Region 1	D1/D2 Section 11 vs Section 8
Region 2	D1/D2 Section 9 vs Section 1
Region 3	D1/D2 Section 5 vs Section 6
Region 4	D1 Section 3 vs Section 4 winner Section 2 D2 Section 3 vs Section 4 winner Section 7 (hosted by Section 2)

Effective Start Date:

Spring 2024

Rationale:

NYSPHSAA will be conducting the first ever State Championship in the Spring of 2024. The championship will be a semifinal/final format. Regional winners will advance to the semifinals. The regions and the rotations were set up using contiguous sections as much as possible. There are 10 Sections participating in the tournament.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Flag Football Committee

Budgetary Impact:

Travel costs

Notes:

Section 2 will be hosting the D2 regional final with the winner of 3/4 playing Section 7.

Attachments:

None

CAC Feedback:

CAC voted 10-0 to support this proposal.

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**BOYS TENNIS – MOVE TO 2 SINGLES, 3 DOUBLES (2-3) FORMAT IN
DIVISION 2 TEAM TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS**

☒ Action Item
☐ Discussion Item
☐ Informational Item

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JAN.

Presenter:

Quan Huynh, NYSPHSAA Boys Tennis Coordinator

Proposal:

The Boys Tennis Committee is seeking approval to compete the Division 2 team tournament as a 2-3 format (2 singles and 3 doubles) for the team tennis championships beginning in the spring of 2024 for a two-year pilot (2023-2024 and 2024-2025 school year).

Effective Start Date:

Spring 2024

Rationale:

This proposal allows an additional player to compete alongside teammates for a team state championship in Division 2.

Proposal Originated:

Boys Tennis Committee in June 2023

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

The Boys Committee voted 6-4 in favor of this proposal at its meeting on June 1, 2023.

Attachments:

None

CAC Feedback:

CAC voted 8-2 to support this proposal.

Need to get
w/ Girls Comm.



**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
September 15, 2023
Virtual via Zoom**

1. Welcome

The meeting was called to order by President Gavin Regan at 1:15pm. President Gavin Regan opened the meeting by thanking all for attending.

Section Representatives

Section I:	John Buonamano
Section IV:	Eric Knolles
Section V:	Shaun Jeffers (proxy)
Section VI:	Mark Kruzynski
Section VII:	Jess Barnhart
Section VIII:	Mike Brostowski
Section X:	Gavin Regan
Section XI:	Bill Bennet

Staff

Director of Foundation & Marketing - Chris Joyce
 NYSPHSAA Director of Finance – Lisa Hand
 NYSPHSAA Assistant Director – Kristen Jadin
 NYSPHSAA Director of Sports Information & Digital Content – Lexi Swatt
 NYSPHSAA Intern – Joe Schmidt
 NYSPHSAA Intern – Jeremy Martelle

Absent

NYSPHSAA Executive Director – Robert Zayas (ex-officio)
 NYSPHSAA President – Russell Bartlett (ex-officio)
 Section 2: Andrew Cook
 Section III: Peter Mahunik
 Section IX: Chris Mayo

2. Minutes – May 19, 2023

- President Gavin Regan reviewed the minutes from May 19, 2023.
 - **Motion to approve** May Minutes carried. Knolles/Brostowski
- Chris Joyce did introductions of the new attendees.
 - Shaun Jeffers from Section V is stepping down, and will be replaced by Tony from Wayne Central School District. Tony was unable to attend but Shaun filled in as proxy.
 - Joe and Jeremy are two interns in the office, attending to observe.
 - Lexi Swatt is the new Director of Sports Information & Digital Content.
 - Kristen Jadin is the Assistant Director and will be more involved with the Foundation moving forward.

- Chris also announced that he and his wife are expecting a baby boy in November. Chris will be going on leave in about a month, and Kristen will take over as a liaison.

3. Financial Report

- Chris Joyce reviewed the financials for 2022-23.
 - The foundation made a small profit for the year.
 - Auction at the Centennial brought in almost \$1,700
 - The 5K was a good lesson. Not profitable.
 - Chris reviewed this years budget.
 - Next year some recurring expenses will decrease.
 - The foundation needs to increase its revenue.
 - **Motion to approve** 2022-23 Financials and 2023-24 Budget. carried.
Buonamano/Barnhart

4. Presidents Report

- President Gavin Regan stated that there is a disconnect with the foundation and the schools that needs to be addressed.
- Chris shared with the Board members what the expectations of the foundation are from each of its board members.
 - Each Section to host one event this year.
 - To benefit the foundation.
 - Need to bring from within
 - More support from the schools.
- The Board member expectation form has been amended. Please review, sign, and return.
- Gavin stated that board members should be on the Athletic Directors meeting agenda every meeting. We will also partner with Robert to get information out.

5. Directors Report

- Recap Centennial Celebration fundraising auction.
 - \$1,700 in about an hour.
 - Huge success.
- Fundraising expectation for 2023-24 school year.
 - Each Section is to hold at least one event for the foundation. Board member doesn't need to host at their school but responsible for facilitating and making sure it gets done.
 - Conflict of Interest form needs to be filled out annually. Please review, sign and return.
- Annual Day of Giving
 - October 14, 2023. The date the foundation was founded.
 - It's a great date for a section to host a foundation event.
 - Chris will be working up a campaign on social media to promote the foundation.

6. Action items (None)

7. Other Business

- Summer golf tournament at Central Committee Meeting
 - July 22,2024, hosted in Section XI
 - All hands on deck. Not centrally located so don't expect everyone to attend, but there are other ways to help. Find hole sponsors, secure items for auction, etc.
 - We brainstormed ideas to raise money within the tournament, and we need to continue to come up with ideas.

- Snacks
- Raffles
- Dinner
- Golfing challenges with tournament.
- Other ideas for fundraisers, either statewide or local
 - Corporate Sponsorships
 - Grant Applications
 - President Gavin Regan would like to see all schools do something.
 - Linking Foundation with Businesses sales. Dicks Sporting Goods.
 - Chris will look into this.
 - Crossover sectional game with foundation getting the gate.
 - It's a great date for a section to host a foundation event.

8. For the Good of the Order

- Chris would like to change the next meeting date from January 19, 2024 to January 22, 2024.
- President Gavin Regan closed the meeting.

President Gavin Regan asked for motion to adjourn. Motion to adjourn carried. Barnhart/Knolles 1:54pm

Respectfully submitted,

Peter W. Mahunik
Secretary



**NYSPHSAA Boys Basketball
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, October 4, 2023 via Zoom**



ATTENDEES:

NYSPHSAA Staff: Dr. Robert Zayas, Joe Altieri, Kristen Jadin, Chris Joyce, Todd Nelson, Lexi Swatt, Jeremy Martelle (intern)

COMMITTEE: Bob Mayo (State Coordinator), Rob Barrett/Steve Luciana (1), Mike Lilac, Jr (2), Garrett Herthum (3), Jeff Baier (4), Ed Stores, Jr. (5), Larry Jones (6), Matt Walentuck (7), Wally Bachman (8), JJ Gass (9), Bill Merna (10), Todd Galluscio (11)

GUESTS: Don Landrio (Officials)

1. Attendance & Welcome

Meeting called to order at 10:06 am by Coordinator Bob Mayo. Bob introduced new Section 1 co-coordinators Stephen Luciana and Rob Barrett Garrett as well as JJ Gass of Section 9. He then asked for directory updates by any committee member be sent to him ASAP. He noted Mike Lilac was filling in for Will Ferguson and Matt Walentuck was filling in for Brian Cross.

2. Bids & NYSPHSAA Reports

Joe Altieri, Assistant Director

- a. Introduced new Director of Sports Information Lexi Swatt and fall intern Jeremy Martelle
- b. Emphasized the importance of sport committees strictly following Roberts Rules of Order for their meetings due to membership criticism of procedures used in the past. The staff will assist with these protocols if necessary. Emphasized the importance of committee meeting minutes getting completed within two weeks of the meeting which get sent out to CAC, Executive Directors, Officers and Staff. He will take minutes of the bid portion and NYSPHSAA Staff reports today. A member of the committee should be elected to take the remaining minutes for every meeting. Bob noted Brian Cross can't today but will be the secretary in the future.
- c. BIDS – Joe explained the full bid process and timeline of approval. Albany, Binghamton and Glens Falls submitted bids for the 2025-27 state tournaments. A discussion ensued.

MOTION by Todd Galluscio to recommend the Glens Falls bid, SECOND by Matt Walentuck. Carried 8-3. Dr. Zayas reported the staff supports Binghamton as its recommendation.

Both recommendations will now go to CAC (January 10th) and Executive Committee (January 31st) for review and approval. Bidders will be notified of the recommendations, bids will be placed on website and a bid comparison document will be created for CAC/Executive Committee meetings. The bid comparison document will show the pros and cons of each venue that were outlined during the discussion.

- d. Reported on the NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame deadline of January 29th for the Class of 2024.
- e. On behalf of Joe deGuzman, Joe Altieri reported the longtime partnership with the Dairy Association has not been renewed so Joe D is seeking out a new beverage sponsor.

Dr. Robert Zayas, Executive Director

- a. Explained the NYSPHSAA Strategic Plan which focuses on financial stability, officials recruitment and retention, increasing student participation, and diversity/equity/inclusion.
- b. Reported on a new Ad Hoc Committee that has been formed and meeting Oct 6th to discuss expansion of state championships and address equity in regionals.
- c. Reported the Federation Basketball Tournament was canceled for 2024, indefinitely.

QUESTION: Larry asked will we need to change bylaws or anything to be fair to the Federation associations for participation in tournaments. Robert stated no, they still have the opportunity to participate in many NYSPHSAA tournaments. Furthermore, the Federation has its own B/G Golf and Cross Country stand-alone tournaments so there are many other opportunities for them.

Todd Nelson, Assistant Director

- a. Classification for the 2024-25 school year will be voted on at the October 18th Executive Committee meeting. The numbers will be different from years past. School enrollment numbers will be used to establish those cut-off numbers.
- b. Bob Hummell is stepping down as Modified Coordinator and a new person is needed. Anyone interested, please reach out to Todd.
- c. Reported State Tournament programs will be reduced to “media guides” with just rosters, team photos and the schedule in them starting in 2023-24 for all sports. Explained the decision to pare down the program was based on analytics and discussing with CP Sportswear. Links for the media guides will be posted within the program for history and other information.

Kristen Jadin, Assistant Director

- a. Reviewed the contract with Spalding and indicated the ball supply for each section will go to the section office. Wally asked for balls to be shipped to his new address. Bob will send the new committee directory to Kristen and staff. Balls will have the logos on the balls this year.
- b. Reported the proposal for digital participation certificates was approved and will start this fall. Championship digital certificates will be available in the Championship Operations Packet (linked to our website) and Regional certificates will be emailed to coordinators. Both will be writable PDFs so student names can be typed in.
- c. Will work with Bob Mayo on the awards and Championship Operations Packet for States.

Chris Joyce, Director of Marketing

- a. Reported all our events are digital ticketing for admission. Our platform is GoFan but the arena is contracted through SeatGeak and will be used for the 2024 State Tournament.
- b. Reported on the activity of the NYSPHSAA Foundation and that NYSPHSAA raised enough money to cover all operating expenses for this school year. Funds raised for the remainder of the year will go towards creating grant programs for school. The foundation offers a toolkit schools can use to fundraise and support the cause. Reach out to Chris or see nysphsaa.org/foundation for more info.

Lexi Swatt, Director of Sports Information

- a. On behalf of Lexi (who had to leave the meeting), Joe Altieri reported she is working on website updates, records, and regional schedules. Send your regional info ASAP and when regional scores start happening, all result should go to her.

4. Officials Report – Don Landrio

- a. Discussed two scenarios of assigning officials which were either consecutive or by rotation of odd/even sections each year.

MOTION by Bill to use odd/even rotation starting in 2024. SECOND by JJ. Carried 11-0.

5. 2023 Tournament Review / 2024 State Tournament Update

- a. On behalf of Tournament Director Chip Corlew, Mike Lilac of Section 2 indicated there were no updates for the 2024 tournament.

QUESTION: Jeff Baier asked why the girls have morning times and the boys still have afternoon times. Joe, Chris and Robert explained the plan for 2025 is to have both schedules align in the morning and inform BCANY of this so they can possibly plan their Hall of Fame breakfast differently.

6. Committee Business

- a. 2024 Regional Rotations. Bob noted a mistake he made with the proposed 2024 regional rotations and apologized for this. He sent out the wrong rotation for Sections 2, 3, 7, 10 region. It has since been corrected and will be voted on October 18th by the Executive Committee.
 - o Joe reminded the committee that the proposed rotation for October 18th approval is for 2024. If the Ad Hoc committee (studying regional rotations) does not come up with a plan for 2025, the boys basketball state committee will need to come up with a plan and get it approved in a timely manner.
 - o Steve thanked Robert for convening the Ad Hoc to create equity for regionals. Section 1 has been enduring additional costs, travel and time out of school for years playing sub-regionals every year.
- b. Regional schedule/dates/sites – Should be sent to Bob Mayo and Lexi Swatt immediately.

7. Section Concerns

- a. Section X inquired about the Modified tryout rule at the high school level and was seeking to go to the first five days. Todd explained the rule is three out of the first five days and the coordinator should reach out to Shawn Miller (Modified rep in Section X) to propose this change at the next Modified meeting.

8. New Business

- a. None

9. Next Meeting

Wednesday, October 2, 2024 at 10:00 am via Zoom

Minutes as of 10/5/23 respectfully submitted by Joe Altieri



**NYSPHSAA Girls Basketball
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, September 18, 2023 via Zoom**



ATTENDEES:

NYSPHSAA Staff: Dr. Robert Zayas, Joe Altieri, Kristen Jadin, Chris Joyce

COMMITTEE: Tim Lincoln (State Coordinator), Artie McCormack (1), Mark Bubniak (2), Larry Stockwell (3), Kurt Ehrensbeck (4), Tim Lincoln (5), Chris Durr (6), Greg Waters (7), TJ Burke (8), Stephen Boucher (9), Jim DeSalvo (10), Chris Agostino (11)

GUESTS: Jason Slater (Tournament Director), Eileen Troy (Officials), June MacGilfery (Officials)

1. Attendance & Introductions

- Meeting called to order at 9:02 am by Coordinator Tim Lincoln. Tim reported changes to the committee directory and asked if there were any additional ones.

2. NYSPHSAA Staff Reports

Joe Altieri, Assistant Director

- a. Indicated Dr. Robert Zayas, Todd Nelson and new Director of Sports Information Lexi Swatt were attending the Section 2 Athletic Council and Workshop this morning and could not be at this meeting.
- b. Emphasized the importance of sport committees strictly following Roberts Rules of Order for their meetings due to membership criticism of procedures used in the past. The staff will assist with these protocols if necessary.
- c. Emphasized the importance getting minutes out within two weeks so section offices are informed of committee discussions.
- d. Explained the bid process and timeline. Hudson Valley Community College was the lone bid submitted for the 2025-27 state tournament. Even though just one bid was submitted, he stated we should discuss the bid in case there are concerns. The staff had one concern about the upgrades HVCC was planning to do over the next few years. Joe addressed it with HVCC prior to the meeting and their response was *"It will not be a disruption. Bleacher replacement and any floor replacement would be completed in the summer months. Any major renovation plan would be in the rink arena."* No concerns were raised by the committee.
MOTION to recommend the bid by Kurt SECOND by Chris D. Carried 11-0. Joe indicated the staff also supports the bid for recommendation. It will now go to CAC and Executive Committee for review and approval.
- e. Reported on the Hall of Fame deadline of January 29th for the Class of 2024.
- f. Thanked Jason and Section 2 for the successful tournament last March.

QUESTION: Tim asked about the State Tournament hotel for 2024. Joe confirmed The Marriott is contracted for 2024 and thanked the group for their cooperation using five hotels last March to coordinate lodging for teams.

Kristen Jadin, Assistant Director

- a. Indicated we have a new contract with Spalding that will go six years. Any questions or concerns can be directed to her. **QUESTION:** TJ asked about replacing Spalding balls with Nike balls. Kristen asked him to let her know which vendors are doing this and she will discuss with Spalding.
- b. Reported the proposal for digital participation certificates was approved and will start this fall. Championship digital certificates will be available in the Championship Operations Packet (linked to our website) and Regional certificates will be emailed to coordinators. Both will be writable PDFs so student names can be typed in.

Chris Joyce, Director of Marketing

- a. Reported on the activity of the NYSPHSAA Foundation and that NYSPHSAA raised enough money to cover all operating expenses for this school year. Funds raised for the remainder of the year will go towards creating grant programs for school. The foundation offers a toolkit schools can use to fundraise and support the cause. Reach out to Chris or see nysphsaa.org/foundation for more info.
- b. On behalf of Lexi Swatt, new Director of Sports Information, he noted she will handle regional and state tournament results and the website updates. He asked for everyone's patience during the transition.
 - a. Kristen added Lexi will also handle media credentials. She reported this year NYSPHSAA assisted sections with distribution of credentials. NYSPHSAA provided a platform for media requests statewide then forwarded requests to sections to approve and will be following with distribution of a hard credential by mail. Credentials are not sport specific and do not cover regular season, just postseason. Temporary credentials will be available at state championships for team photographers upon request from qualifying school Athletic Directors. Sections can determine how they handle school photographers at the local level.
 - b. Joe A. added the Records Form will be the same as last year as well. He indicated the importance of reporting records and stated Lexi will handle all records as well.
- c. On behalf of Joe deGuzman, Director of Sales (TPG), Chris asked if anyone who knows a company interested in supporting the tournament, please reach out to Joe D.
- d. On behalf of Joe deGuzman, Chris reported the American Dairy Association has opted out of a formal partnership with NYSPHSAA.

QUESTION: Tim had a classification concern for Todd Nelson (Joe A will take it back to him) about two teams placed in Section V in Class AAA – Bishop Kearney and Mercy. Should be classified lower.

3. 2023 State Tournament Review

- a. Tim complimented Jason on the great job he and Section 2 did. No concerns were brought up.

4. 2024 State Tournament

- a. Tim provided the tournament dates – March 14-17, 2024. He asked Jason if he had any report for the upcoming tournament. Jason did not but thanked Tim, the coordinators and state office for their help.

5. Committee Business

- a. 2023 Tournament Financial Information Sheet was provided by Tim from Lisa Hand
- b. State Officials Board
 - I. New State Rules Interpreter – Wade Reid, Section 10, Tim will send updated contact information.
 - II. Two new rules – Uniform Numbers from 00 – 99 are now valid and Faking being Fouled – Technical foul.
- c. Officials Committee – Eileen Troy
 - I. Discussion about changing from 27 officials back to 23 officials as described in the new Officials Fees and Policy document, will save money and there was a concern about enough quality officials. Motion by Chris D., Seconded by Larry carried 11-0. Joe will work with Tim and Eileen about changing and submitting to CAC.
- d. 2025 State Tournament
 - I. Regionals: March 11-16; NYSPHSAA Tournament: March 20-23
- e. Sectional Concerns – None by any Section
- f. Next Meeting date
 - I. Tim will reach out to coordinators and Joe A. to determine what will work for a meeting date.

Motion to adjourn by Chris D. Seconded by TJ Burke – Motion carried 11-0 @ 10:15AM

Minutes as of 9/18/23 respectfully completed by Tim Lincoln and Joe Altieri



**NYSPHSAA Flag Football
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, September 26, 2023 via Zoom**



ATTENDEES:

NYSPHSAA Staff: Dr. Robert Zayas, Joe Altieri, Kristen Jadin, Chris Joyce, Todd Nelson, Lexi Swatt, Joe Schmidt (intern)

COMMITTEE: Marissa Dauria (Co-Coordinator), Jen Lapinski (Co-Coordinator), Dan Belfi (1), Doug Gejay (2), April Wertheim (3), Brad Tomm (4), Jen Lapinski (5), Marissa Dauria (6), Brent Denis (7), Arnold Epstein (8), Greg Sirico (9), Philip Torregrosa (11). *Note: Brad Tomm had to leave prior to the bid vote*

1. Attendance & Welcome

Meeting called to order at 10:03 am by Co-Coordination Marissa Dauria and Jen Lapinski.

Marissa Dauria - 716-628-0454

Jen Lapinski - 585-313-6721

2. Bids & NYSPHSAA Reports

Joe Altieri, Assistant Director

- a. Introduced new Director of Sports Information Lexi Swatt and fall intern Joe Schmidt.
- b. Emphasized the importance of sport committees strictly following Roberts Rules of Order for their meetings due to membership criticism of procedures used in the past. The staff will assist with these protocols if necessary. Emphasized the importance of committee meeting minutes getting completed within two weeks of the meeting which get sent out to CAC, Executive Directors, Officers and Staff.
- c. Explained the full bid process and timeline of approval. Buffalo, Cortland and Nassau County submitted bids for the 2024-26 state tournament. Joe outlined the proposed costs of each bid so the math was clear for everyone. He also noted the availability of each venue on both days of the event. Marissa and Jen then led a discussion on each bid.
 - This was a re-bid from April 2023, two recommendations with bids were presented. Recommendations for the site is best for the sport; one from committee and one from the NYSPHSAA office staff.
 - Final approval by Executive Committee in October.
 - Bid comparison documents will be developed as well.
 - All bidders after the meeting will be notified about the recommendations.
 - Reminder, it is the overall experience for the event not just the financial element.
 - If needed, breakout rooms can be used for the committee
 - Buffalo Bid - cost updates with donations total costs \$2500
 - Cortland Bid - cost updates with donations total costs \$1900
 - Long Island Bid - cost is as is, no donations toward total cost

Discussion on Bid:

- Note from Todd - currently will be 2 classes, could expand to 3 classes by 2025
- Long Island - Pros and Cons
 - Cost is highest out of three bids
 - The split site could be a challenge in the first year of state championship, second from JP
 - Point made from Section rep inquiring about pulling the bid - rephrased to recommend to remove Long Island island from consideration
- Cortland- Pros and Cons
 - Pro - Cortland hosts girls lacrosse and soccer championships, very successful tournaments - 2nd by other committee member, JP as well
 - Could use only one site while only with two classes, then using two sites when needed

Central location within the state
Con - about two sites not being connected
- Buffalo - Pros and Cons
Pro - having students on college campus
Con - about two sites not being connected

MOTION by Arnie to recommend the Cortland bid, SECOND by Doug. Carried 7-2. Dr. Zayas reported the staff also supports Cortland as its recommendation.

Clarification, request to use just one site

Section Concerns:

Section 1 - yes

Section 2 - yes

Section 3 - yes

Section 4 - abstain, not present

Section 5 - no

Section 6 - no

Section 7 - yes

Section 8 - yes

Section 9 - yes

Section 10 - abstain, not present

Section 11 - yes

The recommendations will now go to CAC and Executive Committee for review and approval. Bidders will be notified of the recommendations, bids placed on website and a bid comparison document will be created.

- d. Reported on the Hall of Fame deadline of January 29th for the Class of 2024.
- e. On behalf of Joe deGuzman, Joe Altieri reported Joe D handles sponsorships for NYSPHSAA events. He indicated the longtime partnership with the Dairy Association will not be renewed so Joe D is seeking out a new beverage sponsor.

Dr. Robert Zayas, Executive Director

- a. Reported on the NYSPHSAA Strategic Plan which focuses on financial stability, officials recruitment and retention, increasing student participation, and diversity/equity/inclusion. Indicated the DEI committee met this morning.

Todd Nelson, Assistant Director

- a. Reported he will make a request to CAC/Executive Committee on officials fees and policies similar to Girls Lacrosse policies (3 on field officials, 1 standby). Todd asked for feedback on this and for input on selection of officials. No concerns were raised
- b. Modified Committee – Todd is the liaison to this and many sections are starting modified flag football so we would like to have a Modified Coordinator to represent that level. Please send candidates to Todd. Modified rule waivers need to be discussed in the near future.

Kristen Jadin, Assistant Director

- a. Reviewed the contract with Spalding and indicated the requests by each section for balls supplied for Sectional play. Noted there may need to be adjustments. The Spalding ball is not required this year but is strongly encouraged since balls will be provided at no charge by Spalding to each section. In addition, they will be provided for regionals/states. The model of the Spalding ball is the Advance Pro Composite Jr. 72-6868.
- b. Reported the proposal for digital participation certificates was approved and will start this fall. Championship digital certificates will be available in the Championship Operations Packet (linked to our website) and Regional certificates will be emailed to coordinators. Both will be writable PDFs so student names can be typed in.

- c. Will work with Marissa and Jen on the awards for states when we draw closer. Additionally, she handles Championship Operations Packets with key tournament information in. They will be distributed closer to the tournament.
- d. Ball Info - spalding advance pro composite jr. 72-6868
 - a. Below is the link to the Official Spalding Ball page.
 - b. https://nysphsaa.org/documents/2021/6/14/Spalding_Dudley_NY_Adoption_Items_9_1_20.pdf
 - c. Working on getting the actual specs of the Spalding ball to provide. It is not required this year for postseason play, but highly encouraged. Sections will receive allotment for their sectional tournaments and we will provide them for regional/state championships.

Physical Properties	
ATTRIBUTE	SPECIFICATION
Inflating	Inflate ball to 8 PSI
Weight	340 – 370 gm
Length	267 – 279 mm
Short Circumference (Girth)	486 – 495 mm
Long Circumference (45° from laces)	660 – 673 mm
Long Circumference (90° from laces)	660 – 673 mm
Long Circumference (over laces)	665 – 678 mm

Measurement Diagram

Chris Joyce, Director of Marketing

- a. Reported on the activity of the NYSPHSAA Foundation and that NYSPHSAA raised enough money to cover all operating expenses for this school year. Funds raised for the remainder of the year will go towards creating grant programs for school. The foundation offers a toolkit schools can use to fundraise and support the cause. Reach out to Chris or see nysphsaa.org/foundation for more info.
- b. Reported all our events are digital ticketing for admission. The platform is GoFan and NYSPHSAA will always have staff on site at the state tournament to help with management.

Lexi Swatt, Director of Sports Information

- a. Introduced herself and noted her work has begun on the website and tournament admin.

- b. Since flag football is just starting out, it would be great to be efficient with records right out of the gate. She asked the committee to identify what stats are important to them and send to her as we begin play.

3. Committee Business

- a. Todd reviewed breakdown of classes in document
 - Regional matchups discussed
 - odd numbers of teams so one regional will need an additional game
 - Todd recommends 3v4, then winner of 3v4 hosts 7
 - Section II could host D1 and D2 regionals for ¾ v 7
 - No known precedent for this situation, could be one year only
 - 4 could host 3 this year in sub regional, section 2 will host d1 and d2
 - In favor of hosting both D1/2 - Section 1 will host
 - In favor of hosting both D1/2 - Section 6 will host
 - In favor of hosting both D1/2 - Section 8 will host
- Semi-Final Matchup - June 1
 - 8/11 vs 5/6
 - 2/3/4 vs 1/9
- Regional Finals - concluded by May 25, 2023, can be 23, 24, or 25th
- Sub Regionals - May 21 or 22nd
- State Championship June 2
 - a. Proposed Rule Changes going to Vote in October
 - Clock Stoppage
 - Proposed rule changes
 - Two Time Outs
 - proposed to per half
 - Kick off/Punt Return
 - Allowing kick and punt returns returning to rule from 2022
 - b. Standardized Belts
 - Proposed: <https://www.newtonareafagfootball.com/store/p35/NFL-flag-belts.html>
 - Must be a different color than uniforms
 - Do we want to require specific belts? Standard belt for all teams
 - No section are using 3 belts, all sections are using pop belts
- Motion from JP, Second from Brent to add language to rules about flag belts
 - minimum of 2 flags on belt, must be pop belts
 - carried 9-0

4. Next Meeting

- a. Tuesday, March 26th at 10:00 am via Zoom

Minutes as of 10/3/23 respectfully completed by Marissa Dauria and Joe Altieri



NYSPHSAA FOOTBALL MEETING MINUTES - Thursday, Sept 14, 2023



ATTENDANCE: Gary Vanderzee-Chairman, Ken Stoldt-Asst, Chairman, Joe Altieri, Chris Joyce, Lexi Swatt- NYS Office; Section 1- Steve Luciana, Mike Cring; Section 2-Terry Jones; Section 3- Bob Campese; Section 4- Jeff Paske; Section 5- Jon Masin; Section 6-Ken Stoldt, Section 7-absent, Section 8-Matt McClees; Section 9- Tom Cassata- Section 10- absent; Section 11-absent

SEASON UPDATE: Nothing to report

POSTSEASON: Section Directors that are hosting regionals or semi's should email the schedule of games to Joe Altieri and Chris Joyce ASAP.

SUSPENDED GAMES: Discussion on when a suspended game is official. Unless an individual section has a policy, a suspended game may be ended at any point as long as both coaches are in agreement or if the losing team concedes the game. If the game was played on a Saturday, it may be completed the following day without being in violation of the 7 day rule.

EJECTION PENALTY: The committee is concerned with the length of a penalty for an ejection as it basically doubles the length of time missed compared to other sports. The committee will look into presenting a proposal to have all ejections mirror the rule for a targeting ejection.

SIMULATION OF SNAP: A concern was brought up of teams having a defense clap to an offensive snap causing a false start. Tim Arden will send out a memo to each chapter to address this issue.

OTHER: NYSPHSFCA representative, Paul Sealy noted that there will be an all star game between NY and Connecticut in June of 2024. Details to be provided soon.

The committee discussed a possible waiver to start the 2024 season a week early but it was noted that the dome was already under contract for specific dates and starting early would mean football be outside the maximum # of weeks for a season.

Matt McClees suggested to try and allow 11 on 11 situations legal in combined practices, even if it was only for a certain amount of plays. The committee will continue discussions on this topic.

Lexi Swatt noted that any media outlets looking for credentials should start with the director in their own sections.

A discussion took place on "cut blocks". It was noted that the action must be immediate. A player lined up in a shade may still be cut blocked.

NEXT MEETING: October 2nd at 10:00 am. Joe will be sending out the targeting proposal with the meeting reminder.

Respectfully submitted on September 16, 2023 by:

Gary Vanderzee (NYSPHSAA Football Coordinator) & Ken Stoldt (NYSPHSAA Asst. Football Coordinator)



NYSPHSAA Boys Ice Hockey
MEETING MINUTES
Friday, September 22, 2023 via Zoom



ATTENDEES:

NYSPHSAA Staff: Dr. Robert Zayas, Joe Altieri, Kristen Jadin, Chris Joyce, Todd Nelson, Lexi Swatt, Jeremy Martelle (intern), Joe Schmidt (intern)

COMMITTEE: Scott Stuart (State Coordinator), Dean Bernardo (1), Lenny Kies (2), John Cunningham (3), Paul Zarach (4), Scott Morrison (5), Mike Ferrari (Assistant 5), Rick Brooks (6), Matt Walentuck, proxy for Robin Weeden (7), Tim Cook (10)

1. Attendance & Introductions

Meeting called to order at 10:17 am by Coordinator Scott Stuart. He noted Officials rep Jim Keegan will not be available to attend today. He also announced Monroe Woodbury (Section IX) will have a team for 2023-24.

2. NYSPHSAA Staff Reports

Dr. Robert Zayas, Executive Director

- a. Reported on the NYSPHSAA Strategic Plan which focuses on financial stability, officials recruitment and retention, increasing student participation, and diversity/equity/inclusion.

Joe Altieri, Assistant Director

- a. Emphasized the importance of sport committees strictly following Roberts Rules of Order for their meetings due to membership criticism of procedures used in the past. The staff will assist with these protocols if necessary. Emphasized the importance of committee meeting minutes getting completed within two weeks of the meeting.
- b. Explained the bid process and timeline. LECOM Harborcenter was the lone bid submitted for the 2025-27 state tournament. Even though just one bid was submitted, he stated we should discuss the bid in case there are concerns. The staff had no concerns with the bid and Joe outlined the proposed costs are similar in this bid comparing to the 2022-24 bid.

QUESTION: Tim asked about hotel rates and why the Courtyard (located across the street) is listed. Rick explained it's a secondary hotel for the tournament. The Marriott, in the same building as the rink, would be the host with a rate slightly higher than this year. Dean noted Clarkstown did not stay at The Marriott in 2023

MOTION to recommend the LECOM Harborcenter bid by Tim, SECOND by Paul. Carried 8-0. Joe indicated the staff also supports the bid for recommendation.

The recommendations will now go to CAC and Executive Committee for review and approval. Bidders will be notified of the recommendations, bids placed on website and a bid comparison document will be created.

- c. Reported on the Hall of Fame deadline of January 29th for the Class of 2024.
- d. On behalf of Joe deGuzman, Joe reported the American Dairy Association has opted out of a formal partnership with NYSPHSAA.

Todd Nelson, Assistant Director

- a. Reported State Tournament programs will be reduced to "media guides" with just rosters, team photos and the schedule in them starting in 2023-24 for all sports. Explained the decision to pare down the program was based on analytics and discussing with CP Sportswear. Links for the media guides will be posted within the program for history and other information.

Kristen Jadin, Assistant Director

- a. Reported the proposal for digital participation certificates was approved and will start this fall. Championship digital certificates will be available in the Championship Operations Packet (linked to our website) and Regional certificates will be emailed to coordinators. Both will be writable PDFs so student names can be typed in.

Chris Joyce, Director of Marketing

- a. Reported on the activity of the NYSPHSAA Foundation and that NYSPHSAA raised enough money to cover all operating expenses for this school year. Funds raised for the remainder of the year will go towards creating grant programs for school. The foundation offers a toolkit schools can use to fundraise and support the cause. Reach out to Chris or see nysphsaa.org/foundation for more info.
- b. Indicated Lexi Swatt will be developing a new document for reporting results so that it won't be necessary to send emails. It may be a shared Google document or similar.

Lexi Swatt, Director of Sports Information

- a. Introduced herself and noted her work has begun on the website and tournament admin.
- b. Will handle all sport records using the current record forms submitted by schools.

3. 2023 State Tournament Review / 2024 State Tournament

- a. Rick Brooks explained the tournament went well last year and there were no issues other than some late starts to the semifinal games.
- b. Rick stated there are no changes to the tournament for 2024. He indicated he, Scott and Joe met a couple days ago to finalize the tournament schedule following a meeting with Ryan Vinz at the Harborcenter. Canisius postseason games, if they occur, will not impact the tournament schedule. Stated Joe Altieri will email out the final schedule following today's meeting.

4. Bracketology

- a. Scott opened the discussion on the 2024 postseason brackets.
- b. Monroe-Woodbury (Sec. 9) informed the Committee that they will be fielding a Varsity team this year which will change the Division I bracket.
- c. This will eliminate the At Large team (Sec. 5) and M-W will replace that position in the bracket.
- d. Also note that in the Division II brackets Section 10 has moved into the East side of the bracket with the At Large moving to the West.

MOTION to approve the presented brackets by T. Cook. SECOND by R. Brooks, Carried 8-0.

5. Committee Business

- a. Matt Walentuk brought up a concern in regards to Regional travel when the At Large is from that Section. Not a lot of incentive to win the Sectional Final game if the winner has to travel a significant distance greater than the runner-up. R. Zayas explained that the brackets are finalized before the season and have to be played as is per the NYSPHSAA Constitution.

6. Section Concerns

- a. R. Brooks (Sec. 6) and S. Morrison (Sec. 5) led a discussion on the possibility of playing 3 on 3 or 4 on 4 as an alternative for O.T. during the regular season.
- b. They also brought up the possibility of instituting a "goal differential" policy when a team is getting beat by a predetermined number of goals entering the third period.
- c. It was explained by T. Nelson that in both cases the situation would be "less restrictive" than the current practices and therefore would be acceptable changes. The change(s) would have to be presented to and accepted by the individual Sections prior to the season.

- d. A question was raised as to the selection of Officials from the individual Sections for State Tournament play. It was explained that the selections are supposed to be approved by the Section Coordinator after consultation with the local NIHOA President.

7. Next Meeting

- a. The committee will meet at the state tournament on Friday, March 8th at The Marriott.

Motion to adjourn by Rick, Seconded by Scott Morrison. Motion carried 8-0 @ 11:34 AM

Minutes as of 9/22/23 respectfully completed by Scott Stuart and Joe Altieri



NYSPHSAA B/G Outdoor Track State Committee
September 12, 2023 at 10:00 am
MEETING MINUTES



ATTENDEES:

NYSPHSAA Staff: Joe Altieri, Kristen Jadin, Chris Joyce, Lexi Swatt, Joe Schmidt (intern)

BOYS COMMITTEE: Tom Wells (State Coordinator), Ryan Jones-2, Kevin Rosko-5, Justin Croddock-6, Matt Hemmer-9, John Tebo-10, Joe Mercado-11, Dwayne Burnett-PSAL

GIRLS COMMITTEE: Dan Doherty (State Coordinator), Bill Sherman-2, Dan Reid-3, Jim Cerra-4, Lance Bush-5, Walter McLaughlin-6, Nancy Rich-7, Nick Aurigemma-8, Patrick Burkhardt-9, Dak Zaza-10, Joe Mercado-11, Dwayne Burnett-PSAL, Stephani Irvin-CHSAA

Guests: Bob Headwell (Officials), Kyle Brazeil (MileSplit), Pat Leone (Leone Timing) Mark Therrien-2

1. Attendance & Introductions

Meeting called to order 10:05 am by Coordinator Dan Doherty.

2. NYSPHSAA Staff Reports

Joe Altieri, Assistant Director

- a. Thanked Middletown High School and Section IX for a successful 2023 state meet.
- b. Announced Pat Leone (Leone Timing) and Kyle Brazeil (MileSplit) were attending today and will speak about any changes with their services related to the state meet.
- c. Reported at this time next year we will be reviewing bids for the 2026 state meet and beyond. Sections should huddle if they are seeking out a joint bid to share hosting the event. The coordinators and committee will have input on the RFP before it's released.
- d. Emphasized the importance of sport committees strictly following Roberts Rules of Order for their meetings due to membership criticism of procedures used in the past. The staff will assist with these protocols if necessary.
- e. Emphasized the importance of getting minutes out within two weeks so section offices are informed of committee discussions.
- f. Reported on the Hall of Fame deadline of January 29th for the Class of 2024.

Kristen Jadin, Assistant Director

- a. Reported the proposal for digital participation certificates was approved and will start this fall. Championship digital certificates will be available in the Championship Operations Packet (linked to our website) and will be a writable PDF so student names can be typed in.

Chris Joyce, Director of Marketing

- a. Reported digital ticketing for admission and the coach's entry procedure went very well in 2023 and will continue in 2024.

Lexi Swatt, Director of Sports Information

- a. Introduced herself and asked for patience as she made her transition to the new position.
- b. Noted the importance of records and to please report them to her.

3. Officials

Bob Headwell, Officials Association, reported on rule changes for the 2023-24 year. He stated that there really wasn't much, the most important one being that a False start should only be charged if the athlete is moving forward, not just moving.

4. Cicero North Syracuse High School Facility – 2024 NYSPHSAA Championship Site

- a. The Facility will open for practice on Thursday 6/6/24 at 4pm. Please instruct your coaches not to arrive before then.
- b. ¼” spikes will be allowed.
- c. Athletes may use their own starting blocks, but CNS will also be providing them.
- d. On Friday 6/7/23, no buses will be admitted into the main parking lot after 10am until school has completely been dismissed.
- e. Dan Doherty reviewed the proposed 2024 Order of Events, At Large Standards and Super Standards. **The committee unanimously agreed on all of them for the 2024 Championships.**

5. Meet Entry Procedures Kyle Brazeil (Milesplit) and Pat Leone (Leone Timing)

- a. Both reported that things went very smoothly last year, and all of the procedures will remain the same for the 2024 Meet. Chairpeople were reminded that the two new proposals that were passed last year are now in effect. FAT times from dual meets are now accepted for meeting the Super Standard and At Large Standard. Only FAT times will be accepted for the At Large Standard. We will no longer accept hand times for the At Large Standard. Remember, no field event performances from dual meets will be accepted for meeting any At Large or Super Standard. Pat Leone suggested that the Seeding Manual that we used could be considered outdated. Dan Doherty will form a committee to update this booklet, so that it can be used for the 2024 Championships.

6. Next Meeting

The committee meeting during the State Championship will be held trackside at Cicero High School on Thursday, June 6th at 4:00 pm. The committee will review the facility and then proceed inside for their Meeting.

7. Annual Committee Meeting

The annual meeting will be Tuesday, September 10th at 10 am via Zoom. This meeting will be used for site selection for the 2026, 2027 and 2028 Championships.

8. 3rd Division Proposal

Tom Wells spoke about the proposal to add a third division for future Championships. He urged all chairpeople to talk with their Sectional Central Committee members about passing this. This proposal will be a discussion item at the upcoming October Meeting and then will be voted on at the Meeting in January.

9. Section V proposal to add a Mixed Relay

Section V presented a concept to add mixed relays to the state tournament. The committee unanimously recommended not deciding on it until after the Third Division proposal is settled.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:56am.

--minutes respectfully submitted by Dan Doherty and Joe Altieri 9/19/2023

2024 NYSPHSAA AT LARGE QUALIFYING STANDARDS

5 year avg. of 6th place NYSPHSAA Finisher
(2017-2023)

Event	Boys Division 1	Boys Division 2	Event	Girls Division 1	Girls Division 2
100m	11.18	11.20	100m	12.56	12.73
200m	22.28	22.61	200m	25.69	25.93
400m	49.47	50.48	400m	58.38	59.20
110m HH	14.86	15.39	100m H	15.14	16.10
400m IH	56.03	57.16	400m IH	1:05.39	1:06.39
800m	1:55.38	1:58.09	800m	2:12.17	2:18.58
1600m	4:16.61	4:24.14	1500m	4:36.85	4:46.43
3200m	9:20.08	9:42.68	3000m	10:05.71	10:16.59
3k Steeple	9:38.62	9:58.13	2k Steeple	7:06.95	7:18.93
High Jump	6'3"	6'2"	High Jump	5'3"	5'2"
Pole Vault	13'7"	12'9"	Pole Vault	11'3"	9'10"
Long Jump	21'11.50"	21'03.50"	Long Jump	17'10.50"	17'02.00"
Triple Jump	44'06.00"	44'02.25"	Triple Jump	37'08.50"	36'03.75"
Shot Put	50'04.00"	50'04.25"	Shot Put	38'00.00"	35'11.50"
Discus	147'02"	144'07"	Discus	119'09"	109'10"
Pentathlon	2939	2924	Pentathlon	2992	2632
4x100m	42.91	44.07	4x100m	48.87	50.58
4x400m	3:23.56	3:28.45	4x400m	4:01.55	4:07.57
4x800m	7:57.47	8:11.34	4x800m	9:21.26	9:44.97

Each Section may send an additional "at large" qualifier per division using the standards listed above.

"At Large" qualifiers MUST be the highest placing finisher at the state qualifier (after the winner is removed) to have met either the "At Large" or "Super" qualifying standard.

All Field Event Performances must occur in a meet with 5 or more teams with certified officials.

ALL TRACK PERFORMANCES MUST BE FAT TIMED, these can be achieved at any Meet.

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2024 NYSPHSAA SUPER QUALIFYING STANDARDS

5 year avg. of 4th place NYSPHSAA Finisher
(2017-2023)

Event	Boys Division 1	Boys Division 2	Event	Girls Division 1	Girls Division 2
100m	11.04	11.08	100m	12.40	12.61
200m	22.27	22.32	200m	25.12	25.85
400m	49.01	49.94	400m	56.63	58.21
110m HH	14.73	15.11	100m H	14.94	15.73
400m IH	55.20	56.41	400m IH	64.13	65.09
800m	1:54.33	1:55.99	800m	2:10.30	2:15.90
1600m	4:15.34	4:21.05	1500m	4:32.59	4:40.75
3200m	9:14.17	9:31.85	3000m	9:47.00	10:11.53
3k Steeple	9:31.77	9:49.62	2k Steeple	6:56.94	7:07.74
High Jump	6'05"	6'04"	High Jump	5'04"	5'03"
Pole Vault	14'0"	13'6"	Pole Vault	11'5"	10'05"
Long Jump	22'05"	21'11"	Long Jump	18'03"	17'07"
Triple Jump	45'05"	44'11"	Triple Jump	38'08"	36'11"
Shot Put	52'02"	52'00"	Shot Put	39'04"	37'11.5"
Discus	152'11"	149'05"	Discus	121'08"	118'00"
Pentathlon	3119	3020	Pentathlon	3128	2712
4x100m	42.61	43.54	4x100m	48.59	50.04
4x400m	3:21.93	3:27.43	4x400m	3:59.03	4:04.62
4x800m	7:53.52	8:07.15	4x800m	9:14.98	9:36.03

All track times must be FAT.

Athletes/Relays who meet a Super Standard must compete in that event at their state qualifier meet to advance to the state meet by virtue of the Super Standard.

Field event performances must be obtained at a Meet with five or more teams and must have certified officials working that field event.

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NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL STATE TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS CICERO NORTH SYRACUSE HIGH SCHOOL

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FRIDAY JUNE 07, 2024

ORDER OF EVENTS

TRACK

FIELD

Div I - Large					11:00 POLE VAULT	G	CHAMP	F
Div II - Small					11:00 DISCUS	B	I	CLASS FINAL
					11:30 TRIPLE JUMP	G	I	CLASS FINAL
12:30 Pent. 100 HH-1	G	CHAMP	F	<i>lower seeds</i>	TRIPLE JUMP	G	II	CLASS FINAL
Pent. 110 HH-1	B	CHAMP	F	<i>lower seeds</i>	12:30 SHOT PUT	G	I	CLASS FINAL
					12:30 DISCUS	B	II	CLASS FINAL
OPENING CEREMONIES INCLUDING SPORTSMANSHIP					2:00 SHOT PUT	G	II	CLASS FINAL
AWARD WINNERS					1:00 TRIPLE JUMP	B	I	CLASS FINAL
1:30 100H	G	II	T		TRIPLE JUMP	B	II	CLASS FINAL
100H	G	I	T					
1:45 110H	B	II	T					
110H	B	I	T		1:15 PENT.HIGH JP1	G	CHAMP	F
2:00 100M	G	II	T		PENT.HIGH JP1	B	CHAMP	F
100M	G	I	T					
100M	B	II	T		3:30 POLE VAULT	B	CHAMP	F
100M	B	I	T					
2:25 Pent. 100 HH-2	G	CHAMP	F	<i>higher seeds</i>	2:00 DISCUS	G	I	CLASS FINAL
Pent. 110 HH-2	B	CHAMP	F	<i>higher seeds</i>	3:30 DISCUS	G	II	CLASS FINAL
2:50 400M	G	II	CLASS FINAL					
400M	G	I	CLASS FINAL		2:30 LONG JUMP	G	I	CLASS FINAL
400M	B	II	CLASS FINAL		LONG JUMP	G	II	CLASS FINAL
400M	B	I	CLASS FINAL					
3:25 800M	G	CHAMP	F		3:00 SHOT PUT	B	I	CLASS FINAL
800M	B	CHAMP	F		4:30 SHOT PUT	B	II	CLASS FINAL
3:55 200M	G	II	T					
200M	G	I	T					
200M	B	II	T		3:15 PENT.SHOT-1	G	CHAMP	F
200M	B	I	T		3:45 PENT.SHOT-1	B	CHAMP	F
4:25 400 INTER H	G	II	CLASS FINAL		3:00 PENT.HIGH JP-2	G	CHAMP	F
400 INTER H	G	I	CLASS FINAL		3:15 PENT.HIGH JP-2	B	CHAMP	F
400 INTER H	B	II	CLASS FINAL					

400 INTER H	B	I	CLASS FINAL				
5:00 4X100 RELAY	G	II	CLASS FINAL				
4X100 RELAY	G	I	CLASS FINAL				
4X100 RELAY	B	II	CLASS FINAL	4:00 LONG JUMP	B	I	CLASS FINAL
4X100 RELAY	B	I	CLASS FINAL	LONG JUMP	B	II	CLASS FINAL
5:35 4X400 RELAY	G	II	CLASS FINAL				
4X400 RELAY	G	I	CLASS FINAL				
4X400 RELAY	B	II	CLASS FINAL	5:00 PENT.SHOT-2	G	CHAMP	F
4X400 RELAY	B	I	CLASS FINAL	5:30 PENT.SHOT-2	B	CHAMP	F
6:30 3000M	G	CHAMP	F				
3200M	B	CHAMP	F				

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SATURDAY JUNE 08, 2024

ORDER OF EVENTS

TRACK

FIELD

10:00 2000M STEEPLE	G	CHAMP	F				
3000M STEEPLE	B	CHAMP	F				
10:50 100M	G	II	CLASS FINAL				
100M	G	I	CLASS FINAL	10:00 HIGH JUMP	G	CHAMP	F
100M	B	II	CLASS FINAL	10:00 HIGH JUMP	B	CHAMP	F
100M	B	I	CLASS FINAL				
11:10 1500M	G	CHAMP	F	10:00 PENT.LONG JP-1	G	CHAMP	F
1600M	B	CHAMP	F	PENT.LONG JP-2	G	CHAMP	F
11:40 100H	G	II	CLASS FINAL				
100H	G	I	CLASS FINAL				
110H	B	II	CLASS FINAL	11:00 PENT.LONG JP-1	B	CHAMP	F
110H	B	I	CLASS FINAL	PENT. LONG JP-2	B	CHAMP	F

12:00 200M	G	II	CLASS FINAL
200M	G	I	CLASS FINAL
200M	B	II	CLASS FINAL
200M	B	I	CLASS FINAL

10:00 DISCUS	G	CHAMP	F
11:30 DISCUS	B	CHAMP	F

BREAK 12:10 - 12:25

12:25 100H	G	CHAMP	F
110H	B	CHAMP	F
12:40 100M	G	CHAMP	F
100M	B	CHAMP	F
1:00 400M	G	CHAMP	F
400M	B	CHAMP	F
1:15 400 INTER H	G	CHAMP	F
400 INTER H	B	CHAMP	F
1:25 200M	G	CHAMP	F
200M	B	CHAMP	F
1:35 4X800 RELAY	G	CHAMP	F
4X800 RELAY	B	CHAMP	F
2:20 4X100 RELAY	G	CHAMP	F
4X100 RELAY	B	CHAMP	F
2:40 4X400 RELAY	G	CHAMP	F
4X400 RELAY	B	CHAMP	F

12:00 SHOT PUT	G	CHAMP	F
12:00 LONG JUMP	G	CHAMP	F
12:00 LONG JUMP	B	CHAMP	F

1:30 SHOT PUT	B	CHAMP	F
1:30 TRIPLE JUMP	G	CHAMP	F
1:30 TRIPLE JUMP	B	CHAMP	F

THE COMBINED EVENTS WILL FIT INTO THE TIME SCHEDULE WHEN THEY ARE READY TO GO

** PENT. 800 (ALL)	G	CHAMP	F
** PENT 1500 (ALL)	B	CHAMP	F

Accepted 9/12/23



**NYSPHSAA Girls Wrestling Committee Meeting
Friday 10/20/2023 @ 10:00 am
MEETING MINUTES**

ATTENDEES:

NYSPHSAA Staff: Todd Nelson, Joe Altieri, Kristen Jadin, Chris Joyce, Lexi Swatt, Joe deGuzman, **Dr. Robert Zayas**

COMMITTEE: Jamie Block (1) **Frank Fronhofer (2), Ryan Palmer (Coordinator/2), Rick Spicer (3), John Richard (3) Brandon MacWhinnie (4), Eric Mullen (5) Alex Conti (6), Matt Walentuck (7), Sean Severin (8), Carol Roseto (8) Eric Hartmann (9), Randy Morrison (10), Mark Wilson (10), David Shanahan (11)**

GUESTS: Ken Bigley (PSAL), Marty Sherman (State Boy's Coordinator), Kevin Maxwell (USAW Official)

1. Coordinator Ryan Palmer called the meeting to order at 10:00 am

2. NYSPHSAA Staff Reports - None

3. Thank You

4. Committee Business

a. Voting Results from 10/18/2023 NYSPHSAA Meeting

o Proposal #1: Adopt Freestyle

- Section 1: 2 NO
- Section 2: 2 YES
- Section 3: 2 YES
- Section 4: 2 ABSTAIN
- Section 5: 2 YES
- Section 6: 2 YES
- Section 7: 2 YES
- Section 8: 2 YES
- Section 9: 2 NO
- Section 10: 2 YES
- Section 11: 2 YES

Motion Passes: 16-4-2

o Proposal #2: Modified Rules (*Ryan to enter results once received*)

- Section 1: YES
- Section 2: YES
- Section 3: YES
- Section 4: ABSTAIN
- Section 5: YES
- Section 6: YES
- Section 7: YES
- Section 8: NO
- Section 9: NO
- Section 10: YES
- Section 11: YES

MOTION PASSES: 16-4-2

○ Proposal #3: Week 34 (*Ryan to enter results once received*)

- Section 1: YES
 - Section 2: YES
 - Section 3: 1 YES, 1 NO
 - Section 4: YES
 - Section 5: NO
 - Section 6: NO
 - Section 7: YES
 - Section 8: NO
 - Section 9: YES
 - Section 10: YES
 - Section 11: YES
- MOTION PASSES: 30-14

b. Next Steps - *Style*

- *Freestyle in Effect 2024 - 2025 season*

c. Next Steps - *Rule Modifications effective 2023 - 2024*

- *Start every period in neutral*
- *Going out of bounds restarts in neutral position*
- *Unique scenarios*
 - *OT: recommendation to handle per current rules*
 - *2nd Injury Timeout: recommend to handle per current rules, choice of all three positions apply*
 - *2 PT Stalling call: recommend to handle per current rules, choice of all three positions apply*
 - *Fleeing the mat call: if bottom/top wrestler flees out of bounds, the point is awarded and athletes return to neutral*

d. Next Steps - *Championship Week*

- *Week 34 starting in 2024 - 2025 season*
 - *Championship will reflect style of the season, could be folkstyle if committee determines the infrastructure is not in place*
 - *Criteria for being ready: need athletes, coaches and officials ready*

e. Federation Tournament Update

- *Agreement reached to host 8-person federation tournament on the Thursday before the boys tournament in Albany*
 - *Four slots for NYSPHSAA and four slots for PSAL*
 - *Interest from one private school (St. Mary's) in Section VI to attend*
 - *CHSAA needs to work with NYSPHSAA for participation*
 - *NYSPHSAA/PSAL are open to accommodating*
 - *NYSPHSAA representatives to be guided by results from NYSPHSAA Invitational*
 - *Conduct selection meeting prior to event similar to process for NYSPHSAA Invitational*
 - *PSAL attendance is contingent on federation tournament being folkstyle*
 - *Need to determine path forward for two rule modifications in 2024 event*
 - *PSAL does not want to include rule modifications*
 - *NYSPHSAA Committee for including two rule modifications: Section 1, Section 2 - Yes, Section 3 - Yes, Section 4 - Yes, Section 5 - Yes, Section 6 - Yes, Section 7 - , Section 8 - No, Section 9 - Yes, Section 10 - Yes, Section 11 - Yes*
- f. NYSPHSAA Boys State Duals Tournament Allowances
 - *Removal of weight allowance for dual participants was approved at executive committee meeting*
 - *1.5% weight dissension will **not** apply to the girls*
- g. NYSPHSAA Girls Invitational Allocations Distribution Date
 - *Will execute the same process as last year based on the percentage of participants certified at each weight class*
- h. NYSPHSAA Girls Invitational Allocation Selection Meeting
 - *January 14th, 2024 @ 7pm*
- i. Section Concerns:
 - Section 1:
 - Section 2:
 - Section 3:
 - Section 4:
 - Section 5
 - Section 6:
 - Section 7:
 - Section 8:

Section 9:

Section 10:

Section 11:

Officials:

- j. Boys Committee Chair: need to confirm that girls federation event will be completed by 2 PM to accommodate boys practices

6. Other

a. Good of the Order

- *Thank you Todd Nelson for supporting the committee's vision*
- *Congratulations to Todd for NFHS Award*

b. Future Meeting Dates

- *NYSPPHSAA Girls Wrestling Committee Meeting*
 - *Date TBD*
- *NYSPPHSAA Girls Invitational Allocation Selection Meeting*
 - *January 15th, 2024 @ 7pm*

c. Meeting adjourned at 11:14 AM



NYSPHSAA Girls Wrestling Committee Meeting
Friday, September 22, 2023 @ 1:00 pm
MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDEES:

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

COMMITTEE: Ryan Palmer (Coordinator/2), Rick Spicer (3), Brandon MacWhinnie (4), Alex Conti (6), Matt Walentuck (7), Sean Severin (8), Eric Hartmann (9)

1. Coordinator Ryan Palmer called the meeting to order at 1:04 pm. There were no directory updates.

2. NYSPHSAA Staff Reports

Joe Altieri, Assistant Director

- a. Meeting Procedures
 - a. *Reviewed "Robert's Rules" procedure for meetings going forward. He emphasized the importance of meeting minutes going out and thanked Eric for volunteering to take them at future meetings.*
- b. State Tournament Information
 - a. *Discussed Bid/RFP process for tournament*
 - b. *Discussed duties of tournament*

Todd Nelson, Assistant Director

- a. State Tournament Program
 - a. *Changes are being made to Programs; much more basic than existing programs*
 - b. *To put on radar: after this season is over, we need to discuss the Wrestling section of the handbook to make specific changes/recommendations to Girls Wrestling. Recommendations should be made in either May or July, but approved before October in preparation for 24-25 season start. Handbook can be found on the website. Link to [handbook](#)*

Kristen Jadin, Assistant Director

- a. Tournament Awards will be ordered by Kristen for tournaments
- b. Championship Operations Packet will be developed in consultation with Ryan

Chris Joyce, Director of Marketing & Foundation

- a. Digital Ticketing
 - a. *Is the same as used for all events, utilizing Go-Fan. Let parents/families know that cash is not accepted at the door, completely digital. SRC Arena event will be "Go-Fan" event. Events at MVP Arena are "TicketMaster" events - walk up ticket purchasing available.*
 - i. *Smart Phones are NOT required to access Go-Fan. Tablets on site*
- b. Foundation
 - a. *Launched during the 22-23 School Year. All money goes into the Grant Fund for schools; can assist in helping new schools grow.*

Lexi Swatt, Director of Sports Information & Digital Content

- a. Introduced herself and shared her work has begun on website and media

Joe DeGuzman, TPG Sales

- a. Sponsorship *If anyone knows of a potential sponsor, please contact Joe DeGuzman.*

4. Committee Business

a. Secretary

- Is anyone willing to assume the role of Minutes/Note Taker for our meetings?

- Eric Hartmann is primary, Brandon is backup

b. Mixed Competition vs. Girls Only Wrestler Clarifications

- A mixed competition wrestler is a wrestler who

- Competes against a boy wrestler, inclusive of taking a forfeit in any boys wrestling event
- Practices against a boy wrestler during practice. Girls Only wrestlers are permitted to share practice space, but are not permitted to compete or drill with boys wrestlers.
- **Once a girl has competed against or practiced with a Boy, she is deemed a mixed competition wrestler.**
- Mixed Competition Wrestlers are permitted to accumulate up to 20 competition points, inclusive of up to 6 tournaments. Girls only tournaments DO NOT count towards these 6 allotted tournaments. Girls tournament still count as 2 competition points, and count towards the 20 maximum points.
- *Wrestlers competing in any Boy's events, or practicing with a boy must be approved via the Mixed Competition Guideline approval process → 135.4.*
- *If individual sections are hosting a Qualifier, for the NYSPHSAA Invitational, the individual sections will need to determine if that qualifier is a "Postseason Event"*
 - *If PostSeason: Girls cannot also compete in the Boys Postseason.*
 - *If NOT PostSeason (Regular): This event counts as two competition points.*

- A Girls Only Wrestler

- Competes only against other Girls
- Practices and Trains only with other Girls
- Girls Only Wrestlers are permitted to accumulate up to 20 competition points. There is not a maximum tournament limit for the 23-24 season, as long as the 20 competition point limit is adhered to.
- *If individual sections are hosting a Qualifier, for the NYSPHSAA Invitational, the individual sections will need to determine if that qualifier is a "Postseason Event"*
 - *If PostSeason: Girls cannot also compete in the Boys Postseason.*
 - *If NOT PostSeason (Regular): This event counts as two competition points.*

c. Showcasing Finals at NYSPHSAA Invitational

- Possibly creating a more "Finals" atmosphere

- *Proposed Option: Run 5-6 and 3-4 matches first then have two mats of finals occurring simultaneously.*
- *Proposed Option: Run 1-2, 3-4, 5-6 matches simultaneously to end the tournament*
- *Maintain the podium in the middle of the arena*
- *Clear out wrestling areas, except for wrestlers and 2 coaches per corner. On-deck wrestlers and their coaches can be delegated to unused mats.*
- *Continue announcing finalists and accolades.*

d. 23-24 Federation Tournament Update

- *NYSPHSAA met w/ Federation. PSAL and NYSPHSAA are interested in putting on the event.*
- *Estimated cost for Federation Tournament has been received.*
- *NYSPHSAA has agreed to pay half the cost.*
- *With AIS and Catholic School Association not being interested, 8-Person Brackets are a possibility.*
- *PSAL should have a commitment, or not, by Fri. 9/29.*

e. Section Proposal Updates

- Proposal #1: Freestyle
 - Section 1:
 - Section 2: **Yes ??**
 - Section 3: **Yes**
 - Section 4:
 - Section 5: **Yes**
 - Section 6: **Yes**
 - Section 7:
 - Section 8: **No**
 - Section 9: **No**
 - Section 10:
 - Section 11:
- Proposal #2: Modified Rules
 - Section 1:
 - Section 2: **Yes**
 - Section 3: **Yes**
 - Section 4:
 - Section 5: **Yes**
 - Section 6: **Yes**
 - Section 7:
 - Section 8: **No**
 - Section 9: **No**
 - Section 10:
 - Section 11:
- Proposal #3: Week 34
 - Section 1:
 - Section 2: **Yes**
 - Section 3: **Split 1-1**
 - Section 4:
 - Section 5: **Yes**
 - Section 6: **No - Week 33**
 - Section 7:
 - Section 8: **No - Week 33**
 - Section 9:
 - Section 10:
 - Section 11:

f. Section Concerns:

Section 1

Section 2: Nothing to present

Section 3: We need to speak to our officials to let them know what the plan is moving forward with regards to Freestyle.

Section 4: Nothing to present

Section 5

Section 6: Catholic Schools not participating in the Federation tournament is sad news.

Section 7: Looking to grow girls wrestling in Section 7

Section 8: Are there documented rules for the proposed 23-24 rule modifications? Need to create.

Section 9: enough officials who are qualified and ALSO---will new mats be needed for Freestyle?

Section 10

Section 11

Officials Meeting Recap: Officials are concerned about what could be done to support the change to Freestyle. A task force has been formed to help recruit and train officials, and coaches. If the NYS Officials Association does not want to include Freestyle Officials, a separate association will need to be formed.

Todd: If Freestyle is approved, and it is later determined that we are not prepared to move forward with Freestyle, the committee can propose to delay for a year, and continue with Folkstyle.

Trackwrestling 23-24: All female wrestlers will be certified in the boys portal, and then a transfer will occur; same as 22-23.

6. Other

a. Good of the Order

b. Future Meeting Dates

- o NYSPHSAA Executive October 18, 2023

- o Girls Wrestling Committee Meeting October 20, 2023 @ 12pm.



CHAMPIONSHIP ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes – Wednesday, September 27, 2023

CAC Members Attending: Mike Andrew (Team Sports), Jamie Harter (Ind. Sports), Deb Ferry (At-Large), Josh Harrica (At-Large), Adam Stoltman (Superintendent Rep), Eileen Troy (At-Large), Mark Ward (At-Large), Susan Reid (At-Large), Kathy Hoyt (Executive Director), Carlos Cotto (At-Large). Absent with notice: Greg Ransom (Chair)

Staff/Officers Attending: Joe Altieri (CAC Liaison/Assistant Director), Dr. Robert Zayas (Executive Director), Todd Nelson (Assistant Director), Kristen Jadin (Assistant Director), Chris Joyce (Director of Marketing/Foundation), Lexi Swatt (Director of Sports Information), Jeremy Martelle (Intern). Tim Mullins (Vice President), Adam Stoltman (2nd VP), Julie Bergman (Past President)

Coordinators Attending: Tim Lincoln (Girls Basketball), Jim Wright (Softball), Quan Hyunh (Boys Tennis), Kristin Frazer/Bob Wallen (Indoor Track), John Coletta (Boys Volleyball)

Call to Order by Assistant Director Joe Altieri who chaired the committee today in the announced absence of Chair Greg Ransom. Joe welcomed the committee, introduced new Director of Sports Information Lexi Swatt and Fall Intern Jeremy Martelle. He offered Dr. Zayas any updates. None at this time.

Joe reported he had a conversation with Greg Ransom and office staff about streamlining CAC meetings. There is nothing in the Constitution or Role of CAC that says we are required to have a “discussion” and “action” phase. Going forward, we’ll simply list all items as proposals and discuss one time and vote then everything will go to Executive Committee twice. This will cut back on time we spend in meetings and having coordinators come to two CAC meetings. If there’s a revision to a proposal then it goes back on the CAC agenda. Also, if you as a committee member feel we need to discuss something a 2nd time, we can add it to the agenda for that purpose as well. Some items were noted (rev) for revisions and some (new) as new items just for today’s meeting. Eileen expressed a concern about the process noting the softball proposal needs time to be discussed. Joe indicated the proposal was placed on the June/July agenda for discussion. Mark asked what’s the premise of the change in format was. Joe, Dr. Zayas and Chris Joyce explained more rationale on streamlining meetings and getting CAC discussion and vote before athletic council meetings.

Joe reminded everyone votes for action items will take place at the end of the meeting when coordinators are dismissed. He stated we have 10 voting members today. His vote will not count as a staff member even though he is filling in as chair. He noted girls flag football meeting occurred yesterday and numerous new proposals came out of that committee including a bid recommendation. He noted the boys basketball coordinator will not be available for the call today so he will cover the proposal.

PROPOSALS

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

Girls Basketball Regional Rotation 2024-28 – Coordinator Tim Lincoln explained the proposal. Kathy asked if they were seeking it through 2028 even though Executive Committee has only approved one year

regional rotations. Joe stated he informed Tim the trend was one year and they offered the full regional rotation through 2028 anyway. Susan recommended going one year with the motion. Adam clarified if it was rejected would they have back up? Dr Zayas confirmed there would be.

MOTION by Jamie to accept the proposal but with an amendment. He supports the proposal through 2024. SECOND by Carlos. CARRIED 10-0.

Boys Basketball Regional Rotation 2024 – Assistant Director Joe Altieri explained the proposal and the reasons why there was a change in the rotation since June/July. No questions/concerns were raised.

MOTION by Deb to support the proposal. SECOND by Adam. CARRIED 10-0.

Softball Regional Rotation 2024-2028 - Coordinator Jim Wright explained the proposal and why there were revisions since June/July. He noted it was revised so 16 teams in each class can be accounted for and fill the brackets. It also addressed small school issues. Eileen expressed a concern about the philosophy of 2nd and 3rd place teams getting beat in Sectionals and going to Regionals. The proposal nearly had the same number of 2nd and 3rd place team as champions. Todd asked if this was an effort to try to achieve equity. Jim stated it was. Eileen opposed adding 49 teams to the regional postseason. Jim indicated it's a huge change but addresses equity with sub-regionals. Joe noted softball was charged with developing a six-class rotation and address equity over the last several months. Softball did so and nobody expressed concerns about the proposal at the Central Committee meeting. Todd asked if it falls within the championship philosophy of 5-8% of all participating teams. The proposal does not (its at 16%). Todd asked if the rotation can mimic Class AA regional rotation for Class AAA. Eileen noted with all the moving parts in six classes, we need to experience a year of that first. Joe offered to work with Jim immediately following the meeting on updating the proposal to mirror Class AA for 2024 only. He recognized many athletic council meetings have already occurred or are coming up quickly before the next Executive Committee meeting.

MOTION by Jamie to support the proposal. SECOND by Adam. DEFEATED 1-8. (Susan in favor)

Boys/Girls Tennis Seed Team State Tournament - Coordinator Quan Hyunh explained the proposal. No questions/concerns were raised.

MOTION by Jamie to support the proposal. SECOND by Kathy CARRIED. 10-0.

Boys Team Tennis Move to 2-3 Format for D2 - Coordinator Quan Hyunh explained the proposal. Kathy asked about formats for this year for girls tennis in November. Quan stated girls are 3/4 in D1 and 3/2 in D2 this fall. Deb asked why the 6-4 vote. Quan explained four sections were opposed to the emphasis on doubles. Some sections voted on quality of teams in their sections because they run formats that cater to strong singles players. Since the NYSPHSAA Individual Tennis Championships already caters to elite individuals, the move to 2/3 for D2 would cater to team play.

MOTION by Deb to support the proposal. SECOND by Carlos. CARRIED 8-2 (Kathy & Mark opposed).

Boys Tennis Move to 3-4 Format for D1 - Coordinator Quan Hyunh explained the proposal. No questions/concerns were raised.

MOTION by Eileen to support the proposal. SECOND by Deb. CARRIED 9-1 (Kathy opposed).

Indoor Track Qualifying Standards- Coordinators Kristin Frazer and Bob Wallen explained the proposal. No questions/concerns were raised.

MOTION by Josh to support the proposal. SECOND by Kathy. CARRIED 10-0.

Indoor Track 2nd Division for Relays- Coordinators Kristin Frazer and Bob Wallen explained the proposal. Susan asked about the effective start date and the timeline for discussion/proposal at the next Executive Committee. Kristin noted they respect the timeline and process and seek implementation for 2024-25.

MOTION by Adam to support the proposal. SECOND by Jamie. CARRIED 10-0.

Boys Volleyball 2-Day State Tournament – Coordinator John Coletta explained the proposal. Deb asked if they took into account the number of teams in each section in each division to ensure there were a sufficient amount and teams were committed to go. John indicated that was not taken into account. His committee was interested in having all sections represented at states. Deb asked if a team does not elect to go, what happens. John responded, there would be a three-team pool at states. Todd asked if the committee considered bracketed play for boys. John said they were overwhelmingly opposed to it. They wanted more opportunity for teams/athletes to play. He gave an example of baseball traveling a long way for states and after one game would go home. They wanted more participation at states.

MOTION by Kathy to support the proposal. SECOND by Josh. CARRIED 10-0.

Officials Fees & Policies – Girls Basketball Request – Assistant Director Todd Nelson explained the proposal. Tim Lincoln and Eileen Troy added information to it. No questions/concerns were raised.

MOTION by Josh to support the proposal. SECOND by Deb. CARRIED 10-0.

Officials Fees & Policies – Flag Football Request – Assistant Director Todd Nelson explained the proposal. No questions/concerns were raised.

MOTION by Mark to support the proposal. SECOND by Kathy. CARRIED 10-0.

Flag Football Classification – Assistant Director Todd Nelson explained the proposal. Todd noted they are 16 teams away from a third division (Section 2 and 3 only have 5, 6 teams respectively and are expected to add more in 2024-25). The committee will ask for a third class in the near future.

MOTION by Deb to support the proposal. SECOND by Susan. CARRIED 10-0.

Flag Football Regional Rotations – Assistant Director Todd Nelson explained the proposal. Mark asked how confident Todd is that this will work. Todd believes it's a sound plan. Susan stated she appreciates the committee considering the equity of sub-regionals. Deb asked about the host sections being flipped for 2025 if approved. Todd responded yes, they will be.

MOTION by Josh to support the proposal. SECOND by Adam. CARRIED 10-0.

Outdoor Track 3rd Division – This proposal was inadvertently left off the agenda and then distributed following the meeting. Feedback was provided by several CAC members including some in support of the proposal, some concerned with finances, some concerned with a championship venue big enough for three divisions. The proposal will be placed on the October 18th Executive Committee agenda for discussion. It will also be placed on the January CAC and February Executive Committee meetings for vote and will not be delayed for consideration/vote.

FOR REVIEW/INPUT/CHAMPIONSHIP SITE SELECTIONS:

Girls Basketball Championship Site Selection 2025-27– Assistant Director Joe Altieri explained the lone bid submitted by Hudson Valley CC. He indicated both staff and state committee agreed on HVCC as the recommendation. CAC expressed no concerns with the staff and committee recommendation.

Boys Wrestling Dual Meet Championship Site Selection 2025-27– Assistant Director Joe Altieri explained the lone bid submitted by Onondaga CC (SRC Arena). He indicated both staff and state committee agreed on OCC as the recommendation. CAC expressed no concerns with the staff and committee recommendation.

Boys Ice Hockey Championship Site Selection 2025-27– Assistant Director Joe Altieri explained the lone bid submitted by LECOM Harborcenter. He indicated both staff and state committee agreed on LECOM Harborcenter as the recommendation. CAC expressed no concerns with the staff and committee recommendation.

Girls Golf Championship Site Selection 2025-27– Assistant Director Joe Altieri explained the two bids submitted by Wild Wood Country Club and The College Course at Delhi. He indicated both staff and state committee agreed on Wild Wood as the recommendation. CAC expressed no concerns with the staff and committee recommendation.

Flag Football Championship Site Selection 2024-26 – Assistant Director Joe Altieri explained the three bids submitted by Buffalo, Cortland and Nassau County. He indicated both staff and state committee agreed on Cortland as the recommendation. CAC expressed no concerns with the staff and committee recommendation.

INFORMATIONAL:

Girls Wrestling Championships – Todd reported girls wrestling committee recommended week #33 or #34 as the week for the State Tournament starting in 2025. Staff surveyed the girls and boys committees to discuss and it was felt the best week was week #34 as the date. This is the day before the boys individual state tournament at the MVP Arena. He noted the pros and cons of week #34.

Softball State Championships 2024 – Dr. Zayas reported on the change to the Softball State Championships from Moriches Athletic Complex to Martha Avenue Rec Park (both in Section XI). He noted this was necessary due to many concerns about the tournament being hosted at a baseball/softball complex. The officers had to approve this immediately due to the time sensitive nature of the issue which included a Title IX investigation.

2023-28 Championship Dates & Sites – Joe noted the updated championship documents in the packet noting the championship recommendations above.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Josh. SECOND by Kathy. CARRIED 8-0 (2 voting members could not stay until the very end of the meeting). The meeting adjourned at 12:47 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by NYSPHSAA liaison Joe Altieri; reviewed/approved on 9/29/23 by CAC Chair, CAC members and the NYSPHSAA Executive Director prior to distribution.

Next Meetings:

Wednesday, January 10, 2024 @ 10:00 am

Tuesday, April 9, 2024 @ 1:00 pm

Tuesday, June 18, 2024 @ 10:00 am

APPENDIX K



BASEBALL PRE-SEASON REPORT 2024

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BASEBALL Chairperson: Rob Parry C: (716) 982-7090				
Notification of non-participation in sectionals				
Event & Class		Date	Rain Dates	Location & Time
Last day for league play		May 15th		
Seeding Meeting		May 15th		Virtual @ 8:00 pm
Pre-Quarters:	All Classes	May 17th	May 18th	Higher Seed - 5:00 pm
Quarters:	B1, B2, C, D	May 20th	May 21st	Higher Seed - 5:00 pm
Quarters:	AAA, AA, A1, A2	May 21st	May 22nd	Higher Seed - 5:00 pm
Semifinals:	B1, B2, C, D	May 22nd	May 23rd	Higher Seed - 5:00 pm
Semifinals:	AAA, AA, A1, A2	May 23rd	May 24th	Higher Seed - 5:00 pm
Finals:	All Classes	May 25th	May 26th	Locations & Times TBD
Finals/ Crossover		May 28th	May 29th	Locations & Times TBD
Regionals		June 1st	June 2nd	Locations & Times TBD
States:	June 7-8 in Binghamton, NY			

Committee Meeting Date(s)

- Spring Coaches Meeting – Wednesday, March 8th @ 6:30 pm
- Seeding Meeting – Wednesday, May 15th @ 8:00 pm

Sectionals

Class AAA - 3 schools
 Class AA - 15 schools
 Class A -25 schools
 Class B - 21 schools
 Class C - 12 schools
 Class D - 5 schools

Changes in Policy/Practice for the upcoming season:

- Possible change in the tiebreaker rules for seeding teams during sectional play (see below).
- Possible change to the sectional format for classes with 4 or fewer schools (see below).
- Possible change in the rules for splitting of classes for sectional play. Under a proposal from Girls Basketball the splitting of classes would not occur until after an approved opt out date. For baseball, that date would be Monday, May 15th.
- Start of a two year pilot of the 4/5/6 points model to determine sectional seeding.

Rule Changes for 2024

- Possible implementation of the NFHS approved speed up rule permitting courtesy runners for the pitcher and catcher.
- Possible implementation of the NFHS approved rule allowing electronic communication devices from dugout to catchers.
- All rule changes will be discussed and voted on at the state baseball meeting in January.

Respectfully Submitted 10/18/23
Robert Parry, Section VI Baseball Sport Chairman

Baseball Tiebreaker Proposal

Concern:

The current tiebreaker rules are too general and don't take into account the various differences between sports. This leads to several seeds being determined by coin flip and not by the performance of the teams.

Proposal:

The baseball committee believes that the following tiebreaker rules are more appropriate to baseball and will reduce the need to determine seeding by coin flip.

1. Overall league winning percentage
2. Head to head results
3. Head to head run differential, not to exceed 10 runs in a given game
4. Results versus common opponent
5. Coin flip

Rationale:

To put in place a tiebreaker system that is more sport specific and takes into account aspects of the sport that have a direct impact on seeding.

Baseball Championship Series Proposal

Concern:

As a result of adding a sixth class (AAA), 2 problems exist in our current sectional tournament model:

1. Schools that compete in classes with 4 or fewer schools are spending a significant amount of time waiting between games.
2. A school could win a sectional championship only competing in one game.

Proposal:

Due to the addition of a sixth class (AAA) and redistribution of teams among the remaining classes, we propose a best of three championship series to determine a sectional champion in classes with 4 or fewer schools.

The structure of this championship series would be as follows:

1. Each team would compete in a play-in game during the pre-quarter round of sectionals. In this round the number 1 seed would play the 4 seed and the 2 seed would play the 3 seed. Games would be played at higher seeded schools.
 - a. If there are only 3 teams in the class, the number 1 seed would automatically move to the championship series and the 2 seed and 3 seed would compete in a play-in game.
 - b. If there are only 2 teams in the class, both teams would move to the championship series.
2. Game 1 of the championship series would be played at the higher seeded school during the quarter final round of sectional play.
3. Game 2 of the championship series would be played at the lower seeded school during the semi-final round of sectional play.
4. If necessary, the final game of the championship series would be played at a neutral site on our sectional championship day. The site would be determined by the baseball committee.

Rationale:

The committee believes that this proposal would create a competitive balance between the schools in small classes and thus produce the best possible Sectional Champion.



SOFTBALL PRE-SEASON REPORT 2024 Chairperson: Jay Hall

Committee members (voting*)

Chairman

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[meeting called to order by chairperson hall at 8:45 AM](#)

Jay Hall notified committee that he is no longer coaching at Hilbert so his yahoo email
Needs to be used'

Present Jay Hall, Jesse Beers, Shawn Gnadzinski, Brianna Hazelton. Chris Durr Dan Selig, Jeffrey Kryszczuk,
Cheryl
O'Connor and Marlene Stone

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Old Business

Discussion on umpires. Coaches need to rate umpires good and bad.

New Business

Committee meeting date(s)

League cut off date to schedule games is Wednesday May 15th

Seeding meeting May 15 7:00 PM Depew Middle School

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

Read email from Mark about seeding meeting date of Wednesday May 15th

And leaving the 16th as a buffer date.

Number of Schools Participating/Sectional Alignments

We are planning on splitting the A,B classes Waiting to hear if we can wait until

After opt out to split.

6 classifications

2-day state tournament

If we do not have to split class A and or B we will move quarters to the semi date and so forth

Eliminating the crossover game.

Depew, Grand Island, Frontier, Williamsville East, Alleghany Limestone and Gowanda sites were discussed with all agreeing that they are excellent Sites.

Continue to report scores and rate umpires on the website. This is a must

As Buffalo news does not report scores.

No non preferred list will be accepted again this year

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

CCAA – 12 after 5

NFL- 12 after 5

NO- 12 after v5

ECIC- 12 after 5

Buffalo- 10 after 5

This was agreed to again

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

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

Before setting dates consideration was given to possible Sunday practices, Memorial day weekend, Proms and umpire availability

Post Season Information *SUBJECT TO CHANGE

SOFTBALL Chairperson: Jay Hall C: 481-1587				
			Rain Dates	
League Cut-Off		Wed May 15		7:00pm Prior to seeding meeting
Seeding Meeting		Wed May 15		7:00pm Depew Middle School
Pre-Quarters	All classes	Fri May 17	Next day	Higher Seed – Time 5:00 pm
Quarter Finals	All Classes	Sat May 18	Next day	Higher Seed- Time Noon
Semi-Finals	A1 A2	Mon May 20	Next day	Higher Seed-Time 5:00 pm
Semi-Finals	B1 B2	Tues May 21	Next Day	Higher Seed Time 5:00 pm
Semi-Finals	AA C D	Wed May 22	Next day	Higher Seed- Time 5:00
Finals	A1 A2	Wed May 22	Next Day	At Williamsville East High School 5:00 @ 7:00 pm
Finals	B1 B2	Thurs May 23	Next Day	At Grand Island or Gowanda if 2 southern schools High School 5:00 @ 7:00 pm
Semi-finals	AAA	Thurs May 23	Next day	Higher seed Time 5:00 PM
Finals	AA, AAA	Tues May 28	Next day	At Grand Island Time 5:00 and 7:00 PM
Finals	C D	Tues May 28	Next day	At Alleghany Limestone High School C 5:00 D 7:00
Crossover	A,B	Wed May 29	Next day	At Williamsville East High School 5:00 7:00 pm
Regionals	C,D	Fri May 31	TBD	At Section 5
Regionals	AAA,AA,A,B	Sat June 1	TBD	At section VI TBD
States	All classes	Fri Sat June 7-8	Next Day	In Long Island
Sites are being	confirmed			

Other dates:

Rosters on web site by March 23rd

Opt out of sectionals Wednesday May 8th 2024

Preferred umpire list due May 9th

Respectfully submitted

Jay Hall, Section VI Softball Chairman



BOYS LACROSSE PRE-SEASON REPORT 2024

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Committee meeting date(s)

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

In attendance: Ed Greenway- Section 6, Class B-Andy Behm, Class C- Jim Maisano Class D Ray Logan, Larry Catalano Class A and other coaches will be present to finalize nonleague and league game schedules.

Post - Season Information

BOYS LACROSSE Chairperson: Ed Greenway(w) 716-866-5458		
Last day for league play	Wed. May 15	
Seeding Meeting	Wed. May 15	Zoom meeting
Play-in Round (if needed)	Fri. May 17	Higher Seed
Quarterfinals	Mon. May 20	Higher Seed
Semifinals	Wed May 22	Higher Seed
Finals	Fri. May 24 5pm/7:30 pm C/D Finals Tues May 28 5pm/7:30 pm A/B Finals	West Seneca West HS West Seneca West HS
*Western Out bracket *Buffalo* 2024	Wed. May 29	Williamsville East HS

	Class C and D vs Rochester winners 5/7:30 pm	
Far West Regionals	Sat. June 1	Williamsville East HS Class A/B TBA Sect 4 host winner of out bracket Class C/D Sect 5/6 TBA
West State Semifinals	Wed. June 5	Cortland State
State Finals	Sat. June 8	Hofstra University LI

- All schedules will be done by Varsity Head Coach including JV schedule and sent in proper format to Ed Greenway and Joe Jablonski by Dec. 18, 2023. Nonleague scheduling meeting will be on Nov. 7, 2023 7pm at Williamsville East HS
- Modified Lacrosse Schedules will be compiled by Ryan Komarmi Modified Chairman January 2024 If you do not plan to have a modified program please let Ryan or Ed Greenway know. Thank you

Changes in Policy/Practice for the upcoming season

NYS will be looking at implementing a shot clock for all VARSITY lacrosse games in spring of 2025 season

Rule Changes for 2024

Will be approved – if any – and placed in 2024handbook

Other Pertinent Data from State Meeting TBA spring 2024

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

Respectfully submitted 10/25/2023

Ed Greenway, Section VI Boys Lacrosse Sport Chair

SECTION VI PRE-SEASON REPORT

Girls Lacrosse 2024

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October 2023

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2024 GLAX Calendar

First Pract.....	March 11th
First Scrimmage/Contest -- after athlete completes 6 individual practices (earliest is).....	March 18th
League Game Cut Off Date.....	May 16th
Last Non-Conference Game.....	May 16th
Seeding.....	May 16th
Post Season Meeting	June 3rd

Memorial Day: 5/27/23

ACT Exams:

SAT Exams:

Post Season Information

GIRLS LACROSSE Chairpersons: Richard Schmitt (w) 716-440-6204			
Playoff Seeding		May 16th	No meeting, emails will be sent
Pre Quarters	C only	May 17th	Higher seed 4:45 pm
Quarterfinals	A,B,C,D	May 20th	Higher Seed 4:45 pm
Semifinals	A,B,C,D	May 22th	Higher Seed 4:45 pm
Finals	A,B,C,D	May 28 & 29th	TBD
Far West Regionals	A,B,C,D	June 1st	Rochester: TBD Class: A, B, C, D
State Tournament		June 7th & 8th	SUNY Cortland (Section 3)
Senior All-Star Contest		TBD	

2023 Regular Season:

2024 Conference Alignment: 30 Teams			
Conference 1 (7)	Conference 2 (7)	Conference 3 (8)	Conference 4 (8)
Lancaster (A)	WSW (B)	Kenmore (A)	Niagara Falls (A)
Orchard Park (A)	Lewport (C)	Sweet Home (B)	City Honors/Buf. Public (A)
Clarence (B)	Will South (C)	Lockport (B)	Iroquois (C)
N. Wheat (B)	Grand Island (C)	Will North (B)	WSE (C)
Frontier (B)	Eden (D)	Will East (C)	Newfane (D)
Hamburg (C)	East Aurora (D)	Starpont (C)	Depew (D)
Lake Shore (C)	Salamanca (D)	Amherst (C)	Springville (D)
		North Tonawanda (C)	Gowanda (D)

Each team will play teams in their conference for a conference champion. The team with the best conference record (**against teams in their own conference**) will win. Therefore, there will be 4 Conference Champions (C1, C2, C3, and C4).

Conference Champion Tie Breaker:		
Conference 1 & 2:		Conference 3 & 4:
1. Head-to-Head		1. Head-to-Head
		2. Head- to- Head Goal Differential

Playoff Seeding by Class:

Games on your current schedule that are played against other teams in **Your Class** will count for your playoff seeding. (A v A, B v B, C v C and D v D). The team with the best record against class opponents between **Conference 1 and Conference 2 will be the highest seed. The team with the best class record in conference 3 will be seeded next, followed by conference 4.**

2024 ECIC BEDS & Classes

Class A: (1060+) 5 teams	Class B: (775-1059) 7 teams	Class C: (464-774) 11 teams	Class D: (<463) 7 Teams
Niagara Falls -1547	Frontier -1035	North Tonawanda -749	Depew - 402
Kenmore -1467 (645 + 822)	Lockport -1007	Hamburg - 747	Springville - 401
Lancaster -1230	Williamsville North - 981	Williamsville East - 711	East Aurora - 371
Orchard Park -1083	Clarence - 936	Starpoint - 699	Newfane - 315
City Honors/Buffalo	Niagara Wheatfield - 872	Grand Island - 666	Salamanca - 288
	West Seneca West - 830	Amherst - 650	Eden - 282
	Sweet Home - 789	Williamsville South - 573	Gowanda - 221
		West Seneca East - 557	
		Lake Shore - 512	
		Lewport - 474	
		Iroquois - 467	

Games on your current schedule that are played against other teams in **Your Class** will count for your playoff seeding. (A v A, B v B, C v C and D v D). The team with the best record against class opponents between **Conference 1 and Conference 2 will be the highest seed. The team with the best class record in conference 3 will be next, followed by conference 4.**

Tie Breaker procedure for Playoff Seeding:

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

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

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

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

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

Class Seeding Break Down:

Class:	Con 1 & 2:	Playoff Seed:	Con. 3	Playoff Seed:	Con. 4:	Playoff Seed:
A	2 Team	1 - 2 Seeds	1 Team	# 3 Seed	2 teams	4 & 5 seeds
B	4 Teams	1 - 4 Seeds	3 Teams	5 - 7 Seeds	No Teams	-----
C	5 Teams	1 - 5 Seeds	4 Teams	6 - 9 Seeds	2 Teams	10 - 11 Seeds
D	3 Teams	1 - 3 Seeds	No Teams	-----	4 Teams	4 - 7 Seeds

Class A: 5 teams: Quarters: 1 - 3 Bye, 4 v 5
 Semifinals: 1 v winner (4 v 5), 2 v 3
 Championship:

Class B: 7 teams: Quarters: 1 - Bye, 2 v 7, 3 v 6, 4 v 5
 Semifinals: (1) v winner (4 v 5), winner (2 v 7) v winner (3 v 6).
 Championship

Class C: 11 teams: Pre-quarterfinals: 1 – 5 Bye, 6 v 11, 7 v 10, 8 v 9
 Quarters: 1 v winner (8 v 9), 2 v winner (7 v 10), 3 v winner (6 v 11), 4 v 5
 Semifinals: winner (1 v 8/9) v Winner (4 v 5), Winner (2 v 7/10) v winner (3 v 6/11)
 Championship

Class D: 7 Teams: Quarters: 1 -Bye, 2 v 7, 3 v 6, 4 v 5
 Semifinal: 1 v winner (4 v 5), winner (2 v 7) v winner (3 v 6)
 Championship

Respectfully submitted
Richard Schmitt
Section VI Sports chair

Boys Tennis 2024 Pre-Season Report

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First Day of Practice: 3/11/24

Preseason Meeting: 3/6/24

Deadline for opting out of team sectionals- May 7th

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

All schools are invited to play in Team Sectionals by filing a separate Team Sectional Commitment to Compete form and submitting it to the league chairperson by Monday May 7th

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 11th They would have two semifinals and a final. Matches not completed would be continued May 16th till conclusion.

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

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

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

Commitment to Compete Form:

Team Commitment to Compete Form as well as mandatory UTR.

Post Season Information:.		
	<u>Date</u>	<u>Site</u>
Team Sectionals	5/14-17	Neutral sites TBD
Team Sectional Finals	5/18	@OPHS
Team Regionals	TBD	Section V
Team Finals	6/7	National Tennis Center
Individual Sectionals	5/21-24	@OPHS
Individual States	5/30- 6/1	National Tennis Center

Changes in Policy/Practice for the upcoming seas. Qn:

Rule Changes/Points of Emphasis for 2023:

Mandatory use of UTR

Other Pertinent Data:

Respectfully submitted by
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**FLAG FOOTBALL 2024
PRE-SEASON REPORT
Chairperson: Marissa Dauria**

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Committee meeting dates: October 18, 2023, November 15, 2023 and January 24, 2024

Classification Breakdown - Blue is D1, yellow is D2

# of Teams	Section	School	School Enrollment Number
1	6	Niagara Falls	1547
2	6	West Seneca/East Seneca	1387
3	6	Lancaster	1230
4	6	Jamestown	1091
5	6	Orchard Park High School	1083
6	6	Frontier	1035
7	6	Williamsville North	981
8	6	Clarence	936
9	6	Niagara Wheatfield	872
10	6	Sweet Home	789
1	6	North Tonawanda	749

2	6	Hamburg	747
3	6	Williamsville East	711
4	6	Grand Island	666
5	6	Amherst Central	650
6	6	Williamsville South	573
7	6	Maritime Charter School/Tapestry Charter	542
8	6	Cheektowaga Central	513
9	6	Pioneer Central Schools	513
10	6	Lewiston-Porter	474
11	6	Dunkirk City School District	462
12	6	Lackawanna	410
13	6	Depew	402
14	6	Fredonia High School	339
15	6	Akron	336
16	6	Health Sciences Charter School	335
17	6	Buffalo Academy Of Science	332
18	6	Southwestern Central	317
19	6	Cassadaga Valley Central School	182
20	6	Chautauqua Lake	176
21	6	J.F.K. Bears	176
22	6	Franklinville	132
23	6	Holland	TBA

Alignments: Drafts: [Flag Football Division Drafts 2024](#)

- will be finalized by Dec 1, 2023

First Day of Practice:

3/11/24

Preseason Meeting:

3/6/24 6:30 p.m. on zoom

Post Season Information

2024 Post Season Calendar		
Event	Date	Location & Time
Preseason Meeting	3/6/24	6:30 pm on zoom
First practice date	3/11/24	
First league game date	4/9/24	
Opt out of sectionals	5/10/24	in writing to chairperson by 12:00pm
Last day for league play	5/10/24	

Seeding Mtg		5/11/24	10:00 am on zoom
Event	Class		
Pre-Quarters:	D1/D2	5/13/24	7pm at higher seed
Quarters:	D1/D2	5/15/24	7pm at higher seed
Semifinals:	D1/D2	5/17/24	7pm at higher seed
Finals:	D1/D2	5/20/24	TBA at 7pm
Crossovers:	D2	5/22/24	TBA
Regionals:	D1/D2	5/25/24	TBA
States:	D1/D2	6/1/24, 6/2/24	TBA
Post Season Meeting		6/5/24	6:30 pm on zoom

Changes in Policy/Practice for the upcoming season - TBA

- *will be finalized in February 2024*

Rule Changes/Points of Emphasis for 2024 – TBD

- *will be finalized in February 2024*

Football Rules Changes – 2024

- *will be finalized by February 2024*

Other Pertinent Data – Schedule to be released no later than 2/1/24

Respectfully submitted 10/30/23
Marissa Dauria



GIRLS GOLF PRE-SEASON REPORT Golf Girls 2023-2024

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.

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Section VI Meeting Date(s): March 2024 TBD

May 20, 2024 Section VI Championships Coaches Meeting

State Qualifier:	Monday, May 20, 2024	Gowanda Country Club
States:	June 1-2-3, 2024	The Edison Club Rexford, NY (Section 2)

Number of Schools Participating/ Sectional Alignments: 19 Schools Total

FALL:	BPS: City Honors, Hutch-Tech, Olmsted, South Park, ECIC Schools: Clarence, Depew, East Aurora, Lancaster, Orchard Park, Starpoint, Tonawanda, Williamsville East, Williamsville North, Williamsville South ***Possible Sweethome for '24/'25
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:
Alden, Dunkirk, Holland, Ellicottville, Medina, Newfane, Pioneer, Royhart, Sweethome, Wilson.*

Changes in Policy/Practice for 2023-2024: None

Special Reminder: Girls that compete on their school's Boys Varsity Golf Team may qualify for post-season 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 2023-2024: 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



PRE-SEASON REPORT Outdoor Track 2024

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Committee meeting date(s)

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

2024 Pre Season Information

Class Meets AA-A-B-C-D	Wed.-Sat. May 22,23 24,25	Times & Sites TBA: Wed-Sat May 22-25
State Qualifier entry close date	Sun. May 26	10:00 pm.
Scratch & Correction Deadline	Tues. May 28	10:00 am.
State Qualifier	Fri.-Sat. May 31 & June 1	12 noon Friday –10:00 Saturday, Site TBA
States:	Fri.-Sat. June 7 &8	11:00 a.m. Fri & 10:00 am Sat. – Cicero North Syracuse (Section 3)

Number of Schools Participating / Sectional Alignments

There are two divisions as set up by the state:

Division I – 600 and up – approximately 24 schools

Division II – up to 599 – approximately 60 schools

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

Changes in Policy/Practice for the upcoming season**Rule Changes for 2023-2324 – taken from NFHS –****Points of Emphasis****Other Pertinent Data**

- All Class Meet Online Entries will close on Monday May 20th at 10:00 pm.
- 5 Section VI Class Meets will be contested Wednesday May 22nd through Saturday May 25th at various sites with a class champion for each meet.
- Section VI State Qualifier Meet: Online Entries will close Sunday, May 26th at 10:00 pm with final scratches on Tuesday, May 28th by 10:00 am.
- Qualifiers for the State Meet – The champion in each event from each division, plus the 2nd place finisher from each division with a state standard qualifying time, distance, or height. Anyone qualifying with the Super Standard will also go if they compete in the qualifying event at the State Qualifier Meet and did not place in the top two in their event.
- The 2024 New York State Track & Field Championships will be held on June 7th and 8th at Cicero North Syracuse High School in Section 3. Travel and lodging arrangements are being made and we will have three busses plus an addition vehicle if needed traveling to Cicero on Thursday June 6th and returning on Saturday, June 8th.

Respectfully submitted 10/25/2023,
Justin Craddock (Boys) and Walt McLaughlin (Girls)
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UNIFIED BASKETBALL PRE-SEASON REPORT 2024 Chairperson: Doug Ames

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Committee meeting date(s)

Unified Bowling Coaches Pre Season Meeting - December 06, 2023 / E1BOCES B-1 / 5-6:30 PM
Unified Basketball Coaches Pre Season Meeting - March 07, 2024 / E1BOCES B-1 / 5 - 6:30 PM
Unified End of the Year Meeting - June 19, 2024 / E1BOCES / 5 - 6:30 PM

Season Information (Subject to Change)

Unified Basketball		
Event	Date	Location & Time
Practice begins	3/11/2024	
Scrimmage date	4/23/24	Note; To be determined by each league or division
Games begin	4/24 - 5/24/24	
Opt out date	5/20/24	
First Round of Play-Offs	5/28/24	
Culmination Event	5/30/24	
Youth Activation Summit	Fall 2023 - WNY SO	South: Fredonia10/06/23 North: TBD

Number of Schools Participating

Buffalo: 5 / ECIC: 21
NFL: 8 / NO: 3
CCA: 12
Section 5: Pembroke "Independent Schedule"

Changes in Policy/Practice for the upcoming season

1. Scrimmage sites / teams for 2024 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

Other Pertinent Data

1. NYSPHSAA & NYSO video review by all working officials and coaches
2. Schools failing to adhere to Opt-out date are subject to consequences
3. Unified Teams alternating rules or regulations are subject to violations
4. Schedule / Alignment - League Sport not Federated as per 9/23 AC mtg.
5. Unified All - Star Basketball Special Event for Athletes & Partners

Respectfully submitted 1030/23
Doug Ames, Section VI Unified Sports Chair

APPENDIX L

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS SIGNIFICANT CHANGES

SECTION VI CONSTITUTION

COMMITTEE: Adam Bennett, Salamanca, Chautauqua Cattaraugus Athletic Association
Nathan Bourke, Kenmore East, Niagara Frontier League
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CHAIR: Brett Banker, Past President, Executive Committee

Background:

The committee has met three times. Members were given a copy of the Constitution as well as the Bylaws and Policy Manual. Each committee representative was asked to discuss the document and any prospective changes with their leagues. Each rep/league was given the opportunity to provide feedback including revisions, to the committee. That feedback was presented at an in-person meeting.

All suggestions were shared with the Executive Committee at two different meetings. The Executive Committee supported the following:

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

#Article 4: It is the expectation of all council members that they communicate action items and the results of said items, to their constituents.

#Article 4: All Section VI committees will be made up of one voting member from each league.

#Article 6: It is the expectation of the Athletic Council and Executive Committee that leagues MUST assign a female to the role of Girls Representative, unless there are extenuating circumstances. Those circumstances must be submitted annually to the Executive Director

#Article 6: For business to occur, four (4) of the five (5) Leagues must be represented by two or more of their four representatives.

#Article 8: Each league will have representation on the Executive Committee. If a league is not represented within the confines of the seven positions included in the Committee, that league will be asked to recommend to the members of the Executive Committee, a person to sit in an At-Large position. The At-Large representatives will have full voting privileges while serving on the Executive Committee. At-Large terms are for one year.

If at any point, a league does, through election or appointment, have a person join the Executive Committee, the At-Large position will be vacated immediately.

#The Past President sitting on the Executive Committee would become a full voting member on all action items. Currently the Past President sits in an ex-officio role and cannot make motions, second other motions or vote.

TIMEFRAME MOVING FORWARD

- 1) The revised Constitution will be an Action Item for the Council's November Meeting. Changes will be effective beginning with fiscal year 2024-25.
- 2) The standing committee will schedule sessions to begin reviewing the 2) Bylaws and 3) Policy Manual.
- 3) Goal is to present the first reading of the Bylaws at the January AC Meeting with a vote in March.
- 4) Goal is to present the first reading of the Policy Manual at the March AC Meeting with a vote in May.

**NEW YORK STATE
PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION**

SECTION VI CONSTITUTION

SEPTEMBER, 1995

**Revised September 2007 - Approved June 30, 2008
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Revised 2023-24**

**Section VI website:
www.section6.e1b.org**

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Philosophy of Section VI

~~A united action by member schools in Section VI is necessary in order to have a successful athletic program.~~

~~While the athletic program in Section VI strives to exemplify the basic principles of the democracy in which we live by providing for each student athlete an opportunity to progress to the limit of their capabilities and interests, it must also maintain a commitment to excellence.~~

~~We strive to provide student athletes with an environment that promotes wholesome growth and development, stressing our belief in the democratic way of life, encouraging mental and physical alertness and independent thinking. We try to impress the student athletes with the idea that we expect them to do their best.~~

~~It is our philosophy that we should help prepare our student athletes for life and attempt through athletics to provide an educational experience to assist them in becoming contributing members of society.~~

~~Utilizing this philosophy, it is the firm belief of Section VI that:~~

- ~~1. ALL students are important and meeting the needs of these students is the challenge to all within the educational community.~~
- ~~2. In meeting the needs of the many different public schools of our Section, we must provide interscholastic athletics and coordinated services that are controlled by schools, leagues and the Section.~~
- ~~3. Each school is expected to appreciate the fact that everyone cannot be totally satisfied on any given issue but that all schools through a viable system of representation can help to develop the pattern for sound educational policies for interscholastic athletics.~~
- ~~4. It is of primary importance to delegate authority in this complex program and it is this delegated leadership that helps to set the pattern for a "State Wide" program of athletics.~~

Mission Statement

It shall be the purpose of Section VI to formulate, adopt, and implement policies that will enable the Section to administer and govern interscholastic athletics in a safe and appropriate manner in accordance with the New York State Education Department, the New York State Public High School Athletic Association and Section VI. Further, it is the Section's commitment to work collaboratively with all members and with a goal of inclusivity in all of the association's work.

Core Values that guide the decisions made by Section VI

- * Interscholastic activities programming is part of the wider educational program. Educational programs are created to develop the learner. Athletics provide opportunities for students to participate in activities that assist in their development socially, intellectually, and emotionally.
- * All students are important and deserve competitions that are a result of coordinated services that are safe, fair and inclusive. The Section VI program of offerings should be broad-based, well planned and designed to honor excellence.
- *The Section will be organized in a manner that ensures a viable and fair system of representation with the goal of making sound educationally-centered decisions. Policy development, assessment, evaluation and future revisions must include opportunity for input from all leagues. Each league must consider a diverse group of representatives when filling committee or otherwise leadership positions.

Goals and Objectives

- *To provide and promote safe and equitable participation opportunities.
- To offer championship programming that encourages and reinforces broad-based opportunities.
- *To foster positive working relationships with all community partners.
- Maintain the standards of eligibility of the NYSPHSAA and State Education Department in an effort to maintain ethically and educationally sound programming
- *To protect the fairness of competitions and ensure that all member schools are competing under the same rules and regulations.
- Provide the means to settle disputed athletic contests or violation of policies amicably and authoritatively
- *To work with all leagues in Section VI to foster continuous professional development and support for all athletic administrators.
- *To offer consistency in services, direction and support to our athletic administrators and to the Executive Directors of each league.
- To conduct athletic championship tournaments that emulate and honor excellence
- Adapt rules to cover sports contests and to support the rule changes creating safer environments for all student-athletes
- Coordinate and work collaboratively with all officials' organizations to enrich our athletes experience and better service member schools.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SUPPORTS

CONSTITUTION

Article 1 - Name

1.1 The name of this organization ~~will~~ shall be Section VI of the New York State Public High School Athletic Association, Incorporated.

1.2 All Athletic Council and Executive Committee meetings will be conducted using Roberts Rules of Order.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SUPPORTS

Article 2 - Purpose

2.1 The public high schools in Section VI will provide a central association through which schools will ~~receive coordinated services, support and oversight~~ ~~cooperate with~~ the following objectives:

~~2.1.1~~ **2.1.4** To strengthen the educational goals of the public schools by ~~developing~~ **fostering and promoting** good sportsmanship and high ideals among contestants, and teams, **coaches, schools and spectators.**

~~2.1.2~~ **2.1.1** To promote a sound athletic program for secondary students and make recommendations in the interest of the general welfare of Section VI athletes.

~~2.1.3~~ **2.1.2** To recognize, strengthen and unify eligibility rules governing participation in inter-school athletics in each league of the Section.

~~2.1.4~~ **2.1.3** To plan for and conduct all sectional athletic activities through its appointed leaders and governing body and arrange **for, necessary,** entrance **to participation** into intersectional and statewide competition.

2.1.5 To enforce the constitution, Bylaws, rules, regulations and game standards adopted by NYSPHSAA, Section VI, **the State Education Department** and the Leagues within the Section.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SUPPORTS

Article 3 - Membership

3.1 In Section VI, a public high school (~~including Charter Schools~~) must be a member of Section VI in order to **also** be a member of the NYSPHSAA. **New Schools that are not yet members must apply through the Section VI Office Athletic Council and will require support from the Athletic Council in the form of a vote of membership.**

~~3.2 Non-public schools will select one (1) representative from the private schools and one (1) representative from the parochial schools to attend Athletic Council meetings as guests of Section VI.~~

~~3.3~~ **3.2** ~~Advisory~~ **Athletic** Council - Superintendents, High School and Middle School Principals, Athletic Directors of member schools are members of the ~~Advisory~~ **Athletic** Council of this Association. ~~and The Council~~ may be convened at the pleasure of the President. ~~They~~ **Council members** are eligible to serve on committees and can make recommendations to the Athletic Council on all matters pertaining to the ~~conduct~~ **oversight and functioning** of interscholastic athletics.

~~3.4~~ **3.3** Member schools of the Section agree to abide by the eligibility rules adopted by the NYSPHSAA Central Committee **and State Education Department.**

~~3.5~~ **3.4** Any school or **school personnel/representative** violating the constitution, Bylaws, amendments, rules, regulations and game standards of the Section may be barred from participation in any of the interschool athletic activities for **up to** a period of one year by the Athletic Council, or the Executive Committee, when the Athletic Council is not in session. Additional penalties may be determined by the Athletic Council as deemed appropriate which may include but are not limited to financial penalties and / or suspension.

3.5 Membership shall require that each school pay applicable dues to Section VI Athletics, NYSPHSAA, Inc.

3.6 Each League is the basis of the organization and represents its member schools.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SUPPORTS

Article 4 - Membership Voting-Representation

~~4.1~~ ~~4.2~~ When determined ~~necessary~~ by the ~~Executive Committee~~ or Athletic Council, member districts ~~will~~ ~~may~~ be called upon to vote by postcard ballot. ~~Ballots will be sent to the Superintendent of Schools.~~ Voting privileges will be based on membership from ~~June 30-July 1 of the current year.~~ Each district will have ~~only~~ one (1) vote on any ~~single~~ proposition. A ~~simple~~ majority of districts voting is required to pass a resolution.

~~4.2~~ ~~4.3~~ Financial matters requiring local Board of Education approval must be ~~submitted brought~~ to a postcard ballot of all member districts ~~schools~~. A majority vote of districts voting is required to pass a resolution.

~~4.3~~ ~~4.1~~ ~~Each member school in good standing must be a member of a league.~~ Each league has four voting representatives on the Athletic Council; a Boys' Representative, Girls' Representative, Principals' Representative and Superintendents' Representative ~~or designee.~~

The Buffalo Public School's may have the Assistant Superintendent for Athletics or their Superintendent of Schools serve in the position of Superintendent's Rep for their group of schools (league).

Each league will choose alternates for each position noted. The Section Office will be notified of these designations by July 1st of each school year and within fifteen (15) days of any change.

It is the expectation of all council members that they communicate action items and the results of said items, to their constituents.

~~4.4~~ ~~Each sport committee~~ All Section VI committees will be made up of ~~have~~ one voting member from each league. ~~In addition, a Sports Chair (not co chair) has a vote on their sport committee~~ The Chair only votes in cases of ties. Assistant Chairs and Co-Chairs do not have any voting privileges.

The representation clause applies to all committees and is not limited to; sports, standing, ad-hoc and selection

4.5 BOCES Superintendent Representation: One Superintendent Representative from each BOCES ~~located within the Section~~ will be a member of the Athletic Council.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SUPPORTS

Article 5 – ~~Athletic Council Officers and Duties~~

5.1 The Athletic Council of Section VI will elect a President and President-Elect. They will be elected at the Annual May Meeting and take office on July 1.

NOTE: The nominating committee will ~~endeavor to~~ **whenever possible** have nominations for the above offices ~~from the respective leagues within the Section~~ on a geographical rotation plan. ~~Three regions – North, South and Central –~~ **The President and President-Elect should be from two of the three regions in sequential rotation if feasible; North, South and Central, in this order.** Additionally, **consideration should be given to a rotation between leagues in each region** ~~should be on an alternating term basis when possible.~~

North: Niagara Frontier League and Niagara Orleans League

South: Chautauqua Cattaraugus Athletic Association

Central: Buffalo Public Schools and Erie County Interscholastic Conference

5.1.1 PRESIDENT

5.1.1.1 Any member of a professional staff of a member school in good standing, who has served in some capacity on the Athletic Council or who has served as President or President-Elect prior to the election, may serve.

5.1.1.2 Term of office - two (2) years.

5.1.1.3 Presides at all meetings and performs such duties as assigned to the Office of President, which will include **providing oversight in** ~~developing and mailing of~~ an agenda to the members of the Athletic Council at least one week in advance of ~~the~~ **each** meeting.

5.1.1.4 Has a voice **and a vote** on all issues ~~and a vote.~~

5.1.1.5 Succeeds to the Presidency from the position of President-Elect.

5.1.1.6 In the event that the President-Elect is unable to serve as President, a special election of the Athletic Council will be held to elect a President.

5.1.1.7 Special Meetings - The President may call special meetings **of committees, committee chairs, the Executive Committee or the Athletic Council** for the purpose of ~~explaining and discussing amendments submitted to member schools or for the purpose of~~ considering the policies and procedures of leagues, federations, **the** Section or **the** State Association.

5.1.2 PRESIDENT-ELECT

5.1.2.1 Any member of a professional staff of a member school in good standing who is League endorsed and has served in some capacity at the Athletic Council level prior to their election may serve.

5.1.2.2 Term of office - two (2) years.

5.1.2.3 Succeeds the President at the expiration of ~~his~~ **the** two-year term.

5.1.2.4 Presides at all meetings in the absence of the President.

NOTE: In the event that both President and President-Elect are absent, a member of the Central Committee, designated by the President, may serve as Chairperson.

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5.1.2.5 ~~Election~~ **Elected** by voting members of the Athletic Council. Has a voice **and a vote** on all issues ~~and a vote~~.

In the event that the position of President-Elect is vacated, a special election by the Athletic Council will be held.

5.1.3 Executive Director

5.1.3.1 This person will report to the ~~Athletic Council~~ Executive Committee of Section VI **which is comprised of the following positions:**

- *President**

- *President Elect**

- *Past President**

- *Superintendent's Representative to the NYSPHSAA Central Committee**

- *Principal's Representative to the NYSPHSAA Central Committee**

- *Boy's Representative to the NYSPHSAA Central Committee**

- *Girl's Representative to the NYSPHSAA Central Committee**

The job description **of the Executive Director** and duties are listed in the Bylaws.

5.1.3.2 ~~Maintains~~ **Has a** voice on all issues but has no vote.

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Article 6 - Athletic Council

6.1 The governing body of the Section VI New York State Public High School Athletic Association will be the Athletic Council.

6.1.1 **LEAGUE OFFICERS** - The officers of the Athletic Council **from each league** will be the same as those elected to office of this Association (Section VI).

6.1.2 **MEMBERS** - The Athletic Council will consist of:

6.1.2.1 President

6.1.2.2 President-Elect

6.1.2.3 Past President

6.1.2.4 Four (4) Central Committee Members

6.1.2.5 League/BOCES Representatives (22)

6.1.2.5.1 Member Schools in Section VI will be represented on a League/BOCES basis as follows, subject to any change approved by the Athletic Council:

6.1.2.4.1.1 Buffalo **Public** League

6.1.2.4.1.2 Chautauqua Cattaraugus Athletic Association

6.1.2.4.1.3 Erie County Interscholastic Conference

6.1.2.4.1.4 Niagara Frontier League

6.1.2.4.1.5 Niagara Orleans League

6.1.2.4.1.6 Superintendent Representative from each BOCES **(4)**
(geographical purposes only).

6.1.2.4.2 New Schools - Schools entering Section VI after September 1, 1976 will be assigned to an appropriate league by the Athletic Council at the first meeting following acceptance by the member schools.

6.1.2.4.3 Number of Representatives - There will be four (4) representatives from each of the leagues selected by the member schools in each league.

6.1.2.4.4 Election of League Representatives

6.1.2.4.4.1 Representatives will be elected to four (4) year terms and will include the following:

6.1.2.4.4.1.1 Boys Rep of Athletics

6.1.2.4.4.1.2 Girls Rep of Athletics

6.1.2.4.4.1.3 Principals Rep

6.1.2.4.4.1.4 Superintendent Rep

6.1.2.4.4.2 The Superintendent Rep and Girls Rep will be elected in the even years and the Boys Rep and Principals Rep will be elected in the odd years.

6.1.2.4.4.3 Superintendents Reps will be appointed by the District Superintendents' respective BOCES and serve a four-year term.

6.1.2.4.4.4 It is the expectation of the Athletic Council and Executive Committee that leagues **MUST** assign a female to the role of Girls Representative, unless there are extenuating circumstances. Those circumstances must be submitted annually to the Executive Director **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SUPPORTS**

6.1.2.4.5 Direct Access - Each of the representatives will be a member of his/her respective group and therefore, would become ineligible to complete the terms of office if job status changes. ~~(The Superintendent from Buffalo may be represented by the Director of Health, Physical Education and Athletics).~~

6.1.2.4.6 Alternates - Each League/BOCES will submit to the Athletic Council President the name of an alternate for each representative who would function as the representative in the event the duly elected representative is unable to attend a meeting of the Athletic Council. This alternate will possess the same qualifications and voting rights as the representative.

6.1.3 Past President - The immediate past-president of this Association will have full voting privileges.

6.1.4 Duties - The Section VI Athletic Council will:

6.1.4.1 Supervise and formulate policies for sectional athletic activities.

6.1.4.2 Review member infractions as brought forth by the appropriate committee

6.1.4.3 Approve the annual budget submitted by the Finance Committee.

6.1.4.4 Have the power to act upon all matters not covered in the Constitution and Bylaws

6.1.5 Superintendent Advisory Council Meetings - Advisory Council meetings of only Superintendents and the Executive Committee may be held at called at any time by the President but should meet prior to the November meeting of the Athletic Council for the purpose of presenting recommendations and/or concerns for future consideration to the Athletic Council. No action can be taken or voted on at these Advisory Council Meetings.

6.1.6 Quorum and Voting Procedures for the Athletic Council Meeting

6.1.6.1 Regular Business may be conducted with fifty (50) percent of the League/BOCES representatives present including Executive Committee and

6.1.6.2 For business to occur, four (4) of the five (5) Leagues must be represented by two or more of their four representatives.

6.1.6.3 A simple majority vote is required for action.

6.1.7 Each member of the Athletic Council who has voting power will have only one vote on any proposition. Voting in absentia is not allowed.

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Article 7 - Section VI Sport Chairperson

7.1 The rotation and appointment of Sport Chairpersons will be as follows and will be the duty of the Executive Director to establish and maintain the rotation for the Athletic Council.

For Fall: Sport chairpersons in football, cross country (B&G), soccer (B&G), field hockey, gymnastics (B&G), volleyball (B&G), swimming (G) and tennis (G) are elected for a three year term.

For Winter: Sport chairpersons in basketball (B&G), bowling (B&G), (B&G) ice hockey, indoor track (B&G), rifle, swimming (B) and wrestling are elected for a three term.

For Spring: Sport chairpersons in baseball, softball, track (B&G), tennis (B), lacrosse (B&G), and golf (B&G) and girls flag football are elected for a three-year term.

7.2 The Sport Chairperson will be appointed to a three (3) year term by the Athletic Council from applicants. The President Elect on the Athletic Council serves as Nominations Chair and will convene interviews for Sports Chair positions. One-third of the Sport Chairpersons will be appointed annually according to the following rotation:

1. Fall Sport Chairpersons
2. Winter Sport Chairpersons
3. Spring Sport Chairpersons

7.3 Any member in good standing, active or retired, of the professional staff of a member school may serve as a Sport Chairperson.

7.4 There will be one Sport Chairperson for each sport (Boys and Girls) and committees may have an assistant Chairperson approved by the Athletic Council.

7.5 Each Sports Committee will have a representative from each participating league.

7.6 The representative members on each sport committee will be appointed by each league and have only one vote per league. Other non-voting members may be selected by the Sport Chairperson.

Federated sport representative members that are appointed by their division, league or school will have only one vote. The Sport Chairs of Federated Sports that have divisions will verify that among division representatives each participating league is represented.

The Sport Chair may only vote when the vote is tied. A Sport Chair who also represents a league can serve in both capacities but will have only one vote.

7.7 Each Sport Chairperson and his representatives are responsible for the organization of their sport and will report to the Executive Director and be subject to review by the Athletic Council. The Chairperson must follow the approved sport rules, rules of the Commissioner of Education and the NYSPHSAA.

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7.8 Each sport chairperson will organize and conduct a ~~sectional~~ **post-season** tournament and enforce the policies and the rules governing each sport as authorized by the Athletic Council. All such rules will be incorporated in the Bylaws of Section VI. Any sport changes must be approved by the Athletic Council.

7.9 Each sport chairperson will prepare a written report of their sport and forward a copy to the Executive Director and State Sport Chairperson of that particular sport not later than twenty (20) days following Section VI playoffs.

7.10 Each sport chairperson will report to the Athletic Council at designated meeting(s). The Sport Chairperson may request placement on the agenda via the Sectional-Intersectional Committee.

7.11 Each sport chairperson will prepare a sports policy booklet which will be updated annually. These policies will be submitted to the Executive Director and Sectional Intersectional Committee for review and forwarded to the Athletic Council for approval.

7.12 The Athletic Council will fill an unexpired term of a sport chairperson.

7.13 Participation in intersectional and statewide contests must be approved by the Athletic Council.

7.14 The sport chairperson will be the official sectional representative of their sport and will make decisions relative to the sport in the best interests of the Section, subject to review by the Athletic Council.

7.15 Each sport chairperson will prepare and present a budget for the following year to the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee will distribute the proposed budget to the Athletic Council at the November meeting with a vote on the proposed budget for the following year to be held at the January meeting.

7.16 Each sport chairperson will develop a description and time line of their duties which will be given to a subsequent chairperson of that sport. A retiring chairperson will be expected to act in an ex-officio capacity for one year.

7.17 The Sport Chairperson will be responsible for securing appropriate **and safe** venues for sectional competition which are prepared according to the sport rule book. **Sports Chairs must do everything they can in the planning stage to help ensure the environment is safe and the facility is appropriate. They will be expected to contact the Executive Director if concerns are warranted.**

7.18 Each sport chairperson will have a games committee for each sectional contest. This committee is authorized to act as a protest committee. Protest procedures must be written and followed.

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Article 8 Executive Committee

8.1 The Executive Committee will consist of the President, President-Elect, the four (4) Central Committee Members, the Executive Director ~~and BOCES Representative~~. The Executive Director ~~and BOCES representative~~ ~~Past President???~~ will be ex-officio and have no vote. The officers and Central Committee members are authorized to vote on all matters of the Athletic Council.

8.2 The Executive Committee will have general management of Section affairs during the interval between meetings of the Athletic Council. It will have the jurisdiction in all matters not covered by the Constitution or Bylaws, appeals, protests and questions of eligibility when the Athletic Council is not in session.

8.3 A majority of the committee constitutes a quorum

8.4 The Executive Committee will meet 11 times each year and at special meetings that may be called by the President or requested by a majority of member districts.

8.5 Each league will have representation on the Executive Committee. If a league is not represented within the confines of the seven positions included in the Committee, that league will be asked to recommend to the members of the Executive Committee, a person to sit in an At-Large position. The At-Large representatives will have full voting privileges while serving on the Executive Committee. At-Large terms are for one year.

If at any point, a league does, through election or appointment, have a person join the Executive Committee, the At-Large position will be vacated immediately.

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Article 9 - Central Committee Representatives

9.1 The Central Committee representatives will be elected by the Athletic Council for four-year terms and will include a Superintendent, Secondary School Principal, Boys Rep of Athletics and Girls Rep of Athletics.

9.2 The Central Committee Members will have a voice on all issues at the Athletic Council meetings and voting privileges. (9/21/77)

9.3 Per N.Y.S.P.H.S.A.A. Handbook - Note: persons retiring from active public education employment, currently serving on the NYSPHSAA Central and/or Executive Committee, will be permitted to continue for the duration of their tenure and also be permitted to serve in that capacity for one more term if elected by the Athletic Council.

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Article 10 - Amendment Procedure

10.1 The Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the member districts voting.

10.2 Process

10.2.1 An amendment must be in writing to the Executive Director **by January 1**. A copy will be provided for each Athletic Council member.

10.2.2 An amendment must be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Athletic Council members voting after it has ~~been laid on the table~~ **been presented to the Athletic Council and considered** for at least one **Council** meeting **and each league has the opportunity to discuss.** ~~following its introduction to the Athletic Council.~~

10.2.3 The Executive Director after an approval of an amendment by the Athletic Council, must notify all member districts of the proposed amendment.

10.2.4 Each member district will submit a vote on a signed ballot. The ballot will be distributed by the Executive Director. A voting district must return the ballot within thirty (30) days from the date of mailing. **In rare cases and due to circumstances the Executive Director may shorten the voting response time.**

10.2.5 Approved amendments will take effect at the indicated effective date.

10.3 The Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Athletic Council members voting.

10.4 Process

10.4.1 An amendment **to the ByLaws** must be in writing to the Executive Director **by January 1**.

10.4.2 An amendment must be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Athletic Council members voting after it has ~~been laid on the table~~ **been presented to the Athletic Council and considered** for at least one **Council** meeting **and each league has the opportunity to discuss.** ~~following its introduction to the Athletic Council.~~

10.4.3 The Executive Director, after an approval of an amendment by the Athletic Council, must notify all schools of the amendment.

10.4.4 Approved amendments will take effect at the indicated effective date.

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Article 11 - Grievance/Appeal Procedure

11.1 PURPOSE - The purpose of these procedures is to provide a means for systematic and prompt resolution of differences and to assure equitable and proper treatment of grievants in accordance with the term of this Grievance/Appeal Procedure. Every effort to resolve the grievance/appeal should be made at the earliest possible stage.

11.2 DEFINITIONS

11.2.1 State Association - The New York State Public High School Athletic Association

11.2.2 Athletic Council - The Section VI Athletic Council

11.2.3 Central Committee members - Four members elected by the Athletic Council consisting of a Superintendent, Principal, Girls Rep of Athletics and Boys Rep of Athletics.

11.2.4 Days - Calendar days

11.2.5 Executive Committee - The Executive Committee will consist of the President, President-Elect and the four (4) Central Committee Members. The Executive Director will be ex-officio.

11.2.6 League - A group of schools who join together for the purpose of administering athletic competition and other educational activities within their respective league.

11.2.7 Federation - A group of member schools that join together for the purpose of administering athletic competition and other related educational activities outside the jurisdiction of a league.

Jurisdiction and governance of all federated interscholastic athletic activities will be the direct and sole responsibility of Section VI.

A federated interscholastic sport may include, for competition purposes, non-member schools, but their status remains as non-member schools of the Section.

Non-member schools planning to participate must seek and be granted written approval by their respective State Organizations.

11.2.8 Section - Section VI

11.2.9 State Executive Committee - Twenty-two members of the Central Committee, ex-officio members and the officers of the State Association.

11.2.10 Grievance - An undesirable competitive situation or an appeal of decision at any stage of the Grievance Procedure.

11.2.11 State Central Committee - The legislative body of the State Association which consists of four members elected by the Athletic Council of each Section, including a Superintendent, Principal, Girls Rep of Athletics, Boys Rep of Athletics and elected officers and ex-officio members.

11.3 GRIEVANCE/APPEAL FORMS

11.4 STAGE 1:

If the opinion of school administration personnel (Superintendent, Principal, and Athletic Director) is that an undesirable competitive situation exists, a grievance may be presented for review to the league involved. Cases of eligibility and differences between schools may be referred to the League President. The League President will be guided by the Constitution, Bylaws, rules, regulations and sport standards of the league, Section and State Association.

11.4.1 In the case where a school does not belong to a league, it may present its grievance for review and decision to the Section President.

11.4.2 In the case where a grievance involves a sectional activity, it may be taken directly to Stage 2.

SPECIAL NOTE:

Any and all questions and/or protests as to game/meet rules or to the conduct of the game/meet, will be heard and decided by the game/meet committee established by the Section. Their decision will be final.

11.5 STAGE 2:

If the grievance is not satisfactorily resolved at Stage 1, an appeal may be made within fourteen (14) days (after receipt of Stage 1 decision) to the Section Appeals Committee which will review the evidence, hear arguments and have the power to affirm, reverse or modify the decision of the League or Section President or Executive Director.

11.5.1 All such appeals must be submitted in writing and signed by the Superintendent, Principal and Athletic Director and must be submitted to the Section Executive Committee via the Executive Director.

11.5.2 All such appeals must be accompanied by a certified or school district check, in the amount of \$300. This check will be returned to the school district only if the original decision is overturned.

11.6 STAGE 3:

If the grievance is not satisfactorily resolved at Stage 2, a further appeal may be made within fourteen (14) days (after receipt of Stage 2 decision) to the Athletic Council which may hear arguments and has the power to affirm, reverse or modify the decision of the Appeals Committee.

11.6.1 This stage must be submitted in writing and signed by the Superintendent, Principal and Athletic Director and sent to the Athletic Council via the Executive Director.

11.6.2 All such appeals must be accompanied by a certified or school district check, in the amount of \$300. This check will be returned to the school district only if the original decision is overturned.

11.7 STAGE 4:

If the grievance is not satisfactorily resolved at Stage 3, a final appeal may be made to the Appeal Panel of the NYSPHSAA in accordance with the provisions of the State Handbook under Appeal Procedures.

11.8 Executive Committee/ Athletic Council Appeal Panel Format

1. Introduction / Review Format

Reminder: The Appeal Panel will not reverse or modify decision unless it finds that:

- a) The decision is contrary to the evidence presented.
- b) The facts presented constitute a violation of the Association's Constitution, standards or rules, Regulations of the Commissioner of Education.
- c) A procedural error affected the reliability of the information that was utilized to support the finding.

2. Oral Presentations *

- a) Appellant (15 minutes)
- b) Respondent (15 minutes)

3. Questions by Panel

4. Closing Oral Summations (5 Minutes)

5. Deliberation by Panel

A written decision will be rendered within five school days of the hearing.

*Oral presentations will only be heard from the designated Appellant/ Respondent representatives. Oral and written presentations will be limited to that presenting during the initial appeal.

11.9 Any school or league which institutes an unsuccessful legal action or appeal to the courts or the Commissioner of Education to overturn, stay or enjoin any decision, ruling or rule or rules of the Section or the NYSPHSAA will be liable for costs and attorney's fees incurred by the Section in defending against such action. Further, should the Section be forced to initiate legal action to collect the aforementioned costs and attorney's fees, the member school or league shall be additionally liable for the Section's reasonable cost and attorney's fees resulting from the collection action.

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Article 12 - Classification

12.1 Starting with the school year 1979-80, member schools will follow New York State Public High School Athletic Association attendance reporting method procedure to determine their classification for sectional competition.

12.2 Classifications for post-seasonal competition will be established by the NYSPHSAA

12.3 Schools must compete within their sectional classification numbers for all sports, except Ice Hockey. In the sport of Ice Hockey, teams may move up from the small school division to the large school division. The Ice Hockey exemption will be re-evaluated annually.

12.4 No school may be a member of more than one State Athletic Association.

12.5 Enrollment figures distributed by the NYSPHSAA will be used for State Classification each year.

12.6 Classification will be based on enrollment procedures established by the NYSPHSAA.

12.7 Sections may have more than one local classification division per state classification dependent on number of schools but for state competition purposes must submit one team per state classification.

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