



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

June 12, 2024

HIGHLIGHTS

- 3.1 **CARRIED:** May 15, 2024 Section VI Executive Committee meeting minutes

AC ACTION ITEMS

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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)

3.0 MINUTES (M. Donahue)

3.1 *Motion to approve the May 15, 2024 Section VI Executive Committee meeting minutes*

CARRIED

Marisa/Alvarez

4.0 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (M. DiFilippo)

4.1 Post Season Forfeit, Ineligible next season policy

Two baseball teams forfeited after the 2024 sectional brackets were released. Per 211.1 of the Section VI Policy Manual:

A school team that does not show or refuses to play in a Sectional contest after the seeding meeting, spoils the integrity of the tournament. Schools shall declare their intent to play or not play prior to sectional seeding. (See sectional sport handbook) Schools failing to fulfill their tournament commitment shall be subject to the following sanction: "Ineligibility for sectional play in that sport during the next season. An appeal of this sanction must be submitted in writing to the Executive Director of Section VI within sixty (60) days of the competition of sectional play."

One of the involved schools is anticipated to appeal this decision.

4.2 Personnel Matter

A personnel issue involving inappropriate behavior is being investigated.

4.3 SED Amendment Statement

5.0 COMMUNICATIONS (M. DiFilippo)

5.1 AC ACTION ITEM: Approval of the Combining of Schools Applications (1-6)

FALL

1. Field Hockey, **Existing, Wilson**, Royalton-Hartland MODIFIED ONLY, 7/8/9 ONLY, NO Class Mod
2. Soccer G, **New, International Prep**, Culinary Arts, Emerson REMOVE MCKINLEY, V, 1157 Class AA
Removal of McKinley changed the class from 1979 AAA to 1157 AA
3. Soccer G, **New, L DaVinci**, McKinley, V, 1101 Class AA

WINTER

4. Hockey G, **Existing, Amherst (CASH)**, Clarence & Sweet Home, V, 2331 Girls Hockey 1 division
5. Wrestling B/G, **Existing, Falconer**, Cassadaga Valley, V, JV, 78, 314 D2
6. Wrestling G, **New, Chautauqua Lake**, Panama, Clymer, Westfield, Add Brocton & Sherman, V, 789, 759 Girls 1 division

6.0 STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1 Combining of Schools Committee (J. Sortisio)

6.1.1 **AC ACTION ITEM:** Approval of the proposal to use 100% of the BEDS for combined teams (as outlined the Boys Swim 23-24 post season report) for the sports of Boys Swim, Girls Swim, and Indoor Track

If approved, these sports would be following the state procedure. All three sports committees are in Support. The leagues are split in their thoughts.

6.2 Charter Schools Classification Committee (J. Sortisio)

The executive committee directed J. Sortisio to request that the Boys Basketball Committee propose classification placement for Health Sciences (per the comments within the Boys Basketball 23-24 post season report) by June 30, 2024.

6.3 Finance Committee (S. Penhollow)

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

6.4 Sectional/Intersectional (M. DiFilippo)

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6.7 State Executive Committee/Central Committee

a) Superintendent (J. Sortisio)

b) Principal (C. Alvarez)

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

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6.8 Extended Eligibility (M. DiFilippo)

Nothing to report

6.10 Transfer/Foreign Student (M. DiFilippo)

Reports were distributed to the Executive Committee

6.13 Mixed Competition (C. Alvarez)

Nothing to report

6.14 Nominations (D. Lilleck)

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6.15 Corporate Partners (M. DiFilippo)

Nothing to report

7.0 SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

7.1 All WNY Scholar Athlete (J. Roth)

9.0 GUEST REPORTS

9.2 NYSAAA Report (J. Roth)

10.0 SPORTS REPORTS

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12.0 NEW BUSINESS

12.1 M. DiFilippo to provide the committee with a year-end disciplinary report for disqualifications.

13.0 GOOD OF THE ORDER/ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn

CARRIED

Roth/Fallacaro-Dougherty

Section VI NYSPHSAA, Inc.

Treasurer's Report

As of June 6, 2024

Jun 6, 24

ASSETS**Current Assets****Checking/Savings**

1043.1 · Northwest CD	308,285.34
1050 · Arbiter Pay	35,112.16
1030 · Bank of America Checking	220,376.86
1040 · Bank of America Money Market	26,002.57
1043 · Northwest Savings Bank	120,789.78

Total Checking/Savings	710,566.71
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Total Current Assets	710,566.71
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TOTAL ASSETS	710,566.71
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LIABILITIES & EQUITY	0.00
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	Dedicated Amounts	Approx expenses to date	
State Championships	\$ 210,000.00	\$ 118,942.00	
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FUND BALANCE	\$ 619,508.71		

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APPENDIX B FEMALE & MALE VOTING ITEMS

New York State Public High School Athletic Association



Executive Committee Meeting – May 1, 2024

Ticket Prices

Vote July

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

Presenter:

Tim Mullins, NYSPHSAA Budget/Audit Committee Chair

Proposal:

Consider approval of a \$.50 increase in NYSPHSAA Championship Ticket Prices beginning in the 2024-25 school year.

Effective Start Date:

September 1, 2024

Rationale:

Due to rising championship expenses, NYSPHSAA is seeking ways to increase revenue.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Budget/Audit Committee Meeting

Budgetary Impact:

Based on 100,000 attendees at NYSPHSAA Championships each year, there is an anticipated \$50,000 increase in revenue.

Notes:

The GoFan fee structure is \$1 plus 5% of the ticket price, so a \$10.50 ticket would carry a \$1.53 fee and the final price will be \$12.03 for all GoFan venues.

Those venues that do not permit the use of GoFan will continue to allow for cash sales, where the final ticket prices will be \$10.50 plus fees. Tickets for the JMA Wireless Dome and MVP Arena would be \$12.50 due to their current \$2 fee per ticket sold. Tickets sold through contractually obligated platforms such as Ticketmaster or SeatGeek will have additional fees added on, which is outside the control of NYSPHSAA.

Ticket prices were streamlined for NYSPHSAA to net \$10 per ticket in the 2021-2022 school year, with the approval of the all-digital ticketing platform.

Executive Committee Meeting – May 1, 2024

Handbook – Forfeit Exception for Football

- ☐ Action Item
☒ Discussion Item
☐ Informational Item

Vote July

Presenter:

Pat Pizzarelli, NYSPHSAA Handbook Committee Chair

Proposal:

Consider approval to add the following to the note for the Maximum Number of Contests in the NYSPHSAA Handbook, "Exception: In the sport of Football, when a team receives a forfeit win, the forfeit win will ***not*** count towards the maximum number of contests. The team who accepts the forfeit can reschedule a game that will count towards the maximum number of contests."

Effective Start Date:

Fall 2024

Rationale:

Many schools have lost out on homecoming games due to teams forfeiting. Additionally, two Section VI teams lost 25% of their season due to forfeits.

Proposal Originated:

Section VI Section Concern with support from the NYSPHSAA Handbook.

Budgetary Impact:

None.

Notes:

The team that receives the forfeit win has the opportunity to schedule another game. The Sections will determine how the games count towards league standings/seedings. The NYSPHSAA Football Committee supports this proposal.

Attachments:

None.

Executive Committee Meeting – May 1, 2024

NYSPHSAA Transfer Form for Waivers & Exemptions

- ☐ Action Item
☒ Discussion Item
☐ Informational Item

Vote July

Presenter:

Dr. Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director

Proposal:

Consider approval to require the use of the NYSPHSAA Transfer form for waivers and exemptions only.

Effective Start Date:

Immediate implementation upon approval

Rationale:

In the past, the NYSPHSAA Transfer Form was available for optional use by the Sections. It was not required. Sections asked the NYSPHSAA Transfer Committee to adapt the form to ensure Sections effectively address the concerns and circumstances of those involved and to align the form with the verbiage included in the NYSPHSAA Handbook.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Transfer Committee

Budgetary Impact:

None at this time.

Notes:

The Transfer Committee would like the NYSPHSAA Staff to examine and explore potential ways to provide digital options for this form in the future.

Attachments:

NYSPHSAA Transfer Form

NYSPPHSAA TRANSFER NOTIFICATION

This form must be completed for all transfer students requesting a waiver or exemption



THE STUDENT CANNOT PARTICIPATE IN A CONTEST/SCRIMMAGE UNTIL APPROVED BY THE SECTION.

Please check one: (Required supporting documentation must be attached)

Waiver Request

Health & Safety: Appeals are considered for safety, mental health, personal relationships and other similar circumstances. Written documentation is required from Superintendent of Schools or High School Principal of the sending school indicating the specific circumstances which necessitated the transfer. Supporting documentation from a third party outside of the school may be submitted (ex. police report).

District of Residency: (No change of residence. School registration change only.) Student is returning to a school within the district boundaries of his/her residence.

Hardship: Each school shall have the opportunity to petition the section involved to approve transfer without penalty based on an undue hardship for the student. Educational Waivers will not be considered as an undue hardship.

Financial: Requires documented proof of a significant loss of income or a significant increase in expenses.

Exemption Request

Divorced/Legally Separated Parents: A student from divorced or legally separated parents who moves into a new school district with one of the aforementioned parents is exempt provided it occurs once every six months. The legal separation agreement must address custody, child support, spouses support and distribution of assets and be filed with the County Clerk or issued by a Judge.

Homeless: Student declared homeless by the Superintendent under McKinney-Vento Legislation [NYSED 100.2].

Other: Exemptions (six) as denoted in NYSPPHSAA Rule #31 (Transfer). Exemption: _____

Residency Change NYSPPHSAA transfer/residency policy states: Refer to By-Law & Eligibility Standards #31. (A residency is changed when one is abandoned and another one established through action and intent. Residency requires one's physical presence as an inhabitant and the intent to remain indefinitely. The mere renting of property within the District does not confer residency. **The Superintendent determines residency for enrollment, but this more restrictive requirement is needed for athletic eligibility per NYSPPHSAA regulations.**

By signing this document, I attest the information provided is accurate and correct; I have understanding the falsification of information could lead to ineligibility; the immediate family will be physically residing at the current address as inhabitants and intend to remain indefinitely; the student has transferred without inducement or recruitment.

Parent Signature: _____ Name (Print): _____ Date: ____-____-____

PART ONE

TO BE COMPLETED BY STUDENT'S RECEIVING SCHOOL

Receiving School: _____ Student's Name: _____

Date of Transfer: ____-____-____ Date of Birth: ____-____-____ Grade Level: _____ Date Entered 9th Grade: ____-____-____

Student/Family Previous Address: _____

Student/Family Present Address: _____

Parent's Names and Current Address(es)

(Parent I name & address): _____

(Parent II name & address): _____

Name of Sending School _____ Did student participate in athletics at sending school? Yes ____ No ____

The receiving school's administration is responsible for abiding by all NYSPPHSAA Eligibility standards.

Athletic Director's signature: _____ Date ____-____-____

Principle's signature: _____ Date ____-____-____

Superintendent's signature: _____ Date ____-____-____

**** DO NOT COMPLETE BELOW - SECTION USE ONLY ****

SECTION APPROVAL: _____ SECTION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: _____

SECTION DENIAL: _____ DATE: ____-____-____

**TO BE COMPLETED BY SCHOOL STUDENT PREVIOUSLY ATTENDED
AND RETURNED TO STUDENT'S PRESENT SCHOOL**

Name of Student: _____ Date entered 9th grade ____-____-____

Did student repeat any grades? _____ If yes, which grade(s)? _____

Name of School(s) Attended Prior to Transfer _____

Date of entrance to this school _____ Date of withdrawal from this school ____-____-____

Student's address while attending the above school _____

With whom did student reside at this address (name)? _____

Relationship of this (these) person(s)? _____

PART THREE

**TRANSFER STUDENT SPORT HISTORY
(Please include all sports student participated)**

	YEAR	SPORT	LEVEL	SCHOOL
7 th Grade	_____	_____	V ____ JV ____ FR ____ MOD ____	_____
	_____	_____	V ____ JV ____ FR ____ MOD ____	_____
	_____	_____	V ____ JV ____ FR ____ MOD ____	_____
8 th Grade	_____	_____	V ____ JV ____ FR ____ MOD ____	_____
	_____	_____	V ____ JV ____ FR ____ MOD ____	_____
	_____	_____	V ____ JV ____ FR ____ MOD ____	_____
9 th Grade	_____	_____	V ____ JV ____ FR ____ MOD ____	_____
	_____	_____	V ____ JV ____ FR ____ MOD ____	_____
	_____	_____	V ____ JV ____ FR ____ MOD ____	_____
10 th Grade	_____	_____	V ____ JV ____ FR ____ MOD ____	_____
	_____	_____	V ____ JV ____ FR ____ MOD ____	_____
	_____	_____	V ____ JV ____ FR ____ MOD ____	_____
11 th Grade	_____	_____	V ____ JV ____ FR ____ MOD ____	_____
	_____	_____	V ____ JV ____ FR ____ MOD ____	_____
	_____	_____	V ____ JV ____ FR ____ MOD ____	_____
12 th Grade	_____	_____	V ____ JV ____ FR ____ MOD ____	_____
	_____	_____	V ____ JV ____ FR ____ MOD ____	_____
	_____	_____	V ____ JV ____ FR ____ MOD ____	_____

The undersigned has no knowledge the student named has transferred to his/her present school without inducement or recruitment.

Athletic Director's signature: _____

Date ____-____-____

Principle's signature: _____

Date ____-____-____

Superintendent's signature: _____

Date ____-____-____

revised: 4/2024

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Executive Committee Meeting – May 1, 2024

Cheerleading: Fall Start Date

July Vote

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

Presenter:

Jen Simmons, NYSPHSAA Cheerleading Coordinator

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Cheerleading Committee is recommending starting on the Wednesday of week number 7 to coincide with the football start date.

Effective Start Date:

Fall 2024

Rationale:

Starting on the Wednesday of week number 7 allows the team to hold a tryout and start to develop the skills necessary to prepare for the upcoming season. The development of the skills can be done in a way that progresses to help reduce risk to the student athletes. As most cheerleading teams do not have scrimmages this allows teams to prepare to attend clinics and camps held during late August and early September. These clinics and camps are very valuable in preparing a team for competition during the season.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Cheerleading Committee

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

In the past Cheerleading has traditional started the same time as the football teams.

Attachments:

None

Executive Committee Meeting – May 1, 2024

Cheerleading: Update Required Coaching Course

☐ Action Item
☒ Discussion Item
☐ Informational Item

Vote July

Presenter:

Jen Simmons, NYSPHSAA Cheerleading Coordinator

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Cheerleading Committee is recommending updating the additional required coaching course to reflect the replacement of the AACCA Safety course and the New NFHS Cheerleading Rules course.

Effective Start Date:

Fall 2024

Rationale:

The NYSPHSAA Executive Committee approved the requirement that the AACCA Safety course be added to the required courses Cheerleading coaches must take. This course was required every 4 years. The AACCA course has been replaced by the USA Cheer Safety Course offered on the NFHS website. A coach would be required to take this course once. The new course that is being recommended that coaches take yearly is the NFHS Cheerleading Rules course offered by USA Cheer, which is updated annually to cover the rules changes. This course will educate all coaches on the updated rules and skills that have been changed by the NFHS Spirit Rules Committee.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Cheerleading Committee

Budgetary Impact:

The USA Cheer Safety Course costs \$85 (AACCA was \$75 every 4 years) to take and the Rules Changing course cost \$18 annually.

Notes:

None

Attachments:

None

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Executive Committee Meeting – May 1, 2024

GIRLS TEAM TENNIS: Establish New Regional Rotation for 2024-28 **Using Guiding Principles**

Vote July

☐ Action Item
☒ Discussion Item
☐ Informational Item

Presenter:

Chris Horgan, NYSPHSAA Girls Team Tennis State Coordinator

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Girls Tennis Committee is seeking approval for a new regional rotation for 2024-28 using the guiding principles approved by the Executive Committee.

Effective Start Date:

Fall 2024

Rationale:

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

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Girls Tennis Committee April 2024

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

This NYSPHSAA State Committee voted 8-0 in favor of supporting this proposal.

Attachments:

See proposed regional rotation.

CAC Feedback:

Voted 10-0 to support this proposal at its April 9th meeting.

FINAL - READY FOR CAC/EC

GIRLS TENNIS TEAM TOURNAMENT 2024-28 (Includes Guiding Principles)

	2024		2025		2026		2027		2028	
	<u>Sub Regional</u>	<u>Regional Final</u>	<u>Sub Regional</u>	<u>Regional Final</u>	<u>Sub Regional</u>	<u>Regional Final</u>	<u>Sub Regional</u>	<u>Regional Final</u>	<u>Sub Regional</u>	<u>Regional Final</u>
East	4 @ 1	4/1 @ 9		9 @ 4		4 @ 9		9 @ 1	9 @ 4	9/4 @ 2
West		5 @ 6		6 @ 5	5 @ 6	5/6 @ 3		6 @ 5		5 @ 6
South		8 @ 11	11 @ 8	11/8 @ 1		8 @ 11		11 @ 8		8 @ 11
North		3 @ 2		2 @ 3		1 @ 2	3 @ 2	3/2 @ 4		1 @ 3

Committee Vote:

8-0 in favor

Concerns:

None

Girls Tennis INDIVIDUAL TOURNAMENT - At Large Rotation (approved in 2022)

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
Singles	5 & 6	9 & 11	3 & 4	7 & 8
Doubles	7 & 8	1 & 2	5 & 6	9 & 11

as of April 2, 2024

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Executive Committee Meeting – May 1, 2024

BOYS SOCCER: Establish New Regional Rotation for 2024-28 Using Guiding Principles

☐ Action Item
☒ Discussion Item
☐ Informational Item

VOTE July

Presenter:

Mike Andrew, NYSPHSAA Boys Soccer State Coordinator

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Boys Soccer Committee is seeking approval for a new regional rotation for 2024-28 using the guiding principles approved by the Executive Committee.

Effective Start Date:

Fall 2024

Rationale:

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

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Boys Soccer Committee in March 2024

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

This NYSPHSAA State Committee voted ~~6-5~~ *5-6 NOT IN FAVOR* in favor of supporting this proposal.

Attachments:

See proposed regional rotations

CAC Feedback:

Voted 8-2 in support of this proposal at its April 9th meeting.

Executive Committee Meeting – May 1, 2024

**GIRLS SOCCER: Establish New Regional Rotation for 2024-28
Using Guiding Principles**

☐ Action Item
☒ Discussion Item
☐ Informational Item

VOTE JULY

Presenter:

Joe Vas, NYSPHSAA Girls Soccer State Coordinator

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Girls Soccer Committee is seeking approval for a new regional rotation for 2024-28 using the guiding principles approved by the Executive Committee.

Effective Start Date:

Fall 2024

Rationale:

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

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Girls Soccer Committee in March 2024

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

This NYSPHSAA State Committee voted 10-1 (Section 1) in favor of supporting this proposal.

Attachments:

See proposed regional rotations

CAC Feedback:

Voted 8-2 in support of this proposal at its April 9th meeting.

READY FOR CAC/EC

BOYS AND GIRLS SOCCER 2024-28 (includes GUIDING PRINCIPLES)

	2024		2025		2026		2027		2028	
	Sub Regional	Regional Final	Sub Regional	Regional Final	Sub Regional	Regional Final	Sub Regional	Regional Final	Sub Regional	Regional Final
Class AAA	4 @ 1	1/4 @ 9 2 @ 3 5 @ 6 11 @ 8	8 @ 11	8/11 @ 1 9 @ 4 6 @ 5 3 @ 2	5 @ 6	5/6 @ 3 4 @ 9 1 @ 2 11 @ 8	2 @ 3	2/3 @ 4 9 @ 1 6 @ 5 8 @ 11	4 @ 9	4/9 @ 1 5 @ 6 11 @ 8 2 @ 3
Class AA	11 @ 8	11/8 @ 1 4 @ 9 5 @ 6 2 @ 3	1 @ 4	1/4 @ 9 3 @ 2 6 @ 5 8 @ 11	2 @ 3	2/3 @ 4 9 @ 1 5 @ 6 11 @ 8	6 @ 5	6/5 @ 3 4 @ 9 1 @ 2 8 @ 11	9 @ 4	9/4 @ 1 5 @ 6 11 @ 8 3 @ 2
Class A	9 @ 1	9/1 @ 4 11 @ 8 5 @ 6 10 @ 3 7 @ 2	8 @ 11 6 @ 5 10 @ 7	4 @ 9 8/11 @ 1 6/5 @ 3 10/7 @ 2	9 @ 4 11 @ 8 5 @ 6 7 @ 10	9/4 @ 2 11/8 @ 1 5/6 @ 3	4 @ 1 8 @ 11 6 @ 5 3 @ 7 2 @ 10	4/1 @ 9 8 @ 11 6 @ 5 3/7 @ 2/10	11 @ 8 11/8 @ 9 1 @ 4 5 @ 6 7 @ 10 2 @ 3	11/8 @ 9 1 @ 4 5 @ 6 2/3 @ 7/10
Class B	9 @ 1	9/1 @ 4 11 @ 8 5 @ 6 10 @ 3 7 @ 2	8 @ 11 6 @ 5 10 @ 7	4 @ 9 8/11 @ 1 6/5 @ 3 10/7 @ 2	9 @ 4 11 @ 8 5 @ 6 7 @ 10	9/4 @ 2 11/8 @ 1 5/6 @ 3	4 @ 1 8 @ 11 6 @ 5 3 @ 7 2 @ 10	4/1 @ 9 8 @ 11 6 @ 5 3/7 @ 2/10	11 @ 8 11/8 @ 9 1 @ 4 5 @ 6 7 @ 10 2 @ 3	11/8 @ 9 1 @ 4 5 @ 6 2/3 @ 7/10
Class C	11 @ 8** 1 @ 9 7 @ 10	11/8** @ 1/9 2 @ 7/10 3 @ 4 5 @ 6	8 @ 11 9 @ 1 4 @ 3	9/1 @ 8/11** 10 @ 7 4/3 @ 2 6 @ 5	11 @ 8** 1 @ 9 2 @ 3	11/8** @ 1/9 7 @ 10 2/3 @ 4 5 @ 6	8 @ 11 9 @ 1 10 @ 7	9/1 @ 8/11** 7/10 @ 2 4 @ 3 6 @ 5	11 @ 8** 1 @ 9 4 @ 2 8 @ 11 (only if both)	11/8** @ 1/9 7 @ 10 2/4 @ 3 5 @ 6
Class D	11 @ 2**	11/2 @ 9 10 @ 7 3 @ 4 5 @ 6	11 @ 9**	11/9 @ 2 7 @ 10 4 @ 3 6 @ 5	2 @ 11**	2/11 @ 9 10 @ 7 3 @ 4 5 @ 6	9 @ 11**	9/11 @ 2 7 @ 10 4 @ 3 6 @ 5	11 @ 2**	11/2 @ 9 10 @ 7 3 @ 4 5 @ 6

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**FIELD HOCKEY: Establish New Regional Rotation for 2024-28
Using Guiding Principles**

☐ Action Item
☒ Discussion Item
☐ Informational Item

VOTE July

Presenter:

Bev Hooper, NYSPHSAA Field Hockey State Coordinator

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Field Hockey Committee is seeking approval for a new regional rotation for 2024-28 using the guiding principles approved by the Executive Committee.

Effective Start Date:

Fall 2024

Rationale:

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

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Field Hockey Committee April 2024

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

This NYSPHSAA State Committee voted 7-1 (Section 1 opposed, Section 2 absent) in favor of supporting this proposal.

Attachments:

See proposed regional rotations

CAC Feedback:

Voted 9-1 in support of this proposal at its April 9th meeting.

FIELD HOCKEY 2024-26 (includes Guiding Principles)

FIELD HOCKEY 2024-28 (Includes Guiding Principles)									
2024		2025		2026		2027		2028	
Sub Regional	Regional Final	Sub Regional	Regional Final	Sub Regional	Regional Final	Sub Regional	Regional Final	Sub Regional	Regional Final
6 v 3 in Sect 5	6/3 @ 5	4 @ 9	4/9 @ 1	6 @ 5	6/5 @ 3	8 @ 11	8/11 @ 1	1 @ 2	1/2 @ 3
	Class C: Regional Final is 3 @ 6		8 @ 11		11 @ 8		9 @ 4		11 @ 8
	11 @ 8		3 @ 2		4 @ 2		2 @ 3		6 @ 5
	9 @ 1		5 @ 6		1 @ 9		5 @ 6		4 @ 9
	2 @ 4		Class C: Atl 4 @ 6		Class C Atl 1 @ 6		Class C Atl 2 v 6 @ 5		Class C Atl 9 @ 6
	Class B: Atl 11 @ 1				Class B: Atl 6 @ 1		Class B: Atl 8 @ 4		Class B: Atl 3 @ 9
* If Section 5 has a Class C team, the At Large team for that year advances to the next year.									
* If Section 9 has a Class B team, the At Large team for that year advances to the next year.									
Committee Vote:									
7-1 (Section 1 opposed) in favor on March 25, 2024 (Section 2 absent)									
Concerns:									
* Section 1 is opposed to their section playing different opponents during term									
* Numerous sections concerned about Long Island Championships being a required matchup in sub or reg final. Not written in principles.									
as of March 25, 2024									

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL: Establish New Regional Rotation for 2024-28
Using Guiding Principles

☐ Action Item
☒ Discussion Item
☐ Informational Item

VOTE July

Presenter:

Peggy Seese, NYSPHSAA Girls Volleyball State Coordinator

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Girls Volleyball Committee is seeking approval for a new regional rotation for 2024-28 using the guiding principles approved by the Executive Committee.

Effective Start Date:

Fall 2024

Rationale:

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

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Girls Volleyball Committee March 2024

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

This NYSPHSAA State Committee voted 10-0 (Section 2 absent) in favor of supporting this proposal.

Attachments:

See proposed regional rotations

CAC Feedback:

Voted 9-1 in support of this proposal at its April 9th meeting.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL 2024-28 (DRAFT OF NEW ROTATION USING GUIDING PRINCIPLES)

s of April 2, 2024

Executive Committee Meeting – May 1, 2024

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL: Revise State Tournament Format Back to Pool Play

- ☐ Action Item
☒ Discussion Item
☐ Informational Item

VOTE July

Presenter:

Peggy Seese, NYSPHSAA Girls Volleyball State Coordinator

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Girls Volleyball State Committee is seeking approval to revert back to a pool play format for the 2024 State Tournament.

Effective Start Date:

Fall 2024

Rationale:

Pool play guarantees that each team will play six (6) sets of volleyball (competing against all teams in their class) over an extended period of time, whereas bracket play only guarantees a minimum of 3 sets against one team) which can sometimes be completed in as little as 45 minutes. Student-athletes work tirelessly their entire career with dreams of making it to the NYSPHSAA Final Four. Teams across the state are accustomed to pool play during regular season multi-team tournaments. The pool play format will provide student-athletes a more memorable experience rewarding the hard work and dedication that they have endured to make it to the final four. While pool play and bracket play both have their flaws in determining the two state finalist teams, our committee feels that pool play will ultimately lead to the top two teams in the state facing off in the final match.

Once the committee experienced the length of time it took for six classes playing bracketed play, the initial concern for the length of time it took to add another team to pool play was no longer a concern.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Girls Volleyball Committee on March 19, 2024.

Budgetary Impact:

There is minimal or no budgetary impact with this format.

Notes:

The Girls Volleyball State Committee supported this proposal with a 7-4 vote.

CAC Feedback:

Voted 8-2 to support this proposal.

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FOOTBALL: Establish New Regional Rotation for 2024-29 Using Guiding Principles

VOTE JULY

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

Presenter:

Gary Vanderzee, NYSPHSAA Football State Coordinator

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Football Committee is seeking approval for a new regional rotation for 2024-29 using the guiding principles approved by the Executive Committee.

Effective Start Date:

Fall 2024

Rationale:

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

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Football Committee March 2024

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

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

Attachments:

See proposed regional rotations

CAC Feedback:

Voted 10-1 in support of this proposal at its April 9th meeting.

FINAL - READY FOR CAC/EC

FOOTBALL 2024-29 (Includes Guiding Principles; voted by football committee 8-0 on 3/8/24)

		2024		2025		2026		2027		2028		2029		2030	
		Sub Region	Regional Final	b Region	Regional Final	b Region	Regional Final	b Region	Regional Final	b Region	Regional Final	b Region	Regional Final	b Region	Regional Final
Class AA	Section 1		1 @ 2		9 @ 1		Atl 6 @ 1		Atl 3 @ 1		1 @ 9		Atl 2 @ 1		Atl 2 @ 1
	Section 2		1 @ 2		Atl 9 @ 2		9 @ 2		9 @ 2		Atl 5 @ 2		Atl 2 @ 1; & 2 @ 9		2 @ 9
	Section 3		4 @ 3		3 @ 4		4 @ 3		Atl 3 @ 1; 3 @ 4		4 @ 3		3 @ 4		4 @ 3
	Section 4		4 @ 3; & ATL 4 @ 9		3 @ 4		4 @ 3		3 @ 4		4 @ 3		3 @ 4		4 @ 3
	Section 5		6 @ 5		5 @ 6		6 @ 5		5 @ 6		Atl 5 @ 2; & 6 @ 5		5 @ 6		6 @ 5
	Section 6		6 @ 5		5 @ 6		Atl 6 @ 1; & 6 @ 5		5 @ 6		6 @ 5		5 @ 6		6 @ 5
	Section 9		ATL 4 @ 9		Atl 9 @ 2; & 9 @ 1		9 @ 2		9 @ 2		1 @ 9		2 @ 9		2 @ 9
Class A	Section 1		1 @ 2		9 @ 1		Atl 6 @ 1		Atl 3 @ 1		1 @ 9		Atl 2 @ 1		Atl 2 @ 1
	Section 2		1 @ 2		Atl 9 @ 2		9 @ 2		9 @ 2		Atl 5 @ 2		Atl 2 @ 1; & 2 @ 9		2 @ 9
	Section 3		4 @ 3		3 @ 4		4 @ 3		Atl 3 @ 1; 3 @ 4		4 @ 3		3 @ 4		4 @ 3
	Section 4		4 @ 3; & ATL 4 @ 9		3 @ 4		4 @ 3		3 @ 4		4 @ 3		3 @ 4		4 @ 3
	Section 5		6 @ 5		5 @ 6		6 @ 5		5 @ 6		Atl 5 @ 2; & 6 @ 5		5 @ 6		6 @ 5
	Section 6		6 @ 5		5 @ 6		Atl 6 @ 1; & 6 @ 5		5 @ 6		6 @ 5		5 @ 6		6 @ 5
	Section 9		ATL 4 @ 9		Atl 9 @ 2; & 9 @ 1		9 @ 2		9 @ 2		1 @ 9		2 @ 9		2 @ 9
Class B	Section 1		9 @ 1		1 @ 9		9 @ 1		1 @ 9		9 @ 1		1 @ 9		9 @ 1
	Section 2	10 @ 7	2 @ 10/7 winner	7 @ 10	7/10 winner @ 2	10 @ 7	2 @ 10/7 winner	7 @ 10	7/10 winner @ 2	10 @ 7	2 @ 10/7 winner	7 @ 10	7/10 winner @ 2	10 @ 7	2 @ 7/10 winner
	Section 3		4 @ 3		3 @ 4		4 @ 3		3 @ 4		4 @ 3		3 @ 4		4 @ 3
	Section 4		4 @ 3		3 @ 4		4 @ 3		3 @ 4		4 @ 3		3 @ 4		4 @ 3
	Section 5		6 @ 5		5 @ 6		6 @ 5		5 @ 6		6 @ 5		5 @ 6		6 @ 5
	Section 6		6 @ 5		5 @ 6		6 @ 5		5 @ 6		6 @ 5		5 @ 6		6 @ 5
	Section 7	10 @ 7	2 @ 10/7 winner	7 @ 10	7/10 winner @ 2	10 @ 7	2 @ 10/7 winner	7 @ 10	7/10 winner @ 2	10 @ 7	2 @ 10/7 winner	7 @ 10	7/10 winner @ 2	10 @ 7	2 @ 7/10 winner
	Section 9		9 @ 1		1 @ 9		9 @ 1		1 @ 9		9 @ 1		1 @ 9		9 @ 1
	Section 10	10 @ 7	2 @ 10/7 winner	7 @ 10	7/10 winner @ 2	10 @ 7	2 @ 10/7 winner	7 @ 10	7/10 winner @ 2	10 @ 7	2 @ 10/7 winner	7 @ 10	7/10 winner @ 2	10 @ 7	2 @ 7/10 winner
	Section 10	10 @ 7	2 @ 10/7 winner	7 @ 10	7/10 winner @ 2	10 @ 7	2 @ 10/7 winner	7 @ 10	7/10 winner @ 2	10 @ 7	2 @ 10/7 winner	7 @ 10	7/10 winner @ 2	10 @ 7	2 @ 7/10 winner
Class C	Section 1		1 @ 9		9 @ 1		1 @ 9		9 @ 1		1 @ 9		9 @ 1		
	Section 2	7 @ 10	7/10 @ 2 winner	10 @ 7	2 @ 7/10 winner	7 @ 10	7/10 winner @ 2	10 @ 7	2 @ 7/10 winner	7 @ 10	7/10 winner @ 2	10 @ 7	2 @ 7/10 winner	7 @ 10	7/10 winner @ 2
	Section 3		4 @ 3		3 @ 4		4 @ 3		3 @ 4		4 @ 3		3 @ 4		4 @ 3
	Section 4		4 @ 3		3 @ 4		4 @ 3		3 @ 4		4 @ 3		3 @ 4		4 @ 3
	Section 5		6 @ 5		5 @ 6		6 @ 5		5 @ 6		6 @ 5		5 @ 6		6 @ 5
	Section 6		6 @ 5		5 @ 6		6 @ 5		5 @ 6		6 @ 5		5 @ 6		6 @ 5
	Section 7	7 @ 10	7/10 @ 2 winner	10 @ 7	2 @ 7/10 winner	7 @ 10	7/10 winner @ 2	10 @ 7	2 @ 7/10 winner	7 @ 10	7/10 winner @ 2	10 @ 7	2 @ 7/10 winner	7 @ 10	7/10 winner @ 2
	Section 9		1 @ 9		9 @ 1		1 @ 9		9 @ 1		1 @ 9		9 @ 1		1 @ 9
	Section 10	7 @ 10	7/10 @ 2 winner	10 @ 7	2 @ 7/10 winner	7 @ 10	7/10 winner @ 2	10 @ 7	2 @ 7/10 winner	7 @ 10	7/10 winner @ 2	10 @ 7	2 @ 7/10 winner	7 @ 10	7/10 winner @ 2
	Section 10	7 @ 10	7/10 @ 2 winner	10 @ 7	2 @ 7/10 winner	7 @ 10	7/10 winner @ 2	10 @ 7	2 @ 7/10 winner	7 @ 10	7/10 winner @ 2	10 @ 7	2 @ 7/10 winner	7 @ 10	7/10 winner @ 2
Class D	Section 1		9 @ 1		1 @ 9		9 @ 1		1 @ 9		9 @ 1		1 @ 9		9 @ 1
	Section 2	10 @ 7	2 @ 10/7 winner	7 @ 10	7/10 winner @ 2	10 @ 7	2 @ 10/7 winner	7 @ 10	7/10 winner @ 2	10 @ 7	2 @ 10/7 winner	7 @ 10	7/10 winner @ 2	10 @ 7	2 @ 7/10 winner
	Section 3		4 @ 3		3 @ 4		4 @ 3		3 @ 4		4 @ 3		3 @ 4		4 @ 3
	Section 4		4 @ 3		3 @ 4		4 @ 3		3 @ 4		4 @ 3		3 @ 4		4 @ 3
	Section 5		6 @ 5		5 @ 6		6 @ 5		5 @ 6		6 @ 5		5 @ 6		6 @ 5
	Section 6		6 @ 5		5 @ 6		6 @ 5		5 @ 6		6 @ 5		5 @ 6		6 @ 5
	Section 7	10 @ 7	2 @ 10/7 winner	7 @ 10	7/10 winner @ 2	10 @ 7	2 @ 10/7 winner	7 @ 10	7/10 winner @ 2	10 @ 7	2 @ 10/7 winner	7 @ 10	7/10 winner @ 2	10 @ 7	2 @ 7/10 winner
	Section 9		9 @ 1		1 @ 9		9 @ 1		1 @ 9		9 @ 1		1 @ 9		9 @ 1
	Section 10	10 @ 7	2 @ 10/7 winner	7 @ 10	7/10 winner @ 2	10 @ 7	2 @ 10/7 winner	7 @ 10	7/10 winner @ 2	10 @ 7	2 @ 10/7 winner	7 @ 10	7/10 winner @ 2	10 @ 7	2 @ 7/10 winner
	Section 10	10 @ 7	2 @ 10/7 winner	7 @ 10	7/10 winner @ 2	10 @ 7	2 @ 10/7 winner	7 @ 10	7/10 winner @ 2	10 @ 7	2 @ 10/7 winner	7 @ 10	7/10 winner @ 2	10 @ 7	2 @ 7/10 winner

as of March 8, 2024

Committee Vote:

9-0 in favor

Concerns:

* None

Executive Committee Meeting – May 1, 2024

FOOTBALL – MOVE 8-MAN REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TO WEEK #22 AND CONDUCT IT AT JMA DOME DURING 11-MAN FINALS; ESTABLISH REGIONAL ROTATION

☐ Action Item
☒ Discussion Item
☐ Informational Item

VOTE JULY

Presenter:

Gary Vanderzee, NYSPHSAA Football State Coordinator

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Football State Committee is seeking approval to move the 8-man regional championship to week #22 and conduct it at the JMA Dome during the 11-man finals. The **attached** regional rotation for 2024-26 is part of this proposal.

Effective Start Date:

Fall 2024

Rationale:

Due to the growth of 8-man football and seeking an additional week to play postseason, the committee would like to play the 8-man championship prior to the first 11-man final or immediately following the last 11-man final on the weekend of week #22. The committee also believes moving the regional final to the Dome creates an equitable situation with 11-man football where both can share the same venue.

The regional rotation being proposed meets the recently established Guiding Principles of Regional Rotations addressing equity in hosting and traveling to regionals.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Football State Committee on December 20, 2023. The State Committee formed a sub-committee and voted 6-2 (plus 1 abstention) to present this to the State Committee. The state committee supported this proposal by an 8-0 vote.

Budgetary Impact:

In the West Semifinal, since officials, awards, travel, and some facility fees are already rolled into expenses and revenues are accounted for, there won't be any change to the financials. For the East Semifinals, however, an additional game will increase costs, potentially by approximately \$3,000. Anticipated revenue would be \$3,000 based on 300 fans for the additional game, resulting in a net profit/loss of \$0. An additional game at the JMA Wireless Dome will incur an extra \$13,400 in expenses due to facility, staffing, security, etc. However, with anticipated ticket sales of approximately 300 fans generating \$3,000, this would offset some of the costs, resulting in a net loss of approximately \$11,400 for the one additional game.

Attachments:

Proposed regional rotation for 2024-26

CAC Feedback:

Voted 9-1 to DEFEAT this proposal. *

DATE REVISED: April 11, 2024

Football: Revision to NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Penalty

☐ Action Item
☒ Discussion Item
☐ Informational Item

Vote July

Presenter:

Gary Vanderzee, Football Chairmen

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Football Committee is recommending revising the NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Penalty for the sport of football. Any player disqualified by a sport official for unsportsmanlike behavior or flagrant foul will be ineligible for the next two consecutive halves.

Effective Start Date:

2024-2025 school year

Rationale:

Currently, a student-athlete could be disqualified on the first play of a game and would have to sit out that entire game and the following game. This could equate to 25% of their season, based on an 8-game schedule. This is not equal, compared to all other NYS high school team sports. All other sport teams that have 16 or 20 games would only sit out 12.5% or 10% of their season. This rule will make it 12.5% for an 8-game schedule and 10% for a 10-game schedule. More than 75% of all football playing schools only participate in 8 games. This would mirror what the penalty is for a disqualification for targeting currently in the NYSPHSAA handbook.

Proposal Originated:

The NYSPHSAA Football Committee

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

The NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Committee supported this proposal.

Attachments:

See example

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Boys Wrestling: Early Weight Certification Date

☐ Action Item
☒ Discussion Item
☐ Informational Item

Vote July

Presenter:

Marty Sherman, Boys Wrestling Chairmen

Proposal:

The Boys Wrestling Committee is recommending allowing Sections to have an early weight Certification date starting no earlier than the Monday of week #17. *Schools would be required to register any wrestlers participating in the early certification date by the Saturday of week #15.*

Effective Start Date:

2024-2025 school year

Rationale:

NYSPHSAA has approved the 1.5% weight loss descent plan for all wrestlers competing in the boys season as of the 2023-2024 season. The weight loss descent plan locks wrestlers into a specific weight based on their certification weight at the beginning of the season. The descent plan is based on a student losing a maximum of 1.5% of their body weight each season. Unfortunately, some wrestlers were not able to compete for a majority of their season because their descent plan did not allow them to get to an eligible weight based on the certification at the beginning of the year. Other wrestlers were not eligible for a desired weight because their plan maxed out right above a particular weight class. If a Section was allowed to have an earlier certification date, then some wrestlers would be able to get certified and then start their weight descent plan 6 weeks prior to the season therefore maximizing their participation. If an earlier start date was allowed this would mean that the Section consultants would have to organize their staffs on two different time periods to certify the wrestlers prior to the season starting. There is also no guarantee that a wrestler will follow the descent plan and be at the desired weight class at the beginning of the season.

Proposal Originated:

The Boys Wrestling Committee

Budgetary Impact:

There may be an increase cost to the Section but in theory the same amount of wrestlers is being certified before the season.

Notes:

Wrestling Consultants voted 3-5 against this proposal. The Safety Committee voted 10-1 in favor. *The Boys Wrestling Committee revised the proposal based on the feedback from the Wrestling Consultants and the Safety Committee.*

DATE REVISED: 4/3/24

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Girls Wrestling – Automatic Qualifiers

☐ Action Item
☒ Discussion Item
☐ Informational Item

Vote July

Presenter:

Ryan Palmer, Girls Wrestling Chairmen

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Girls Wrestling Committee is recommending using an Automatic Qualifier System to complete the 16 person brackets for the 2025 Girls Wrestling Championship.

Effective Start Date:

2025 State Championship

Rationale:

The committee discussed two options to complete the 16-person bracket for the 2025 Championship. Most of the committee decided that using a system like the boy's current system was the best way to ensure the champion of each Section was in the tournament and that the top wrestlers from around the state completed the rest of the bracket. The committee also discussed a regional format, but this concept was not supported by a majority of the committee.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAAA Girls Wrestling Committee

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

The committee voted 9-2 in support of this proposal. Section 4 and 5 voted against the proposal.

Attachments:

None

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Girls Wrestling – Representation Rule

VOTE JULY

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

Presenter:

Ryan Palmer, Girls Wrestling Chairmen

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Girls Wrestling Committee is recommending amending the current Representation Regulation for Girls Wrestling in the following manner.

NOTE: For individual, individual/ team sports, when a school district does not have a team designated for each singular gender, the Section Executive Director may grant a waiver of the Representation Standard for Sectional Competition when a student has met the qualification for participation in the current school year's NYSPHSAA Championship event. *In the sport of Girls Wrestling, if a school does have a team for both genders the female wrestlers may choose to compete in either the boys post season or the girls post season but not both.*

Effective Start Date:

2024 – 2025 Season

Rationale:

The sport of girls wrestling continues to grow across NYS. Some schools are reluctant to start a girl's teams for a variety of reasons because girls are allowed to compete on the boy's team and still be eligible to compete in the girls post season. Data from across the country and shown that many more girls will wrestle if the school offers a girl only team. Until the sport grows to wear female wrestlers can practice and compete against other girls there is still a need for some wrestlers to compete and practice on boys' teams. The committee feels this recommendation will encourage schools to offer a girl's team and still accommodate female wrestlers that have been wrestling on boys teams for many years.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAAA Girls Wrestling Committee

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

The committee voted 10-0 in support of this proposal.

Girls Wrestling – Waiver of the Maximum Number of Tournaments

☐ Action Item
☒ Discussion Item
☐ Informational Item

VOTE JULY

Presenter:

Ryan Palmer, Girls Wrestling Chairmen

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Girls Wrestling Committee is recommending continuing the waiver of the limitation of 6 tournaments during the regular season. The waiver is for girl only tournaments.

Effective Start Date:

2024 – 2025 Season

Rationale:

Currently there are not enough complete teams in the Sections to justify having dual meets during the regular season. The waiver allows girls to participate in as many competitions without going over the maximum number of contests allowed during the regular season.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAAA Girls Wrestling Committee

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

The committee voted 10-0 in support of this proposal.

Attachments: None

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Girls Wrestling – Waiver of the NFHS 1.5% Weight Loss Plan

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

Vote July

Presenter:

Ryan Palmer, Girls Wrestling Chairmen

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Girls Wrestling Committee is recommending waiving the NFHS 1.5% weight loss plan.

Effective Start Date:

2024 – 2025 Season

Rationale:

The Girls Wrestling Committee believes that there are other biological factors that effect girls weights as opposed to boys and this rule could have a negative impact on a female wrestler.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAAA Girls Wrestling Committee

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

The committee voted 10-0 in support of this proposal.

Attachments: None

SHOULD Receive Safety Comm Approval

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Girls Wrestling – Adopting the USA Junior Rules

☐ Action Item
☒ Discussion Item
☐ Informational Item

VOTE JULY

Presenter:

Ryan Palmer, Girls Wrestling Chairmen

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Girls Wrestling Committee is recommending adopting the Juniors rules in the USA Wrestling Rulebook.

Effective Start Date:

2024 – 2025 Season

Rationale:

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

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAAA Girls Wrestling Committee

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

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

Attachments: None

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Boys Ice Hockey: Revision to Goalie Warm-Up

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

Vote July

Presenter:

Scott Stuart, Boys Ice Hockey Chairmen

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Boys Ice Hockey Committee is recommending removing the language in the NYSPHSAA handbook under 14.10 #10 which states, **"If, in the judgement of the official, he feels that a goaltender's warm-up has been made to give his team a stoppage of play or rest period, the official may assess a minor penalty for delay of game."**

Effective Start Date:

2024-2025 season

Rationale:

The official has no way of determining what the intent of the coach was when making the substitution therefore this language is not enforced and puts the official in a no-win situation.

Proposal Originated:

The NYSPHSAA Boys Ice Hockey Committee

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

None

Attachments:

None

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Boys Ice Hockey: OT During Regulation Season

- ☐ Action Item
☒ Discussion Item
☐ Informational Item

Vote July

Presenter:

Scott Stuart, Boys Ice Hockey Chairmen

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Boys Ice Hockey Committee is recommending revising the language in the NYSPHSAA Handbook under 14.08 #11 letter b to mirror the OT procedure used during the post season. This would only be used when a winner is necessary.

Effective Start Date:

2024-2025 season

Rationale:

The Committee feels that the same procedure that is used in the post season should be used during the regular season when a winner is necessary. This provides consistency for players, coaches, and officials.

Proposal Originated:

The NYSPHSAA Boys Ice Hockey Committee

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

None

Attachments:

None

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BOYS/GIRLS BOWLING – Split Composite Division into Division 1 & Division 2

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

Vote July

Presenter:

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

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Boys and Girls Bowling State Committee is seeking approval to establish two divisions for its Composite Division—Division 1 and Division 2—for competition during the State Tournament.

Effective Start Date:

Winter (March) 2025

Rationale:

Splitting the existing composite division by the current division enrollment numbers creates equitable opportunity to qualify for the state championship. The composite division awards state champions for Individuals as well as section teams. With 17,253 varsity bowlers in NYS in 2022-24, bowling would still be within its 5-8% range, per Championship Philosophy.

Proposal Originated:

Section 5 shared at the committee meeting in March 2024.

Budgetary Impact:

This does not increase the length of the tournament as unused lanes in the bowling center will be assigned to Division 2 teams. Approximate cost to added lineage is expected to be \$3,000 for an addition 700-864 games. Anticipated attendance is 300-400 additional spectators, equivalent of \$3,000-\$4,000. To send additional teams, sections/schools will incur additional travel and lodging costs for student-athletes competing. NYSPHSAA must also book additional rooms to cover the second division lodging needs.

Notes:

The Boys and Girls Bowling State Committees supported this proposal with a 18-0 vote on March 9, 2024.

CAC Feedback

Voted 9-1 to support this proposal.

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BOYS/GIRLS BOWLING – Modify D1/D2 School Team Division to use 6-Man Format

☐ Action Item
☒ Discussion Item
☐ Informational Item

Vote July

Presenter:

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

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Boys and Girls Bowling State Committee is seeking approval to modify the bowling format of the Division 1 and Division 2 school team events during the State Tournament to utilize a 6-man format.

Effective Start Date:

Winter (March) 2025

Rationale:

The existing format uses a 5-man format on a single pair of lanes (10 bowlers across 2 lanes). All five (5) scores currently count towards the team game total. While the 6-man format increases bowler participation with the additional competing player, the lowest individual score is dropped from the team total. The 6-man format also utilizes an additional pair of lanes (12 bowlers across 4 lanes) resulting in a more efficient tournament and better experience for student-athletes and fans instead of long days.

Proposal Originated:

Section V Coordinator shared this concept at the committee meeting in March 2024.

Budgetary Impact:

An additional 20 competing players over both Division 1 and 2 events will result in an increase of approximately \$500 in lineage cost for NYSPHSAA. With 20 additional players now guaranteed to compete, it may result in additional admissions to offset lineage cost.

Notes:

The Boys and Girls Bowling State Committees supported this proposal with a 16-2 vote on March 9, 2024.

Attachments:

None

CAC Feedback

Voted 10-0 in support of this proposal.

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OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD: **Establish Classification Cut-Off Numbers for 2025**

- ☐ Action Item
☒ Discussion Item
☐ Informational Item

Vote July

Presenter:

Dan Doherty, Girls Track and Field Coordinator
Tom Wells, Boys Track and Field Coordinator

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Boys and Girls Outdoor Track and Field State Committee is recommending the following classification cut-off numbers starting in 2025.

Class A	800 and above	156 teams (24%)	8,066 athletes (39.76%)
Class B	799 to 400	168 teams (25.88%)	6,090 athletes (30%)
Class C	399 and below	325 teams (50%)	6,126 athletes (30.2%)

Effective Start Date:

Spring 2025

Rationale:

With the approval of a third division in the sport of Track and Field, it is necessary the State Committee establishes classification cut-off numbers for a new class. The committee feels most athletes competing in the sport of Track and Field are in the largest division therefore it has established 800 and above for the top division and split the lower two divisions creating equity and fairness.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Track and Field Committee in 2024.

Budgetary Impact:

The establishment of new classification numbers does not yield a financial impact. The financial impact of adding a third division was explained in the original proposal.

Notes:

The NYSPHSAA Outdoor Track State Committee voted 17-5 in favor of supporting this proposal.

CAC Feedback:

Voted 10-0 in support of this proposal. Also identified potential issues with the use of "divisions" instead of classes" therefore track will be known to have three classes.

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Unified Sports: Sport Offering/Rules Modifications

☐ Action Item
☒ Discussion Item
☐ Informational Item

VOTE JULY

Presenter:

Todd Nelson, NYSPHSAA Assistant Director

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Unified Sport Committee is recommending the following sport offering/rules modifications.

Unified Soccer – Rules Modifications

Unified Tennis – Rules Modifications

Unified Bocce – Sport Offering/Rules Modifications

Effective Start Date:

Fall 2024

Rationale:

NYSPHSAA/SONY has been looking to offer a Fall sport to our Unified Sports program for several years. Some Sections have piloted programs in these sports and would like to have the sport/rule modifications officially adopted by NYSPHSAA to be placed in the handbook. Bocce would have to be approved as a NYSPHSAA Unified Sport. All of our sport offerings are administered through the local Section/Leagues.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Unified Sport Committee

Budgetary Impact:

SONY has provided support to local schools through equipment and other needs but no direct grant funding. Schools would be funding the program if they decided to participate.

Notes:

None

Attachments:

Soccer Rule Modifications

Bocce Rule Modifications

Tennis Rule Modifications



**NYSPHSAA Girls & Boys Swimming & Diving
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, May 7, 2024 via Zoom**



JOINT Committee Minutes

ATTENDEES:

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

BOYS COMMITTEE: Peter Hugo (Coordinator), Meg Kaplan (1), Brian Melanson (2), Tom Wells representing Bob Bewley (3), Jason Westervelt (4), Scott Fake (5), Nathan Bourke (6), Andy Johnson (7), Matthew McGrane (8) Dan Wargo and Scott Warner (9 and Assistant State Coordinator), Michelle Garrow, (10), Richard Lionetti (11), Robert Warren (PSAL), Paul Nussbaum representing Jacob D'Ottavio (CHSAA)

GIRLS COMMITTEE: Diane Hicks Hughes (Coordinator), Meg Kaplan (1 and Assistant State Coordinator), Brian Melanson representing Maggie Callesano [(2) Tom Wells (3), Charles Frayer (4), Norman Schueckler (5), Nathan Bourke (6), Andy Johnson (7), Christin Snow (8), Chris Sammons (9), Michelle Garrow (10), Richard Lionetti (11), Absent (PSAL) Paul Nussbaum (CHSAA)

GUESTS: John Doerner from Webster High School (Modified Sports Rep); Scott Kitzman (Swim Cloud)

1. Attendance & Introductions

- Meeting called to order at 9:00 am for Boys, 10 am for Girls, 11:30 am for Joint Committee

2. NYSPHSAA Staff Reports

Dr. Robert Zayas, Executive Director

- a. **Swim Cloud** – It was asked of the joint committee if it would be helpful if the NYSPHSAA picked up the cost of this program and all Sections and Committee Members were in agreement that it would be an incredible opportunity for Swimming and Diving. Robert will continue to explore this option.
- b. Reported on proposed amendments by the Board of Regents regarding girls playing boys sports and boys playing girls sports in addition to allowing 7th and 8th grade students to tryout for any high school team with only parental consent. This was from a recent meeting with SED/Board of Regents that Robert attended and he will be aiming to meet with SED/BOR to voice concerns with the new amendments.

Joe Altieri, Assistant Director

- a. Reported on the Hall of Fame noting that the Executive Committee approved the recommendation that a sport committee nominate someone every three years. The deadline of January 29th for the Class of 2025.
- b. Vendors – If you know of a vendor interested in sponsoring the state meet, reach out to Joe deGuzman in the NYSPHSAA office.
- c. CP Sportswear has clothing contract through the 2025 – 2026 season and Jolyn has bathing suit contract for 2024.
- d. Requested any coach approved by the Section to be on deck to coach should have appropriate credentials.
- e. Currently the Girls State Coordinator position is open and NYSPHSAA is now receiving nominations. Current Girls Coordinator Diane Hicks-Hughes has stated she would like to return as Girls State Coordinator. If you're interested, send an email with a resume to Joe. This appointed position is for a term of 5 years. A committee will be assembled to review the applications received and then a vote for appointment will be conducted.

Todd Nelson, Assistant Director

- a. No report

Kristen Jadin, Assistant Director

- a. She will continue to work with the state coordinators on updates to the Championship Operations Packet

Chris Joyce, Director of Marketing

- a. No report

Lexi Swatt, Director of Sports Information

- a. Reported that Swim and Dive will continue using the Swim Cloud platform for both girls and boys championships. She will continue to use the social media platforms to post results with active updates for both swimming and diving.

It is reminded that representatives who are seeking on deck privileges get issued appropriate credentials

3. General Discussion:

- c. New York State Swimming & Diving Hall of Fame – Peter Hugo
Website: NYSISCA www.nysisca.com Peter is also still working on a NYS Swim and Dive Coaches Association.
- d. State Meet – is there a specific time that a coach must declare a false start by? – The referee will notify the coordinators at the meeting when a DFS needs to be declared by. This notification will be given directly to the meet referee.
- e. NISCA (National Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association) has so much to offer from their AA programs for Swimmers, Divers, Academics, Team Awards to Coaching insurance; Encourage participation within your sections as participants from New York State is a very LOW percentage from across the United States.
- f. www.nfhslearn.com – 24 free courses
- g. If official or coach is a member of NFHS, you may download rule book free.
- h. **Swim Cloud** - Scott Kitzman was on the call and explained that last year was the first season of them supporting New York State. Swim Cloud had offered this service for free and in turn they noted that there was at least 12 K spent alone to New York State with support and staffing which is no real way to run a business and cover costs. This year Swim Cloud will offer discounted membership to all teams, all sections and prices will be dependent upon if a team is joining as an individual member or if the entire section is being picked up by the section office. It was noted that Swim Cloud needs to get the form completed in order to be Ed Law compliant.
- i. **Officials Association** – Jay Tucker reported that there are very little changes to the NFHS rule book for the 2024 – 2025 season
- j. **2025 Meeting Date** – Tuesday, April 29, 2025 - 9 AM Girls, 10 AM Boys (with bid reviews for 2026 – 2028) and 11:30 AM Joint
- k. **Team State Champion** - Scott Warner and Dan Wargo have been working on a survey to recognize a single school champion at the NYS level. Joe Altieri and Todd Nelson spoke to what would need to be included in the proposal and that it is something that will take time. A big concern, is the additional costs and who is going to pick up that the School or the State? Once the proposal is ready, it would need to be sent to the NYSPHSAA Championship Philosophy Committee and they only meet when needed, not on a regular schedule. The proposal would have to indicate the philosophical and financial impact. The proposal would need to address the request to change swim and dive from an Individual Sport to an Individual / Team sport such as Cross County, Girls Golf and Wrestling. Look for a survey in the sports coordinators email.
- l. **Safety and Supervision at State Meet:** There was a problem in the stairway at Ithaca College as there was light damaged and maintenance required due to a smashed watermelon in the stairway to the

locker room. More staff will be added to provide better coverage, but as a reminder, coordinators and coaches need to supervise the athletes.

Attachments to these reports will include the following:

- a. Girls Coordinators Contact List
- b. Boys Coordinators Contact List
- c. NYSPHSAA and Federation Records – Swimming and Diving Girls
- d. NYSPHSAA and Federation Records – Swimming and Diving Boys
- e. 2024 Girls NYS Dive of the Week List
- f. 2024 – 2025 NYS Dive of the Week List

NYSPHSAA Girls Swimming Committee

May 7, 2024 - MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDEES: NYSPHSAA Coordinator – Diane Hicks-Hughes, 1- Meg Kaplan, 2- Brian Melanson, 3 - Tom Wells, 4 – Charles Frayer, 5 – Norm Schueckler, 6 – Nate Bourke, 7 – Andy Johnson, 8 – Christin Snow, 9 Chris Sammons, 10 – Michelle Garrow, 11 – Rich Lionetti, PSAL – Not on call, CHSAA – Paul Nussbaum. The Section 8 representative update was Christin Snow new for 2024. Laurette Tekverk and Jay Tucker were on the call representing the NYS Swim Officials Association, Peter Hugo the NYS Boys Coordinator was present as was John Doerner representing Modified Sports. The meeting began at 10:03 AM.

Welcoming Remarks - Introduction of Committee Members

1. NYSPSAA Office: The NYSPHSAA staff deferred their reports until the joint meeting so that it only needs to be reviewed once.
2. Bid - Thank you to Joe Altieri for getting the bids out to the Girl's Coordinators in advance of the meeting to review and provide feedback. Voting was held as follows

Section 1 – Ithaca, Section 2 Webster, Section 3 Webster, Section 4 Ithaca, Section 5 Webster, Section 6 Ithaca, Section 7 Webster, Section 8 Ithaca, Section 9 Ithaca, Section 10 Webster, Section 11 Webster. Total – Ithaca 5, Webster – 6 The NYSPHSAA Swim Committee recommends Webster for the 2025, 2026 and 2027 meets. The NYSPHSAA Office recommends Webster for the 2025, 2026 and 2027 meets.

3. 2024 State Meet will be the 50th Girls NYS Meet
4. US swimmers # should be inputted by section for state meet entries into Swim Cloud if we wish to have that available during the 2024 State Swimming & Diving Meet
5. Discussion sectional entries for state meet - entries with SwimCloud , Athlete Roster will be automatically generated, Rosters for coaches will still need to be done. Rosters are to be emailed to Peter Hugo and that contact will be sent in the Coordinators information sheet prior to the NYS Championship.
6. 2024 Time Format – There was much discussion in regards to the timing issues at the Girls 2023 meet. There was computer failure and down time for both swimming and diving which created an excessive amount of delays within the meet. Some concerns were voiced via email as well as a Section VI proposal. Joe Altieri spoke that the NYSPHSAA office wants the girls meet to run like the boys meet and follow the same time line. Noted that once a time line is approved, that is the time line and there will be no adjustments.
7. Concern for number of coaches, athletes and officials on deck and spectator space; should we adjust time frame. There is no need and there appeared to be more than enough deck space for all.

8. Awards Presentation – Presentation of medals will follow the same format as the boys. The actual medals will be awarded to the athlete in 1 – 10th place NYS awards first followed by the federation. Please make sure those athletes who are able to move into a top 10 finish from the state are present. It is noted that presentation of awards will not wait for the athletes if they are not in the ready room when the events awards are being presented.

9. Review Qualifying Times for 2024 – Thank you Patrick and Joe; no changes are necessary at this time as we continue to remain within the championship guidelines of 5 – 8%. See attached for the current times.

10. Select Officials for 2024

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| 1 - Brenda Lyons | 8 – Mush Masters |
| 2 - Joanne Fauscet | 9 - TBD |
| 3- Jay Tucker (Asst Ref and Diving Referee) | 10 - TBD |
| 4 - Carolyn Connors | 11 - Sena Buckley |
| 5 - Jackie Miller (Starter) and Karen Simon | PSAL – Laurette Tekvert (Referee) |
| 6 - TBD | CHSAA – Lauren Natti (deferred to Host sect) |
| 7 – Anne Wintercorn | |
- ** need to still decide on an Assistant Diving Referee

11. NYSSO Swimmer/Scholar Award – The officials association will be meeting to select the award.

Discussion topics include raising the required application GPA 95. Request that each section receives all applications from their scholar athletes and narrows the field down to the most qualified 1 candidate for submission at the state level. This would require applications to be put in early. Candidates who then do not make the NYS meet can then be removed from the Sectional Selection Committee reviewing the applications. Final candidates would need to be sent with entire packets to the reviewing Officials Chairperson – Tom Nangle. Although there was much discussion around reviewing the packets for an award not presented by the Swim Committee, it was determined that we would try to accommodate this request for the 2024 season and review again during the 2025 meeting.

12. PSAL & CHSAA -- Federation Meet – Entries to include individual and relay event champion and relay participants are allowed to enter individual events if they were not the champion, but have achieved the NYS qualifying standard. Paul Nussbaum asked that NYSPHSAA relook at the total numbers of athletes and allow ALL Federation athletes, not just the champion or relay participants to participate in the NYS meet.

13. State Meet 2024- Webster High School 875 Ridge Road, Webster, NY 14580

NORM - Host Coordinator

Ready room flow – Appeared well organized and if Norm needs additional help, he will seek it. Last year Mush Masters was a tremendous help. Thank you to both Norm and Mush.

Format of athletes who might be in championship finals. – Will Remain Bonus Consolation, Consolation and Finals. All Finalists are to report to the ready room.

As this is the 50th anniversary for Girls Swimming and Diving – we will look to put together a video montage celebrating all the years. The NYSPHSAA will charge an intern with researching photos from the archived and working on this project. Coordinators are asked if they can obtain photos of past champions, etc that they be gathered. An email as to where to send them will be generated. It was also discussed that we would like to have some special items maybe a tshirt or swim cap in which the athletes can purchase denoting the 50th Golden anniversary. Joe Altieri will work with CP Sportswear to see if they want to decorate tournament garments with the 50th theme.

Hospitality room - only officials, workers and coordinators (Wegmans will assist us again)

Relay names for athletes for entries submitted with relay enter information. Although the rules state Relay names do not need to be provided ahead of time in order for the meet input, names need to be supplied ahead of time. Please do not leave that blank on your entries.

Sectional Seating Assignments: Sections are happy with their placement on the deck and spots will remain the same as the 2023 meet

Meet Committee- Laurette Tekverk, Diane Hickey-Hughes, Norm Schueckler, Meg Kaplan, and Nate Bourke

Hotel(s) State Meet - (Joe Altieri) Sections do a great job in setting this up to meet their section's needs. Should anyone need assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to the NYSPHSAA office.

Vendor contracts - Joe Altieri – The current vendor CP Sports has two additional seasons through 2025 – 2026. A new vendor for the State Championships will be sought. Those interested can contact the NYSPHSAA office for additional information.

Hospitality room – Norm and Diane (Norm need coolers for drinks, someone needs to pick up water donation and then we will work with Wegmans for food and hopefully delivery.

14. NYSPHSAA Sports Records Database – Peter Hugo continues to work on this

15. Diving – Diving was askew during the 2023 meet. This was because of operator issues as the meet would be set up and then transferred to the venue system. Webster has noted that they have the available equipment to handle diving and therefore no personal systems need to be brought to the meet. The 2024 meet will use all Webster equipment.

Uniform Diving for dual meets for state: From NFHS rule book

ART. 6 In other meets, the competition shall consist of one voluntary dive which shall be done first – Week 1= forward group, Week 2 = back group, Week 3+ inward group, Week 4 = twisting group, Week 5 = reverse group. Etc., and five optional dives, coming from at least four of five groups and which may include any of the dives other than the voluntary dive. Any dive from a group may be designated as a voluntary dive. It will receive its assigned dd through 1.8. Any designated voluntary dive with a dd greater than 1.8 will be assigned a dd of 1.8.

NOTE: For interstate competition, the voluntary dive group of the week shall follow the schedule of the host school's state unless state association policy determines otherwise.

16. Sectional Concerns:

Discussion:

Letter from Section 5 Coaches– Joe indicated he had planned to address the letter at the end of this meeting but had spoken to Diane about bringing up the concerns during the meeting. The concerns were addressed. The committee noted that it should also have come through the coordinator of the section. Joe will provide a written response to Section 5 coaches following the meeting.

17. Old Business

1 – Alternates at state meet: too much leeway with alternates we need to establish guidelines. A school may bring one alternate only for a relay; only if the relay has no other individual member in meet that may be used in case of illness/ or injury.

1 – JV – within the states prevue to regulate like modified. Do we have any sections following different protocols from modified or varsity? No

2 – NY specified for females two-piece suits and tie backs are not acceptable at any time even warm-up for swimmers or divers

3 – The referee needs to check with the computer people and advise them that they have the authority to overrule – both computer person and referee should make sure no athlete exceeds NFHS rule on entries.

4 - NFHS rule 5-1-2a

In non- championship events, diving may be the first event. Diving may be conducted either first, last or simultaneously with swimming events.

"In addition, it is now permissible to conduct 11-dive competitions during any non-championship meet with **PRIOR mutual consent** of competing teams. Do we know how many 11 dive opportunities we conducted during the 2021 season in each section?

NFHS rule 4-2-1d – **A MANDATORY pre-meet conference with the referee, starter and the captain and coach of each team must be held to review meet procedures, special instructions and unusual pool conditions.**

Equipment requirements were addressed in Rule 2-4-5 which now mandates a 15-meter mark on both side of the pool deck.

18. New Business:

2024 NFHS Swimming and Diving Rule Changes – Peter Hugo sent out an online link to the rule book. There were very little changes this year.

Athletes may not wear smart watches during competition!

Outstanding Competitor Award - Upon completion of the Breaststroke, not before. NYSPHSAA will not allow this award during the meet and it will be presented LAST after the 400 Freestyle Relay Awards.

NYSPHSAA Boys Swimming Committee **May 7, 2024 - MEETING MINUTES**

1. Welcoming Remarks - Introduction of Committee Members – All coordinators present

2. Robert Zayas, Chris Joyce, Todd Nelson, Joe Altieri, Kristen Jadin, Lexi Swatt – The NYSPHSAA office deferred their reports until the joint meeting. NYS Swimming Officials Association Jay Tucker and Laurette Tekverk were on the call.

3. 2024 lookback: All coaches allowed on deck. Full complement of Officials. The meet was very well run and exceeded the time line expectations without taking away from the meet. Joe Altieri noted that it was a very well run meet.

4. 2024-2025 State Meet: Ithaca College – March 6,7,8 2025

A. Entries for 2024 Meet: We will again use SwimCloud. Instructions to be sent in February. Lexi Swatt noted that she was new and getting an understanding of SwimCloud during the girls season, but felt that by the time the Boys Championships came around that she had a much greater understanding of how it worked in order to meet the needs of the NYS Championship.

B. Use of Alternates – Please limit those to what is on your attending roster as alternates brought that do not make a splash will count in the overall athlete total and will drive the meet up higher towards the CAC threshold.

C. Meet Timeline – See attached. Warm up on 3/6 will be from 2 pm to 8 pm. On 3/7/25 swimming warm up will be from 8:30 am to 9:50 am. Preliminaries will begin at 10 am. Diving warm up will begin at 10 am and end at 1:45 pm. There will be NO parade of officials, just a walk out and there will be NO parade of seniors, just a step forward recognition. The scholar athlete award will be awarded at the 50 freestyle break.

D. Rosters for coaches will still need to be sent in. (Peter) – Coaches Name and School. For now, you can also include Assistant Coaches in the deck pass request.

E. Awards Presentation – NYSPHSAA first, followed by Federation. – A big thank you to Rich L and Diane Hicks-Hughes for organizing the medals. The actual medals will be handed out during the awards ceremony. The competition pool will remain open during awards and the additional 15 minute break will be removed from the time line as it is no longer needed.

F. MVP Balloting: Upon completion of Breaststroke, not before. NYSPHSAA will not allow this award during the meet and it will be presented LAST after the 400 Freestyle Relay awards.

G. Qualifying Procedure: Same as last year.

H. Qualifying Times (No Change) 363 athletes / 4500 total in NY 2024 equals 8.5% (See attached proposed times). Will be voted on in July. It is noted that the total number of athletes is Varsity Athletes including mixed participation number. They use final forms for the participation numbers.

I. Swimmer/Scholar Award – Tom Nangle: tnangle@optonline.net Laurette Tekverk was on the call and she noted that she would ask for the GPA to be increased to 95. It has been asked that the Sections / Federation receive the applications for the awards FIRST and identify their number one candidate which then will be sent in to the officials. No longer will they accept all applications. There was much discussion around this, but we will try it this way for the 2025 meet. Online application only

J. Draw and Pick Seating for 2024 Meet. – Sections agreed to maintain same seating areas for the 2025 meet.

K. Dive of Week Schedule (See attached)

L. Meet Committee, Swim Ref, Diving Ref, Peter Hugo, Scott Warner, Jason Westervelt.

M. Hotel(s) State Meet - (Joe Altieri) – Sections do a great job in setting this up to meet their section's needs. Should anyone need assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to the NYSPHSAA office.

N. Vendor contracts - Joe Altieri – The current vendor CP Sports has two additional seasons through 2025 – 2026. A new vendor for the State Championships will be sought. Those interested can contact the NYSPHSAA office for additional information.

O. Hospitality room – Officials and Coordinators only. Diane and Jason and all their staff did a wonderful job.

P. Deck Seating: There was enough deck space and seating for all involved and at this time, there is no need to limit coaches.

Q. USA Sanction # - Please ensure that the coach inputs the information into SwimCloud to have the times swum carry over into their USA swimming.

R. Officials for Meet: Please have your pick in by meeting. This is important for the Officials and their planning.

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|---|-------------------------|
| 1 - Paul Simco | 8 – Bob Kersch |
| 2 - Bill Matola | 9 - Marlin Hoyt |
| 3- TBD | 10 - TBD |
| 4 - Pete Warren and Tom Bond (host section) | 11 - Sena Buckley |
| 5 - Lauren Natti | PSAL – Laurette Tekverk |
| 6 - Tim Voltman | CHSAA - TBD |
| 7 – TBD | |

5. Sectional concerns:

- a. No announcing of Officials on Friday or Saturday
- b. Bring back to Ready Room warmup baskets, set aside first 3 lanes behind bulkhead for warm down of finalists. Must go back to Ready Room to get warmups.
- c. Clerk athletes on Friday NO need
- d. Clear Competition Pool on Saturday at 9:50am
- e. Timeline to include "All times are tentative & should be used as guide".

6. New Business:

A. Deck Passes, Certificates & Awards: Please send to Peter Hugo by 2/4/24

1. Athlete Deck Passes: 475
2. Coach Deck Passes: 225
3. Staff: Deck Passes: 25
4. Medical: Deck Passes: 5
5. Committee Deck Passes: 20
6. Media Deck Passes: 10
7. Awards: - 1 – 20 places

B: **Team State Champion** - Scott Warner and Dan Wargo have been working on a survey to recognize a single school champion at the NYS level. Joe Altieri and Todd Nelson spoke to what would need to be included in the proposal and that it is something that will take time. A big concern, is the additional costs and who is going to pick up that the School or the State? Once the proposal is ready, it would need to be sent to the NYSPHSAA Championship Philosophy Committee and they only meet when needed, not on a regular schedule. The proposal would have to indicate the philosophical and financial impact. The proposal would need to address the request to change swim and dive from an Individual Sport to an Individual / Team sport such as Cross County, Girls Golf and Wrestling. Look for a survey in the sports coordinators email.

C. Peter Hugo noted that in order to apply for the Dave Robertson Award, a coach needs to win 5 State Championships.

Meeting concluded at 9:58 am

Minutes as of 5/31/24 respectfully completed by Margaret P. Kaplan (I) and reviewed by Peter Hugo, Diane Hicks-Hughes & Joe Altieri



Girls Ice Hockey Committee Meeting Report

Date: May 22, 2024 at 10am

Attendees: Carl Normandin (State Coordinator), Tess Brogan (I) , Margaret Lawrence (2), Mark Fierro (III), Rick Hopkins (VI), Butch Martin (VII), Joe Stark (X), Joe Altieri, Todd Nelson, Kristen Jadin, Chris Joyce, Lexi Swatt

Absent: Shawn Sterge

Status Updates/ Items Discussion/ Action Taken:

1. Regional Rotations – All teams will play a subregional in 2025.
 2. Number of Teams – Maintain “NYSPHSAA Emerging Sport Status”
 - a. Section I – Anticipate having 3 teams. Having trouble getting a host school for 3rd team. Section IX may be starting a team.
 - b. Section 2 – Only one team at the moment. Albany Academy looking to come on last year. That may not be out of the realm of possibility. Shenendehowa is working on getting another team. Younger participants are increasing at lower level. Hoping to have 2-3 teams in the next five years.
 - c. Section III – Same number of teams had in the past. Ithaca plays with Section III. Alexandria Bay plays in Section X. There are 4 teams.
 - d. IV – 1 team – Ithaca plays in Section III currently may have a couple of new teams potentially starting up in 2025-26 season TBA.
 - e. V – 1 team TBA on new teams.
 - f. VI – 7 teams, there are 2 teams that are nonpublic and not allowed in Section VI
 - g. VII – 2 teams
 - h. X – 4 teams, with maybe Salmon may be in the mix but may affect Malone.
- Todd – NYSPHSAA is committed to the 2025 Regional Girls Ice Hockey Championship. Right now, based on what is reported, Girls Ice Hockey is under the criteria to host a regional championship. The criteria is the sport must have 4 teams in at least 4 sections. Right now, 3 sections have 4 teams. Need to get the 4th section to host a NYSPHSAA Regional Championship in 2026 season. Carl – Growth is slow and steady. Need to make a push for 2025-2026 season. Does the regulation require them to be exclusively in the section? Can it be 3 Section I teams and 1 Section IX team? Todd – Only if that Section IX team can play in the Section I Sectional Championship. Margaret – Creative and mindful with trying to satisfy the 4th section. Discussion ensued regarding the scenarios. Todd clarified that even if there are a mix of teams from different sections, they must be under one section. Further discussion ensued regarding the combining of Sections for championships. Sections must have the discussions. Carl has mapped out a framework for different Sections. Status quo for this year but need to look at other options to satisfy the NYSPHSAA Regional requirement. Tess – Asked if this is a change. Todd clarified that the emerging sport criteria was established many years ago. Explained what happened to Rifle. Rifle is strictly run by Sections. Todd – Girls Ice Hockey did meet the criteria to establish the regional championship, but since then, some sections made certain decisions and schools also dropped teams, which made the sport fall below the criteria.
3. Rosters and photos should be submitted on the NYSPHSAA website prior to the Sectional Final.



4. Subregional – Suggested the subregional be completed by February 13/14, 2025 and no later than Feb 17, 2025.
5. Neutral Ice – The committee took a vote on whether the subregional should be held on neutral ice. The consensus was no, as ice time is hard to find.
6. Championship Date – 2025 Regional Championship will be hosted on Feb 21-22 at the NEXUS Center. Same tournament format as this past year.
7. Combined School Agreements – Make sure following the criteria established by NYSPHSAA and the Sections.
8. Section Concerns
 - a. Carl – Work diligently to maintain NYSPHSAA Emerging Sport status.
 - b. I – Echoed Carl's concerns
 - c. 2 – Working on scheduling and being mindful of reciprocating travel from season to season.
 - d. III/IV – None.
 - e. V – Not present.
 - f. VI – None.
 - g. VII – None.
 - h. X – Explain to people thoroughly what we need to do to keep the Regional Championship.
9. NYSPHSAA Foundation – Offering (up to \$1,000) grants to schools beginning in late summer. May be helpful to schools to establish or maintain Girls Ice Hockey programs. More information to come.

Future Items/Meeting:

1. Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 21, 2025 at 10am

Appendix D



Boys Basketball Post Season Report 2023-2024

All WNY SportsmanSHIP Winners

LEAGUE	DIVISION	SCHOOL	INDIVIDUAL
Buffalo League	Large/Small	Hutch Tech Olmsted	David Washington Tacari McCray
CCAA League	Division 2 East	Catt-Little Valley	Grady Merrill
CCAA League	Division 1 East	Cassadaga Valley	Ace Pierce
CCAA League	Division 1 West	Southwestern	Declan Kennedy
CCAA League	Division 2 West	Brocton	Donovan St. George
ECIC League	Division 1	Williamsville North	David Hare
ECIC League	Division 2	Sweet Home	Logan Haug
ECIC League	Division 3	Williamsville South	Jacob Schapiro
ECIC League	Division 4	Springville	Max Perry
ECIC League	Division 5	Global Concepts	Darius Brown
Niagara Frontier League		Niagara-Wheatfield	Luke Walck
Niagara Orleans League		Wilson	Jack Mahar

***NEW Coaches SportsmanSHIP Selection: 2023-24 Eric Klumpp Newfane**

Report on changes in policy or practice: This was the last year for Glens Falls to hold the State Championships. They will be moved to Binghamton for the next 3 seasons.

Problems encountered/concerns:

Health Sciences played in the Buffalo Public Schools league, while Global Concepts and Tapestry Charter schools played in the ECIC league. Buffalo Academy of Science and Maritime Charter remain independent. Of the 5 Charters, we believe Health Sciences is the only school that needs to be re-classified for the 24-25 season.

Post Covid, a growing problem has been the use of social media at the high school level. It has become an issue for us as the Boys Basketball Committee because of the amount of photographers and videographers who feel it is their "right" to be on the floor at Buffalo State during Sectional games. Schools themselves are sending kids down from their video yearbook staff, while "professional" videographers that are hired by individual players are showing up and expect court access. And this is

all while WNY Athletic, who is streaming our playoff games for the NFHS network, has their own workers on the floor filming the game. It is becoming not just a safety hazard, but we need to find a better way to control who it is that we are allowing on the court. This may be an issue for the Athletic Council to look into and provide some guidelines for ALL to follow. We would like some feedback that we can implement as early as next season. I would like to see a “badge” of some sort that only myself or an assistant could hand out that would allow ANYONE on the floor. That way, no one can show up “unannounced” and expect to be on the floor. All this info could be sent to media/schools well ahead of time so we could process all those desiring access.

Other pertinent data:

Class AAA was new this season. Jamestown will join Lancaster and Niagara Falls next season. We are discussing/investigating if moving Health Sciences up to the AAA Class would be a good idea. More to come on that front soon. This will also make scheduling at Buffalo State a real challenge, trying to fit everyone in within our time constraints.

Next year's Class Breakdowns looks like this - Class AAA - 3 schools Class AA - 17 schools Class A - 25 schools (A1 & A2) Class B 23 schools (B1 & B2) Class C - 16 schools Class D 6 schools - so 8 Classes for seeding purposes, and 2 crossover games in Classes A and B,

I am also anticipating a change in the Regional schedule based on information I have received. More to come as I am told more at the State level, but I am aware of changes for the Fall Sports Regional rotation are currently in the works.

The assigning of officials during the regular season is an issue. Some leagues use a full time paid assigner, others designate an Administrator to watch over specific sports, while some leagues use secretaries. Having said all this, we have an issue that specific officials are being “pre-assigned” to certain schools that are deemed to be “difficult to get officials to go to”, such as Pioneer, Lake Shore, Springville, etc. (mostly schools that are further away from the Buffalo metro area). To that end, some of these schools are ending up with the SAME OFFICIALS on their games for 5 or 6 home games. That's not a good scenario for ANY school. We would like to see this practice “tweaked” in some way to prevent that from happening.

The new policies in relation to seeding/point system/tie-breakers worked very well. However, we still believe strongly that the **# of league WINS AND LOSSES IS ABSOLUTELY USELESS !!!!** Between Buffalo, ECIC, Niagara-Orleans, NFL, and CCAA, **WE ALL PLAY DIFFERING AMOUNTS OF LEAGUE GAMES!!!!!!** We are trying to avoid ANY coin flips if possible. So here is a “NEW” proposal concerning seeding points tiebreakers. Four steps as follows:

1. League winning percentage (already in place)
2. Head to head in league (already in place)
3. Overall winning % **WITHIN YOUR CLASS** (new) - so if team A played 11 games in Class A, and team B played 14, the team with the higher winning % would be the higher seeds. This would allow teams to play difficult schedules against larger schools without being “punished”
4. Overall winning % of **ALL 20 GAMES** (new)

***The above proposal is tabled and excluded from the action item to approve this report at the June 12, 2024 athletic council meeting (per the May 30, 2024 Sectional Intersectional Committee meeting). The S/I Committee is in ongoing discussions to establish a tiebreaker framework for all sports.**

Sectional and Post-Sectional Results:

Sectional Champions

Class AAA – Niagara Falls

Class AA1 - Jamestown

Class A1- Williamsville South

Class B1 - Salamanca

Class AA2 - Health Sciences

Class A2 - Olean

Class B2 – Falconer

Class C - Randolph Class D - Pine Valley

Overall Class - AA Jamestown A - Williamsville South Class B - Salamanca

Regional Champions

Class AAA Niagara Falls AA Jamestown B Salamanca

State Champions - none

Next season will begin on Monday, November 18, 2023 (week 20 of NYSPHSAA Calendar)

In an unusual calendar year, February break, will fall **DURING THE REGULAR SEASON**. The postseason/seeding meeting is scheduled for the following **Saturday, 2/22/25**.

CURRENT PILOT PROGRAMS:

1. Split classifications after opt-out Pilot Program (in the sports of Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Baseball and Softball (approved Nov 2023 AC))

Last season, we agreed to be a part of the pilot program that allowed the Chairman to decide on Classifications within a Class later in the season after teams exercised their decision to opt out of the playoffs, supporting the girls basketball committee. They generally have quite a few teams opting out, and waiting until late in the season to divide their Class AA, A, B divisions into equitable brackets with similar amounts of teams is a good idea for them, as well as some other sports. Boys basketball generally have VERY FEW boys teams opt out. This past season, we had 2. However, with ties in the BEDS #'s, and

While we understand this is a 2 year pilot program, we are asking to be taken OUT of the pilot program if possible and continue how we have in the past. The anticipated positive that this gives girls basketball DID NOT have the same positive outcome on the boys side. Please keep up posted on your decision.

2. 4,5,6 Point System Pilot Program (Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer, Girls Basketball, Boys Basketball, Softball, and Baseball) for the 23-24 and 24-25 school years.

*Note Boys and Girls Basketball began this pilot with the 22-23 school year, and was extended a year through 24-25 (approved AC May 2023).

Recommendations for next season (including dates/sites): Buffalo State and Jamestown CC remain outstanding venues for our semi-final and Finals. All sites and dates will be determined in the next few weeks. Our concern at this time is the fallout from the end of last season with some girls teams concerned about not playing their semi-finals at a venue such as Buff State. I've has many discussions with girls Basketball Chairman Chris Durr and we will continue to communicate and do what is best for both the boys and girls. Let me remind you that Class C & D girls have been playing at JCC for many years now, we have shared the venue with no issues. AND, Mr. Durr has used other college venues for semi-finals in the past, only to receive numerous complaints from the girls teams/schools/coaches about extra travel, parking issues, venues being too big, etc. I don't envy the position he is being put in.

MORE RECOMMENDATIONS -

Lastly, the schedule below will need to be revamped for next season. That is currently being worked on and will be finalized in the near future. Section V will be hosting Regionals, but, as stated earlier, I

believe there will be changes made statewide in the Regionals rotations, so we will wait and see what that looks like, as well as what dates will be.

Dates, Times, rotation of these games for next season will be determined after hearing more from the State regarding the new "Regional Rotation Schedule". Green dates and times highlighted below are TBA

Basketball (Boys): Larry Jones

Last regular season game		Wednesday, 2/19		
Seeding meeting		Saturday, 2/22	Erie 1 Boces	9:00 a.m.
1 st Round	Class(es)	Date	Site	Time(s)
	AA, C A, B	Mon, 2/24 Tue, 2/25	Higher Seed Higher Seed	7:00 pm 7:00 pm
2 nd Round	AA, C, D A, B,	Wed., 2/26 Thu. 2/27	Higher Seed	7:00 pm
Quarters*	Class C, AA Class A, B	Friday, 2/28 Sat, 3/1	Higher Seed	7:00 pm 1:00 pm
Semi-Finals	Class D	Monday, 3/3	Jamestown CC	6:00, 7:45
	Class AA1, AA2(1)	Monday, 3/3	Buffalo State	5:15, 6:45, 8:15
	Class C	Tuesday, 3/4	Jamestown CC	6:00, 7:45
	Class A1(2), AA2(1)	Tuesday, 3/4	Buffalo State	5:15, 6:45, 8:15
	Class A2, B1(1)	Wed, 3/5	Buffalo State	5:15, 6:45, 8:15
	Class B2, B1(1)	Thur. 3/6	Buffalo State	5:15, 6:45, 8:15
Finals	Class D, C	Friday, Mar 7	Jamestown Comm. College	6:00, 7:45
Finals	Class AAA, A1, A2	Friday, Mar 7	Buffalo State Arena	5:15, 6:45, 8:15,
Finals	AA1, AA2 B2, B1	Saturday, Mar 8	Buffalo State Arena	1:00, 2:30, 6:00, 7:30
Regional Qualifier	Class AA, B, A	Tues, Mar 10	Buffalo State Arena	5:15, 6:45, 8:15
Far West Regionals	Class D, C, B, A, AA, AAA	Sat. Mar 14-15??	Regional rotation schedule currently unknown.	
States	All	Mar 20-23	Binghamton Arena	TBA
Fed. Try	Currently not happening			

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Girls Basketball Post-Season Report 2023-24

All-WNY Sportsmanship Winners

<u>DIVISION</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>INDIVIDUAL</u>
BUFFALO Div 1	Not Submitted	
BUFFALO Div 2	Not Submitted	
CCAA West 1	Allegany Limestone	Mia Herzong
CCAA West 2	Maple Grove	Hailey Johnson & Claire Price
CCAA East 1	Falconer	Ashley Smith
CCAA East 2	Catt LV	Rebekah Butcher
ECIC 1	Jamestown	Alyson Canfield
ECIC 2	Hamburg	Maddie Hoak
ECIC 3	Pioneer	Sarah Morris
ECIC 4	Depew	Ella Pagano
ECIC 5	JFK	Liana Christian
NFL	Kenmore West	Sami Padilla
NO	Roy Hart	Lila Bringham
Independent	Not Submitted	

Report on changes in Policy or Practice that were implemented:

Implemented the Classification split after the Opt out deadline. Worked very well. Need to continue this procedure. Classes were balanced and made for a more competitive tournament.

Problems encountered/concerns:

18 teams dropped out of Sectionals

Concern raised (not by committee members) regarding Girls Semis not being held at Buffalo State. Chairman looked into several sites, Junior college and D3. Concerns are availability, travel, cost, and staffing for the week.

Other pertinent data:

Frank Martin Person/Coach of the Year Award – Ken Ricker (Jamestown)

Recommendations for next season & proposed dates/sites:

Will need to adjust the sectional schedule due to the new Regional Rotations that will be implemented by NYSPHSAA

1. Dates and Sites will be discussed at a June Pre-season meeting
 - a. Sectional Calendar to be provided with pre-season report
 - b. All classifications Semis and Finals times and/or dates were rotated (on Calendar)

Sectional and Post-Sectional Results:

Sectional Champions:

AAA – Lancaster
AA - Starpoint
A1 – Pioneer
A2 – Lew-Port
B1 – Southwestern
B2 – Portville
C – Frewsburg
D – Panama

Regional Champions:

Class AAA - Lancaster
Class B - Southwestern
Class C – Frewsburg

State Champions:

None

Current Pilot Programs:

1. 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 (approved Nov 2023 AC)
2. Two-year pilot (approved AC May 2023), implementing a 4,5,6 Point System across all six sports (Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer, Girls Basketball, Boys Basketball, Softball, and Baseball) for the 23-24 and 24-25 school years.
*Note Boys and Girls Basketball began this pilot with the 22-23 school year, and was extended a year through 24-25 (approved AC May 2023).

Submitted, Date 5/1/24

Chris Durr, Section VI Girls Basketball Chairman



Boys Ice Hockey
Post Season Report
2023-2024

All WNY Sportsmanship Winners

		<u>School</u>	<u>Athlete</u>
Ice Hockey	Division NFL	Kenmore West	James Scholl
	Division ECIC I	Williamsville North	Noah Lebertew
	Division ECIC II	Hamburg	Canyon Bellis

Report on changes in Policy or Practice that were implemented:

- All games were scored live using electronic scoring. No scoresheets were used for the 15 league games. Using iPads, the off-ice officials scored the game, on-ice officials verified the game end results, and the data was immediately reflected on the website.
- This was the third year for our divisional alignment. Four divisions were established that followed the pattern of the existing leagues schools presently complete in. The ECIC group was 14 schools and therefore it was broken into two divisions based on the BEDS numbers.
- The stats adjustment form was used for the second year for coaches to request that the league approve and correct any stats for players that were reported incorrectly. In total 21 requests were made from 7 different schools out of 230 league and non-league games.
- The running clock rule in the 3rd period when the score reached an 8 goal differential was reinstituted.
- The league hosted a senior all-star game for the second time. 52 senior athletes participated. It was very successful.
- Sweet Home/Depew merged with North Tonawanda for the first time. The team completed in the ECIC I division and the DI sectionals.
- NYSPHSAA allows the OT in a regular season game to be 4 on 4 or 3 on 3. The membership rejected this proposal for our section, we continue to run a 5 on 5 OT.

Problems encountered/concerns:

- There were some live scoring problems due to a programming bug early in the season. This required rewriting the software and launching it during the regular season. While difficult it was successfully managed. Most other issues were human error. Therefore, there will be a mandatory training session for scorekeepers and coaches conducted in November of 2024 before the league games begin.
- There are also some software edits to the system that need to be made for next year so that certain specific data can be recorded accurately. The website is also being updated for next season. This will include a secure area for coaches and ADs to access documents and forms.

Recommendations for next season including proposed calendar:

- We will continue to fine tune the electronic scoring procedure games. The distribution, maintenance and collection of equipment also needs to be addressed. A better system must be implemented to make this process more manageable.
- The start date for the season is November 13, 2023. Section VI will host the regional games on Saturday March 8th and the NYS Championships on March 15 & 16, 2025.
- We will reduce the league schedule so that all teams receive 14 games. This allows each division to play a balanced schedule within their division and reduce the number of cross-over games. It also allows teams to book weekend tournament more easily.
- The three official system will again be used for the sectionals and finals. This is in line with the NYSPHAA decision to use three officials for regionals and the state tournament.

Section VI Boys Hockey Divisions for the 2024-2025 Season

<i>Private</i>	<i>NFL</i>	<i>ECIC I</i>	<i>ECIC II</i>
Canisius	Grand Island	Lancaster	Will. East
St. Joes	Lew-Port	Clarence	Hamburg
St. Francis	Niagara-Wheatfield	Will. North	Will. South
Timon	Ken-East	Orchard Park	Amherst
St. Mary's	Ken-West	Frontier	Iroquois/Ald.
	Lockport/NF	Sweet Home/Depew/NT	W. Seneca E.
		W. Seneca W.	Starpoint

Note: The Section VI Finance Committee approved a \$5000 participation fee for the 24-25 school year at their April 10, 2024 meeting. Invoices will be sent to schools in the summer.

Divisional Champions and Post Season Results:

<i>Division</i>	<i>Champion</i>
ECIC I	Orchard Park
ECIC II	Starpoint
NFL	Niagara Wheatfield
Monsignor Martin	Bishop Timon

Sectional Results:

D I Champion – Orchard Park

D II Champion – Kenmore East

Monsignor Martin Champion- St. Joseph Collegiate Institute

*NOTE:

Sectionals have not been determined. Ice time is presently being contracted. This will be included as soon as the ice time is confirmed and respective teams' classification is confirmed.



SECTION VI POST-SEASON REPORT
Girls Ice Hockey 2023-24
Chairperson: Rick Hopkins
April 2024

All WNY Sportsmanship Winners

Clarence/Amherst/Sweet Home

Report on changes in Policy or Practice that were implemented

The WNYGVIHF, in it's 14th season, for the first time used the same venue for all playoff rounds. Buffalo State Arena staff did a great job hosting the Section VI Playoffs and a NYSPHSAA Quarterfinal. Webster became the 1st Section V district to sponsor girls varsity ice hockey. They played 7 of the 9 Section VI teams in non league games and lost to KenGiPort in the NYSPHSAA Quarterfinals. There was no Player of the Year this season.

Problems encountered/ concerns

Some teams were only able to secure game ice that started at 4pm. This makes it a challenge for some visiting teams to make. The league managed and there were no games curfewed. Snow postponements were quickly rescheduled. A bus driver shortage in most districts caused some games to start late.

Recommendations for next season including proposed calendar

The girl's league has continued to thrive due to the high level of interest and exposure. The cooperation between high school coaches and travel coaches has again helped with development of the student-athletes and the league. The Section VI playoffs will return to Buffalo St. The champion will travel to Section V for NYS Quarterfinal

Ice Hockey (Girls) Rick Hopkins 626-8608, 631-2906 - 2024-25 Sectional & Post Sectional Schedule			
Section VI Quarterfinals	Tues. Feb. 11	Buffalo State Arena	
Section VI Semifinals	Thurs Feb.13	Buffalo State Arena	
Section VI Championship	Mon. Feb. 17	Buffalo State Arena	
NYSPHSAA Quarters	Wed. Feb 19	Webster, NY	
NYSPHSAA Semifinals	Fri. Feb. 21	Nexus Center Utica, NY	
NYSPHSAA Finals	Sat. Feb. 22	Nexus Center Utica, NY	

Player of the Year N/A

First Team All Federation

Jenny Wild CASH Def. So.

Jocelyn Smaczniak FFLOP Fwd, Sr.

Bella Jayme KenGIPort Fwd Jr.
Izzy Bourgeault KenGIPort Fwd Jr.
Maya Griffin FFLOP Fwd Jr
Kennedy Reust NICO G So.

Second Team All Federation

Abby Zimmerman NICO Fwd So
Alexandria Franke MMAA Fwd Sr
Sam Latini NC Fwd Jr
Lilah Cudney FFLOP Def. Jr
Madeline Marzec KenGIPort Def. Sr
Samantha Horne KenGIPort G Sr.

Coch the Year – Greg Grosskopf - Niagara County

Rusin Award – Named in honor of Jim Rusin recognizing commitment and dedication to Girls Varsity Ice Hockey in Western New York. 2024 Recipients:

Sue Deci
Helen Meosky
Isabell Posner
Mary Ellen Kather
Liz DiTonto
Sharon Doherty
Marianne Tomani

Courage Award - Frankie Williamson - Niagara County

Financial summary (receipts/expenditures):

Submitted to Section VI Treasurer Beth Fadeley

Sectional and Post-Sectional Results

Section VI Quarterfinals

Tues. Feb. 6 6PM	#6 - CASH	2	4	#3 - HHEWS	Buffalo St
	#7 - WMSV	1	8	#2 - KenGIPort	Buffalo St
	#5 - LIDA	1	0	#4 - FFLOP	Buffalo St

Section VI Semifinals

Thurs. Feb. 9 4:30 PM	#5 - LIDA	2	4	#1- NICO	Buffalo St
Thurs. Feb. 9 6:30 PM	#3 - HHEWS	1	3	#2 - KenGIPort	Buffalo St

Private School Championship

Mon. Feb. 12 6PM	St Mary's	3	2	MMAA 2OT	Buffalo St
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Section VI Championship

Mon. Feb. 12 8PM	#1 NC	2	3	#2 KenGIPort	Buffalo St
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NYSPHSAA Quarterfinal

Weds. Feb. 14 6PM	Webster	3	4	KenGIPort OT	Buffalo St
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NYSPHSAA State Tournament Nexus Center Utica, NY

Fri. Feb. 16 6:00 PM & 8PM

Sec. 2/7 - Adirondack United 6 Sec. III - Skaneateles-1

Sec. 10 - Canton-0 Sec. 6 - KenGIPort-2

Sat. Feb. 17 12PM

Sec. 2/7 - Adirondack United 7 KenGIPort 3



Boys/Girls Bowling Post-Season Report 2023-2024

Report on changes in Policy or Practice:

There were no Changes in Policy or Practice this season.

1. Recommended Championship Dates for '24-'25 Season:

Girls Sectional Tournament: TBD* Feb. 10th & 11th AMF Airport Lanes, Cheektowaga Boys
Sectional Tournament: Thursday, TBD* Feb. 12th & 13th – AMF Airport Lanes, Cheektowaga Snow
Date / Make-up Date: Friday, February 14, 2025 - AMF Airport Lanes, Cheektowaga
State Tournament: Fri-Sun, March 8-10, 2025 – Hosted by: AMF Strike N' Spare Lanes, Syracuse

**=Tentative dates have been set. This was based on the NYSPHSAA approval of the new 6 man format on May 1, 2024. Consideration will have to be made with regards to number of sessions, lanes being used and potential championship dates.*

Sectional/State Tournament for '22-'23 Season:

Bowling B- Dan Kaplan (c) 868-5051 G- Joe Biondo (c) 479-2736				
		<u>Date</u>	<u>Site</u>	
Sectionals:	Boys	Wed 2/14/24	AMF Airport Lanes	Cheektowaga
	Girls	Thu 2/15/23	AMF Airport Lanes	Cheektowaga
States:	Small Schools	Fri 3/8/24	AMF Strike N Spare Lanes	Syracuse
	All-Section (2 squads)	Sat 3/9/24	AMF Strike N Spare Lanes	Syracuse
	Large Schools	Sun 3/10/24	AMF Strike N Spare Lanes	Syracuse

2023 Sectional Results: (6 Game Totals)

<u>Class</u>	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Total Pins</u>	<u>Girls</u>	<u>Total Pins</u>
A	Kenmore*	6001	Frontier	5378
B	Grand Island	5839	North Tonawanda*	5473
C	West Seneca East**	6075***	Depew**	5238***
D	Falconer	5834	Hinsdale	4895

* Division I Champion – Represented Section VI at the NYSPHSAA Championships

** Division II Champion – Represented Section VI at the NYSPHSAA Championships

*** State Champion

All Section Team - Boys

<u>Bowler</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Total Pins</u>
Robert Kozlowski	Dunkirk	12	1350
Braiden Roba	Clarence	10	1325
Charles Cain	North Tonawanda	11	1312
Nicolas Galligan	Grand Island	12	1308
John Coram	Grand Island	10	1294
Nicolas Houston	Falconer	12	1294

All Section Team - Girls

<u>Bowler</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Total Pins</u>
Madison Rondeau	Hinsdale	10	1357
Allie Ventry	Niagara Falls	10	1246
Abbie Derby	Jamestown	12	1236
Winter Winkfield	Amherst	9	1215
Madison Ciminelli	Frontier	9	1179
Jessica Holtz	Frontier	10	1127

2023 NYSPHSAA Championship Results:**Team**

<u>Girls</u>	<u>Division</u>	<u>Total Pins</u>	<u>Placement</u>
North Tonawanda	Division 1	5492	3rd
Depew	Division 2	5376	1st
<u>Boys</u>	<u>Division</u>	<u>Total Pins</u>	<u>Placement</u>
Kenmore	Division 1	5383	9th
West Seneca East	Division 2	6482	1st
<u>All-Star Composite Team</u>		<u>Total Pins</u>	<u>Placement</u>
Girls		6378	1st
Boys		6565	3rd

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Kaplan, Section VI Boys Chairman
 Joe Biondo, Section VI Girls Chairman



**Boys Swimming & Diving
Post-Season Report
2023-2024
Progress as of 4/26/24**

2023-2024 Coaches Sportsmanship Nomination:

 **Christopher Miller, Williamsville East**

**Bruce Johnson was nominated for the NFHS Coach of the Year Award by the Girl's committee.*

Report on changes in policy or practice that were implemented:

- League Championships, Class Championships, and a State Qualifier Time Finals meet were held locally, and the 2024 state meet occurred at Ithaca College.
- The section continued to use [Swimcloud.com](https://www.swimcloud.com), originally known as collegeswimming.com, this site serves as the number one recruitment site for college coaches. This continues to be a tremendous asset to athletes, parents, coaches, and section coordinators.

Thank you to Paul Cary who once again was instrumental in the success of our season who helped to ensure statistics were accurate, and was our tech liaison with SwimCloud.

Problems encountered/concerns:

- None.

Class Meet Results:

Class A Champions:

Orchard Park



Class B Champions:

Williamsville East



Class C Champions: Tonawanda



Sectional VI State Qualifier Meet: ECC

Section VI State Qualifier 1st Place Finishers		
200 Medley Relay	Landon Federes, Connor Dean, Grady Moore, Miles Moore	Frewsburg
200 Free	Jaxon Bruzgel	Orchard Park
200 IM	Liam Coen	Hamburg
50 Free	Aidan McCleery	Frewsburg
Diving	Jackson Conley	Tonawanda
100 Fly	Liam Clark	Orchard Park
100 Free	Kyle Priset	Clarence
500 Free	Brady Garcia	Kenmore
200 Free Relay	Aidan McCleery, Connor Dean, Grady Moore, Miles Moore	Frewsburg
100 Back	Weston Valentine	East Aurora
100 Breast	Jaxon Bruzgel	Orchard Park
400 Free Relay	Connor Dean, Miles Moore, Grady Moore, Aidan McCleery	Frewsburg

State Meet Highlights		
Jaxon Bruzgel	Lancaster	State Champion: 50 Free

Section VI Records

<u>Event</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Year</u>
200 Medley Relay	Austin Carducci Jayden Bruzgel Liam Clark Jaxon Bruzgel	1:34.48	Orchard Park	2024
200 Freestyle	John Hodge	1:39.77	Williamsville North	1985
200 Individual Medley	Aaron Gasiewicz	1:49.04	Lancaster	2023
50 Freestyle	Charlie Rommel	:20.46	Clarence	2011
One Meter Dive (6)	Terry Butler	375.70	Kenmore East	1987
One Meter Dive (11)	Shawn Hoffman	606.35	North Tonawanda	2008
100 Butterfly	Aaron Gasiewicz	:48.85	Lancaster	2023
100 Freestyle	Matt Marsh	:45.40	Jamestown	2015
500 Freestyle	Jamie Miller	4:35.75	Frontier	2002
200 Freestyle Relay	Connor Dean, Miles Moore Grady Moore Aidan McCleery	1:24.05	Frewsburg	2024
100 Backstroke	Phil Aronica	:49.52	Orchard Park	2010
100 Breaststroke	Jacob Lauzonis	:56.66	Lewiston-Porter	2022
400 Freestyle Relay	Connor Dean, Miles Moore Grady Moore Aidan McCleery	3:07.68	Frewsburg	2024

Recommendations for next season, including the proposed calendar:

- Continue awarding patches by class (A, B, C) for Championships Meets
- Continue to support funding meets at ECC & UB.
- The tentative calendar below reflects the 2024-2025 championship format which may change as a result of the May 2024 State Section Coordinator's meeting.
- Qualifying times will be studied and adjusted as appropriate to better meet the needs and talents of our Section VI athletes
- **Classification Breakdown** The Committee recommends that schools are assigned to three divisions based on BEDS. 100% of the BEDS numbers would be used for the 24.25 school year for combined teams since swimming is technically a one-classification sport. This will have very minimal impact on classification organization.
- **Sectional 6 Class Championship Meets and Sectional/State Qualifier Meet/s:** The format used for Class championships hosted by member schools as a three-day format (swim prelims, diving, swim finals) worked well in the 2022 and 2023 seasons. A timed final state qualifier meet held at a college facility, recognizing the fastest swimmer/top diver within the section.

After researching the other 10 sections across the state's postseason format, both the boys and girls committees continue to evaluate this format, based on data reports available through swimcloud to determine if this format continues to give our athletes the best opportunity to represent the section at the State Championship.

2024-2025 Boys Swimming & Diving Championship Dates -

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Times</u>
Class Meets	Approximately February 6-8, 2025	TBA	TBA
Section Meets	Approximately February 11-14, 2025	TBA	TBA
NYSPHSAA Championships	March 6-8, 2025	Kelsey Partridge Bird Natatorium @ Ithaca College	10:00 AM

2023-2024 Combining of Schools Report Review:

Swim B	<u>Royalton-Hartland</u>	Barker	ok
Swim B	<u>Buffalo Arts Academy</u>	L DaVinci	ok
Swim B	<u>Cheektowaga</u>	JFK	ok
Swim B	<u>Dunkirk</u>	Fredonia, Forestville	ok
Swim B	<u>East</u>	Burgard, MST, Pathways, Riverside	ok
Swim B	<u>East Aurora</u>	Holland	ok
Swim B	<u>Eden</u>	Gowanda	ok
Swim B	<u>Frewsburg</u>	Southwestern, Jamestown, Falconer	ok
Swim B	<u>Hutch Tech</u>	Emerson, Buffalo Culinary	ok
Swim B	<u>Kenmore East</u>	Kenmore West	ok
Swim B	<u>LJ Bennett</u>	MEC, Res Lab, Alt Acad, Lafayette	ok
Swim B	<u>Olean</u>	Allegany-Limestone, Franklinville	ok
Swim B	<u>Panama</u>	Chautauqua Lake	ok
Swim B	<u>West Seneca West</u>	West Seneca East	ok

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Menges & Nate Bourke
Boys Swimming/Diving Co-Chairpersons

Cheerleading
Post-Season Report
Winter 2023

Report on changes in policy or practice that were implemented:

- Section VI will only approve one (1) Outside Agency and one (1) League competition on the same day if there are enough officials for both. This is to ensure that Officials are available for each competition. If there cannot be two in one day, it will be first come first serve.
- For Outside Agency contests, the host school is responsible for payment of officials as per their contract.
- All outside agency competitions that are being approved need to offer Game day divisions only.
- Sectionals will continue to be Winner of each division will advance to states.

Recommendations for next season including proposed calendar:

- **Proposal: Section VI will only approve member school competitions in the fall to have game day divisions only.**
- **Proposal: Section VI will use Leagues as qualifiers to advance to Sectionals. If the division is under 6 teams, then all teams would qualify through their league to attend Sectionals. *This proposal is tabled and excluded from the action item to approve winter 23-24 post season reports at the June 12, 2024 athletic council meeting (per the 5/30/24 Sectional Intersectional Committee meeting).**

Cheerleading – Justina Grudzinski c:913-7592 sec6cheerleading@gmail.com			
Proposed 2023-24 Calendar			
	<u>Date</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Time</u>
Game Day Sectionals	11/3/2024	Frontier HS	9:00-12:00PM
State Championship	11/10/2024	Hudson Valley Community College in Troy	
Competitive Cheer Sectionals	3/1/2025	Starpoint HS	9:00-2:00

Comp Cheer State Championship	3/8/2025	Binghamton	
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Financial summary (receipts/expenditures): *all was submitted to following the
Sectional championship*

Winter 2023 Winners

A

1st: Frontier

Runner Up: Orchard Park

B:

1st: Clarence

Runner Up: Hamburg

C:

1st: Iroquois

Runner up: Lake Shore

D:

1st: Randolph

Runner up: Wilson

Co ed:

1st: Williamsville East

Runner up: Eden

Female Wrestling

Post Season Report 2023-24

All WNY Sportsmanship Winners: NA (They only recognize sportsmanship winners at “Official” state championships)

Important Dates for 2023-2024:

First Practice – Nov. 13 th

Initial Weight Certifications: Nov. 17 th -21 st

Report on changes in policy or practice that were implemented:

This year we had 1,343 NYSPHSAA female wrestlers that were weight certified for the 2023-24 season. There were well over 1,600 if you count the PSAL, CHSAA, and the AIS. Because of the number of athletes AND the amount of teams that signed on as “All Women” wrestling teams, we WILL be having a fully sanctioned NYSPHSAA State Championship on the 34th week of the 24-25 season. It will be held at the same venue as the Boys State Competition and will be conducted on the Thursday prior to the boys championship. We had 207 young ladies certify in Section 6 which was an increase of 72.

Qualifying will take place at the Sectional level but there was much discussion on a regional format, stating that Sections would still have representation, because the regional concept would be the first leg of the process. Since we will be qualifying out of each section and allocations will be based on an equation to include Certified participants and strength of prior state placing, it will be necessary to have a Section 6 Championship to come up with our State representatives.

I would recommend that the Sectional tournament be run during the 30th week in place of the past class tournaments or the 33rd week, so teams who have 1 coach for both boys and girls teams, do NOT run into a conflict. In the future, our hope will be that school districts see the growth potential and value, and hire a women’s coach or assign a boys assistant to be in charge of the women’s program.

Again, this season, the NYSPHSAA office ran an “Invitational State Championship” held at Onondaga Community College in Syracuse. It was a fantastic event and all who attended saw a tremendous jump in talent across the state.

Wrestling coaches will still be required to enter all weigh-ins on TrackWrestling. **We will NOT be implementing the 1.5% weight descent rule for the 2024-25 season. Discussion is ongoing as to what measures we will take to ensure a healthy weight plan for our women’s teams.**

Problems encountered/concerns:

Our season ran very smoothly. We had very few issues this season. The only real problem took place when schools closed and we were unable to run our ladder tournament. This issue made it much more difficult to decide an order for entrance into the State Invitational. However, when all was said and done, the coaches were extremely understanding with the process and appreciative of the number of individual athletes we were able to enter into the tournament.

Since we will be having a Section 6 Championship, we will need to consider a single site with approximately 4 mats and 5 officials. Awards should be in line with the Boys tournament with patches being given.

New policies for 2024-25

The State Championship will be run as a “Freestyle” event. The NYSPHSAA offices are currently partnered with the NYSOA and are working to get a sufficient number of officials on board. There are freestyle “Officials Clinics” being held throughout the state.

As far as our Championship series (2024-25):

NYSPHSAA Invitational: NYSPHSAA will be hosting the 1st ever Female Wrestling State Tournament and if things go as planned, it will be the first ever State HS sanctioned Freestyle event. It will be held on Thursday February 20th at the AlbanyMVP Arena. (Or whatever they are calling it now) The Championship will be something that is bid on and rotated throughout the state.

I have been made aware that BuffState is very interested in hosting this event and as the ONLY section in NY State with 2 different colleges who have added Women’s Wrestling, I would hope that is taken into consideration. Much like changing the state meet that was held in Syracuse for YEARS, to an area that supported College wrestling.

I would highly recommend that a Section 6 Dual meet championship be budgeted for and put in place. Last year this tournament was run as an invitational at Dunkirk and had a two contact point requirement. It was an extremely successful and well run tournament. *This item is excluded from the action item to approve this report at the June 12, athletic council meeting (per the 5/30/24 Sectional Intersectional Committee meeting).

Since the boys have a dual meet championship in place, the girls should have the same. With Section 6 leading the way, we will set the standard for the state to hold the women’s Dual meet State Championship in the near future. This event should be held in conjunction with the Boys Dual Meet Championship.

To include the entire State:

NYS Federation Invitational: As you are aware, NYS has 4 HS Athletic Associations. NYSPHSAA is the largest. PSAL are the public schools in NYC. The CHSAA are the catholic schools in NYC and Buffalo. The AIS are the independent schools in NYC. The PSAL is still unhappy with our move towards Freestyle as our wrestling style, even though they run the same style during the spring season. The NYSPHSAA would still like to host a NYS Federation Invitational to accommodate all 4 athletic associations but must get buy-in from the other associations prior to moving forward with this. Currently we do NOT have that.

New Proposals for 2024-25

2024-25 Season Calendar			
<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Time</u>
Start Date	Nov. TBD		
Weight Certification	Nov. TBD	As per Mike Pilato - TBA	As per Mike Pilato - TBA
Section 6 Dual Meet Championship	I would recommend the week before the Boys State Dual meet Championship	TBD based on availability of venue once a date has been decided upon	TBD
Section 6 Sectional Championship event (State Qualifying Tournament)	TBD (Possibly Feb 1st weekend Depending on the Boys Class schedule. Otherwise I would make it the 33rd week of the season.)	TBD based on availability of venue	TBD
NYSPHSAA Women's State Tournament	Thursday, Feb. 20, 2025	Albany MVP Arena	TBD

Section VI Culminating Event Results (2/17/24 at Dunkirk):

This year the "END OF SEASON" tournament was a dual meet championship, hosted by Dunkirk. The event was a tremendous success. There were 6 teams represented and they wrestled in a round robin fashion, giving each team the chance for 5 additional matches at the end of the season. Not only did it give these young ladies some extra combative mat time, but it also gave purpose to the teams and their athletes to continue to show up to practice and stay involved with the sport. Otherwise there is very little reason for any athletes to continue to come to daily practices past the 42 that were selected to participate at the State Invitational as participants or alternates.

Section 6 State Championship Results (1/27/23 SRC Arena):

In total, We ended up with 31 Section 6 wrestlers entered into the NYSPHSAA Invitational tournament and 9 place-finishers. As stated in an email, our section (with 207) had the 2nd most certified girls in New York State. Our State total grew to 1,343 overall. Our section should be very proud of being part of that success.

Congratulations to the following place finishers:

CHAMPION:

At 100 lbs - 8th grader, Gabriella Barone from Niagara Wheatfield who, for the 2nd year in a row, pinned her way through the tournament. Congratulations to coaches Bill Ploetz, Bill Edwards and Rick Sweeney. Tremendous accomplishment!

2nd place finishers:

132 lbs - 8th grader, Alexa Doxey from Newfane

165 lbs - 10th grader, Michaela Thomas from Iroquois

3rd place finisher:

165 lbs - 10th grader, Ava Bragg from Lockport

4th place finishers:

126 lbs - 8th grader, Noli Paddock from Chautauqua Lake

145 lbs - 12th grader, Christina Evans from West Seneca West/East and

5th place finisher:

138 lbs - 11th grader, Avery White from Frontier

6th place finishers:

132 lbs - 11th grader, Alexiya Thuman from Lake Shore

185 lbs - 12th grader, Yaletsy Tamayo from Sweet Home

Of the 31, only 7 of them were seniors. Of the 9 place finishers, only 2 were seniors.

State Tournament Participants:

94 Meyah Aponte Fredonia – 12th
94 Sheila Vega - Dunkirk – 10th
100 Gabriella Barone - Niagara Wheatfield – 8th
100 Lily Pieczonka - Niagara Wheatfield – 10th
107 Brenna McCarley North Tonawanda – 12th
107 Leah Waite - Fredonia – 10th
114 Hannah McCarley - North Tonawanda – 12th
114 Emma Greene - Niagara Wheatfield – 11th
120 McKella Hodkin - Fredonia - 7th
120 Georgia Zorich - Sweet Home - 10th
126 Noli Paddock - Chautauqua Lake - 8th
126 Marissa Tara - Orchard Park – 11th
132 Mia Smith - Chautauqua Lake – 11th
132 Alexiya Thuman - Lake Shore – 11th
132 Alexa Doxey - Newfane – 8th
132 Nevaeh Senik - Niagara Wheatfield – 9th
138 Gabriella Testa - Chautauqua Lake – 11th
138 Avery White - Frontier – 11th
145 Christina Evans - West Seneca West/East – 12th
145 Sophia Gervasio - Chautauqua Lake – 12th
145 Evelyn Cuthbert - Fredonia – 12th
152 Bella Andes - Lockport – 10th
152 Kiernan Quinn - Gowanda – 10th
165 Ava Bragg - Lockport – 10th
165 Michaela Thomas - Iroquois – 10th
165 Ryann Berner - Clarence – 9th
185 Yaletsy Tamayo - Sweet Home – 12th
185 Khamya J' Maxwell - Lockport – 10th
185 Kristina Dickey - Chautauqua Lake – 11th
235 Jyla Johnson - Lockport – 11th
235 Aislyn O'malley - Ken-Ton – 10th

Potential post season schedule for 2024-25:

January 18 Saturday - “Proposed” Sect 6 Dual Meet Championship

January 24 (Friday) - NYSPHSAA Women’s Dual Meet State Championships

February 1 - Section 6 Women’s State Qualifier

February 20 (Thursday) – NYSPHSAA Women’s State Championships

Respectfully submitted,

Alex Conti, Chairman

Date Apr 30, 2024



**Section 6
Wrestling
Post Season Report 2023-24**

All WNY Sportsmanship Winners: Ethan Coleman – Portville HS (D2) / Dylan Gagnon – North Tonawanda (D1)

Important Dates for 2024-2025:

First Practice – Nov. 18th

Centralized weight certification: 11/21 – 11/25.

Report on changes in policy or practice that were implemented:

1. The first season of using the 1.5% descent plan for weight loss seemed to be a general success. Other than a few data entry errors on the coaches' part; with the help of the admins from TrackWrestling, we were able to rectify those situations that arose. Coaches and wrestlers seemed to learn quickly how to manage the descent plans as they pertained to lineups for their contests.

Problems encountered/concerns:

1. Coaches were not happy with the Ad-hoc committee decision to give out Section patches at only one postseason event for individual sports. I reiterated to them that the decision was made for all individual sports and not just for wrestling. Coaches were informed at the beginning of the season about the new policy at our preseason meeting. Nevertheless, several still voiced their displeasure. From the feedback that I received from wrestlers and parents; it seemed apparent that some coaches did not inform their teams/parents that patches would not be given at the Class Tournaments until the weekend of the tournament.

New policies for 2024-25

1. Pausing the Class tournaments: Coaches were all informed that Section 6 would be pausing the Class tournament for the next 2 seasons to evaluate our current state qualifying system. As the Class tournaments currently exist, the quality of the Class Tournaments has been degrading the past several years. Smaller programs, multiple mergers etc. have resulted in Class tournaments that are not necessarily required. Coaches were generally not pleased with the decision. Coaches asked if the decision could be overturned. I expressed doubt about that to them at our Sectional meeting.
2. NYSPHSAA Wrestling Committee is seeking approval to have an initial weight certification as early as 6 weeks prior to first competition for those individuals who would like to get a jump on the 1.5% descent plan for weight loss (This would allow them to compete at a lower weight earlier in the season). Especially those athletes who play football. Responsibility for payment will most likely be up to those individuals who elect an earlier certification than our centralized sites.

Concerns heading into 2024-25

1. Prior to this season's sectional tournament, I pointed out the fact that within the 4 Class tournaments, several teams submitted a second entry into a weight class on their postseason lineup with a losing/non-existent varsity record. Class AA – had 14 second entries with losing records; Class A – 14; Class B – 22; Class C/D – 17. The second entry into a weight class (original spirit of the rule) was instituted for those teams who had 2 varsity caliber wrestlers in the same weight class. Our rules dictate that within the 13 weight classes, a team may enter up to 15 wrestlers (doubling up as needed). The original intent of the rule has been diluted as teams are now entering JV level wrestlers as a second entry to gain "experience". It may be prudent to put restrictions that define what a second entry into a weight class should be as the Sectional tournament is our premier event of the season. This would improve the quality of competition at our Sectional events. For example, if two wrestlers are entered into the same weight class in the postseason, they must both have at least 6 contests with a .500 winning percentage at the varsity level. This is a subject that will be discussed among the leagues in the offseason / preseason prior to the beginning of the 24-25 season.

2024-25 Post Season Calendar - Buffalo State University would be an option for an Open Sectional. We will meet with Brent Ford (Facilities Manager) to discuss the potential of hosting our event.

Wrestling Co-Chairs Mike DeBarbieri (c 378-1190) & Israel Martinez (c 628-0664)			
	<u>Date</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Time</u>
Weight Certification	Nov. 21- 26	As per Mike Pilato - TBA	As per Mike Pilato - TBA
Section 6 Duals	Jan. 11	TBA	10:00 start
<i>Class Tournaments</i>	On pause for 24-25 season		
Qualifier: Div 1 & 2	Feb 14-15; or 15-16	D1 – TBA D2 – TBA	Day 1 – 12:00 p.m. start Day 2 – 9:00 a.m. start
Dual States:	Feb. 1 st	Onondaga Comm College	9:30 a.m.
Ind. States	February 31 – March 1st	Albany MVP Arena	9:30 a.m.

Section 6 Champions* (NYS Place finish):

DIVISION 1				NYS place
101	TANNER CATRABONE	WILLIAMSVILLE NORTH/EAST	8	
101	CAMERON CRUMPLER	NIAGARA FALLS	8	
108	SEAN MCDONALD	STARPOINT	10	
108	ZACH LITTLE	JAMESTOWN	10	
116	BRAYDEN KELLISON	WILLIAMSVILLE NORTH/EAST	9	6 th
116	EIAN PETERSON	NIAGARA FALLS	11	
124	DYLAN CASTIGLIA	GRAND ISLAND	11	
124	SAM BERTI	HAMBURG	12	
131	TREVOR MUELLER	CLARENCE	8	
131	TYLER ZWALD	JAMESTOWN	11	
138	AJ DIDAS	CLARENCE	11	8 th
138	GARRETT CHASE	NIAGARA WHEATFIELD	11	
145	TE'SHAUN MATHEWS	NIAGARA WHEATFIELD	12	5 th

145	CHASE RICHARDS	NIAGARA WHEATFIELD	10	
152	CAMERON CATRABONE	WILLIAMSVILLE NORTH/EAST	12	1 st
152	ZAK SAEED	AMHERST	12	
160	JOE CICCIO	NIAGARA WHEATFIELD	12	
160	DYLAN GAGNON	NORTH TONAWANDA	12	8 th
170	MICHAEL SCHAEFER	LANCASTER	12	7 th
170	EVAN BRAUNSCHEIDEL	HAMBURG	11	
190	LIAM WHALEN	LOCKPORT	12	
190	IAIN O'DONNELL	NIAGARA WHEATFIELD	12	
215	KAHMARI COOK	LAFAYETTE	12	3 rd
215	JACK MACDONALD	ORCHARD PARK	12	4 th
285	BRYCE HAWES	CLARENCE	12	
285	MICHAEL WELSH	FRONTIER	11	7 th

DIVISION 2

101	JACOB LUCINSKI	NEWFANE	12	2 ND
101	MASON DELLAPENTA	EDEN	9	7 TH
108	JARON BARRIENTOS	LEW-PORT	11	5 TH
108	REESE SENSKE	MEDINA	11	8 TH
116	DYLAN NEWMAN	FALCONER	9	
116	THANDON BENSINK	CHAUTAUQUA LAKE	9	
124	CADEN BARRIENTOS	LEW-PORT	12	4 TH
124	TREVOR DELLAPENTA	EDEN	10	
131	CARMINE CALIMERI	SOUTHWESTERN	10	3 RD
131	KENJI WALTERS	SOUTHWESTERN	12	
138	JORDAN JOSLYN	CHAUTAUQUA LAKE	12	6 TH
138	AIDAN GILLINGS	NEWFANE	11	8 TH
145	AYDEN BUTTERY	NEWFANE	11	7 TH
145	ETHAN COLEMAN	PORTVILLE	12	
152	CADEN INKLEY	RANDOLPH	11	5 TH
152	MICHAEL HORTH	GOWANDA	12	
160	JACON STEPHENSON	WILSON	11	2 ND
160	RONAN KLUG	ROY-HART	11	
170	NEVES HOOSE	SOUTHWESTERN	12	6 TH
170	EVAN LEONARD	FRANKLINVILLE	12	
190	TAVIO HOOSE	SOUTHWESTERN	10	2 ND
190	JAYDEN MALECKI	CHAUTAUQUA LAKE	12	
215	MATT TRIM	MAPLE GROVE	12	1 ST
215	MASON MARING	CHAUTAUQUA LAKE	11	2 ND
285	WILLIAM WORTKOETTER	WILSON	10	2 ND
285	HAMZA MERRICK	WILSON	11	3 RD

Team Dual Championships:

Section 6 D1 Team Champion – Niagara Wheatfield

Section 6 D1 Team runner up - Williamsville North/East

Section 6 D2 Team Champion - Chautauqua Lake

Section 6 D2 Team runner up - Southwestern

Class Tournament Champions:

Class AA – Williamsville North

Class A – Niagara Wheatfield

Class B – Chautauqua Lake

Class C/D - Southwestern

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 at least a .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 mats (8-9 mats if we hold D1 and D2 at the same site. 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

9:30 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)

Followed by any "true second" bouts as needed to determine our state qualifiers.

Respectfully submitted.

Mike DeBarbieri and Israel Martinez, Section VI Co-Chairmen



Alpine Skiing Post-Season Report 2022-2023

All WNY Sportsmanship Winners

*NEW → Coaches Sportsmanship Selections

Report on changes in Policy or Practice that were implemented

Received donation from Ski Company of 75 race bibs that were assigned to athletes for the season.

Problems encountered/ concerns

None

Number of Participating schools: Ellicottville (public), Gow (private), Williamsville (public), Clarence 1
Racer trained with Williamsville

Recommendations for next season:

Proposed 2022-2023 Dates

Alpine Skiing Sport Chair Kelly Fredrickson			
	<u>Class</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time & Site</u>
Last league game	NA	2/14/24	Holiday Valley 6:00pm
Seeding Meeting	NA	2/14/24	
Pre-Quarters	NA		
Quarter-finals	NA		
Semi-finals	NA		
Finals:	NA		
Regional	NA		
States:		2-26 & 2-27-2024	Whiteface Mountain

Other pertinent data:

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Financial summary (receipts/expenditures):

All in order

Sectional and Post-Sectional Results 2023-2024:

GIRLS:

Last Name	First	School	Rank
Carls	Emmylu	Ellicottville	1
Bush	Bianca	Ellicottville	2
Lester	Brigid	Williamsville	3
Held	Claire	Williamsville	3
Lester	Addison	Williamsville	5
Klein	Harper	Ellicottville	6
Kruszynski	Cayda	Ellicottville	7
Northrup	Riley	Ellicottville	8
Lombardo	Nina	Williamsville	9
Russo	Elena	Gow	9
Zu	Emma	Williamsville	11
Lynn	Vanessa	Gow	12
Tighe	Olivia	Ellicottville	13
Jacobson	Alyssa	Williamsville	14
Myers	Reese	Williamsville	15
Bogunovic	Leonora	Williamsville	16
Gunawan	Abigail	Williamsville	17
Conroy	Cait	Ellicottville	18
Taneja	Mihla	Gow	18

BOYS:

Last Name	First	School	Rank
Carls	Coleman	Ellicottville	1
Coleman	Declan	Williamsville	2
Rung	Cooper	Williamsville	3
Held	Thatcher	Williamsville	4
Kelsch	Joseph	Williamsville	4
Sivic	Jacob	Clarence	6
Jacobson	Emmett	Ellicottville	7
Joesel	Kaiser	Ellicottville	7
Kruszynski	Jackson	Ellicottville	9
Bell	James	Gow	9
Meyer	Cole	Gow	11
Meyer	Leo	Gow	12
Jahnke	Michael	Gow	13
Lombardo	Michael	Williamsville	13
Fitzpatrick	Jack	Gow	15
Kosinski	Carsten	Ellicottville	16
Crooks	William	Williamsville	17
Lhuillier	Julien	Gow	18
Maus	Peter	Gow	19
Reynolds	Oliver	Gow	20
Lester	Henry	Williamsville	21

2024 State Championships: Held at Whiteface Mountain

New York State Championships results for Section IV Athletes				
Place	Last Name	Name	School	TIME
BOYS SLALOM				
15	Coleman	Declan	Williamsville	2:00.22
18	Rung	Cooper	Williamsville	2:01.93
25	Kelsch	Joe	Williamsville	2:17.46
DNF	Sivic	Jacob	Calrence	DNF
DNF	Carls	Coleman	Ellicottville	DNF
DNF	Held	Thatcher	Williamsville	DNF
GIRLS SLALOM				
15	Carls	Emmylu	Ellicottville	1:53.39
32	Lester	Addison	Williamsville	2:20.00
33	Klein	Harper	Ellicottville	2:21.46
35	Lester	Brigid	Williamsville	2:24.85
DNF	Bush	Bianca	Ellicottville	DNF
DNF	Held	Calire	Williamsville	DNF

Place	Last Name	Name	School	TIME
BOYS GIANT SLALOM				
17	Carls	Coleman	Ellicottville	1:57.32
25	Coleman	Declan	Williamsville	2:01.37
35	Sivic	Jacob	Calrence	2:08.44
39	Held	Thatcher	Williamsville	2:09.09
40	Kelsch	Joe	Williamsville	2:12.13
DNF	Rung	Cooper	Williamsville	DNF
GIRLS GIANT SLALOM				
15	Carls	Emmylu	Ellicottville	2:00.90
32	Lester	Addison	Williamsville	2:20.00
46	Held	Claire	Williamsville	2:20.59
48	Lester	Addison	Williamsville	2:28.30
49	Lester	Brigid	Williamsville	2:30.74
50	Klein	Harper	Ellicottville	2:33.54

Respectfully submitted Date: 5/1/2023
Jason Lehmbeck Section VI Alpine Skiing Chairman



Unified Bowling Post Season Report 2024

Coaches Sportsmanship

Amherst - Jennifer Higgins

Report on changes in Policy or Practice that were implemented:

Reinforce who's eligible to participate on teams as partners.

Problems encountered / concerns:

1. Encourage & highly recommend enforcing all rules of the game during play
2. Encourage more schools to utilize their full game day rosters for competition.
3. Participating schools must follow the NYSPHSAA guidelines & regulations with regards to scoring system. Substitutions / Equal mix of athletes & partners
4. Practice site not available or limited time slots for matches - House Leagues
5. Final culminating tournament at Airport Lanes - "no outside food vendors"
6. Final culminating event schools - stress brings its own bowling gear.
7. Bowling lanes "house" sharing the same location - scheduling issue.
8. Bowling lanes "house" *not easily accessible for handicapped students*

Recommendations for next season:

1. Culmination Event Awards presentations - more help needed.
2. Due to winter break allow schools to begin early competition prior to break.
3. Two Day Tournament Day 1 #1- #28 Day 2 #29 - #52 with snow days scheduled.
4. Schools with large rosters - recommend a second BoE approved team.
5. Bracket selection by season fallen pin totals based on division competition.
6. Character Awards by Mike Masters / Cross Training Athletics / Sportsmanship
7. Awarding Certificates to Conference Champions / Divisional Winners

Calendar for 2025

UNIFIED Bowling Chairperson: Doug Ames		
Event	Date	Location and Time
Practice Begins	1/06/2025	
Rosters Due	1/21/25	
Matches	1/27/25 - 2/28/25	Home Team – 4:30 PM
Opt - Out Date	2/21/25	
Final Culmination Event	1st day 03/03/25 2nd day 03/04/25	Airport Lanes 3754 Genesee Street Buffalo NY 14225

Other pertinent data:

2024 Teams

City Honors, Hutch Tech, Frederick Olmsted, OTC, Research Lab.,
Alden, Amherst, Cheektowaga, Clarence, Depew, Eden, East Aurora, Frontier, Hamburg, Holland,
Iroquois, Lackawanna, Lake Shore, Lancaster, Orchard Park, Pioneer, Springville, Starpoint, Sweet Home,
Williamsville North Red, Williamsville North Blue, West Seneca West, Cassadaga Valley, Catt./Little Valley,
Dunkirk, Falconer, Fredonia, Frewsburg, Jamestown, Pine Valley, Salamanca, Silver Creek & Forestville,
Southwestern, Grand Island, Kenmore East, Kenmore West, Lewiston-Porter, Lockport, Niagara Falls,
Niagara Wheatfield, North Tonawanda, Akron, Medina, Newfane, Pembroke

2023 Teams

City Honors, Frederick Olmstead, Hutch Tech, OTC, Research Lab
Alden, Amherst, Cheektowaga, Clarence, Depew, E Aurora, Frontier, Hamburg, Holland, Iroquois
Lackawanna, O Park, Starpoint, Sweet Home, West Seneca, Williamsville

Gr Island, Kenmore East, Kenmore West, Lewiston Porter, Niagara Falls, Niagara Wheatfield
Akron, Lockport, Medina, Newfane, North Tonawanda, Pembroke
Cassadaga Valley, Catt / Little Valley, Dunkirk, Eden, Fredonia, Frewsburg, Lake Shore, Pine Valley,
Salamanca, Silver Creek, Southwestern, Springville

2022 Teams

City Honors, Middle Early College, Hutch Tech, Olmsted
Alden, Amherst, Cheektowaga, Clarence, Depew, Dunkirk, Eden, Iroquois, Lackawanna,
Orchard Park, Starpoint, Sweet Home, West Seneca, Williamsville
Grand Island, Kenmore East, Kenmore West, Lockport, Niagara Falls, Niagara Wheatfield
Newfane, Akron, Medina, Pembroke
Fredonia, Holland, Salamanca, Pine Valley, Silver Creek, Springville

2021 Teams (Virtual)

Alden, Amherst, Grand Island, Silver Creek, Fredonia, Orchard Park & West Seneca Akron,
Medina, Newfane, Niagara Falls, Starpoint, Sweet Home, Clarence, Cheektowaga, Iroquois,
Lackawanna, Olmsted, Williamsville, Depew, Eden, Salamanca & Holland

2019 Teams

Akron, Clarence, Medina, Newfane, Niagara Falls, Starpoint, Sweet Home, Williamsville,
Cheektowaga, Depew, Eden, Holland, Iroquois, Lackawanna, Olmsted, & Salamanca

2018 Teams

Akron, Clarence, Medina, Newfane, Niagara Falls, Sweet Home, Cheektowaga,
Eden, Holland, Iroquois, Lackawanna, Olmsted, & Salamanca

Financial summary (receipts/expenditures):

Nothing to report. To be submitted by the Section VI Treasurer

Sectional and Post-Sectional Results:

Division Fallen Pin Totals at Airport Lanes in Cheektowaga

Ken West - 2986	Will North R - 2390	Pembroke - 2166	Cass Valley - 2076
Medina - 2738	Frontier - 2376	Starpoint - 2162	Falconer - 2071
Dunkirk - 2679	Fredonia - 2357	Gr Island - 2149	Research Lab - 2052
Cheek - 2569	Depew - 2305	Lake Shore - 2144	Jamestown - 2047
Pine Valley - 2557	Salamanca - 2295	Springville - 2128	Catt / Little Valley - 2041
Lack - 2541	Hamburg - 2285	Amherst - 2125	City Honors - 1962
Holland - 2521	North Tona - 2283	Silver Crk - 2116	Lew-Port- 1957
Eden - 2502	Olmsted - 2274	OTC - 2105	Ken East - 1956
Akron - 2480	East Aurora - 2254	West Seneca - 2099	Orchard Park - 1943
Alden - 2479	Frewsburg - 2242		Southwestern - 1936
Pioneer - 2451	Lockport - 2228		Newfane- 1868
Nia Wheat - 2447	Sweet Home - 2172		Clarence - 1865
Will North B - 2405	Lancaster - 2167		

Division Champions:

D-A Ken West, D-B Cheektowaga, D-C Akron, D-D Will North Red, D-E Alden, D-F Pine Valley D-G
Holland D-H Will North Blue, D-I Lackawanna, D-J Dunkirk, D-K Lancaster, D-L City Honors

Conference League Champions:

Olmstead, Cheektowaga, Dunkirk, Kenmore West

Section VI Unified Bowling Committee for 2024

Cheektowaga: Brian Payne
Iroquois: Sean Lauber
Olmsted: James Bartram
West Seneca: Lauren Clark
Newfane: Justin Balcom
Fredonia: Alex Conti
WNY SO: Micheal Paglicci

A special thank you to the following individuals for making our seventh season of Unified bowling a

great success:

Nathan Johnson; Senior Director of Special Olympics of New York
Mike Paglicci; WNY SO Representative for Sect. 6,
Todd Nelson; NYSPHSAA Assistant Director of Unified Sports
Mark DiFilippo; Section VI Executive Director
Mike Masters; Character Training Awards
Corrie Murray; FOUS Parent Representative

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Ames, Section VI Unified Sports Chairman 3/19/24



**Rifle
Post-Season Report
2023-2024**

All-WNY Sportsmanship Winners

	<u>Division</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Individual</u>
Rifle	ECIC	Orchard Park	Finn Johnson
	NFL	Kenmore	Anna Ceranski

Coaches Sportsmanship Selections: Justin Luksch (Alden)

Report on changes in Policy or Practice that were implemented:

-Sectionals hosted by OP

Problems encountered/ concerns: none

Recommendations for next season including proposed calendar:

Rifle – Kristina Brown (c) (716) 998-8953			
	<u>Date</u>	<u>Site</u>	
Sectionals:	02/08/25	Orchard Park MS	
Regional Invitational:	03/08/2025	Orchard Park MS	

Other pertinent data:

Financial summary (receipts/expenditures):

None this season

Results (next page)

Rifle Sectionals

February 10, 2024

Orchard Park MS

Results of the 2024 Section 6 Rifle Sectionals in which 7 schools, 5 high school teams, and 58 individuals participated in Three-Position (3P) Air Rifle and 30 Shot Standing Air Rifle.

Team Rankings

30 Shot Standing Air Rifle	Three-Position Air Rifle
Orchard Park 1146-58*	Orchard Park 1147-59
Clarence 1132- 35	Alden 1146-52
Alden 1126 -47	Clarence 1144-53
Lancaster 1104 - 37	Pioneer 1136-49
Pioneer 1098 - 29	Lancaster 1113-41

Section 6 High School Champions – Orchard Park (Three-Position and 30-Shot Standing Air)

Individual Sectional Champions:

** denotes Section VI Record*

Prone:	Landon Pinto	Clarence	100-10*
Offhand:	Ivy Backes	Orchard Park	96-5
Kneeling:	Adalyn Goetz	Clarence	99-5
3P Aggregate:	Addison Washburn	Alden	292-18
30 Shot Standing:	Kathleen Moran	Orchard Park	289-16

Individual Winners - Shields are awarded to the following:

Prone 1st - Landon Pinto, Cl, 100-10 2nd- Ivy Backes, OP, 100-9 3rd -Addison Washburn, Al, 100-8 4th - Blake Neamon, Pi, 100-6	Offhand 1st - Ivy Backes, OP, 96-5 2nd - Addison Washburn, Al, 96-4 3rd - Adalyn Goetz, Cl, 96-3 4th - Riley Schilling, Al, 94-4
Kneeling 1st - Adalyn Goetz, Cl, 99-5 2nd - Carlina Monin, Al, 98-6 3rd - Landon Pinto, Cl, 97-6 3rd - Kathleen Moran, OP, 97-6 4th - Hayden Becker, Pi, 97-4	Three-Position Aggregate 1st - Adalyn Goetz, Cl, 292 - 14 (kneeling target 99) 2nd - Addison Washburn, Al, 292-18 (kneeling target 96) 3rd - Ivy Backes, OP, 290-18 4th - Riley Schilling, Al, 289-11
30 Shot Standing Air 1st - Kathleen Moran, OP, 289-16 2nd - Ivy Backes, OP, 289-15 3rd - Adalyn Goetz, Cl, 288-13 4th - Jamis Caselli, OP, 284-14	Section All Stars Standing: Megan Powell (La), Carlina Monin (Al) Three-position: Addison Washburn (Al), Adalyn Goetz (Cl)

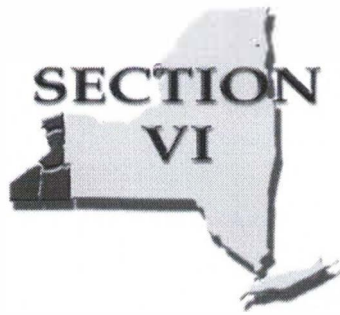
Scores have been ranked according to their appropriate order. Ties have been broken and standings are official. Thanks to all the coaches for their cooperation. Special thanks to Dave Hack, Leif Johnson, Orchard Park Staff, and Orchard Park Schools for their assistance and use of facilities. Section 6 Team, will compete in the NYS Rifle Invitational on March 02, 2024 at Orchard Park HS –

30 shot standing & 3P Air rifle: Orchard Park(Michael Oldman, Jamis Caselli, Ivy Backes, Kathleen Moran, Finn Johnson) and All Stars- Addison Washburn (Alden), Adalyn Goetz (Clarence), Megan Powell (La), Carlina Monin (Al).
Kristina Brown (Rifle Chairperson)

Respectfully submitted

Date: 4/26/2024

Kristina Brown, Section VI Rifle Chairperson



**Indoor Track
Post-Season Report
2023 - 2024**

All WNY Sportsmanship Winners:

	Athlete	School
Boys Indoor Track	Andrew Donner	Hamburg
Girls Indoor Track	Noel Barlette	Orchard Park

***NEW → Coaches Sportsmanship Selections:** Walt McLaughlin – Holland/EA - Boys
Tyvetta Herman – Franklinville - Girls

Report on changes in Policy or Practice that were implemented: None that were specified.

Recommendations for next season: Keep the same schedule if possible – As always, have many of our meets at Houghton College makes a world of difference

David Reinhardt did all the Timing through Finish Lynx – FAT. Feedback from all the coaches on David Reinhardt doing the Timing all season long was AWESOME!!

The timing at Houghton College was much more efficient with the Scoreboard and David Reinhardt added another piece to his timing system – Coaches, Athletes and Parents were able to receive LIVE Results immediately after such events were completed.

We feel as a League – THERE MAY BE A NEED TO REMOVE THE CATHOLIC TEAMS AT THIS TIME BECAUSE OF SPACE IF MORE PUBLIC SCHOOLS DECIDE TO ADD ON TO THE CURRENT FORMATT. **This item is excluded from the action item to approve this report at the June 12, 2024 athletic council meeting (per the 5/30/24 Sectional Intersectional Committee meeting).**

Recommendations for Houghton College: No Recommendations – This place was clearly an advantage for all of Section VI – Indoor Track & Field (We were definitely on the same playing-field as all other Sections from across the State).

Other pertinent data: Post-Season Meeting will be Monday, March 25th – @ West Seneca West – 6:30 PM – 9:30 PM
Next year's NYPHSAA/Federation will once again be held at Ocean Breeze on Staten Island. Plans call for leaving on Thursday, March 6th – 2024 leaving at 10:30 AM through Saturday, March 8th – 2025 – I will get you the Itinerary soon.

Financial summary (receipts/expenditures):
Report to be submitted by Beth Fadley, Treasurer

Sectional and Post-Sectional Results:

2023-2024 Indoor Track Section VI Qualifier Results

	Boys/school	Time	Girls/School	Time
55M Hurdles	Julius Arias - Lackawanna	8.08	Braeann Stender – Lake Shore	8.45
55M Dash	Maxim Bliemeister – Orchard Park	6.50	Hailey Martinez - Grand Island	7.32
300M Run	Talon Rowland Falc/CV/Frews/Randolph	35.43	Aniyah Mungo – Kenmore West	41.36
600M Run	Andrew Conner - Hamburg	1:24.52	Lilly Ascone – Williamsville East	1:34.81
1000M Run	Noah Holden - Clarence	2:40.71	Noel Barlette – Orchard Park	3:03.35
1600/1500M Run	Carson Zuba - Lancaster	4:32.91	Lillie Bogdan - Frontier	4:39.56
3200/3000M Run	Owen Rung – Holland/EA	9:28.45	Lillie Bogdan – Frontier	9.50.39
Long Jump	Tyler Konter – Holland/EA	22' 0 ¾	Myla Scott - Cheektowaga	17' 8 ¾
Triple Jump	Matthew Towns – Lockport	42' 7"	Linnea Neureuther – Springville/WV	38' 5"
High Jump	Brenton Baker – Sweet Home	6' 6"	Natalie Farrell - Hamburg	5' 3"
Shot Put	Graeden Heichberger – Springville/WV	47' 4"	Nyla Willson-Epps - Tapestry	37' 4 ½
Pole Vault	Anthony Mancabelli – Orchard Park	14' 0"	Abigail Bernas – Orchard Park	11'09"
4x200M Relay	Brenton Baker Niar Patterson Emery Scott Camren Stoudemire Sweet Home	1:32.59	Myonna Smith Amiya Verse Omani Douglas Myla Scott Cheektowaga	1:48.51
4x400M Relay	Michael Hanton Nathan Carlson Johne Thomas Lucas Lawrie Dunkirk	3:28.83	Jessica Daley Aryanna Hatch Jenna Wyatt Julia Wyatt Allegany-Limestone/Olean/Portville	4:12.20
4x800M Relay	Owen Rung Ryan DeFries Gus Hoak Shane Fraser Holland/EA	8:16.16	Catherine Schoeman Reiley Pierce Hope Owens Kailyn Houghton Holland/EA	9:47.20
1500M Race-walk			Taylor Nugent – Sweet Home	7:03.34
Weight Throw	Graeden Heichberger – Sprigville/WV	60' 0"	Brooke Christensen – Grand Island	49' 5 ½

State Champions: Boys/School - Branton Baker– SWEET HOME - NYSPHSAA/FEDERATION CHAMPION
High Jump– 6' 9"

State Medalists: Boys/School:

Brenton Baker
Camren Stoudemire
Emery Scott
Niar Patterson

SWEET HOME – NYSPHSAA/FEDERATION MEDALIST: 4th/4th

Graeden Heichberger – SPRINGVILLE/WV - NYSPHSAA/FEDERATION MEDALIST: 5th/5th
Weight Throw – 61' 0 1/4"

Boys Team – Finished 9th among the NYSPHS Sections (11 Sections) –16 Points
-- Finished 12th among the NYSPHSAA/Federation Sections (14 Sect) - 16 Pts.
-- Medaled in 3 Events

State Champions: Boys/School - Lillie Bogdan – FRONTIER - NYSPHSAA CHAMPION
1500 Meters – 4:30.47

State Medalists: Girls/School:

Lillie Bogdan - FRONTIER – NYSPHSAA CHAMPION/FEDERATION - GOLD MEDALIST – 1st/2nd
1500 Meters – 4:30.47 – NEW SECTION VI - RECORD

Taylor Nugent – SWEET HOME – NYSPHSAA/FEDERATION – SILVER MEDALIST – 2nd/2nd
1500 Meter Race-Walk – 6:53.57 – NEW SECTION VI - RECORD

Lillie Bogdan – FRONTIER - NYSPHSAA/FERATION – BRONZE MEDFALIST – 3rd/3rd
3000 Meters – 9:27.75 – NEW SECTION VI - RECORD

Chase Chudoba – HAMBURG - NYSPHSAA/FEDERATION – BRONZE MEDALIST: 4th/5th
Emma Lipa – AMHERST
Hailey Martinez – GRAND ISLAND
Shannon Zugelder - STARPOINT
Intersectional Relay – Time - 10:24.95 – NEW SECTION VI RECORD

Brooke Christensen – GRAND ISLAND – NYSPHSAA/FEDERATION – 4th/5th

Nyla Wilson-Epps – TAPESTRY – NYSPHSAA/FEDERATION MEDALIST – 4th/5th
Shot Put – 38' 1 ¼"

Abigail Bernas – ORCHARD PARK – NYSPHSAA/FERATION – 5th/6th
Pole Vault – 11' 3"

Emily Waldron – STARPOINT – NYSPHSAA/FEDERATION – 6th/7th
Pole Vault – 11' 0"

Rachel Lawson – LANCASTER – NYSPHSAA/FERATION – 6th/7th
1500 Meter Racewalk - 7:11.82

Linnea Neureuther – SPRINGVILLE/WV – NYSPHSAA/FEDERATION – 8th/8th
Triple Jump – 38' 2 ¾"

Girls Team – Finished 7th among the NYSPHSAA Sections (11 Sections) – 40 Points
-- Finished 7^{6h} among the NYSPHSAA/Federation Sections (14 Sections) – 34 Pts.
-- Medaled in 11 Events

Respectfully submitted:

Pete Szymanskii - Boys Indoor Track & Field Chairman
Emilio Mancino - Girls Indoor Track & Field Chairman

NYSPHSAA/Federations - Section VI - Indoor Track & Field - Girls Results:

Last:	First:	Grade	Gender:
Smith	Myonna	10	F
Stender	Braeann	11	F
Neureuther	Linnea	12	F
Martines	Hailey	12	F
Finch	Mia	12	F
Herman	Tyetta	12	F
Herman	Tyetta	12	F
Mungo	Aniyah	12	F
Bogdan	Lillie	11	F
Melnik	Kirsten	11	F
Kupchanko	Melia	10	F
Houghton	Kailyn	10	F
Nugent	Taylor	11	F
Lawson	Rachel	11	F
Ascone	Lilly	10	F
Peterson	Brielle	10	F
Bogdan	Lillie	11	F
Barlette	Noel	12	F
Aaliyah	Sansome	12	F

Darrell	Natalie	10	F
Neureuther	Linnea	12	F
Towns	Lelia	12	F
			F
Scott	Myla	10	F
Towns	Melia	12	F
Neureuther	Linnea	12	F
Bernas	Abigail	12	F
Waldron	Emily	10	F
Wilson-Epps	Nylas	11	F
Birmingham	Denise	12	F
			F
Christensen	Brooke	11	F
Wilson-Epps	Nylas	11	F
Chudoba	Chase	10	F
Martinez	Hailey	12	F
Lipa	Emma	11	F
Zugelder	Shannon	10	F
Houghton	Kailyn	10	F
Schoeneman	Catherine	11	F
Owens	Hope	10	F
Pierce	Reiley	9	F
Peirich	Acadia	10	F

Hatch	Aryanna	12	F
Wyant	Jenna	12	F
Wyant	Julia	12	F
Daley	Jessica	12	F
Borer	Ava	11	F

Verse	Amiya	12	F
Douglas	Omani	10	F
Scott	Myla	10	F
Smith	Myonna	10	F
			F

School:	Event(s):	Seed/Performance:
Cheektowaga Lake Shore Springville	55 High Hurdles 55 High Hurdles 55 High Hurdles	8.50 - Prelims - 9th 8.79 - Prelims - 20th 8.82 - Prelims - 21st
Grand Island Health Science Franklinville	55 Meters 55 Meters 55 Meters	7.42 - Prelims - 18th 7.47 - Prelims - 22nd 7.56 - Prelims - 32nd
Franklinville Kenmore West	300 Meters 300 Meters	
Frontier Sprinville/WV	3000 Meters 3000 Meters	9:27.75 - 3rd - New Section VI - Rec 10:07.13 - 15th
Williamsville North	1000 Meters 1000 Meters	
Sweet Home Lancaster	1500 meer Race-Walk 1500 meer Race-Walk	6:53.57 - 2nd 7:11.82 - 7th
Williamsville East Niagara-Wheatfield	600 Meters 600 Meters	1:36.79 - 12th 1:39.85 - 26th
Frontier Orchard Park	1500 Meters 1500 Meters	4:30.47 - 2nd - New Section VI - Record 4:40.95 - 8th
Springville/WV	High Jump	5' 0" - 11th

Hamburg
Springville/WV
Lockport

High Jump
Triple Jump
Triple Jump

4' 10" - 28th
37' 3 1/4" - 8th
36' 5 1/2" - 12th

Cheektowaga
Lockport
Springville/WV

Long Jump
Long Jump
Long Jump

16' 11 1/4" - 18th
16' 6" - 23rd
16' 0 1/2" - 28th

Orchard Park
Starpont

Pole Vault
Pole Vault

11' 3" - 6th
11' 0" - 7th

Tapestry
Tapestry

Shot Put
Shot Put

38' 1 1/4" - 4th/5th
33' 10 1/2" - 19th

Grand Island
Tapestry

Weight Throw
Weight Throw

47' 5" - 5th
37' 11 3/4" - 26th

Hamburg
Grand Island
Amherst
Starpont

Intersectional Relay
3:09.80
:25.77
1:39.39
5:09.09
10:24.24

4th/5th - New Section VI - Record

Holland/East Aurroa
Holland/East Aurroa
Holland/East Aurroa
Holland/East Aurroa
Holland/East Aurroa

4 x 800 Meter Relay

9:41.41

4 x 400 Meter Relay

Allegany-Limestone/Olean/Frnak/Portville
Allegany-Limestone/Olean/Frnak/Portville
Allegany-Limestone/Olean/Frnak/Portville
Allegany-Limestone/Olean/Frnak/Portville
Allegany-Limestone/Olean/Frnak/Portville

4:11.71 - 12th

4 x 200 Meter Relay

Cheektowaga
Cheektowaga
Cheektowaga
Cheektowaga
Cheektowaga

1:48.69 - 15th

Section VI - Boys Entries:

Last:	First:	Grade	Gender:	School:
Ariea	Julius	12	M	Lackawanna
Cycon	Thomas	11	M	West Seneca West
Eatkins	Luke		M	Grand Island
Patterson	Niear		M	Sweet Home
Bliemeister	Maxim		M	Orchard Park
Rung	Owen	12	M	Holland/EA
Kent	Cody	11	M	Falconer/CV/MG/Frewsburg/Randolph
Holden	Noah	12	M	Clarence
Morgan	Nicholas	11	M	Niagara-Wheatfield
Donner	Andrew	12	M	Hamburg
Neudeck	John	12	M	Hamburg
Zuba	Carson	10	M	Lancaster
Betrus	Benjamin	12	M	Orchard Park
Rowland	Talon	12	M	Falconer/CV/MG/Frewsburg/Randolph
Hicks	Auralleus	10	M	Williamsville South
Cotter	Jarren	11	M	Jamestown
Baker	Brenton	11	M	Sweet Home
Richardson	Daniel	12	M	Cheektowaga
Konter	Tyler	12	M	Hollan/EA

Desiderio	Christopher	12	M	Niagara-Wheatfield
Towns	Matthew	11	M	Lockport
Mancabelli	Anthony	11	M	Orchard Park
Wyzykowski	Seth	12	M	Iroquois
Nolan	Armitage	12	M	Starpont
Heichberger	Graeden	12	M	Springville/WV
DuBard	Dovovan	12	M	Cheektowaga
Oleksy	Ryan	12	M	Hollan/EA
Heichberger	Graeden	12	M	Springville/WV
Hawes	Austin	12	M	West Seneca East
Blake	Thomas	12	M	Orchard Park
Smith	Dawan	11	M	Lackawanna
Wolcott	Kenneth	11	M	Frontier
Strangis	Luca		M	Amherst
Rung	Owen	12	M	Holland/EA
Hoak	Gus	11	M	Holland/EA
Fraser	Shane	11	M	Holland/EA
DeFries	Ryan	11	M	Holland/EA
Fraser	Max	8	M	Holland/EA

Lawrie	Lucas	12	M	Dunkirk
Carlson	Nathan	12	M	Dunkirk
Thomas	Johnee	11	M	Dunkirk
Hanlon	Michael	12	M	Dunkirk
Hasbun	Jodge	12	M	Dunkirk
Terrell	Bruck	11	M	Cheektowaga
Lucas	Seville	11	M	Cheektowaga
Richardson	Daniel	12	M	Cheektowaga
Dennis	Mehki	9	M	Cheektowaga
Baker	Brenton	11		Sweet Home
Stoudemire	Carmen	12		Sweet Home
Scott	Emery	11		Sweet Home
Patterson	Near	11		Sweet Home
Jemison	Alex	10		Sweet Home
Vega	Carden	10		Sweet Home

Event(s):	Seed/Performance:
55 High Hurdles	8.10 - Prelims - 21st
55 High Hurdles	8.36 - Prelims - 28th
55 Meters	8.72 - Prelims - 28th
55 Meters	6.72 - Prelims - 29th
55 Meters	6.74 - Prelims - 31st
3200 Meters	9:40.40 - 26th
3200 Meters	9:43.45 - 28th
1000 Meters	2:37.34 - 16th
1000 Meters	2:38.53 - 20th
600 Meters	1:23.68
600 Meters	1:24.01
1600 Meters	4:26.55
1600 Meters	4:42.50
300 Meters	35.26 - 15th
300 Meters	36.23 - 28th
300 Meters	36.48 - 30th
High Jump	6' 9" - NYSPHSAA STATE CHAMPION
High Jump	5' 10" - 25th
Long Jump	20' 8 1/2" - 15th

Triple Jump 42' 3 3/4" - 16th
Triple Jump 41' 1" - 22nd

Pole Vault 13' 6" - 9th
Pole Vault 12' 0" - 17th
Pole Vault 12' 0" - 23rd

Weight Throw 61' 0 1/4" - 5th
Weight Throw 57' 4" - 11th
Weight Throw 56' 1 3/4" - 15th

Shot Put 44' 4 1/2" - 20th
Shot Put 44' 0" - 21st

Intersectional Relay

2:46.46

:23.29

1:28.28

4:39.39

9:17.17

4 x 800 Meter Relay

1:57.57

2:04.04

2:08.08

2:01..41

9:10.31 - 12th

4 x 400 Meter Relay

3:26.90 - 9th

4 x 200 Meter Relay

1:36.83 - 20th

4 x 200 Meter Relay

1:30.65/1:30.73

7th - Prelims/4th - Finals

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BY LAWS

Article 1 - Title IX

- 1.1 Title IX is the portion of the Educational Amendments of 1972 which prohibits sex discrimination in Federal Assist Programs. Specifically, Title IX states, "no person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal Financial Assistance."

Article 2 – Advisory Membership of the Athletic Council

- 2.1 Advisory Council –Superintendents, High School and Middle School Principals, Athletic Directors and Coaches of member schools are members of the Advisory Council of this Association and may be convened at the pleasure of the President. They are eligible to serve on committees and entitled to make recommendations to the Executive Committee on all matters pertaining to the conduct of interscholastic athletics.

Article 3 - Executive Director

- 3.1 Title: Executive Director - Section VI New York State Public High School Athletic Association, Inc.
- 3.2 Qualifications
 - 3.2.1 Possesses a valid New York State teaching or administrator certificate.
 - 3.2.2 Current or former employee of a New York State public school system or BOCES.
 - 3.2.3 Experience as **an athletic administrator**, League officer, Section officer or Section sport chairperson preferred.
 - 3.2.4 Possesses other qualifications as the Section VI Athletic Council may find appropriate and acceptable.
- 3.3 Reports to
 - 3.3.1 Section VI President, **all Executive Committee members, and the Athletic Council and appropriate Erie 1 BOCES administration.**
- 3.4 Supervises
 - 3.4.1 Any staff designated in the Constitution, Bylaws or as assigned by the President or Athletic Council, **including office staff.**
- 3.5 Purpose
 - 3.5.1 To assist the Section VI Executive Committee and Athletic Council in the development, implementation and coordination of the Section VI interscholastic program. ~~for boys and girls.~~
- 3.6 Performance Responsibilities – To **complete, assign and** ensure but not limited to, the following:
 - 3.6.1 July - August
 - 3.6.1.1 Prepare and mail annual dues notices.
 - 3.6.1.2 Collect information on awards needed each year, order and distribute to sport chairpersons.
 - 3.6.1.3 Complete payment of spring activities.
 - 3.6.1.4 Distribute Section VI passes and Lifetime passes as per Section VI Pass Policy.
 - 3.6.1.5 Complete annual financial report.
 - 3.6.1.6 Order necessary supplies such as pins, contestant numbers, etc.

- 3.6.2 September - June
- 3.6.2.1 Record and pay all bills.
 - 3.6.2.2 Send out bills to member schools, extra awards, etc.
 - 3.6.2.3 Send out annual budget forms to all sport chairpersons.
 - 3.6.2.4 Prepare and mail minutes of all meetings.
 - 3.6.2.5 Assist President in daily conduct of Section affairs.
 - 3.6.2.6 Assist sport chairpersons in conduct of their sport. **Provide training, direction and vision for each chair.**
 - 3.6.2.7 Assist in the preparation of the annual Section VI Directory for upcoming year (should be done in May and June).
 - 3.6.2.8 Assist in keeping the Constitution updated.
 - 3.6.2.9 Assist in keeping rules and regulations updated.
 - 3.6.2.10 Assist member schools with interpretation of rules/ regulations.
 - 3.6.2.11 Prepare necessary news releases with approval of President.
 - 3.6.2.12 Assist Finance Committee in preparation of annual Section budget.
 - 3.6.2.13 ~~Carry out such other responsibilities as requested by Section VI President, Executive Committee or Athletic Council.~~
Ensure that all Section committees meet regularly and provide minutes of said meetings.
 - 3.6.2.14 Carry out appropriate activity through the media to promote interest in and understanding of interscholastic athletics in Section VI.
 - 3.6.2.15 Transportation: Act as liaison between the Executive Committee, Athletic Council, Sport chairpersons and designated Travel Agency.
 - 3.6.2.16 Approve waivers for the minimum number of contests needed to compete in Sectionals with retroactive approval by the Athletic Council.
 - 3.6.2.17 Approve applications for Senior All-Star and Outside Agency contests, Friends and Neighbor Status and Combining Schools with retroactive approval by the Athletic Council.
 - 3.6.2.18 Notify **and work with member** schools of **if it is determined that the** disciplinary actions the schools have determined **regarding** ~~violations of eligibility rules if school's response is not sufficient.~~
 - 3.6.2.19 Approve all venue contracts.
 - 3.6.2.20 Determine in accordance with the Subsequent Arrest Policy, if the charge regarding the arrest of a sports official affects the official's duties or forward to the Section attorney to make that determination.
 - 3.6.2.21 **With approval, serve as** spokesperson for the Section when the President is not available.

3.6.2.22 All other duties and responsibilities as assigned by the President and Executive Committee

3.7 Terms of Employment

3.7.1 Work hours – as specified in the contract.

Article 4 - Standing Committees

The following standing committees are established by the Athletic Council to provide continuous support for Section activities. These committees report to the Executive Director and the Athletic Council as necessary. Committees must be made up of at least one representative from every league in the Section. There shall be an attempt from leagues to consider submitting diverse candidates.

- 4.1 Finance Committee
- 4.2 Sectional/ Intersectional Committee
- 4.3 Safety Committee
- 4.4 Modified Committee
- 4.5 Policy Committee
- 4.6 State Executive/Central Committee
- 4.7 ~~Extended Eligibility Committee~~
- 4.8 Chemical Awareness Committee-renamed?
- 4.9 ~~Transfer Eligibility Committee~~
- 4.10 Sportsmanship Committee
- 4.11 Veterans (Retirees) Committee
- 4.12 ~~Mixed Competition~~
- 4.13 Nominating Committee
- 4.14 Combining of Schools Committee
- 4.15 Appeals Committee
- 4.16 Hall of Fame Committee
- 4.17 Diversity, Equity, Inclusion Committee
- 4.18 Recruitment and Retention of Game Officials Committee

4.1 Finance Committee

4.1.1 Definition and Makeup - The Finance Committee of Section VI shall consist of an appointed chairperson, preferably a standing School Business Official, the Executive Director, and one representative from each of the leagues. Additional members may be named by the chairperson.

4.1.2 Purpose

- 4.1.2.1 Develop a proposed budget or financial plan in cooperation with sport and committee chairpersons.
- 4.1.2.2 Present a budget recommendation to the Athletic Council at its November meeting with a corresponding vote held at the January meeting.
- 4.1.2.3 Update the Athletic Council on the financial status of the Section at each regular meeting and present recommendations when needed.
- 4.1.2.4 Provide recommendations on expenditures.
- 4.1.2.5 Review and set sectional admission prices annually. Prices will be based on venue and past attendance and standardized across sports to achieve consistency within the section. Sportchairs will be notified by the Section office of the prices established for the upcoming year.
- 4.1.2.6 ~~Participate in~~ Conduct contract negotiations with the official's chapter(s) on behalf of the Section
- 4.1.2.7 Responsible for contract interpretation, administration and implementation.

4.2 Sectional/ Intersectional Activities Committee

4.2.1 Membership

Shall consist of the Executive Director as chairperson, one representative from each league and the Boys and Girls Representative from the Central Committee.

4.2.2 Duties

- 4.2.2.1 Responsible for development of the boys and girls sectional and intersectional activities calendar, one calendar year in advance if feasible. The calendar for Section VI should indicate the following:
 - Section starting dates for practices.
 - Sectional dates and sites.
 - Intersectional dates and sites.
 - Athletic Council Meeting dates, times and sites.
 - Timeline for Finance Committee budget.
 - National and State Testing Dates.

Copies of this calendar to be distributed to the following:

- Athletic Council and Executive Committee. It is the responsibility of the League/ BOCES representatives to distribute it to their constituents.
- Sport chairpersons.
- Committee Chairpersons.

4.2.2.2 Responsible for overseeing sport chairpersons and their activities:

- Handbooks
- Dates
- Sites

4.2.2.3 Responsible for developing a format for and review of sport handbooks.

4.2.2.4 Responsible for two reports annually or as directed by the President.

4.2.2.5 Review and approve all venues and contracts for sectional competition.

4.2.2.6 Oversee and coordinate corporate sponsorship for Section VI sports. Corporate sponsorships must have Athletic Council approval.

4.2.2.7 Responsible for the general conduct of sport activities including recommendations to the Athletic Council as needed.

4.3 Safety Committee

4.3.1 Membership

Shall consist of an appointed chairperson and the Executive Director. Additional members appointed from the Leagues/ BOCES as needed.

4.3.2 Duties

4.3.2.1 Responsible for representing Section VI at all NYSPHSAA Safety Committee meetings.

4.3.2.2 Responsible for reporting to Section VI on all aspects of Program Safety which affect the athletic programs of Section VI.

4.4 Modified Committee

4.4.1 Membership

Shall consist of appointed chairpersons (male and female) and additional appointed members as needed.

4.4.2.1 Represent Section VI at all NYSPHSAA Modified Sports Meetings.

4.4.2.2 Be responsible for the general conduct of modified sports, including recommendations to the Athletic Council as needed.

4.5 Policy Committee

4.5.1 Membership

Shall consist of an appointed chairperson, the Executive Director and one representative from each league. Additional members may be named by the chairperson.

4.5.2 Duties

Maintain and update the Constitution, Bylaws and sport policy handbooks.

4.5.3 Changes in the Constitution, Bylaws and sport policy handbooks will be reported in the Athletic Council minutes.

4.6 State Executive/Central Committee

4.6.1 Membership

Shall consist of four representatives: Superintendent, Secondary School Principal, Boys Rep of Athletics and Girls Rep of Athletics

4.6.2 Duties

4.6.2.1 Represent Section VI at NYSPHSAA Executive and Central Committee meetings.

4.6.2.2 Report to the Athletic Council regarding NYSPHSAA Executive and Central Committee meetings and provide recommendations for action at the NYSPHSAA meetings.

4.6.2.3 Represent their respective groups at NYSPHSAA Executive and Central Committee meetings and the Section VI Athletic Council.

4.6.2.4 Report to the Athletic Council and keep their respective groups informed about current issues.

~~4.7 Extended Eligibility Committee~~

~~4.7.1 Membership~~

~~Shall consist of an appointed chairperson, Principals, League Representatives and additional members selected by the chairperson.~~

~~4.7.2 Duties~~

~~Receive, investigate and determine the outcome of matters pertaining to extended eligibility as provided for in the State Association constitution.~~

~~4.8 Chemical Awareness Committee~~

~~4.8.1 Membership~~

~~Shall consist of an appointed chairperson and trained assistants.~~

~~4.8.2 Duties~~

~~4.8.2.1 Conduct mandated Chemical Awareness Seminars.~~

~~4.8.2.2 Represent Section VI at the State level meetings.~~

~~4.8.2.3 Complete all compliance reports as mandated.~~

~~4.9 Transfer Eligibility Committee~~

~~4.9.1 Membership~~

~~Chairperson appointed by the President of Section VI and members selected by the Chairperson.~~

~~4.9.2 Duties~~

~~4.9.2.1 Receive and rule on questions of transfer eligibility.~~

~~4.9.2.2 Chairperson attends state level meetings.~~

4.10 Sportsmanship Committee

4.10.1 Membership

Chairperson is President-Elect of Section VI. Representatives from each league and any additional members as deemed necessary by Chairperson.

4.10.2 Duties

4.10.2.1 Rule on questions of sportsmanship.

4.10.2.2 Follow procedures of sportsmanship policy as listed in the Section VI Policy Manual posted on the Section VI website.

4.10.3 Activity Council – Pro-active

4.10.3.1 Duties:

Promote activities through the Section and within its Leagues that encourage and recognize exemplary sportsmanlike conduct.

4.10.3.2 Membership:

A maximum of 13 members as follows:

- Chairperson: The Section VI Sportsmanship Coordinator
- Members: One representative from each league and additional members as needed.

4.10.4 Review Council – Re-active

4.10.4.1 Duties:

Receive, review and rule upon reports of violations of standards of Sportsmanship. Their decision will be rendered only after providing all parties due process. Decisions of this council, or similar league committees will stand. Only appeals regarding process and procedure will be heard. Such appeals shall be directed to the appropriate Executive Committees; i.e., Section VI for sectional activities and League for league activities.

4.10.4.2 Membership:

- Chairperson: President-Elect of the Athletic Council
- Members: Two Central Committee Representatives, two retired Athletic Council members and two at-large members. The retired and at-large members shall be appointed annually by the President.

4.11 Veterans Committee

4.11.1 Chairperson

- a) Appointed by the Section VI President
- b) Duties
 - Approved/verified eligibility of new members
 - Organizes annual Veterans Dinner
 - Veterans representative for the Section VI Athletic Council

4.11.2 Membership

- a) Eligibility for Veteran status includes formal retirement from the prospective applicants Section VI member school and any of the following:
 - Held at least one term in office for Section VI
 - Former Section VI member school athletic director
 - Former Section VI committee member or Chairperson

~~4.12 Mixed Competition Committee~~

~~4.12.1 Membership: Chairperson appointed by the President of Section VI. Additional members as deemed necessary by the chairperson.~~

~~4.12.2 Duties: to address issues of mixed competition that are formally brought to the attention of the Section.~~

4.13 Nominating Committee

4.13.1 Membership:

Shall consist of five (5) members, one (1) member from each league. The President-Elect will serve as the chairperson.

4.13.2 Duties:

Shall convene when needed to solicit, interview and recommend candidates for the following positions: Central Committee Representative, Athletic Council President, Athletic Council President-Elect and Sport Chairperson.

4.13.3. Nominations may also be made from the floor for any office in this Association.

4.14 Combining of Schools Committee

4.14.1 Chairperson

- a) Appointed by the Section VI President

Duties: The Committee will meet after each sports season to address issues of combining of schools that are formally brought to the attention of the Section via the combining of schools post season reports.

4.14.2 Membership

Shall consist of five (5) members, one (1) member from each league.



4.15 Appeals Committee

4.15.1 Membership:

Shall consist of 5 members. Retired Athletic Council and Executive Committee members that are no longer connected to a school district are preferred.

4.15.2 Duties:

Shall convene when needed to hear Stage 2 appeals from school districts.

4.15.3 Nominations to this committee will be recommended to the Nomination Chair and approved by the Athletic council in May for the following year.

Article 5 - Sport Chairpersons


5.1 General Duties



5.1.1 Appointed by Athletic Council

5.1.2 Establish pre-post dates for meeting of advisory committee.

5.1.3 Prepare yearly sport budget.

5.1.4 Submit  sport calendar to Sectional/ Intersectional Committee, including dates for:

5.1.4.1 State meet

5.1.4.2 Qualifiers

5.1.4.3 Sectionals

5.1.4.4 Completion of league competition

5.1.5 Attend State sport chairpersons meetings.

5.1.6 Locate sites for qualifiers and sectionals and arrange for proper supervision. Confirm in writing with school officials. All venues must be approved by the Sectional/ Intersectional Committee.

 5.1.7 Appoint the meet and site chairpersons

5.1.8 Organize, duplicate and inform the meet and site chairpersons of their specific duties, including arrangements for proper supervision.

5.1.9 Arrange for officials at all sectional contests


5.1.10 Develop a method of communicating with Advisor Committee members

5.1.11 Arrange for awards for sectionals, regionals and state competition through the Executive Director.

- 5.1.12 Make arrangements for athletes to compete in post-sectionals
 - 5.1.12.1 Housing
 - 5.1.12.2 Meals for individual sports only
 - 5.1.12.3 Transportation - coordinate with Executive Director
 - 5.1.12.4 ~~Complete state required Code of Conduct~~
 - 5.1.12.5 Medical forms
 - 5.1.12.6 Guidelines for trip
- 5.1.13 Prepare a sport specific handbook to be dispensed to all member schools and the Athletic Council via the Section VI website.
- 5.1.14 Divide schools by population for classification according to sport. This is to be done according to existing classification guidelines.
- 5.1.15 All schools who enter sectionals or qualifiers are responsible for attendance of their teams at these events.
- 5.1.16 The sport chairperson shall be responsible to notify all schools if a school's team does not fulfill its commitment to participate.
- 5.1.17 Attend Section VI Athletic Council and Sectional/ Intersectional meetings as scheduled.
- 5.1.18 Act as a resource person for problems of eligibility, participation, and sport rules that are listed in the NYSPHSAA Handbook and any other specific rulebook used in the sport.
- 5.1.19 A Games Committee shall be established for each sectional sport contest. This committee shall be appointed by the sport chairperson. They shall deal with any questions and/or protests concerning games/meet rules and conduct of the game or meet. These questions/ protest shall be heard and decided by this committee. The committee's decision shall be final and not subject to appeal.

5.2 Specific Duties

- 5.2.1 Select date, site and time of each contest. **Once approved in the sport handbook**, all schools are required to honor these dates except for **unforeseen** emergency situations.
- 5.2.2 Monitor all expenses incurred in the operation of each sectional contest as specified in the approved budget. Follow all financial procedures as set forth in the Financial Policies section of the Policy Manual.
- 5.2.3 Prepare a guide for all game and site chairpersons relative to their duties and responsibilities. The game site-chairperson is required to secure an AED for the certified trainers' use for all sectional, regional and state contests.
- 5.2.4 Establish the number of cheerleaders and players who will be admitted to each sectional contest.

- 5.2.5 Prepare official game procedures for all Section VI contests:
- 5.2.5.1 Identify pre-sale tickets at game
 - 5.2.5.2 Submit cash or check for pre-sale tickets sold
 - 5.2.5.3 Submit the Section VI admittance form
- 5.2.6 Develop and implement a process for the assignment of officials for all sectional contests. This process will be documented in the sport handbook. **Active coaches who serve as a sports chair will not be involved with discussing or assigning officials in their school's classification.**
- 5.2.7 Determine composition of protest committee.
- 5.2.8 Send out evaluation reports to game chairpersons, coaches, directors and officials.
- 5.2.9 Distribute specific sport information to all personnel involved:
- 5.2.9.1 Superintendent
 - 5.2.9.2 Principal
 - 5.2.9.3 Athletic Director
 - 5.2.9.4 Coaches
- 5.2.10 Determine entry procedure for sectionals. Obtain Athletic Council approval and notify schools.
- 5.2.11 Publish tie-breaking procedures for team or individual competition.
- 5.2.12 Set up classification determination when necessary.
- 5.2.13 Prepare information on post-sectionals for all persons who are involved.
- 5.2.14 Arrange for transportation to post-sectionals according to Section VI Policy.
- 5.2.15 Submit to the Executive Director, all necessary results for awards, certificates, plaques, ribbons, shields for the sectional event, plus materials specific to the Chairperson's activity such as: numbers, pins, score sheets and tags
- 5.2.16 Send out information specific to the activity e.g.:
- Cross-Country: Course information, maps, date rosters, site, scoring and starting time.
 - ~~Softball: no metal spikes used.~~
 - Track: starting heights of infield events.
- 5.2.17 Maintain all Section VI and post-sectional records.
- 5.2.18 Act as resource person for issues of eligibility or participation in the particular sport according to the current NYSPHSAA handbook and sport rulebook. 
- 5.2.19 Prepare a sectional handbook to cover pertinent materials relative to sectionals that are not included in the NYSPHSAA Handbook and Sport

rulebook.

- 5.2.20 Submit a sport budget to Section VI Finance committee by established dates.
- 5.2.21 Determine policy for scheduling of dual sports conflicts; e.g. some leagues allow a competitor to participate on track and baseball teams.
- 5.2.22 Federation sports shall prepare schedules with the Sectional/ Intersectional Committee for approval by the Athletic Council.
- 5.2.23 Section VI Federation Sports, Varsity and Junior Varsity Policies, Rules and Regulations shall be prepared and approved by the Federation and the Athletic Council.
- 5.2.24 If the sport prepares a program booklet for sectional competition, sportchairs are allowed to hire an individual to perform this task. The expense will be taken from the sport's budget.
- 5.2.25 **Commit to being proactive and aware of issues of equity and fairness for all participants.**

5.3 Sports Advisory Committee - (sub committee of Sports Chairperson)

5.3.1 Membership

5.3.1.1 The Sports Advisory Committee shall be made up of one member selected by each of the participating leagues.

5.3.1.2 The sport chairperson can select additional members to participate on the committee on a non-voting basis such as:

- Meet Chairpersons
- Site Chairpersons
- Authorities on that sport

5.3.2 Guidelines for **Mandatory** Advisory Committee meetings held by sport chairpersons

- Pre-Season Meeting
- Post-Season Meeting
- Discretionary meetings when necessary
- Sports chairpersons will provide the Sectional/Intersectional Committee with their committee meeting dates and agendas. After each meeting, they will provide minutes including action items as well as discussions and the attendance list.

~~5.4 Publicity~~

~~5.4.1 At the conclusion of each contest, the chairperson in charge will call in the results to radio, television and newspapers. For the most current listing, refer to Media Information in the Section VI Directory.~~

5.5 Reports

Chairpersons report to the Executive Director, Athletic Council and Sectional/Intersectional Committee.

5.5.1 Develop a common format for pre and post season reports

5.5.2 Pre Season Report:

- List ALL Committee Members. Indicate which members have voting privileges.
- Proposed budget
- Information on sectional, post-sectional competition (dates, sites, times, etc.)
- Number of schools participating
- Changes in policy and/or practice
- **Recommendations for merged team combinations**
- Other pertinent data



5.5.3 Post Season Report:

- Section and post-sectional results
- Financial information (budget, receipts, expenditures) reconciled with the Executive Director
- Changes in policy and/or practice (requested and mandated)
- **Recommendations for merged team combinations**
- Other pertinent information

5.5.4 The sport handbook will be posted on the Section VI website for access by Athletic Directors, coaches and the Athletic Council prior to the start of the sport season.

5.5.5 Pre & Post Season Reports will be submitted to the Executive Director by dates listed below.

Pre Season

Fall - March 1
Winter - July 1
Spring - November 1

Post Season

Fall - January 1
Winter - May 1
Spring - September 1

5.5.6 Sport chairpersons will meet with the Athletic Council and Sectional-Intersectional Committee as needed.

Recommendations coming to the Sectional/ Intersectional Committee must be the result of a majority vote of the sport chairpersons committee.


5.5.7 Executive Director will notify a sport chairperson if needed at next Athletic Council meeting - reason for attendance will be given.

5.5.8 Sport chairpersons can request to speak to Athletic Council by contacting the Executive Director for placement on the agenda.

5.5.9 All sport chairpersons will attend a pre-season meeting run by the Executive Director and staff. All policies, procedures and forms will be reviewed at this meeting.

Article 6 - Athletic Council

6.1 Agenda for Meetings

1. Call to Order
2. Introductions
3. Minutes
4. Executive Director Report
5. Communications
 - 5.1 Combining Teams
 - 5.2 Outside Agencies Contests
 - 5.3 Senior All-Star Contests
6. Standing Committees
 - 6.1 Finance
 - 6.2 Sectional/ Intersectional
 - 6.3 Safety 
 - 6.4 Modified
 - 6.5 Policy
 - 6.6 State Executive/Central Committee
 - 6.7 Superintendent/ Principal
 - 6.8 Extended Eligibility
 - 6.9 Chemical Awareness
 - 6.10 Transfer Eligibility / Foreign Student
 - 6.11 Sportsmanship
 - 6.12 Veterans (Retirees)
 - 6.13 Mixed Competition
 - 6.14 Nominating
 - 6.15 Combining of Schools
7. Special Committees
8. State Sport Committees
9. Guest Report
10. Sports Reports: Pre-Season/ Post-Season
11. Old Business
12. New Business
13. Adjournment

Article 7 – Executive Committee

7.1 Executive Committee Alternates:

The four members of the Executive Committee who represent a specific constituency (i.e., superintendents' rep, principals' rep, girls' rep and boys' rep) are responsible for obtaining an alternate if they cannot attend a meeting of the Athletic Council or Executive Committee. The alternate should be a member of the group the member represents (e.g., another principal should be an alternate for the principals' rep). If an alternate is not available, the President may select a former member of the Executive Committee who currently chairs a Standing Committee of Section VI or is an officer of one of the leagues to take the place of the absent member. This alternate will have full voting rights during the meeting.



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- 9/16/2015 Combining of Schools changed from an Adhoc Committee to a Standing Committee
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New York State Public High School Athletic Association



Executive Committee Meeting –

SECTIONAL CONCERN

Presenter:

Jeff Roth, Marisa Fallacaro-Dougherty, Section VI Representatives

Sectional Concern:

The current NYSPHSAA Foreign Exchange policy reads, “No member of the school's coaching staff or athletic director, paid or voluntary, shall serve as a host family. School districts may apply to the Section for a waiver if the student is living with a member of the school’s coaching staff or athletic director and if the student has not played the sport competitively.”

Addressing the Sectional Concern:

Add the language “This only applies to students participating at the Varsity Level. Those students that play at the sub-varsity level are not held to this regulation.

Rationale:

Section VI members feel that this should not and does not have to apply to those students playing at the JV level.

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

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Attachments:

N/A