

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

December 18, 2024

HIGHLIGHTS

- 3.1 **CARRIED:** November 13, 2024 Section VI Executive Committee meeting minutes
- 6.3.1 **CARRIED:** Treasurer's report (Appendix A)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Attendance (*indicates present)

*D. Lilleck, President

*B. Banker, President-Elect

M. Donahue, Past President

*J. Sortisio, Superintendents' Representative

*C. Alvarez, Principals' Representative

M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative

*J. Roth, Male Representative

*M. DiFilippo, Executive Director

*K. Schon, Associate Executive Director

** Agenda numbers coincide with AC agenda*

1.0 CALL TO ORDER (D. Lilleck)

Commenced: 10:24am

3.0 MINUTES (D. Lilleck)

3.1 ***Motion to approve the November 13, 2024 Section VI Executive Committee meeting minutes***

CARRIED

Sortisio/Donahue

4.0 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (M. DiFilippo)

4.1 Indoor Track Travel (Informational)

24-25 Indoor Track State Championships will be held in Long Island. Typically, Indoor Track travels on a Thursday, practices on a Friday, and competes on a Saturday. This year, Section VI will travel on a Friday, practice on that Friday and compete on Saturday. Supervision during downtime between arriving Thursday and practice on Friday afternoon, bus driver hours, school absence were some factors in making the change. Some coaches, however, lodged complaint stating they feel the change will have a negative impact on student-athlete performance. The Executive Committee will compare the data from last year to this year after the completion of the season.

4.2 Bishop Timon – Boys Ice Hockey and Indoor Track

M. DiFilippo notified Bishop Timon that the remainder of their Indoor Track and Boys Ice Hockey schedules will be removed and cancelled if payment for participation is not received by December 31, 2024. In addition, participation in any Section VI sports for the 2025-26 season will not be honored unless payment is made prior to the start of the season.

4.3 Update – Soccer Coach

Regarding a recent incident involving a member schools' treatment of a sports official, M. DiFilippo and D. Lilleck met with the athletic director and superintendent regarding the school's intention for action and to share the expectation of Section. At present, the school is in its final stages of fall coaches evaluation process. D. Lilleck to follow up with the superintendent after the new year for an update.

4.4 Boys & Girls Basketball Semifinals

M. DiFilippo and K. Schon are scheduled to meet with Boys Basketball Chairperson, Larry Jones and Girls Basketball Chairperson, Chris Durr, tomorrow, December 19, 2024. An update will be provided to the Executive Committee.

4.5 Schools without Boundaries

R. Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director, requests every section to generate a proposal. Creation of an Ad Hoc Committee will be added as a discussion item to the January athletic council agenda.

4.6 NYSPHSAA Start Dates (Appendix A)

Jason Iwankow, Eden Athletic Director, is the Section VI representative on this committee. The committee last met December 12, 2024. Two days ago, the proposed NYSPHSAA Start Dates moved from a discussion item at the February 2025 NYSPHSAA meeting to an action item. This will be communicated to Section VI Superintendents and league heads in preparation to act at the January 15, 2025 athletic council meeting to provide M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative direction to vote.

4.7 3-Region Concept (Appendix B)

The state is interested in implementing this concept for fall 25-26. Rationale is to provide a consistent partner for sections as well as spreading out the subregional games. Executive committee members lodged concerns regarding the criteria for at-larges within this proposal.

4.8 Cassadaga Valley Superintendent Letter

The window to appeal closed prior to submission. Section VI to respond.

4.9 March 19, 2025 AC & Exec Meetings

As a result of a room scheduling conflict at Erie 1 BOCES, the March 19, 2025 executive committee and athletic council meetings are moved to Monday, March 24, 2025

5.0 **COMMUNICATIONS** (M. DiFilippo)

5.1 AC ACTION ITEM: Approval of Outside Agency Applications

- a) Basketball-Boys, Jolly Boys, 12/13/24, Amherst High School, Amherst High School & Jolly Boys of Williamsville
- b) Wrestling, Holiday Classic Wrestling Tournament, 12/13 - 12/14/24, JCC, Randolph & STOWA State Sanctioned
- c) Basketball-Boys, Hamburg Lions Tip-off Tournament, 12/17-12/20, Hamburg HS, Hamburg Lions & Hamburg HS
- d) Wrestling, Linda C Knuutila Memorial Tournament, 12/20 & 21/24, NCCC, Niagara Wheatfield
- e) Basketball-Boys, Coaches Vs Cancer Hoops for Hope, 12/27 & 25/24, Hilbert College, MMHSAA & Bishop Timon
- f) Cheerleading, Fredonia Blue Devils Cheer Competition, 1/26/25, SUNY Fredonia , Dunkirk HS and SUNY Fredonia

6.0 **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

6.1 Combining of Schools Committee (J. Sortisio)

Nothing to report

6.2 Charter Schools Classification Committee (J. Sortisio)

Nothing to report

6.3 Finance Committee (S. Penhollow)

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

CARRIED

Alvarez/Banker

6.3.2 Wrestling Rate

Most schools do not have a full contingent of girls in each weight class. In addition, there is the continued issue of lack of officials. Therefore, boys and girls wrestling matches are being scheduled in a manner to accommodate. There is no contractual rate established in the current contract, so an addendum to the contract will be proposed at the January 15, 2025 athletic council meeting - a full varsity fee to be paid for 7 or more girls freestyle bouts.

6.4 Sectional/Intersectional (M. DiFilippo)

- 6.4.1 January 15, 2025 Athletic Council Action Item: Approval of the proposal to Extend the FAT timing qualifier standard to the Class Meets for the 100, 200 and the 100/110 hurdles in the sport of Track and Field.

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)

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

- 6.7c1 Handbook – Foreign Exchange Policy Revision
- 6.7c2 Football – Request to Start Practice on Monday of Week #7
- 6.7c3 Boys/Girls Bowling – Start At-Large Rotation with Section III for 2025; Establish Remaining Rotation following 2025 State Tournament
- 6.7c4 Outdoor Track & Field – Establish Strict Set of Super & At-Large Standards
- 6.7c5 Boys Tennis – Establish New Regional Rotation for 2025-30 Using Guiding Principals
- 6.7c6 Boys Tennis: Establish New At-Large Rotation to Fill Byes for 2026-30
- 6.7c7 Flag Football Rule Adjustment – Minimum Flag Belt Length
- 6.7c8 Flag Football Rule Change – Spotting the Ball
- 6.7c9 Flag Football – Rule Adjustment – First Possession Line

6.8 Extended Eligibility (M. DiFilippo)

Nothing to report

6.10 Transfer/Foreign Student (M. DiFilippo)

Reports were provided to the Executive Committee

6.13 Mixed Competition (C. Alvarez)

Nothing to report

6.14 Nominations (B. Banker)

- 6.14.1 Male Representative Position, term expires June 2025 (July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2029)
J. Roth shared his intent to renew his term. A challenger application is posted on the Section VI website with deadline of March 1, 2025.

6.14.2 Spring Sports Chairs Terms Expiration June 30, 2025, new term July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2028
(Action Item May 2025) (Renewals/Challengers)
Challenger application is posted on the Section VI website with deadline of March 1, 2025

6.14.3 Open Position: Baseball Chairperson, Term July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2028
Application is posted on Section VI website with deadline of March 1, 2025

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

9.1 NYSAAA Report (J. Roth)

J. Roth is stepping down from the Chapter 6 Chairperson position. J. Lehmbeck will be taking over in the position.

10.0 SPORTS REPORTS

Nothing to report

11.0 OLD BUSINESS

11.1 Policy Manual Update

B. Banker to report at the January 15, 2025 athletic council meeting.

12.0 NEW BUSINESS

12.1 Indoor Track

Scheduling concerns were brought forth, including the number of athletes participating and time limitations.

13.0 GOOD OF THE ORDER/ADJOURNMENT

13.1 *Motion to adjourn*

CARRIED

Alvarez/Banker



Fall Sport Start Dates

- Action Item
- Discussion Item
- Informational Item

Presenter:

Debra Ferry, NYSPHSAA 2nd Vice President & Start Date Ad Hoc Committee Chair

Proposal:

Consider approval to align the start date for all fall sports to two weeks prior to Labor Day, with football beginning on the Saturday of Week #7 when the start date falls on the Monday of Week #8.

Effective Start Date:

Fall 2025

Rationale:

Utilizing the National Federation of High School’s (NFHS) Standard Calendar of Weeks provides a helpful framework however, the NYSPHSAA designated fall sport start date has, at times, been either too early or too late to meet the needs of member schools. Allowing the start date to begin two weeks prior to Labor Day ensures consistency for the NYSPHSAA membership.

Proposal Originated:

Sport Start Date Ad Hoc Committee on November 12, 2024

Budgetary Impact:

N/A

Notes:

In Favor (Yes): Sections 2, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, and X. Opposed (No): Sections I and XI (with the note that they only opposed starting football on Saturday of Week #7, preferring Monday, and acknowledged football’s interest in Week #7 moving forward). The motion carried with a 9-2 vote.

Attachments:

Start Dates for the next several years.

Spring Sport Start Dates

- Action Item
- Discussion Item
- Informational Item

Presenter:

Debra Ferry, NYSPHSAA 2nd Vice President & Start Date Ad Hoc Committee Chair

Proposal:

Consider approval to align the start date for all spring sports to the second Monday in March.

Effective Start Date:

Spring 2026

Rationale:

Some Sections have expressed concerns that the current spring sports start date is too early, while others feel the season should be longer. Although the NFHS Standard Calendar of Weeks provides a helpful framework, the NYSPHSAA-designated start date for spring sports has occasionally been misaligned with the needs of member schools. Establishing the start date as the second Monday in March creates a consistent approach that better accommodates the varying needs of Sections and ensures alignment across the NYSPHSAA membership.

Proposal Originated:

Sport Start Date Ad Hoc Committee on November 12, 2024.

Budgetary Impact:

N/A

Notes:

Votes by Section are as follows: In Favor (Yes): Sections 2, III, IV, V, VII, VIII, IX, XI. Opposed (No): Sections I, VI, X. The motion carried with an 8-3 vote.

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NYSPHSAA Start Dates

Year	Current Fall Football Request (Wk. #7)	Current Fall Fall Sports (Wk. #8)	Labor Day	Proposed Fall Start 2 Wks. Before Labor Day	Current Spring Week #37	Proposed Spring Start 2nd Week of March
2025-2026	Aug. 18, 2025 (Wk. #7)	Aug. 25, 2025 (Wk. #8)	Sept. 1, 2025	Aug. 18, 2025 (Wk. #7)	Mar. 16, 2026 (Wk. #37)	Mar. 9, 2026 (Wk. #36)
2026-2027	Aug. 17, 2026 (Wk. #7)	Aug. 24, 2026 (Wk. #8)	Sept. 7, 2026	*Aug. 24, 2026 (Wk. #8)	Mar. 15, 2027 (Wk. 37)	Mar. 8, 2026 (Wk. #36)
2027-2028	Aug. 16, 2027 (Wk. #7)	Aug. 23, 2027 (Wk. #8)	Sept. 6, 2027	*Aug. 23, 2027 (Wk. #8)	Mar. 13, 2028 (Wk. #37)	Mar. 13, 2028 (Wk. #37)
2028-2029	Aug. 14, 2028 (Wk. #7)	Aug. 21, 2028 (Wk. #8)	Sept. 4, 2028	*Aug. 21, 2028 (Wk. #8)	Mar. 12, 2029 (Wk. #37)	Mar. 12, 2029 (Wk. #37)
2029-2030	Aug. 13, 2029 (Wk. #7)	Aug. 20, 2029 (Wk. #8)	Sept. 3, 2029	*Aug. 20, 2029 (Wk. #8)	Mar. 11, 2030 (Wk. #37)	Mar. 11, 2030 (Wk. #37)
2030-2031	Aug. 19, 2030 (Wk. #7)	Aug. 26, 2030 (Wk. #8)	Sept. 2, 2030	Aug. 19, 2030 (Wk. #7)	Mar. 17, 2031 (Wk. #37)	Mar. 10, 2031 (Wk. #36)
2031-2032	Aug. 18, 2031 (Wk. #7)	Aug. 25, 2031 (Wk. #8)	Sept. 1, 2031	Aug. 18, 2031 (Wk. #7)	Mar. 15, 2032 (Wk. #37)	Mar. 8, 2032 (Wk. #36)

Note: No Championship dates will be revised.

NYSPHSAA will need approval from NYSED to start football on Week #7.

*When start date falls on Monday of Week #8, Football starts Saturday of Week #7

APPENDIX B

3 Region Concept (DRAFT)

Denotes Regional Final (No Mid Week Travel)

Denotes Regional Final Host

	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	Sub-Regionals				Regional Finals				Home		Away	
Region 1	5 @ 6 AL @ 4	6 @ 5 AL @ 4	5 @ 6 AL @ 4	AL/4 @ 5/6	6 @ 5	5 @ 6 AL @ 4	AL/4 @ 5/6	6 @ 5 AL @ 4	AL/4 @ 6/5	5 @ 6 AL @ 4	6 @ 5 AL @ 4	5 @ 6 AL/4 @ 5/6	6 @ 5 AL @ 4	5-4	6-4	5-10	6-10	5-9	6-9	5-5	6-5	
Region 2	2 @ 3 1 @ 9	1/9 @ 2/3 3 @ 2	3 @ 2	2 @ 3	3 @ 2	11 @ 8 3/2 @ 11/8	2 @ 3	3 @ 2	2 @ 3	1 @ 9 2/3 @ 1/9	3 @ 2	2 @ 3	3 @ 2	2-4	3-4	2-10	3-10	2-7	3-7	2-7	3-7	
Region 3	8 @ 11	11 @ 8	9 @ 1 11/8 @ 9/1	1 @ 9	9 @ 1	8 @ 11	1 @ 9	9 @ 1	9 @ 1	9 @ 1	8 @ 11	11 @ 8	9/1 @ 11/8	1-4	9-4	1-10	9-10	1-7	9-7	1-7	9-7	

Notes: Sections 1 & 9 have four straight years of Regional Finals (2028-2031); equity in sub-regionals & regional finals.

11 Sections

1 At-Large

12 Team Bracket

Ex. A & B

	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	Sub-Regionals				Regional Finals				Home		Away	
Region 1	5 @ 6 AL @ 4	6 @ 5 AL @ 4	5 @ 6 AL @ 4	AL/4 @ 5/6	6 @ 5	5 @ 6 AL @ 4	AL/4 @ 5/6	6 @ 5 AL @ 4	AL/4 @ 6/5	5 @ 6 AL @ 4	6 @ 5 AL @ 4	5 @ 6 AL/4 @ 5/6	6 @ 5 AL @ 4	5-6	6-6	5-10	6-10	5-11	6-11	5-5	6-5	
Region 2	3 @ 10 2 @ 7	2/7 @ 3/10 7 @ 2	10 @ 3 2 @ 7	3 @ 10 3/10 @ 2/7	10 @ 3 7 @ 2	7 @ 2	10 @ 3 10/3 @ 7/2	3 @ 10 2 @ 7	10 @ 3 2/7 @ 3/10	3 @ 10 7 @ 2	2 @ 7	10 @ 3 3/10 @ 2/7	3 @ 10 7 @ 2	3-7	10-7	3-10	10-10	3-9	10-9	3-8	10-8	
Region 3	1 @ 9 8 @ 11	8/11 @ 1/9 11 @ 8	9 @ 1 9/1 @ 11/8	1 @ 9	9 @ 1 11/8 @ 9/1	1 @ 9	9 @ 1	1 @ 9 8/11 @ 1/9	9 @ 1	1 @ 9	8/11 @ 1/9	9 @ 1	1 @ 9	1-7	9-7	1-10	9-10	1-9	9-9	1-8	9-8	

Notes: Equitable format; equity in sub-regionals & regional finals.

9 Sections

1 At-Large

No Section 8/11 teams

10 Team Bracket

Ex. C & D

Ex. Ice Hockey/ Football

	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	Sub-Regionals				Regional Finals				Home		Away	
Region 1	5 @ 6 AL @ 4	6 @ 5 AL @ 4	5 @ 6 AL @ 4	AL/4 @ 5/6	6 @ 5	5 @ 6 AL @ 4	AL/4 @ 5/6	6 @ 5 AL @ 4	AL/4 @ 6/5	5 @ 6 AL @ 4	6 @ 5 AL @ 4	5 @ 6 AL/4 @ 5/6	6 @ 5 AL @ 4	5-4	6-4	5-10	6-10	5-9	6-9	5-5	6-5	
Region 2		10 @ 3 7 @ 2	7/2 @ 10/3 2 @ 7	3 @ 10 2 @ 7	10 @ 3	10 @ 3	3 @ 10 2 @ 7	10 @ 3 7 @ 2	10 @ 3	10 @ 3	7 @ 2	10 @ 3 10/3 @ 7/2	3 @ 10 2 @ 7	3-4	10-4	3-10	10-10	3-7	10-7	3-7	10-7	
Region 3	1 @ 9 3 @ 10	3/10 @ 1/9	9 @ 1	1 @ 9	9 @ 1 9/1 @ 7/2	1 @ 9	9 @ 1	1 @ 9	9 @ 1	1 @ 9	9 @ 1	1 @ 9	9 @ 1	1-4	9-4	1-10	9-10	1-7	9-7	1-7	9-7	

Notes: Sections 3 & 10 have four straight years of Regional Finals (2028-2031); equity in sub-regionals & regional finals.

9 Sections

1 At-Large

No Section 1/8 teams

10 Team Bracket

Ex. Class D Baseball

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Region 1	5 @ 6 AL @ 4	6 @ 5 AL @ 4	5 @ 6 AL @ 4	AL/4 @ 5/6	6 @ 5	5 @ 6 AL @ 4	AL/4 @ 5/6	6 @ 5 AL @ 4	AL/4 @ 6/5	5 @ 6 AL @ 4	6 @ 5 AL @ 4	5 @ 6 AL/4 @ 5/6	6 @ 5 AL @ 4	5-4	6-4	5-10	6-10	5-9	6-9	5-5	6-5	
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	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	Sub-Regionals				Regional Finals				Home				Away																								
	Sub-Regional	Regional Final	Sub-Regional	Regional Final	Sub-Regional	Regional Final	Sub-Regional	Regional Final	Sub-Regional	Regional Final	Sub-Regional	Regional Final	Sub-Regional	Regional Final	Sub-Regional	Regional Final	Sub-Regional	Regional Final	Sub-Regional	Regional Final	Sub-Regional	Regional Final	Sub-Regional	Regional Final	Sub-Regional	Regional Final	Sub-Regional	Regional Final	Sub-Regional	Regional Final	Sub-Regional	Regional Final	Sub-Regional	Regional Final	Sub-Regional	Regional Final	Sub-Regional	Regional Final									
Region 1	5 @ 6		6 @ 5	5 @ 6	3/4 @ 5/6		6 @ 5	5 @ 6	6 @ 5	4/3 @ 5/6		5 @ 6		6 @ 5	5 @ 6		6 @ 5		6 @ 5		6 @ 5		5-4	6-4	5-10	6-10	5-7	6-7	5-7	6-7																	
	3 @ 4		4 @ 3	3 @ 4			4 @ 3	3 @ 4	5/6 @ 3/4	4 @ 3		3 @ 4		4 @ 3	3 @ 4	5/6 @ 3/4		4 @ 3		4 @ 3		3-4	4-4	3-10	4-10	3-7	4-7	3-7	4-7																		
Region 2		10 @ 7	9/2 @ 10/7		7 @ 10		10 @ 7		7 @ 10		10 @ 7		10 @ 7		7 @ 10		10 @ 7		10 @ 7			7-4	10-4	7-10	10-10	7-7	10-7	7-7	10-7																		
	2 @ 9	9 @ 2		2 @ 9		2 @ 9		9 @ 2		2 @ 9	9 @ 2	2 @ 9	9 @ 2		2 @ 9	9 @ 2	10/7 @ 9/2		2 @ 9			2-4	9-4	2-10	9-10	2-7	9-7	2-7	9-7																		
Region 3	8 @ 1	7/10 @ 8/1		1 @ 8		8 @ 1	1 @ 8		8 @ 1		1 @ 8	8 @ 1		1 @ 8		8 @ 1	9/2 @ 1/8		1 @ 8			1-4	8-4	1-10	8-10	1-7	8-7	1-7	8-7																		
	7 @ 10				9 @ 2	1/8 @ 9/2					7 @ 10	8/1 @ 7/10					9 @ 2																														

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

Notes:

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

Treasurer's Report

As of December 10, 2024

Dec 10, 24

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

1040.1 · Bank of America CD	26,306.67
1043.1 · Northwest CD	314,533.60
1050 · Arbiter Pay	70,469.00
1000 · Petty Cash	2,400.00
1030 · Bank of America Checking	545,889.50
1040 · Bank of America Money Market	1.69
1043 · Northwest Savings Bank	122,373.56

Total Checking/Savings	1,081,974.02
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Total Current Assets	1,081,974.02
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TOTAL ASSETS	1,081,974.02
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LIABILITIES & EQUITY	0.00
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Dedicated Funds

	Received		Accrual
Boys Ice Hockey	\$ 120,000.00		\$ 125,000.00
Girls Ice Hockey	\$ 49,500.00		\$ 49,500.00
Indoor Track	\$ 127,400.00		\$ 130,000.00

	Budgeted
State Championships	\$ 212,000.00
	\$ 508,900.00

FUND BALANCE	\$ 573,074.02
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Handbook - Foreign Exchange Policy Revision

- Action Item
- Discussion Item
- Informational Item

Vote fees

Presenter:

Patrick Pizzarelli, NYSPHSAA Handbook Committee Chair

Proposal:

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

Effective Start Date:

2025-2026 School Year

Rationale:

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

Proposal Originated:

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

Budgetary Impact:

Budgetary Impact

Notes:

None

Attachments:

None

New York State Public High School Athletic Association



Executive Committee Meeting – October 24, 2024

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

- Action Item
- Discussion Item
- Informational Item

Presenters:

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

Proposal:

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

Effective Start Date:

August 2025

Rationale:

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

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

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Football Committee at its September 9, 2024 meeting.

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

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

Attachments:

None

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

- Action Item
- Discussion Item
- Informational Item

Presenter:

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

Proposal:

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

Effective Start Date:

Winter (March) 2025

Rationale:

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

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

Proposal Originated:

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

Budgetary Impact:

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

Notes:

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

CAC Feedback:

Will be provided at the January 16th meeting.

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

- Action Item
- Discussion Item
- Informational Item

Presenter:

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

Proposal:

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

Effective Start Date:

Spring 2025

Rationale:

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

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

Proposal Originated:

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

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

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

Attachments:

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

CAC Feedback:

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

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

- Action Item
- Discussion Item
- Informational Item

Presenter:

Quan Huynh, NYSPHSAA Boys Team Tennis State Coordinator

Proposal:

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

Effective Start Date:

Spring 2025

Rationale:

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

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Boys Tennis Committee September 2024

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

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

Attachments:

See proposed regional rotation.

CAC Feedback:

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

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



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

- Action Item
- Discussion Item
- Informational Item

Presenter:

Quan Huynh, NYSPHSAA Boys Team Tennis State Coordinator

Proposal:

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

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

Effective Start Date:

Spring 2026

Rationale:

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

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Boys Tennis Committee September 2024

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

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

Attachments:

None

CAC Feedback:

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

Flag Football Rule Adjustment- Minimum Flag Belt Length

- Action Item
- Discussion Item
- Informational Item

Presenter:

Jen Lapinski- Co- Flag Football Coordinator

Proposal:

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

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

Effective Start Date:

Spring 2025

Rationale:

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

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

Proposal Originated:

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

Budgetary Impact:

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

Notes:

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

Attachments:

Flag Football Rule Change- Spotting the Ball

- Action Item
- Discussion Item
- Informational Item

Presenter:

Jen Lapinski- Co- Flag Football Coordinator

Proposal:

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

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

Effective Start Date:

Spring 2025

Rationale:

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

Proposal Originated:

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

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

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

Attachments:

Flag Football - Rule Adjustment- First Possession Line

- Action Item
- Discussion Item
- Informational Item

Presenter:

Jen Lapinski- Co- Flag Football Coordinator

Proposal:

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

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

Effective Start Date:

Spring 2025

Rationale:

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

Proposal Originated:

Sectional concern brought to Flag Football Committee.

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

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

Attachments: