



# Executive Committee Meeting January 20, 2021 Minutes

## HIGHLIGHTS

- 2.1 **CARRIED:** December 8, 2020 Executive Committee meeting minutes
- 8.1 **CARRIED:** Remove the football combining of schools applications from the 8.1 action item

## AC ACTION ITEMS

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- 3.1 **ACTION ITEM:** Approval of Mark Kruzynski, Superintendent from Medina, as the NYSPHSAA Foundation representative for Section VI
- 4.1 **ACTION ITEM:** Approval of Combining of Schools
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- 5.3.2 **ACTION ITEM:** Approval of the Section VI Whistleblower Policy
- 5.3.3 **ACTION ITEM:** Approval of the proposed 2021-2022 Section VI budget
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## 1.0 CALL TO ORDER (Brett Banker)

Commenced: 9:33am

## 2.0 MINUTES (Brett Banker)

### 2.1 *Motion to approve the December 8, 2020 Executive Committee meeting minutes*

**CARRIED**

***Fallacaro-Dougherty/Donahue***

## 3.0 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Mark DiFilippo)

3.1 **AC ACTION ITEM:** Approval of Mark Kruzynski, Superintendent from Medina, as the NYSPHSAA Foundation representative for Section VI

### 3.2 WNYSO Contract MOA

Section VI and the Western New York Sports Officials (WNYSO) current contract expires August 31, 2021. A one-year extension, September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022, including all terms and conditions as listed as well as continuing to follow the sports officials' 2020-2021 rates was sought by Section VI. Agreement by the WNYSO is pending.

### 3.3 School Health Examinations

On December 15, 2020 the NYSED released an update regarding school health examinations in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. NYSED is extending the requirements for a health exam for school attendance and participation in interscholastic athletics through April 2021 (tentative), which includes permitting the use of 2018-2019 or 2019-2020 health exams for participation in the 2020-2021 sports seasons. In addition, the requirement to document physical examinations on the NYS Required Health Examination Form beginning January 31, 2021 was emphasized as well as the fact that this will affect 2021 Fall Season 2 and 2021 Spring Season student-athletes. The NYSED document can be found within the appendices of this document (Appendix I).

### 3.4 Winter and Fall 2 Coaches Meetings

Chairpersons of sports that fall within the high-risk category (basketball, ice hockey, cheerleading, and wrestling) were asked to be prepared to schedule their coaches' meetings in the event clearance to play is issued. Fall Season 2 sports' (football and volleyball) chairpersons were also asked to convene their coaches in preparation for their revised seasons.

### 3.5 NCCS Update

Section VI received Northern Chautauqua Catholic School's 2021-2022 NYSPHSAA membership application on Wednesday, December 2, 2020. On Friday, January 8, 2021, the results of the Chautauqua-Cattaraugus Athletic Association (CCAA) post card ballot were released indicating the Northern Chautauqua Catholic School (NCCS) application did not meet the 2/3 CCAA membership majority for league acceptance. Part 520.1a under Section 520, Membership for Non-Public Schools, of the Section VI, NYSPHSAA, Inc. Policy Manual states "An application\* must be received by the Executive Director by September 1 of the preceding year in which participation is expected. Please note: Agreement to accept the applicant school or league into league membership is a prerequisite for membership into Section VI." Therefore, Section VI sent a letter to Andrew Ludwig, NCCS Principal, indicating the NCCS application for 2021-2022 NYSPHSAA membership application is void based upon the failure to obtain league membership.

### 3.6 Reminder – Independent Schedules

Section 170 Independent Status of the Section VI Policy Manual states "A school must request approval of a team's independent status from the Athletic Council on an annual basis." Athletic Council members will be asked to remind their respective leagues of this policy.

### 3.7 Health Sciences Charter School Boys Basketball 2020-2021 Classification Update

On September 16, 2020, the Section VI Athletic Council voted and approved the Class AA placement of Health Sciences Charter School Boys Basketball team for the 2020-2021 winter season. Health Sciences Charter School appealed the decision to the Section VI Executive Committee. On November 18, 2020, the Executive Committee decided to uphold the decision of the Athletic Council. Health Sciences Charter School appealed the Executive Committee's decision to the NYSPHSAA. On December 21, 2020, the NYSPHSAA decided to uphold the decision of the Section VI Executive Committee. As of December 21, 2020 and if inclined to do so, Health Sciences Charter School had 30 days to submit an appeal to NYSED. At present and to the Section's knowledge, an appeal has not been submitted.

## 4.0 COMMUNICATIONS (Mark DiFilippo)

### 4.1 **AC ACTION ITEM:** Approval of Combining of Schools

#### Winter 2021 Sports

1. Basketball G, Westfield, Brocton, V, JV, 7/8/9, 204 C
2. Bowling B/G, Kenmore East, Kenmore West, V, 1119

#### Spring 2021 Sports

3. Golf B, Chautauqua Lake, Westfield, V, 380
4. Golf G, Cassadaga Valley, Maple Grove-Bemus Pt, Westfield, V, 533
5. Lax B, Lake Shore, Silver Creek, J, JV, 549 C
6. Lax G, Lake Shore, Silver Creek, J, JV, 549 C
7. Softball, Sherman, Clymer, V, 7/8/9, 133
8. Tennis B/G, MEC, Research Lab, V, 388
9. Tennis B/G, MST, Alt Ed, V, 418
10. Track B/G, Franklinville, Ellicottville, V, 217
11. Track B/G, Westfield, Brocton, V, 217

#### Fall Football 2021

12. Football, Sherman, Panama, Clymer, (CSP) V, JV, 7/8/9, 147 D
13. Football, East Aurora, Holland, V, 7/8/9, 543 B
14. Football, Eden, North Collins, V, 7/8/9, 363 C
15. Football, Falconer, Cassadaga Valley, V, 330 C
16. Football, Franklinville, Ellicottville, V & JV, 7/8, 168 D
17. Football, Gowanda, Pine Valley, V, 7/8, 275 C
18. Football, Silver Creek, Forestville, V, JV, 7/8/9 259 D
19. Football, Chaut. Lake, Westfield, Brocton, V, JV, 265 C (pending application)
20. Football, Bennett, MEC, East, Riverside, MST, Res. L, Olmsted, Acad@4, V, JV, 1860 AA (pending application)
21. Football, Burgard, Buffalo Arts Acad, V, JV, 543 B (pending application)
22. Football, Hutch Tech, Emerson, Bflo Cul, City Honors, LDV, Laf., IPrep, V, JV, 3001 AA (pending application)
23. 8-Man Football, Royalton-Hartland, Barker, Lyndonville, V, JV, 7/8/9, 398 B

***Motion to remove the football combining of schools applications from the 8.1 action item***

***CARRIED***

***Donahue/Fallacaro-Dougherty***

The Combining of Schools Committee will review the fall 2 football season in advance of acting upon fall 2021 football combining of schools applications.

## 5.0 STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

### 5.1 Combining of Schools Committee (Jeff Rabey)

### 5.2 Charter Schools Classification Committee (Jeff Rabey)

### 5.3 Finance Committee (Don Scholla)

#### 5.3.1 **AC ACTION ITEM:** Approval of Treasurer's Report (Appendix A)

#### 5.3.2 **AC ACTION ITEM:** Approval of the Section VI Whistleblower Policy (Appendix B)

#### 5.3.3 **AC ACTION ITEM:** Approval of the proposed 2021-2022 Section VI budget (Appendix C)

#### 5.3.4 2020-2021 Indoor Track Dues

Resulting from the cancellation of the 2020-2021 Indoor Track season, participating school districts' dues received by Section VI will be held in escrow and used for the 2021-2022 season. School districts that prefer their dues be returned should contact the Section office. Athletic Council members will be asked to share this information with their respective leagues.

#### 5.3.5 TPG Sponsorship Update

TPG, a national sponsorship company, has contracted with the NYSPHSAA for sponsorship rights for a ten-year period. In return for the NYSPHSAA sponsorship rights, TPG will provide NYSPHSAA with a guaranteed rights fee which will exceed the current revenue of NYSPHSAA sponsorships. TPG is now proposing a 1-year contract to Section VI for the remainder of this 2020-2021 school year. TPG would keep 50% of the sponsorship funds acquired on behalf of Section VI. If Section VI is inclined to move forward with the partnership after this school year, TPG would review the Section's financial reports to develop a marketing plan. A contract would then be negotiated. The Finance Committee directed D. Scholla and M. DiFilippo to investigate the TPG sponsorship proposal to Section VI for this 2020-2021 school year. If secured, D. Scholla and M. DiFilippo will provide an evaluation of the partnership to be reviewed by the Finance Committee after the conclusion of this school year.

### 5.4 Sectional/Intersectional Committee (Mark DiFilippo)

#### 5.4.1 **AC ACTION ITEM:** Approval of the North & South 2021-2022 Timelines for Schedules and assignment of Officials (Appendix D)

#### 5.4.2 Winter Season & Fall Season 2 Sectionals

Winter and fall season 2 sectionals were discussed. Highlights are bulleted below.

- Girls and Boys Bowling - Sectional meets are scheduled for March 10 and 11, respectively. Sectionals will be held at Airport Lanes. This year, only schools with a 500 or better record will be allowed to participate. Under yellow and orange zone restrictions, Airport Lanes is allowed a maximum capacity of 546 persons. Without spectators, all 66 lanes will be available for use. Also, with approximately 25 teams participating, attendance will be well within the capacity requirement.
- Boys Swimming – This year, the co-chairpersons constructed a bracketed team championship wherein each team will be ranked within their classification. Sectionals are scheduled for March 2, 5, 9; culminating with the finals on Friday, March 12. The sectional format was constructed with consideration of the current circumstances surrounding COVID-19. Thus, matches will be able to be conducted in person or virtual, depending on zone restrictions.
- Due to concerns of football and volleyball playoffs overlapping, football will take the top 4 for the first round of playoffs (week of April 19) and seeds 5 and 6 will participate in the Funke Bowl. Any team seeded 6 or lower has the option to participate this week with a match-up scheduled by the football chairs. The week of April 26, approximately 10 football teams will continue on in the playoffs.
- The Executive Committee decided to move forward with the top 8 teams in each classification for volleyball sectional playoffs. These sports chairpersons will be asked for their input regarding tiebreakers. All 3 rounds of playoffs will be conducted the week of April 19<sup>th</sup>.

### 5.7 State Executive Committee /Central Committee

a) Superintendent (Jeff Rabey)

b) Principal (Al Gens)

*Nothing to report*

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

The following action items are to provide J. Graczyk, Male Representative, and M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, direction on how to vote at the February 2021 NYSPPHSAA Executive Committee meeting. (Appendix E)

- a) **AC ACTION ITEM:** Direct J. Graczyk, Male Representative, and M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, to support the 2 - division classification cut-off proposal
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\*The Male and Female representatives will recommended not supporting action items (a) and (b) to the Athletic Council.

#### 5.8 Extended Eligibility (Mark DiFilippo)

*Nothing to report*

#### 5.10 Transfer/ Foreign Student (Mark DiFilippo)

*Reports were emailed to the Executive Committee*

#### 5.13 Mixed Competition (Al Gens)

*Nothing to report*

#### 5.14 Nominations (Maureen Donahue)

5.14.1 **AC ACTION ITEM:** Approval of Carolyn Shields (Olean) as Boys Golf Chair (remaining term July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022)

5.14.2 Male Representative - Applications due January 30, 2021

5.14.3 Fall Sports Chairs Positions Update

Fall sports chairpersons' terms expire June 30, 2021. The next term is July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024. All incumbents have notified the Section office that they wish to renew their terms. No challenger applications were received by the January 6, 2021 deadline. Approval of incumbents will be sought at the May 2021 Athletic Council Meeting.

#### 5.15 Corporate Partner (Mark DiFilippo)

See item 9.3.5

### 6.0 SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### 6.2 Charter Schools (Mark DiFilippo)

*Nothing to report*

## 7.0 STATE SPORT COMMITTEE REPORTS (Appendix F)

- a) Indoor Track (November 2020)
- b) Boys Lacrosse (November 2020)
- c) Bowling (November 2020)
- d) Softball (December 2020)
- e) Cheerleading (December 2020)

## 9.0 SPORTS REPORTS

- 9.1 **AC ACTION ITEM:** Approval of the 2020 Fall Sports post season reports (Girls Gymnastics, Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer, Cross Country, Girls Tennis, Girls Swim, Girls Field Hockey) with the exception of the Boys Soccer additional tiebreaker goal differential proposal (Appendix G)

The Sectional Intersectional Committee is not in support of the Boys Soccer additional tie-breaker goal differential proposal.

## 10.0 OLD BUSINESS

### 10.1 AdHoc Diversity Committee Update

Including D. Scholla and M. Donahue as co-chairpersons, 15 individuals have volunteered to join the AdHoc Diversity Committee. An initial meeting will be scheduled soon. D. Scholla is waiting to be contacted by the Institute for Sport and Social Justice, which may be able to provide insight or advice to Section VI in the development of this committee.

## 11.0 NEW BUSINESS

*Nothing to report*

## 12.0 GOOD OF THE ADJOURNMENT

### 12.1 *Motion to adjourn*

**CARRIED**

***Fallacaro-Dougherty/Donahue***

Respectfully Submitted,



Beth Fadeley  
Recording Secretary

APPENDIX A  
Section VI NYSPHSAA, Inc.

**Treasurer's Report**

As of January 13, 2021

Jan 13, 21

**ASSETS**

**Current Assets**

**Checking/Savings**

1050 - Arbiter Pay 6,770.00

1030 - Bank of America Checking 87,451.19

1040 - Bank of America Money Market 105,925.37

1043 - Northwest Savings Bank 418,177.34

**Total Checking/Savings** 618,323.90

**Total Current Assets** 618,323.90

**TOTAL ASSETS** **618,323.90**

**LIABILITIES & EQUITY** 0.00

**Boys Ice Hockey Fees** 156,000 -93000

**Girls Ice Hockey Fees** 44,000 -30250

**Indoor Track Fees** 100,000 -52500

**Dedicated Funds for States** 150,000

**FUND BALANCE** **442,573.90** (175,750)

## **APPENDIX B**

*Draft*

### **Prohibition of Retaliatory Behavior (Commonly Known as "Whistle-Blower" Protection)**

Section VI prohibits any retaliatory behavior directed against complainants, victims, witnesses, and/or any other individuals who participated in the investigation of a complaint of discrimination and/or harassment. Complaints of retaliation may be directed to the Executive Director. In the event the Executive Director is the alleged offender, the report will be directed to the acting Section VI President.

Where appropriate, follow-up inquiries will be made to ensure that discrimination and/or harassment has not resumed and that those involved in the investigation have not suffered retaliation.



# APPENDIX C

## Section VI Budget 2021-2022 (Draft 11/12/20)

Actual 2019-2020		Budget 2020-2021 (Updated Oct20)		Projection 2021-2022	
Erie 1 BOCES		Erie 1 BOCES		Erie 1 BOCES	
<b>Revenue</b>		<b>Revenue</b>		<b>Revenue</b>	
Coordination Fees	\$ 303,094.00	Coordination Fees	\$ 358,000.00	Coordination Fees	\$ 358,000.00
BPS & Charter Fees	\$ 81,670.00	BPS & Charter Fees	\$ 98,000.00	BPS & Charter Fees	\$ 98,000.00
BOCES Billing (\$52,518)	\$ -	BOCES Billing (estimate)	\$ -	BOCES Billing (estimate)	\$ -
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 384,764.00</b>	<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 456,000.00</b>	<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 456,000.00</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>		<b>Operating Expenses</b>		<b>Operating Expenses</b>	
Salaries	\$252,077.00	Salaries	\$ 228,000.00	Salaries	\$ 224,000.00
Executive Director (126,168)		Executive Director (110,00)		Executive Director (105,000)	
Office Staff (95,879)*Includes JG		Office Staff (88,000)		Office Staff (89,000)	
Treasurer (30,000)		Treasurer (30,000)		Treasurer (30,000)	
Equipment	\$ 1,443.00	Equipment	\$ 1,500.00	Equipment	\$ 1,500.00
Supplies	\$ 149.00	Supplies	\$ 500.00	Supplies	\$ 500.00
Contract Services	\$ 68,728.00	Contract Services	\$ 99,000.00	Contract Services	\$ 99,000.00
Benefits	\$ 92,277.00	Benefits	\$ 93,000.00	Benefits	\$ 94,000.00
Computer/Technology	\$ 11,351.00	Computer/Technology	\$ 12,000.00	Computer/Technology	\$ 13,000.00
Rent/Utilities, Etc.	\$ 6,222.00	Rent/Utilities, Etc.	\$ 7,000.00	Rent/Utilities, Etc.	\$ 7,000.00
Print Shop	\$ 5,035.00	Print Shop	\$ 6,000.00	Print Shop	\$ 6,000.00
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$437,282.00</b>	<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 447,000.00</b>	<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 445,000.00</b>
<b>Section VI</b>		<b>Section VI</b>		<b>Section VI</b>	
<b>Revenue</b>		<b>Revenue</b>		<b>Revenue</b>	
Sports Programs		Sports Programs		Sports Programs	
Sectional	\$ 427,874.00	Sectional	\$ 500,000.00	Sectional	\$ 500,000.00
Regional	\$ 19,145.00	Regional	\$ 50,000.00	Regional	\$ 70,000.00
Boys Ice Hockey - Reg. Season	\$ 250,483.00	Boys Ice Hockey - Reg. Season	\$ 250,000.00	Boys Ice Hockey - Reg. Season	\$ 250,000.00
Girls Ice Hockey - Reg. Season/Sec	\$ 46,680.00	Girls Ice Hockey - Reg. Season/Sec	\$ 50,000.00	Girls Ice Hockey - Reg. Season/Sec	\$ 50,000.00
Indoor Track & Field - Reg. Season/Sec	\$ 118,367.00	Indoor Track & Field - Reg. Season/Sec	\$ 105,000.00	Indoor Track & Field - Reg. Season/Sec	\$ 105,000.00
State Championships	\$ 18,312.00	State Championships	\$ 50,000.00	State Championships	\$ 50,000.00
<b>Total Sports Programs</b>	<b>\$ 880,861.00</b>	<b>Total Sports Programs</b>	<b>\$ 1,005,000.00</b>	<b>Total Sports Programs</b>	<b>\$ 1,025,000.00</b>
General Administration		General Administration		General Administration	
Dues Collected by Section	\$ 81,670.00	Dues Collected by Section	\$ 98,000.00	Dues Collected by Section	\$ 98,000.00
Dues Collected by BOCES	\$ 303,094.00	Dues Collected by BOCES	\$ 358,000.00	Dues Collected by BOCES	\$ 358,000.00
Interest Income	\$ 1,430.00	Interest Income	\$ 1,500.00	Interest Income	\$ 1,500.00
Corporate Sponsorships	\$ 101,563.00	Corporate Sponsorships	\$ 100,000.00	Corporate Sponsorships	\$ 100,000.00
Media/Program Sales	\$ 4,652.00	Media/Program Sales	\$ 2,000.00	Media/Program Sales	\$ 2,000.00
Other Athletic Council Income	\$ 18,056.00	Other Athletic Council Income	\$ 15,000.00	Other Athletic Council Income	\$ 15,000.00
<b>Total General Administration</b>	<b>\$ 510,465.00</b>	<b>Total General Administration</b>	<b>\$ 574,500.00</b>	<b>Total General Administration</b>	<b>\$ 574,500.00</b>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 1,391,326.00</b>	<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 1,579,500.00</b>	<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 1,599,500.00</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>		<b>Operating Expenses</b>		<b>Operating Expenses</b>	
Sports Programs		Sports Programs		Sports Programs	
Sectionals + Awards/Assignor	\$ 379,524.00	Sectionals + Awards/Assignor	\$ 430,000.00	Sectionals + Awards/Assignor	\$ 430,000.00
Regionals	\$ 14,875.00	Regionals	\$ 20,000.00	Regionals	\$ 40,000.00
Boys Ice Hockey	\$ 234,837.00	Boys Ice Hockey	\$ 235,000.00	Boys Ice Hockey	\$ 235,000.00
Girls Ice Hockey	\$ 34,881.00	Girls Ice Hockey	\$ 45,000.00	Girls Ice Hockey	\$ 45,000.00
Indoor Track & Field	\$ 97,969.00	Indoor Track & Field	\$ 98,000.00	Indoor Track & Field	\$ 98,000.00
State Championships	\$ 134,612.00	State Championships	\$ 150,000.00	State Championships	\$ 150,000.00
<b>Total Sports Program Expense</b>	<b>\$ 896,698.00</b>	<b>Total Sports Program Expense</b>	<b>\$ 978,000.00</b>	<b>Total Sports Program Expense</b>	<b>\$ 998,000.00</b>
General Administration/AC		General Administration/AC		General Administration/AC	
Medical Benefit (Exec. Dir.)	\$ 7,000.00	Medical Benefit (Exec. Dir.)	\$ 7,000.00	Medical Benefit (Exec. Dir.)	\$ 7,000.00
Vehicle Allowance (Exec. Dir.)	\$ 3,600.00	Vehicle Allowance (Exec. Dir.)	\$ 3,600.00	Vehicle Allowance (Exec. Dir.)	\$ 3,600.00
Audit/QB Services/Legal Fees	\$ 14,373.00	Audit/QB Services/Legal Fees	\$ 15,000.00	Audit/QB Services/Legal Fees	\$ 15,000.00
Mileage (Treasurer)	\$ 647.00	Mileage - Treasurer	\$ 700.00	Mileage - Treasurer	\$ 700.00
Meetings/Catering	\$ 5,741.00	Meetings/Catering	\$ 14,000.00	Meetings/Catering	\$ 14,000.00
Sportsmanship/HOF/Veterans	\$ 12,499.00	Sportsmanship/HOF/Veterans	\$ 12,000.00	Sportsmanship/HOF/Veterans	\$ 12,000.00
Misc/Bank Fees	\$ 1,124.00	Misc/Bank Fees	\$ 1,500.00	Misc/Bank Fees	\$ 1,500.00
Chair Stipends/Insurance	\$ 39,136.00	Chair Stipends/Insurance	\$ 40,000.00	Chair Stipends/Insurance	\$ 40,000.00
Form X/Arbiter	\$ 17,886.00	Form X/Arbiter	\$ 18,000.00	Form X/Arbiter	\$ 18,000.00
Supplies/Office/Apparel/Printing	\$ 7,450.00	Supplies/Office/Apparel/Printing	\$ 10,000.00	Supplies/Office/Apparel/Printing	\$ 10,000.00
Ads/Sponsor/Donation	\$ 964.00	Ads/Sponsor/Donation	\$ 2,500.00	Ads/Sponsor/Donation	\$ 2,500.00
NYSAAA	\$ 2,786.00	NYSAAA	\$ 3,500.00	NYSAAA	\$ 3,500.00
<b>Total Athletic Council</b>	<b>\$ 113,206.00</b>	<b>Total General Admin/AC Expense</b>	<b>\$ 127,800.00</b>	<b>Total General Admin/AC Expense</b>	<b>\$ 127,800.00</b>
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 1,447,186.00</b>	<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 1,552,800.00</b>	<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 1,570,800.00</b>
<b>Change Unrestricted Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ (55,860.00)</b>	<b>Change Unrestricted Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 26,700.00</b>	<b>Change Unrestricted Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 28,700.00</b>
UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS - Begin Year	\$ 535,862.00	UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS - Begin Year		UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS - Begin Year	
UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS - End Year	\$ 480,002.00	UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS - End Year		UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS - End Year	

# APPENDIX D

## **ACTION ITEM: January 20, 2020 Athletic Council Meeting** **Proposed 2021-2022 Section VI Timeline for Schedules/Assignment of Officials** **NORTH: Buffalo, ECIC, NFL, NO, MM, Independent**

Green: Section responsibility	Yellow: Officials/Organization's responsibility			
White: School / assigner responsibility				
	Fall 2021	Winter 2021-22		Spring 2022
Enter fees for the upcoming year (2021-2022)	Apr. 4, 2021	August 13, 2021		August 13, 2021
Officials Rankings from coaches/chairs due	May 7, 2021	Aug. 27, 2021		Jan. 4, 2022
Subassigners review rosters in arbitersports and report changes to the Section office.	May 7, 2021	Aug. 27, 2021		Jan. 4, 2022
Draft schedules complete	May 21, 2021	Sept. 13, 2021		Dec. 3, 2021
Reset ALL officials to NOT-ready	May 21, 2021	Sept. 17, 2021		Feb. 4, 2022
Email officials with instructions to register	May 21, 2021	Sept. 17, 2021		Feb. 4, 2022
Final schedules complete including non-league games Import of schedules to arbitersports begins	June 1, 2021	Sept. 20, 2021		Jan. 7, 2022
Final date: ALL schedules must be in arbitersports	June 15, 2021	Oct. 1, 2021	For B&G Basketball only	Feb. 18, 2022
Officials registered & availabilities listed	June 17, 2021	Oct. 8, 2021		Feb. 18, 2022
*Varsity and JV assignment of officials begins	June 22, 2021	Oct. 15, 2021	Oct. 25, 2021	Feb. 23, 2022
*Assignments released to the OBR's for 5 day review	July 9, 2021	NA**	Oct. 29, 2021	NA**
*Round Table (with OBRs) to finalize assignments	July 14, 2021	NA**	Nov. 3, 2021	NA**
*Publish V,JV assignments-4 days to accept (7 days - Fall only)	July 15, 2021	NA**	Nov. 4, 2021	NA**
*Last day to accept assignments	July 22, 2021	4 days after publish	Nov. 8, 2021	4 days after publish
Publish Football assignments-7 days to accept	Mid-July			
Notify Athletic Offices & Officials Groups to make final payments/save financial reports (ArbiterPay)	Nov. 19, 2021	March 15, 2022		June 10, 2022
Delete season schedules	Dec. 10, 2021	April 1, 2022		June 24, 2022

Dates apply to the sports where multiple leagues share officials.

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

Winter - Boys Swimming is league assigned and the publish date is agreed to by the leagues involved. Wrestling is League assigned. \*Who goes first is determined between NFL,NO, and ECIC

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

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

**ACTION ITEM: January 20, 2021 Athletic Council Meeting**  
**Proposed 2021-2022 Section VI Timeline for Schedules/ Assignment of Officials**  
**SOUTH: Cattaraugus & Chautauqua**

Green: Section responsibility	Yellow: Officials/ Organization's responsibility			
White: School / assigner responsibility				
	Fall 2021	Winter 2021-22		Spring 2022
Enter fees for the upcoming year (2021-2022)	Apr. 4, 2021	August 13, 2021		August 13, 2021
Subassigners review rosters in arbitersports and report changes to the Section office.	May 7, 2021	Aug. 27, 2021		Jan. 4, 2022
Draft schedules complete	May 21, 2021	Sept. 13, 2021		Jan. 6, 2022
Reset ALL officials to NOT-ready	May 21, 2021	Sept. 17, 2021		Feb. 4, 2022
Email officials with instructions to register	May 21, 2021	Sept. 17, 2021		Feb. 4, 2022
Final schedules complete including non-league games Import of schedules to arbitersports begins	June 1, 2021	Sept. 20, 2021		Feb. 4, 2022
Final date: ALL schedules must be in arbitersports	June 15, 2021	Oct. 1, 2021		Feb. 18, 2022
Officials registered & availabilities listed	June 17, 2021	Oct. 8, 2021	For B&G	Feb. 18, 2022
GVB assignments using Group 30** officials must be complete	June 21, 2021	NA	Basketball ONLY	NA
Varsity & JV assignment of officials begins	June 22, 2021	Oct. 15, 2021	Oct. 25, 2021****	Feb. 23, 2022
Publish V,JV, Mod assignments (4 days to accept)	***	***	***	***
Publish Football assignments (4 days to accept)	*	NA	NA	NA
Notify Athletic Offices & Officials Groups to make final payments/save financial reports (ArbiterPay)	Nov. 19, 2021	March 15, 2022		June 10, 2022
Delete season schedules	Dec. 10, 2021	April 1, 2022		June 24, 2022

\* Assignments will be complete but not published until after the first meeting of the Stier Chapter of Football Officials

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

\*\*\* Dates to be set by Southern Tier assigners

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

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

# New York State Public High School Athletic Association

*Executive Committee Meeting – February 3, 2021*

## **CLASSIFICATION CUT-OFF NUMBERS: General 2 Divisions**

☒ Action Item  
☐ Discussion Item  
☐ Informational Item

### **Presenter:**

Todd Nelson, NYSPHSAA Assistant Directors

### **Proposal:**

The NYSPHSAA Executive Committee is proposing to change the general 2 division classification cut-off numbers to the following:

<b><u>Class</u></b>	<b><u>Cut-Off</u></b>	<b><u># of schools</u></b>	<b><u>Percentage</u></b>
Division 1	505 – Up	274	34.37%
Division II	504 – Below	523	65.62%

### **Effective Start Date:**

Fall 2021

### **Rationale:**

Each year the Executive Committee is presented with information on the current Classification breakdown based on the approved School Enrollment numbers. The Committee has tried to stay within 35%/65% between the divisions with the rationale of the Division I schools having more participants on the team than the Division II schools (see current breakdown below).

### **Proposal Originated:**

NYSPHSAA Executive Committee

### **Budgetary Impact:**

None

**Notes:** Current breakdown:

<b><u>CLASS</u></b>	<b><u>CUT-OFF</u></b>	<b><u># OF SCHOOLS</u></b>	<b><u>PERCENTAGE</u></b>
DIVISION I	600 – UP	239	29.98%
DIVISION II	599 – DOWN	558	70.01%

# New York State Public High School Athletic Association



*Executive Committee Meeting – February 3, 2021*

## **CLASSIFICATION CUT-OFF NUMBERS: General 5 Sport**

  x   Action Item  
      Discussion Item  
      Informational Item

### **Presenter:**

Todd Nelson, NYSPHSAA Assistant Directors

### **Proposal:**

The NYSPHSAA Executive Committee is proposing to change the general 5 sport classification cut-off numbers to the following:

<b><u>Class</u></b>	<b><u>Cut-Off</u></b>	<b><u># of schools</u></b>	<b><u>Percentage</u></b>
AA	800 – UP	158	19.82%
A	420 – 799	158	19.82%
B	246 – 419	160	20.07%
C	135 – 245	158	19.82%
D	134 – DOWN	163	20.45%

### **Effective Start Date:**

Fall 2021

### **Rationale:**

Each year the Executive Committee is presented with information on the current Classification breakdown based on the approved School Enrollment numbers. The Committee has tried to stay within 20% for all classes except Class AA which has been lower due to the vast difference from the bottom and the top of the class (see current breakdown below).

### **Proposal Originated:**

NYSPHSAA Executive Committee

### **Budgetary Impact:**

None

**Notes:** Current breakdown:

<b><u>CLASS</u></b>	<b><u>CUT-OFF</u></b>	<b><u># OF SCHOOLS</u></b>	<b><u>PERCENTAGE</u></b>
AA	965 – UP	103	13.67%
A	500-964	175	21.95%
B	270-499	170	21.32%
C	150-269	169	21.20%
D	149 – DOWN	180	22.58%

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# New York State Public High School Athletic Association

Executive Committee Meeting – October 21, 2020

## School of Distinction/Excellence Merged Team Requirement

☐ Action Item  
☒ Discussion Item  
☐ Informational Item

**Presenter:**

Section III Concern

**Proposal:**

Consideration of approval to remove the merged team requirement from the School of Distinction and School of Excellence applications.

**Effective Start Date:**

Spring 2021

**Rationale:**

Currently, if schools have merged teams (despite the school being the host or not), those teams must be listed on the application in order to qualify for either SOD/SOE award. For example, if an ice hockey team is merged with another school, ice hockey must have been recognized for a Scholar-Athlete Team Award, despite the number of students from the non-host school. This has negatively impacted some schools from qualifying for both awards.

**Proposal Originated:**

Section III Concern

**Budgetary Impact:**

An increase in the number of School of Distinction glass awards and/or School of Excellence plaques purchased.

**Notes:**

The NYS PHSAA Student-Athlete Development Committee (SADC) discussed this item last year (2019-2020) and did NOT support a change in the requirements.

**Attachments:**

None

# New York State Public High School Athletic Association



Executive Committee Meeting – October 21, 2020

## Sportsmanship Official's Card – Add "including racial or discriminatory comments or slurs"

☐ Action Item  
☒ Discussion Item  
☐ Informational Item

### **Presenter:**

Todd Nelson & Kristen Jadin, NYSPHSAA Assistant Directors

### **Proposal:**

Consideration of approval to add "including racial or discriminatory comments or slurs" to the Sportsmanship Official's card that is read at the beginning of each NYSPHSAA contest.

The card will read as follows:

"The New York State Public High School Athletic Association requires officials to enforce all sportsmanship rules for athletes and coaches. We will not tolerate negative statements (including racial or discriminatory comments or slurs) or actions between opposing players, especially trash talking, taunting or baiting of opponents. If such comments are heard or actions seen, a penalty will be assessed immediately. We have been instructed not to issue warnings. Let today's contest reflect mutual respect."

### **Effective Start Date:**

Spring 2021

### **Rationale:**

In today's climate, it helps to strengthen positive sportsmanship within interscholastic arena.

### **Proposal Originated:**

Section VI Concern

### **Budgetary Impact:**

NYSPHSAA will order revised sportsmanship cards.

### **Notes:**

The Sportsmanship Committee supported the proposal unanimously at their October 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **Attachments:**

None.

# New York State Public High School Athletic Association

NYSPHSAA

*Executive Committee Meeting – October 21, 2020*

## **WRESTLING – Modify the Current Appeal Procedure used for the State Championship (Duals and Individual)**

☐ Action Item  
☒ Discussion Item  
☐ Informational Item

### **Presenter:**

Marty Sherman, NYSPHSAA Wrestling State Coordinator

### **Proposal:**

The NYSPHSAA Wrestling Committee is seeking approval to modify the current appeals procedure used in the State Championships (Dual and Individual) with the following changes:

- The Appeals Committee shall be the NYSWOA President, NYSWOA Past President and the NYS Rules Interpreter. The NYSPHSAA Wrestling State Coordinator will oversee the process and participate in the discussion but will not be a voting member.
- If an appeal is filed at the end of a match, only the offended wrestler must remain on the mat, but the mat official shall instruct the other wrestler to remain in the mat area.
- The coach will have two minutes to state his/her case however the Appeals Committee may have additional questions for the coach.
- Waive NFHS rule 3-1-9 to allow the Appeals Committee, at their request only, to review video replay that is supplied only by a NYSPHSAA approved broadcast partner. This would apply only to state semifinals and finals matches only.

### **Effective Start Date:**

February 2021

### **Rationale:**

The Committee would like to make these changes to improve the current appeals procedure used at the NYSPHSAA Championships (both dual and individual state tournaments).

### **Proposal Originated:**

NYSPHSAA Wrestling Committee at their September 30, 2020 meeting. The committee voted 11-0 in favor of this proposal.

### **Budgetary Impact:**

None

### **Attachments:**

None

### **CAC Feedback:**

Other than inquiries about timeline of filing an appeal and a situation where there is bad video, CAC expressed no concerns about this proposal at its October 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

DATE REVISED: October 8, 2020



## APPENDIX F

### **NYSPHSAA Softball State Committee Meeting**

#### ***Minutes from December 1, 2020 via Zoom***

**In Attendance:** Dr. Robert Zayas, Todd Nelson, Joe Altieri, Kristen Jadin, Chris Watson, Chris Joyce, Joe DeGuzman from the NYSPHSAA, Aileen Durant, Umpire & Rules Rep

Chair: Jim Wright

Section I: Michael Cring

Section II: Mike Glenn

Section III: Jeff Cantor

Section IV: unavailable

Section V: Lynn Rotole

Section VI: Jay Hall

Section VII: Greg Hayes

Section VIII: Chris Ceruti

Section IX: Tom Cassata

Section X: Allen Minckler

Section XI: Alicia Smith

Meeting Called to Order by Dr. Jim Wright, Chair, at 10 am, Dr. Wright asked Chris Ceruti to take the minutes.

Attendance and Introduction taken, including the new Section XI representative, Alicia Smith, Athletic Administrator from Longwood School District

Approval of the December 11, 2019, Chris Ceruti and second by Greg Hayes

#### **NYSPHSAA REPORT:**

*Report from Dr. Zayas, Executive Director:*

- Low and moderate sports are permitted as of November 30, 2020, some sections will begin on December 14, 2020 and others on January 4, 2021. High risk sports are on HOLD, waiting for the Department of Health and the Governor's Office for approval.
- End date for Softball will be pushed back as late as possible and that will be determined if the June regents are cancelled.
- NYS is planning on hosting State Championships but the priority and focus is on participation.
- Sport considerations will be developed for each sport.

*Report from Joe Altieri, Assistant Director*

- State Tournament @ Town of Brookhaven (Section XI) is extended to 2023.
- If there is a change in the tournament participation numbers the State will re-examine the rotations. Possible spring meeting if necessary.
- Spring/Softball Season Considerations will be discussed closer to the season. Joe, Robert, Todd will meet with Dr. Wright and Officials Interpreter to discuss prior to practices starting.
- Promote the NYS Hall of Fame: deadline for the Class of 2022 is January 29, 2021. Nominations stay on file for 3 years.

*Report from Todd Nelson, Assistant Director:*

- State Program: will move to an online version for the 2021. Rationale, same deadline but more flexibility. Hard copies can be purchased.
- NYS Modified Representative would like to be involved with High School

*Report from Kristen Jadin, Assistant Director:*

- State Awards will be given to Chris Ceruti from Jim Wright and returned to Kristen at the next NYS meeting. Regional awards will stay with section rep and the plate will be replaced.
- Reps will keep the softball distributed last year for this year.

*Report from Chris Joyce, Director of Sales & Marketing:*

- TPG- new sponsor
- Joe DeGuzman: new to NYSPHSAA team and will help with sponsorships

*Report from Chris Watson, Director of Communications:*

- NYS follows proper protocols when releasing information (members, then media)
- Follow up with Robert and the State office before releasing any information.

*Report from Aileen Durant, Umpire and Rules Representative:*

- No new rules for the 2021 season, USA will not issue a new rule book, will use the 2020 edition.
- Umpires will be behind the catcher.
- As per Robert, if need be, a waiver from the softball committee with input from the NYSSOO can be sent to Joe Altieri involving COVID, softball and safety concerns. Items can be included in the Return to Interscholastic Athletics for the sport of Softball.

#### **SECTIONAL CONCERNS:**

Section I: Michael (no concerns)

Section II: Mike (concern with start and end dates, officials behind the plate vs. behind the pitcher, any added safety guidelines)

Section III: Jeff (schedules, timeframe, eliminate State tournament)

Section IV: not available

Section V: Lynn (no concerns)

Section VI: Jay (no concerns)

Section VII: Greg (no concerns)

Section VIII: Chris (must have more than timeline/schedule to be prepared)

Section IX: Tom (goal: max number of games)

Section X: Alan (no concerns)

Section XI: Alicia (work with Chris for potential LI game, not sure about States)

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Regional Rotations was approved by NYS Executive Committee to move the 2020 rotation to 2021.
2. If some sections opt out of the State Tournament adjustments will be made.
3. Assignment of officials at the State Tournament will be looked at by a committee to see if there is equitable distribution amongst classification (game) and position of the official (home plate/base) in the game.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:** None

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am, Chris Ceruti and second by Aileen Durant

# MEETING REPORT

## Meeting: Boy & Girls Bowling Committee

**Date:** Friday, November 13, 2020 @ 10:00PM-NYSPHSAA Office

### Topics Discussed:

1. NYSPHSAA Reports
2. 2021 Championships / USBC Rules
3. New Business- Competition Formats – Directory Update
4. Old Business- CP Sportswear Items
5. Section Concerns

### Attendees: Section/Name(s)

- 1) NOT REPRESENTED- *Section Meeting Conflict*
- 2) Gary VanDerzee, Bill Neumann & Hugo McGroty
- 3) Mike O'Connell & Jeffrey Klatt
- 4) Richard Raychel
- 5) Mark Foeder
- 6) Dan Kaplan & Joe Biondo
- 7) Mary LaDuke
- 8) Eileen Shultis
- 9) Sean Collins & Rich Silverstein
- 10) Carrie Blair Wilcox & Jason LaFlesh
- 11) Joe Vasile Cozzo

### NYSPHSAA:

Robert Zayas, Joe Altieri, Todd Nelson, Kristin Jadin, Chris Joyce & Chris Watson

**Topics/Discussion/Action:** Joe, Mike & Eileen welcomed all to the meeting at 10:07.

Attendance recorded.

### 1 NYSPHSAA Reports

**Robert Zayas-** Update on COVID: Low Risk sports are permitted and championships are on at this point. Schools are not permitted to run athletics if closed due to Covid-19 DOH regulations. Non-NYSPHSAA Awards are not permitted during NYSPHSAA Awards Ceremonies.

**Joe Altieri-** State Tournament Venue & Hotel are set. 2021 winter committee meeting/call needed to discuss plan for State Tournament if not full participation. Winter Sport Considerations, is virtual an option? Hall of Fame deadline – January 29 for Class of 2021.... Link: <https://form.jotform.com/NYSPHSAA/HOF>

**Todd Nelson-** State Tournament Program Changes, Don is working on a digital format. Todd complimented Mike and Bowling Committee for the diligence in providing program information

**Kristen Jadin-** Regional/State Tournament Awards and Championship Operations Packet are impacted by format changes.

**Chris Joyce-** Teall Properties Group (TPG), marketing partner will handle sponsorship agreements. Communication is currently going through Chris Joyce.

**Chris Watson-** Communication Chain of Command – Occasionally releases are published after school hours

### 2 2021 Championships/ USBC Rules:

**Mike-** Lane Draw Postponed USBC Rule Changes: Equipment (no balance holes), Use of Isopropyl Alcohol permitted for disinfectant purposes, Rule 400- Is now a consent form & Youth Status age has changed to 18

### 3 New Business:

DOH considerations for Section Competition- 2021 Formats- Section team format (6 players, drop low score), 5 players per pair of lanes 3 vs 2 & 2 vs 3 or 5 from same team together opposing team on a different pair of lanes or Virtual if waiver is approved.

Coordinators Directory was displayed, email updates to Eileen

### 4. Old Business- Committee Items from CP SPORTSWEAR will carry over to next year.

### 5 Section Concerns: Section 6 expressed concerns regarding spectators. DOH guidelines will lead the way and be discussed at next meeting when more information is available. No other concerns were expressed.

**Meeting Adjourned at 11:20.**

**Items for Action:** USBC Rule Waiver Proposal- Virtual Competition

**Next Meeting:** January 8, 2021 (Virtual) -- 2021 Committee Meeting: October 15, 2021 -NYSPHSAA Office

## ***NYSPHSAA Boys Lacrosse Committee Meeting***

### ***November 6, 2020***

**Attendees:** Robert Zayas, Joe Altieri, Chris Watson, Kristen Jadin, Todd Nelson, Chris Joyce, Jim Amen, Walt Munze, Tim Mullins, Joe Ceglia, Mike Simon, Ed Greenway, Damian Saks, Rich Saulino, Rob Goss, John Stiso, Steve Nolan, Chris Rose

Meeting called to order by Jim Amen at 10:12am

1. Welcome – Jim Amen
2. Walt Munze – Face off discussion, reviewed Virginia modifications
3. Jim Amen – Read position statement from a Manhasset Physician in regards to lacrosse and its safety

#### **NYSPHSAA Office Reports:**

1. Robert Zayas, Executive Director
  - a. Provided COVID update and NYSPHSAA Initiatives
  - b. Discussed spring start dates, possible changes in NYSPHSAA event dates
  - c. Shared the Central Committee approval of not allowing non-NYSPHSAA Awards during NYSPHSAA Awards Ceremonies
2. Joe Altieri, Assistant Director
  - a. Executive Committee approved a 1 year extension of Hofstra, UAlbany, Cortland to host States through 2023. That means the next bid will be reviewed in November 2022.
  - b. Has been in communication with venues and hotels for 2021 State Tournament. All set to go at this point.
  - c. For Regional & State Tournament games everything is on the table. Dates, formats, etc will be discussed. Goal is to get the tournament conducted whatever it takes. If there are certain sections not participating, then we'll meet and make adjustments.
  - d. Regionals for 2021 are the same as what 2020 would've been (approved by NYSPHSAA Executive Committee).
  - e. There will be a March 2021 meeting to discuss Boys Lacrosse with whatever information is available at that time.
  - f. Announced Hall of Fame deadline is January 29<sup>th</sup>
  - g. **2021 FALL MEETING** – Joe booked for November 4, 2021
3. Todd Nelson, Assistant Director
  - a. Reviewed State Tournament program changes about going digital this spring
  - b. Welcomed new Modified coordination John Sisto. He will be approved in February at the next Executive Board meeting
  - c. Classification #'s were explained. Cut off #'s will be in effect for this year.

- d. Availability of Digital rulebooks was explained and encouraged. Now available to everyone. Once downloaded, you don't need WiFi.
- 4. Kristen Jadin, Assistant Director
  - a. Reviewed Regional/State Tournament Awards plan - Ship 2021 plates to those who have 2020 Regional awards. State tournament awards will be picked up and replaced by Crown/NYSPHSAA then shipped back
  - b. Certificates – Kristen will now be processing requests for all sports
- 5. Chris Joyce, Director of Marketing
  - a. Updated everyone on Teall Properties Group (TPG), marketing partner, who will begin in our office in this month. TPG employee will be full time and handling all sponsorships going forward.
  - b. Lacrosse balls for Regionals and State Tournament from 2020 should be used. If you need more, please reach out to Chris to discuss.
- 6. Chris Watson, Director of Communication
  - a. Emphasized Hall of Fame nominations
  - b. Reviewed the process for COVID information and any other communications intended for membership

**NYSPHSAA Lacrosse Business:**

- 1. Jim Amen shared Section VIII lopsided score policy. Please send any policy your Section has in regards to this to Jim.
- 2. State Spring start official date is 4/19/21
  - a. Please send your sections start date to Jim
- 3. State trophy responsibilities:
- 4. Class A – Jim Amen, Class B – Mike Simon, Class C – Tim Mullins, Class D – Rob Goss
- 5. Rob Goss inquired about revision to outbracket game
- 6. Jim Amen reviewed new uniform rules that will be in effect for 2022
- 7. 2021 MEETING - November 4, 2021 at 10am

Meeting adjourned at 11:45am

---Minutes respectfully submitted by Tim Mullins and Joe Altieri



# NYSPHSAA Cheerleading

Cheerleading

## Committee Meeting Report

December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – 10:00 am – 12:00 pm.

### Attendees

**Dr. Robert Zayas - Executive Director**

**Joe Altieri- Assistant Director**

**Todd Nelson – Assistant Director**

**Chris Watson - Director of Communications**

**Kristen Suatoni Jadin - Assistant Director**

**Chris Joyce -Director of Sales and Marketing**

**Jen Simmons – State Coordinator**

**Lisa Hand -**

**Section 1 – Alice Ganger**

**Section 2 – Stephanie St.Piere**

**Section 3 – Tanya VanOrnum**

**Section 4 – Andrea Guccia**

**Section 5 – Joanne Small**

**Section 6 – Justina Grudzinski**

**Section 7 – Vicki Nephew**

**Section 8 – Jennifer Keane**

**Section 9 – Patty Archier, Kelly Hall**

**Section 11 – Scott Reh**

### I. NYSPHSAA Office Reports

#### **Dr. Robert Zayas - Updated on COVID impact**

- Robert stated that Cheerleading had been determined to be a high-risk sport by the NYSDOH. Dr. Zayas did not select the risk category, and the NYSPHSAA staff did not have the opportunity to weigh in.
- Cheerleading does not have the authorization to begin just as basketball, ice hockey, and wrestling. NYSPHSAA has been advocating the State Officials about when and if they will authorize high-risk sports. Unfortunately, over the last month, as we see an increase in infection rates and hospital rates increase, the likely hood of getting to authorize for January 4th does not look very realistic.
- NYSPHSAA is receiving concerns from school members about the feasibility of high-risk sports being played during this COVID crisis.
- Joanne, Section 5, asked, "If the January 4th date does not start, but we have the March date for the fall sports, if they push the January date back, is it possible to merge the two seasons?". Dr. Zayas stated once we receive authorization, it will be more exact on what options we have.
- Robert has attended calls with Directors across the state. Again, examination and metrics of risk are different per state.

#### **Non- NYSPHSAA Awards during NYSPHSAA Awards Ceremonies**

- Robert provided an overview that the executive committee approved only NYSPHSAA Awards would be given during NYSPHSAA Ceremonies.
- For example, awards such as coach's MVP award, all-state award, etc. However, these awards would delay the event, and the committee or state association has nothing to do with it.

#### **Joe Altieri – State Tournament Update/Venue & Hotel Communication**

- Current State Tournament bid will complete this year, 2021; we are looking at new proposals 2022-2024 and Game Day 2021-2023.
- If the event is canceled, we will ask the venue if they want a year extension to host the championships. RIT would still be interested in hosting the event.
- The Radisson did close, which was 100 rooms. However, the Hilton Garden Inn and RIT can accommodate the overflow.
- Hall of Fame deadline is January 29, 2020. Class of 2020 will be recognized this summer.

**Kirsten Jadin –no updates.**

**Chris Joyce – Teall Properties Group**

- The GM is Joe deGuzman
- Cheersounds will still be affiliated with our state championship.

**Chris Watson – no updates -available when needed**

**II. Tournament Bids: Competitive Cheer/Game Day**

**Four bids were received for the State Competitive Championship and one bid was submitted for Game Day Regional West. There were no bids submitted for the East Regional. The bid application for the East Game Day Regional is extended to December 31st. \*Arlington High School and Section 8 offered to host the East Regional Game Day.**

- Joe reviewed the bid process; the staffing committee will recommend the most suitable venue for the State Cheerleading Championship and West Regional. The recommendation will be reviewed by Championship Advisor Committee, which will meet on January 14th. The Executive Committee will meet on February 3rd for the final approval. The cheer committee will cast a vote, and that will be the recommendation. Jen will facilitate the discussion and then call a motion for a specific site. One vote per section.
- Coordinators are asked to objectively state information about their facility, to have an uninfluenced bid and bid that is most suitable for the event.
- After the submissions are reviewed, Joe will send information about the sections and facilities who submitted. They will also be posted on the NYSPHSAA website.
- Dr. Zayas added bids should not be based on cost alone. We should look at if the facilities are a quality site and best suited to hold the event to give the athletes an environment to recognize their accomplishments.

**Concerns about facilities**

- Jen Simmons discussed with Chris Joyce our concerns and critical points such as accessibility the day before the event, mats are on-site before avoiding delays, practice area, staging place for where the teams go, the closeness of hotels, and space for judges.
- Jen Keane reiterated the importance of the practice area being separate from competition floor. Alice echoed the same concern but also expressed we are still challenged by seating, and enough room for the cheerleaders to store their belongings.

**Section Coordinators overview of bids****Section 8 – Nassau Coliseum**

- Jen, Section 8 Coordinator, provided an overview of the spacing at Nassau Coliseum. The venue has more than enough seating, and for warm-up, the Nassau Coliseum will provide a separate warm-up area. 60,000 square foot exhibition hall, which would house the practice area and a place for the cheerleaders to leave their belongings.
- Jen Simmons asked about ticketing percentage from Nassau Coliseum, Jen Keane said it is due to Ticket Master, but Nassau Coliseum said they would be willing to work with us. Joe added the amount per ticket sold which Nassau Coliseum is asking for is concerning, which would be \$6 per ticket.

### Section 5 – RIT

- Joanne, Section 5 Coordinator, provided an overview of the spacing at RIT. Joanne stated that RIT is willing to work with us. Over the years, we have made the spacing better. The warm-up space and main floor will still be in the same area. RIT has offered the gym. However, it is not in the bid.
- Joanne suggested possible holding more sessions to allow for more space during each session. When Sectionals are held at RIT, they have over 100 teams and hold four sessions
- Scott brought up to Jen Simmons that we must monitor the warm-up area better.

### Section 4 – VFC Memorial Arena

- Andrea, Section 4 Coordinator, provided an overview of the spacing at the Arena. Andrea explained that just as RIT and OCC in the past, the warm-up area will be held on the same floor as the main competition floor; however, three full sets of mats can fit.
- There is a large storage area where the teams can place their items. There are hotels within walking distance from the Arena.

### Section 2 – Times Union Center

- Stephanie, Section 2 Coordinator, provided an overview of the spacing at Times Union Center. The setup would be the same as RIT. Stephanie is not sure where the teams would be held, she said there are a few locker rooms available, but she is unsure if they will be used. Stephanie is unsure if two sets of warm-up mats would fit on the floor.
- There are hotels in walking distance to the venue.

### Committee Discussion

- Joe summarized that Nassau has the most space for warm-up. RIT, VFC Arena, and Times Union Center all have a similar warm-up area. Nassau is a high cost to the association, and we have quality venues within the other three bids and need to consider moving forward with those. **The committee agreed.**
- Joanne asked, "Who would be directing the event at Times Union Center in Albany? Is it the cheer coordinator or the facility?". Stephanie explained Doug put in the bid who runs TC would be in charge, but she would help.
- Jen Simmons had additional questions about the Times Union Center, including hotels and rates. Joe said hotels are within walking distance, and rates are similar. Joe stated the Times Union Center is a 33,000 cost with a 2 dollar per ticket fee, a 40,000 venue, but they are offering a \$1 rebate for online ticket sales. Again, the remaining three venues are similar, Time Unions Center is higher than the other locations. **Committee members agreed Albany would not be the best venue and discuss RIT and VFC Arena further.**
- Alice, Section 1, stated that her section does not want to return to RIT; Binghamton is the middle of the road. She said Andrea and Joanne have been running competitions for a long time, and we would be in good shape either way but would like to try something new. Justice, Section 6 also agreed it would be nice to try something new.
- Stephanie brought up seating. Joe stated seating at RIT is under 2,558 and seating at VFC Arena is 4,000. Todd wanted to make sure the set up would be similar to RIT, and two warm-up mats would fit.
- Jen Keane motioned to move forward with the VFC Arena in Binghamton for the next three years for the State Cheerleading Championships. Stephanie seconded the motion. **The committee voted 9 to 1. Binghamton would be the committee's recommendation, and the staff also favors Binghamton as a recommendation.**

**Game Day West Regional Bid** - Section 4, VFC Memorial Arena- there were no concerns, committee voted to recommend the event to be held there.

- **Alice reminded the committee that we would have to discuss game day warm area closer to the event.**



- **Game Day East- was discussed no real bid at this time. Section I met with group to ask questions, and were interested. Joe informed group of the re-bid of the Game Day East and all were welcomed to bid. We would meet right after the New Year to review any bids that come in.**

### **III. Participation numbers – updates**

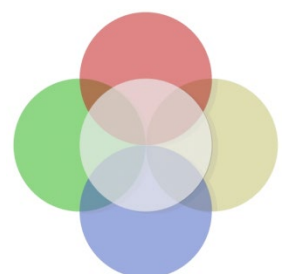
- Jen states the numbers for competitive cheer may not be accurate. Jen would like section reps to check numbers and send them back to her in January
- For Game Day, Jen would like the number of teams who currently have competed in Game Day.
- Section 8 & 11 did not have any Game Day teams in the fall.
- Section 5 has the most competing teams in the state.

### **IV. Game Day format and Structure**

- Jen and Andrea met with Josh and Bill to review the training materials and discuss updates/changes.
- Bill and Josh will provide the training again this year. The training will be the same for both coaches and judges.
- Todd discussed we could determine Game Day Divisions in the Fall after we know who is competing
- We agreed that during this time (COVID) and for streamlining events- format would be to have teams follow structure used in Section I, teams perform all three sections of the competition once they enter mat.

### **V. Training**

**The power points for this year's Competitive Cheer trainings are almost complete. Andrea and Jen talked to Josh and Bill about the rolling out of the trainings. Andrea has used the format they use for conferences. The trainings would be released for Judges and Coaches to watch. There will be a link to submit questions for a period of time. All questions will be answered and posted. Once the question period is over, the power points will still be available on the State Cheer site to review when wanted.**



**NYSPHSAA/NYS Federation Indoor Track and Field  
Meeting Minutes - November 18, 2020**

<b>Attendance:</b>	<b><u>Section</u></b>	<b><u>Boys</u></b>	<b><u>Girls</u></b>
	I	Yes	Yes
	II	Yes	Yes
	III	Yes	Yes
	IV	No	No
	V	Yes	Yes
	VI	Yes	Yes
	VII	Yes	Yes
	VIII	Yes	Yes
	IX	Yes	Yes
	X	Yes	No
	XI	Yes	Yes
	PSAL	No	No
	CHSAA	Yes	Yes
	AIS	Yes	Yes

**Guests:** Bob Headwell (Officials), Lou Vazquez, Lauren Priminero (OBAC)

**NYSPHSAA Staff:** Dr. Robert Zayas, Joe Altieri, Todd Nelson, Chris Joyce, Chris Watson, Lisa Hand

**Dr. Robert Zayas** welcomed the committee. He talked about winter high risk sports being delayed. He also talked about guidance from the Department of Health. The Department of Health has placed indoor track as a low risk sport. Facilities can have no more than 50 % capacity. His goal is to have participation of athletes in a regular season first, then hopefully a culminating event during weekend of State Tournament. He also stated how important indoor track is to athletes. Even if practices need to be modified, it is far better for athletes to have something than to go home and play video days or use Tik Tok. He cited according to the Department of Health, face coverings must be worn unless the student is unable to tolerate it. Robert also announced the Central Committee approved no non-NYSPHSAA awards at State Tournament ceremonies. This does not impact Indoor Track States.

**Joe Altieri** welcomed everyone and asked to go around the horn to share the status of each section:  
 Section 1 – a few meets at Armory, taking a survey to determine how many schools are doing ind. track  
 Section 2 – Attempting outdoor meets  
 Section 3 – Postponed indefinitely  
 Section 4 – Postponed to January 4  
 Section 5 – Postponed to January 4, has indoor sites  
 Section 6 – Has three dates at Houghton College  
 Section 7 – Using Plattsburgh College who will allow contests, but no more than 30 people at one time  
 Section 8 – Attempting outdoor meets – having trouble with indoor sites  
 Section 9 – Attempting outdoor meets – may have state qualifier at the Armory  
 Section 10 – Cancelled – St. Lawrence will not allow them to have any meets  
 Section 11 – Attempting outdoor meets  
 PSAL – No report  
 CHSAA – Will have some form of a season  
 AIS – Will have some form of a season

**Joe Altieri** continued his report indicating the committee should plan to meet in January or February if/when new information is available on track and we know who may be able to participate in States. At that meeting, we will discuss format of States, etc. He reported the host hotels are contracted and ready for us for States. He reported a call with Lou and Lauren from OBAC in October to discuss our event and that NJ canceled their State meet so the Sunday after ours is available. He said everything is on the table at this point to run a State meet or culminating event. Joe also asked the group for information on virtual meets and if anyone has run them. Section 9 indicated they had some experience with them. Joe was going to work with the NYSPHSAA Staff to develop guidelines for virtual meets and send to committee for feedback. These virtual guidelines will be included in the Return to Interscholastic Athletics document with the current Indoor Track guidelines. Joe reminded us that NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame nominations are due by January 29.

**Kristin Frazer** asked about # of meets needed to qualify for State meet. **Dr. Zayas** clarified there can be a reduction in the number of meets needed for championship competition. It needs to be requested to your section. He also said if there are fewer than six sections competing in the State meet, the meet will be a Regional. Robert also noted officials statewide will be reminded that having masks on an athlete's arm is not jewelry. They will also be reminded that their job is not to enforce social distancing.

**Kristin Frazer** asked about using times from an outdoor track this winter season. Rules states you can only use indoor tracks, not oversized track. **Dr. Zayas** said it would be considered this year with COVID. With regards to who decides on when track starts, State Officials decide if low risk sports are authorized and sections/NYSPHSAA decide on start dates. He also noted distance events were considered low risk.

**Todd Nelson** announced the State meet program will be digital (online) this year. Oscar reminded him that this is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the boys' championship.

**Chris Joyce** spoke briefly on sponsorship. He noted Joe deGuzman will start working in the NYSPHSAA office on behalf of TPG selling sponsorship.

**Chris Watson** reminded people that anything going out from NYSPHSAA should come from him, then goes the membership, then the media.

**Lou Vasquez and Lauren Primerano** shared an update on Ocean Breeze Athletic Complex (OBAC). Their goal is to have something at the end of the season, an event that is safe for everybody. OBAC is now open for practices. They have special air filters, one direction athlete movement, and special sprayers to sanitize quickly after every meet/practice. **Todd Nelson**, on listening to the Section V meeting earlier in the day, asked Lou and Lauren what was the capacity of OBAC. The reply, following state guidelines, New York City Park guidelines, and New York City Lawyers, was 50%. Lou and Lauren confirmed NJ is cancelled and we can use OBAC on Sunday if we need to make States two days.

**Dave Hennessey** discussed new standards provided via email before the meeting. It was unanimously agreed to keep old standards for the 2020-21 season and discuss after the season. **Joe Altieri** reminded the group if you want a change for 2021-22 season you must present a proposal to Executive Committee by July for discussion, then again to that committee in October for a vote.

**Adjournment:** Motion to end the meeting at 5:30 by Section 6, seconded by Section 2

*-Respectfully Submitted by Dave Hennessey, NYSPHSAA Girls State Chairman/Section V Co-Chairman*

## APPENDIX G



### SECTION VI POST-SEASON REPORT

#### Boys Soccer 2020

Chairperson: Todd Marquardt

December 1, 2020

#### All WNY SportsmanSHIP Winners

Boy's Soccer	League	Division	School	Individual
	Buffalo	I & II	Cancelled due to Covid-19	
	CCAA	East	Pine Valley/Gowanda	Brendan Butcher
	CCAA	Central	Frewsburg	Zack Carr
	CCAA	West	Dunkirk	Gianni Fred
	ECIC	I	W. Seneca West	Evan Larkman
	ECIC	II	Williamsville South	Brad Kantor
	ECIC	III	Cheektowaga	Kendrick Hapmton
	ECIC	IV	Springville	Charlie DiGangi
	NFL		CSAT	Jacob Gurbacki
	NO		Albion	Tyler Gibson

#### Report on changes in Policy or Practice that were implemented

The pregame/postgame handshake was eliminated. The officials met at the center circle with 1 coach and 1 captain from each team. ALL Players/Coaches as well as spectators were required to wear a facial mask during the contest and non participants and fans were asked to social distance. There was a mask/water break 20 min into the game as well as 20 min into the 2nd half.

#### Problems encountered/concerns

1. If a point of emphasis on the sport of soccer is sportsmanship then there should be a system in place to track Yellow cards. Officials are only expected to report Red cards and coaches are expected to report the yellows/reds on the boys soccer website sectionalsports.com but this is only done on a honesty system.
2. Supervision was critical this year as schools provided this at all home games. Most schools adopted the 2 pass per player rules to maintain NYS guidelines or large group gatherings. This

policy carried through sectional play as well. **Item #3 Tie Breaker was not supported**

3. Would like to propose an additional tie breaker before the flip of the coin. Add in a goal differential between the 2 teams that are tied for the coin flip. Never heard if this was discussed or approved.

**This rule was proposed 2 years and once again I was never notified if it was approved or denied.**

4. To qualify for sectional play teams had to have a .500 record or better in league play. ALL sectional games were played at the higher seed and MOST games were played at a set time and day. Tues 11/10 = Quarters 5:00 PM Thurs 11/12 = Semi's 5:00 PM Sat = Finals 1:30 PM. This worked out well as 6 classes were celebrated with a sectional champion and very little issues.

### **Recommendations for next season & proposed dates**

The same format will be used in regards to neutral sites for semis and finals. The dates/sites/times will be similar to 2 years ago with the input of Mark Difilippo and Chris Durr.

<b>SOCCER BOYS Sportchair Todd Marquardt (c) 903-5875 <a href="http://www.arbitersports.com">www.arbitersports.com</a></b>			
Seeding meeting		Sat 10/16	
Pre-Quarters	AA, A1, A2	Mon 10/18	Higher seed
	B1, B2, & C	Tues 10/19	Higher seed
Quarters	AA, A1 & A2& D	Wed 10/20	Higher seed
	B1, B2, & C	Thurs 10/21	Higher seed
Semifinals	A1 A2	Fri 10/22	TBD
	B1 & B2	Sat 10/23	TBD

			If Conflict move 2 games TBA
	D	Sat 10/23	5:00 & 7:30 PM site TBA
	C	Mon 10/25	5:00 & 7:30 PM site TBA
Finals	A1 & A2	Mon 10/25	A2 5:00 & A1 7:30 PM at TBA
	B1 & B2,	Tues 10/26	B2 5:00 & B1 7:30 PM at TBA
	C & D AA	Fri 10/29 Sat 10/30	D 5:00 & C 7:30 PM at TBA 7:00 PM at TBA
State Qualifier	A & B	Tues 11/2	B 5:00 & A 7:30 PM
Regionals at Section V	A,C D, B, AA	Fri 11/5 Sat 11/6	C 5:00 & A 7:30 PM D 2:30, B 5:00 & AA7:30 PM
<b>States:</b>	In Middletown		Section IX

**Other pertinent data**

Regionals 2021 will be hosted by Section V. The states will be held once again at Middletown High School in Section IX for the fall of 2021.

**Financial summary (receipts/expenditures):**

Financial Report to be submitted by Don Scholla. Please send a copy to Todd Marquardt.

**Sectional and Post-Sectional Results****Sectional Winners**

AA Williamsville North defeated Lancaster 2-0  
A1 Grand Island TIED Williamsville East 0-0 (Co-Champs)  
A2 Williamsville South defeated Lewiston Porter 1-0 (2 OT)  
B1 Tonawanda TIED Medina-Lyndonville 2-2 (Co-Champs)  
B2 Fredonia defeated Allegany-Limestone 1-0  
C Maple Grove defeated Chautauqua Lake 4-1  
D Vacant (N. Collins only Class D School did not qualify)

**Regionals**

Cancelled due to Covid-19

**States**

Cancelled due to Covid-19

Respectfully submitted 12/1/2020  
Todd Marquardt, Section VI Boys Soccer Sports Chairman



**2020 POST-SEASON REPORT**  
**Field Hockey**  
**Chair: Judith Coleman-Otto**

**All WNY Sportsmanship Winners**

Field Hockey	League	School	Individual
	Niagara Orleans. ECIC.	Wilson. East Aurora.	Anna Meyers Abby Siener

**Report on changes in Policy or Practice that were implemented** Played according to Section Six and NYSPHSAA COVID rules

**Problems encountered/ concerns:** Modified rules

**Number of Participating schools:** 23

**Recommendations for next season & proposed dates**  
**TBA**

FIELD HOCKEY Sportchair Judith Otto 716-812-3078 website <a href="http://www.section6fieldhockey.com">www.section6fieldhockey.com</a>			
Last league game			
Seeding Meeting			
Pre-Quarters	B		
Quarter-finals	B		
	A & C		
Semi-finals	B		
	C		
	A		
Finals:	C AB		
Regionals:		TBA	At Section VI

According to State guidelines for 2023	November	
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### **Other pertinent data**

#### **League Champions 2020**

**ECIC Division 1 Orchard Park**

**ECIC Division 2 Williamsville East**

**ECIC Division 3 Iroquois**

**Niagara Orleans Barker and Akron**

#### **SECTIONAL CHAMPIONS:**

Class A: Lancaster

Class B: Amherst

Class C: Akron

**REGIONAL CHAMPIONS SECTION V VS. SECTION VI: no regionals played**

**All New York State Team and All western New York Representatives from Section VI  
see attached**

Respectfully submitted, 1/3/2021

Judith Coleman-Otto Section VI Field Hockey Sportchair

#### **Financial summary (receipts/expenditures):**

**Financial report to be submitted by Treasurer**



## **ALL-WNY — 2020**

### **1<sup>ST</sup> TEAM**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>GRADE</b>	<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>POSITION</b>
1. Berghorn, Lacey	10	Akron	Attack
2. Brege, Madison	10	Akron	Midfield
3. Dee, Morganne	12	Lancaster	Attack
4. Cooper, Emma	12	Eden	Midfield
5. Gancasz, Madison	12	Barker	Midfield
6. Jacobia, Katherine	12	Amherst	Midfield
7. Maclay, Courtney	12	Will East	Attack
8. Metcalf, Haylee	12	Will East	Midfield
9. Myslinski, Natalie	10	Clarence	Midfield
10. Neitch, Abby	11	Holland	Goalie
11. Rokitka, Katelyn	12	Lancaster	Midfield
12. Roll, Caroline	12	OP	Attack
13. Schmelzinger, Grace	11	OP	Midfield
14. Gross, Paige	12	Nichols	Attack

### **2<sup>ND</sup> TEAM**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>GRADE</b>	<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>POSITION</b>
1. Adimey, Lilli	12	Amherst	Attack
2. Allen, Lyla	11	Nichols	Attack
3. Burkner, Grace	12	Will East	Goalie
4. Chodkowski, Madison	12	West Seneca	Midfield
5. DelRegno, Megan	12	Sacred Heart	Midfield
6. Diel, Lexiss	12	Roy-Hart	Attack
7. Dougherty, Katie	11	OP	Midfield
8. Fazzolari, Lena	12	Barker	Midfield/Defense
9. Galvin, Bridget	12	Amherst	Defense
10. Jackson, Elizabeth	12	Will South	Attack
11. Kieffer, Jenelle	11	Akron	Midfield
12. Patti, Julia	12	Iroquois	Midfield
13. Ridge, Elle	10	Clarence	Attack
14. Vadnais, Sophia	11	SH	Midfield

## **HONORABLE MENTION**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>GRADE</b>	<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>POSITION</b>
1. Abramowski, Hope	12	West Seneca	Midfield
2. Allen, Emily	11	Nichols	Midfield
3. Cole, Ashlin	10	Barker	Defense
4. Kessler, Kristen	12	Lancaster	Midfield
5. Larson, Hannah	12	Iroquois	Defense
6. Martin, Molly	10	Will North	Midfield
7. Montgomery, Lauren	11	Will South	Midfield
8. O'Donnell, Sara	10	Lancaster	Attack
9. Pitz, Ashley	11	Iroquois	Attack
10. Suda, Alexa	12	Nichols	Midfield
11. Vogt, Avery	10	Kenmore	Goalie
12. Willick, Vanessa	11	Will East	Attack

**Player of The Year: Morgan Dee & Katherine Jacobia**



**SECTION VI POST-SEASON REPORT**  
**Girls Tennis 2020**  
**Chairperson: Kristin Janese**  
**December 2020**

**All WNY Sportsmanship Winners**

Girls Tennis	League	Division	School	Individual	Individual School
	CCAA	West (1)	Chautauqua Lake	Emily Bauer	
	CCAA	East (2)	Southwestern	Hiba Munir	
	ECIC	1			
	ECIC	2			
	ECIC	3			
	ECIC	4			
	NFL		Kenmore East	MyKayla Pielich	

**Report on changes in Policy or Practice that were implemented**

**Sectional Tournament:** The tournament was held at the Miller Tennis Center in Williamsville and ran as smoothly as possible given the circumstances. We did not allow spectators this year and for the most part, parents/fans understood and were happy that we were able to play at all. This year, we implemented an app called Match! Tennis app which allowed us to run the tournament without using the tournament desk as a hub. The players/coaches waited outside (It was almost 80 degrees on Friday!) and received a text message that gave them their court assignment when a court became available. It also allowed for the players to report scores before leaving the court through a text message. It helped ensure social distancing and provided a safe environment for all involved. Although the initial process to get all players registered was time consuming, the app was beneficial and I would use it again in the future even if things go back to “normal”.

**State Tournament:** Cancelled this year

**Problems encountered/ concerns/notations**

**Regular Season** - Took a while to get used to using extra tennis balls and masks, but overall the kids and coaches were just happy to play. Of course, given the schedule, teams were still finishing their season after the Sectional Tournament.

**Sectionals** – The tournament ran smoothly. No issues to be reported.

**States** – n/a

## Recommendations for next season & proposed dates

1. We would like to hold our Section 6 tournament on October 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> in the Southtowns. This is a **week earlier** than normal in order to make room for the team(s) that will advance to regional finals this year. Tom Anderson from Lakewood YMCA has confirmed that they would like to host and will accommodate our new schedule. He also let me know that they have had many new updates to the club including new lighting and new surfacing. My goal is to provide a venue that can provide an entire block of courts for our tournament. Start times for Friday and Saturday will be 12PM noon and 3PM ideally as they have been in the past.
2. The State Individual Tournament has already been approved to *move to a Thursday – Saturday* tournament to match the boys. It would remain week 17 of the Standard Calendar of Weeks for NYSPHSAA but would change to October 28<sup>th</sup> – October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021. It will be held at Sportime in Schenectady, NY. I intend to secure a block of rooms when the host hotel is determined.
3. **The State Team Tournament** has been approved and will be held November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021. We received 1 bid in Flushing, NY but are discussing taking other bids for this new tournament and will continue to discuss the location.
4. Section VI will run a **Team Sectional Tournament** in order to determine a large and small team champion for Section VI which will advance to Regional Finals on Saturday October 23<sup>rd</sup>. **Please see attached** for the tentative schedule and plan approved by the Section VI Girls Tennis Chairpersons.

TENNIS GIRLS Sportchair Kristin Janese (c) 716-471-5537		
Seeding Meeting:	Sun. Oct. 10th, 2021	Zoe Restaurant 5711 Transit Rd. E. Amherst 639-4550 10:00am
<b>Team Sectionals</b>	Saturday Sept. 25th: <b>Round 1</b> Tuesday Sept. 28th: <b>Quarterfinals</b> Saturday Oct. 2nd: <b>Semis and Finals</b>	Our goal is to hold this tournament outdoors over a period of 3 days. It is essential to have Round 1 and the semi/finals at a host school that has 8 courts. The locations will be determined by the Section VI committee asap.
Sectionals:	Fri.-Sat. Oct. 15 -16, 2021	Lakewood YMCA (If approved)
<b>Regional Finals</b>	Saturday October 23rd	TBD
States:	Thursday, October 28 <sup>th</sup> – Saturday, October 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2021	Sportime, Schenectady
<b>Team State Tournament</b>	Sat. Nov. 6 <sup>th</sup>	Location TBD

### Other pertinent data

The seeding meeting was held Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup> virtually through Zoom. The NFL, ECIC, and CCAA leagues were all represented. The seedings and tournament draw were completed at this meeting with input from everyone present (Jamie Sposato, Paul Biddle and John Lemar). We were all in agreement it was a fair draw and allowed the draw to be available to all immediately following the meeting. This procedure seems to work well.

### Financial summary (receipts/expenditures):

**Financial Report to be submitted**

### Sectional Results

**\*\* All Post Season results can be found on the Rick Schneider Score Reporting Site**

1. **The Section 6 Tournament** was held at the Miller Tennis Center on October 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. The tournament started at 12:00PM on Friday, and at 3:00PM on Saturday. The tournament ran smoothly, with no issues to be discussed.
2. The top 4 finishers were as follows.

Singles

1. **Eileen Wang (12) – Williamsville North (ECIC)**
2. **Madeleine Eiss (12) - Clarence (ECIC)**
3. **Kiersten Brown (11) – Grand Island (NFL)**
4. **Kareena Cheruvu – Williamsville East (ECIC)**

Doubles

1. **Maya Clinard (10)/ Kelly Barnes (11) – Orchard Park (ECIC)**
2. **Julia Laspro (10)/Ava Casell(10) – Clarence (ECIC)**
3. **Sophie Wang (8)/Sarah Qiu (9) – Williamsville East (ECIC)**
4. **Hannah Flynn (8)/Venera Kalinina (9) – Williamsville North (ECIC)**

3. **The State Tournament** - cancelled this year.

**NYSPHSAA Girls Tennis**  
**Section VI Team Championships**

**CHANGES**

- The NYSPHSAA Championship for both girls' and boys' tennis has changed from an "individual" to "individual/team" sport designation.
- NYSPHSAA has adopted a Team State Championship for girl's and boy's tennis in addition to the individual championship effective for the girls beginning with the 2021 season and for the boys for the 2022 season.
- Section VI has approved and will hold a Team Championship for both Division I (enrollment of 600+) and Division 2 (enrollment of 599 and below)
- In the Section VI Team Championship tournament, we will use the following format to match the format at the state level.
  - Division 1 - 3 singles and 4 doubles (11 players) If you do not have enough players to field all positions, you will forfeit at that position. The score for a forfeit will be 8-0 for Day 1 and 6-0, 6-0 for Days 2 and 3.
  - Division 2 - 3 singles and 2 doubles (7 players just like our regular season)

Timeline (subject to change):

Sept 18th: Deadline for match record to be used for sectional seeding/grouping.

Saturday Sept. 25th: **Round 1** of the Sectional Team Tournament (Pod of 3 teams and playing 2 - 8 game pro sets) held at a school TBD

Tuesday Sept. 28th: **Quarterfinal** round of Team Sectionals with home team being the higher seed.

Saturday Oct. 2nd: **Semis and Finals** of Team Sectionals to be held at a neutral location TBD.

October 8th-9th (Week 14): **League Championships** (this is a week earlier than normal)

October 10th: Seeding Meeting for Section VI Committee

October 15th-16th (Week 15): **Sectionals** (this is a week earlier than normal)

Sat. October 23rd (Week 16): **Team Regional Finals**

October 28-30 (Week 17): **Individual State Championship** (Sportime, Schenectady)

Nov. 6th (Week 18): **Team State Championships - Semis and Finals** (Location TBD)

According to the 2021-2022 BEDS, we have 21 Division 1 schools and 19 Division 2 schools

Division 1 (600+) 21 Schools	Division 2 (<599) 19 Schools
CCAA (2) Jamestown Olean/Portville	CCAA (7) Fredonia, Southwestern, Salamanca, Falconer, Frewsburg, Chautauqua Lake, and Maple Grove
ECIC (12) Lancaster, Clarence, Will North, Orchard Park, Frontier, West Seneca West, Hamburg, Sweet Home, Will East, Starpoint, Will South, & Amherst	ECIC (11) West Seneca East, Iroquois, Cheektowaga, East Aurora, Maryvale, Lakeshore, Depew, Springville, Tonawanda, Alden, Eden
NFL (7) Niagara Falls, Lockport, Niagara Wheatfield, Ken West, North Tonawanda, Grand Island, Ken East	NFL (1) Lew-port

### **Team Sectionals**

**Day 1 - Saturday September 25th:** (21 Teams for Division 1 and 19 Teams for Division 2)

Consists of 7 pods of 3 teams each (Division 2 will have 2 pods with only 2 teams in it).

The 3 team pod will be determined by the Section VI committee based on; team record up until Sept. 18th, BEDS, perceived strength according to chairpersons, and may consist of UTR, past performances, or other information available at that time. The goal is to have a fair and equitable tournament for all teams.

Once a site is determined (Division 1 must be at a site with 8 courts), a schedule of time will be made available. The 3 teams in the pod will play an 8 game pro set against each other in a round robin format to determine the 1 team from that pod that will advance to the quarter finals. Division 1 will play 3 singles/4 doubles, and Division 2 will use 3 singles/2 doubles. The team that advances will have beaten

both other teams head to head. Should there happen to be a tie, we will follow the USTA 2020 league tiebreak rules. The tiebreaker will be:

1. Most total individual match wins
2. Fewest number of games lost
3. Winner of head-to-head matches
4. Coin toss

**Day 2 - Tuesday September 28th: Quarterfinals** (7 Teams for both Division 1 and Division 2)

The top seeded team (committee decides based on above criteria) will earn a bye for the quarterfinal round. The other 3 matches will play head to head at the higher seeded team on Tuesday, September 28th. This will be a regular scoring, best 2 out of 3 set match using the format listed above.

**Day 3 - Saturday October 2nd: Semi and Finals** (4 Teams for both leading to 1 champion for each division).

A neutral site will be determined for both Division 1 and Division 2. A location with 8 courts is a must. Once a site is determined, a schedule of time will be made available. Both semifinals matches will be played followed by the Section Championship match. Format will be 2 out of 3 sets, regular scoring. Division 1 will use 3 singles/4 doubles and Division 2 will use 3 singles/2 doubles. The winners of both divisions will advance to the Regional Finals on October 23rd.

**In case of rain, we will use the next available day to get the matches in. In some cases, we may need to use a Sunday, or more sites/multiple days.**

**Sectional Championship matches will take precedence over league matches.**

Respectfully submitted 12/16/20 - to be updated if information becomes available.  
Kristin Janese, Section VI Girls Tennis Chairperson



**SECTION VI POST-SEASON REPORT**  
**Girls Soccer 2020**  
**Chairperson: Chris Durr**  
**December 16, 2020**

**All WNY Sportsmanship Winners**

<b>Girls Soccer</b>	<b>League</b>	<b>Division</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Individual</b>
	Buffalo	Buffalo		Did Not Play
	CCAA	CCAA West	Allegany-Limestone	Kristen McMullen
	CCAA	CCAA Central	Maple Grove	Britta Johnson
	CCAA	CCAA East	Not submitted	
	ECIC	ECIC I	WSW	Ava Barth
	ECIC	ECIC II	Starpoint	Alison Gibbons
	ECIC	ECIC III	Iroquois	Maryalice Scutnik
	ECIC	ECIC IV	Holland	Kierra Kline
	NFL	NFL	Not submitted	
	NO	NO	Barker	Chloe Lee

**Report on changes in Policy or Practice that were implemented**

**Problems encountered/ concerns**

1. The City of Buffalo did not participate in the season due to COVID.
2. Communication issues between State, Section, Coaches, and Officials regarding the guidelines on mask breaks.

**Other pertinent data**

1. .500 record to be eligible for sectionals was necessary. We were able to complete the entire Sectional tournament in 1 week.
2. Standardized times for Sectional games was essential and continues to be necessary..
3. Looking for Nominations for NYS Soccer HOF – players, coaches, and contributors. Contact Chris Durr

**Financial summary (receipts/expenditures):**

none



## Recommendations for next season & proposed dates/sites

Will coordinate dates and times with the Boys Chairman to be included in the pre-season report.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
October	11	12	13	14 Last Scheduled League game Cut-Off Date	15	16  Seeding Meeting
17	18	19 <u>Pre- ¼</u> 3:30 or 6 pm at Higher seed  A-1, & A-2	20 <u>Pre- ¼</u> 3:30 or 6 pm at Higher seed B-1, B-2, & C  <u>Quarters D</u>	21 <u>Quarters</u> 3:30 or 6 pm at Higher seed  A-1 & A-2	22 <u>Quarters</u> 3:30 or 6 pm at Higher seed  AA, B-1, B-2 & C	23
24	25 <u>Semis</u> Times – TBA D at TBD  A-1 & A-2 at TBD	26 <u>Semis</u> Times – TBA C at TBD  B-1 & B-2 at TBD	27 <u>Semis</u> Times – TBA AA at TBD  B-1 & B-2 at TBD	28	29	30 <u>Finals</u> Times – TBA A-1 & A-2 at TBD B-1 & B-2 at TBD C & D at TBD
31	1 <u>Finals</u> Times – TBA AA at TBD	2 <u>Crossover</u> <u>Finals</u>  A & B at TBD	3	4	5	6  REGIONALS @ Section 5  TBD
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 STATES @ Cortland (Section 3)
14 STATES @ Cortland (Section 3)						

## Sectional and Post-Sectional Results

### Section VI Champions

Class AA – Clarence

Class A-1 – Niagara Whatfield

Class A-2 – Lewiston Porter

Class B-1 – East Aurora

Class B-2 – Southwestern

Class C – Frewsburg

Class D – neither team qualified

**Far West Regional Champions and States were cancelled**

Respectfully submitted 12/17/20

Chris Durr, Section VI Girls Soccer Chairman



## Girls Gymnastics Post Season Report 2020

### **All WNY Sportsmanship Winners**

Division	School	Individual
Division 1	Williamsville East	Emma Braun - Hamburg
Division 2	Maryvale	Emma Newman - Kenmore

### **\*NEW → Coaches Sportsmanship Selections:**

**Division 1: Chelsea Lobello – Orchard Park**

**Division 2: Kathy Nardini – Williamsville South**

### **2020 Review:**

#### **Report on changes in Policy or Practice that were implemented**

- Division Alignments for 2021 Season:  
Division 1: Frontier, Clarence, Lancaster, Will East, Hamburg, Orchard Park  
Division 2: Kenmore, Will North, Maryvale, Will South, Sweet Home

Div 1 Chair – Chris Watson Kenmore

Div 2 Chair – Kathy Nardini Will South

### **Problems encountered/ concerns**

None

### **Concerns for 2021**

None

### **Sectional and Post-Sectional Results**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Frontier	111.875*	Division 1 Champions: Frontier
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Clarence	107.375	Division 2 Champions: Kenmore
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Lancaster	105.125	
4 <sup>th</sup>	Will East	101.650	

### **All – Around:**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Jenna Blair	Frontier	37.900
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ava Shiff	Will North	37.150

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Cali Czarcinski	Frontier	36.900
4 <sup>th</sup>	Kayla Gleason	Frontier	36.625

#### **Vault:**

1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Courtney Ando</b>	<b>Lancaster</b>	<b>9.60</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ava Shiff	Will North	9.55
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jenna Blair	Frontier	9.50
4 <sup>th</sup>	Lea Philarom	Frontier	9.35
4 <sup>th</sup>	Mya Wozniak	Clarence	9.35

#### **Bars:**

1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Cali Czarcinski</b>	<b>Frontier</b>	<b>9.225</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jenna Blair	Frontier	9.20
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Kayleen Jenkins	Kenmore	9.175
4 <sup>th</sup>	Olivia Chapman	Clarence	9.00

#### **Beam:**

1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Jenna Blair**</b>	<b>Frontier</b>	<b>9.70</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ava Shiff	Will North	9.625
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mya Wozniak	Clarence	9.625
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Cali Czarcinski	Frontier	9.50
4 <sup>th</sup>	Kayla Gleason	Frontier	9.45

#### **Floor:**

1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Emma Newman</b>	<b>Kenmore</b>	<b>9.55</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jenna Blair	Frontier	9.50
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Grace Harry	Lancaster	9.35
4 <sup>th</sup>	Kayla Gleason	Frontier	9.325

**\*New Section 6 Record**

**\*\*Ties Section 6 Record**

#### **Section 6 New York State Team:**

Jenna Blair	AA	Frontier
Ava Shiff	AA	Will North
Cali Czarcinski	AA	Frontier
Kayla Gleason	BR, BM, FX	Frontier
Emma Newman	BM, FX	Kenmore
Mya Wozniak	V, BM	Clarence
Courtney Ando	V	Lancaster
Olivia Chapman	BR	Clarence
Grace Harry	FX	Lancaster
Kayleen Jenkins	BR	Kenmore
Lea Philarom	V	Frontier

#### **Team Coaches:**

Kurt Stumpf (Will South), Jill Wierzba (Frontier) & Joe Buscaglia (Section 6 Chair)

#### **Most Valuable Gymnast Award:**

Jenna Blair	Frontier
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#### **Outstanding Senior Gymnast Award:**

Courtney Ando	Lancaster
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**Proposed Dates & Recommendations for next season****2021 Tentative Calendar****Proposed dates 2021-22:**

<b>GYMNASTICS GIRLS Sportchair Joe Buscaglia c: 228-0340</b> <a href="http://www.arbitersports.com">www.arbitersports.com</a>		
Sectionals:	November 5, 2021	Will South HS or Frontier HS ?
States:	March 4-5, 2022	Kenmore West HS – Buffalo, NY

**Recommendations for next season**

None

**Other pertinent data**

Number of Schools participating: 10 Total number of participants: 61 Cost per school: \$ 0

**School No. Of Participants**

Clarence	8
Frontier	9
Hamburg	11
Kenmore	4
Lancaster	8
Maryvale	1
Orchard Park	7
Sweet Home	0
Williamsville East	8
Williamsville North	3
Williamsville South	2

**Financial summary (receipts/expenditures):**Sectional Report: 11/07/20Expenses:

Judges (8)	\$1296.00
Programs	\$290.00
Gate Workers	\$0
Trainer	\$ ?
Flowers & Supplies	\$166.59
Ribbons	\$0
Certificates	\$45.00
Awards	\$125.00
Admin Expenses	\$493.00
Other	\$0
Total Expenses	\$

Income:

Gate Receipts	\$0
Programs	\$0
Ads	\$475.00
T-Shirt Sales	\$0
Total Income	\$475.00

Net Profit/Loss +/- \$

Respectfully submitted

Joseph Buscaglia

Section VI Girls Gymnastics Sportchair



## SECTION VI POST-SEASON REPORT Cross Country 2020

**Boys Chairperson: Ken Hans    Girls Chairperson: Pete Szymanski**  
**December 2020**

### All WNY Sportsmanship Winners

Boy's X-Country	League	Division	School	Individual
	Buffalo		NA	NA
	CCAA		Southwestern	Ethan Luce
	ECIC	1	Frontier	Joshua Peron
		2	Amherst	Jack Lenz
		3	East Aurora	Finn Cosgrove
		4	Alden	Kyle Urban
	NFL		Niagara Wheatfield	Danny Dziezewski
	NO		Wilson	Al Schultz
Girl's X-Country	League	Division	School	Individual
	Buffalo		NA	NA
	CCAA		Maple Grove	Christina Peppy
	ECIC	1	Williamsville North	Marcy Colca
		2	Williamsville South	Kayla Schmidt
		3	East Aurora	Megan McLaughlin
		4	Springville Griffith	Jamie Dickinson
	NFL		Kenmore West	Kendall Brach
	NO		Wilson	Kylee Healey

Coaches Sportsmanship Award – Brett Sippel - Wilson

### Report on changes in Policy or Practice that were implemented

Due to covid-19 restrictions, major changes were made to the Section VI championship meet. The date was changed from Friday 11/6 to Saturday 11/14 and Sunday 11/15. The meet was held over two days instead of the usual one day because the larger B and C races were split. The venue was also shifted from Knox Farms to Bemus Point Golf Club. The changes resulted in the meet being successfully completed. As of this writing, no reports have come to our attention of any cases of covid-19 traced back to the meet

**Problems encountered/ concerns** None

### Recommendations for next season & proposed dates/sites

At our post-season meeting, the committee favored holding the 2021 championship meet at Knox Farms. There was a proposal to allow 8 runners to compete in next season's championship. We will conduct a vote on this issue.

<b>CROSS COUNTRY</b>	
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Sectionals:	11/5	Knox Farms
States:	11/13	Chenango Valley State Park (Section 4)
NYS Federation Meet	11/20	Bowdoin Park, Wappinger Falls (Section 1)

### **Sectional and State Meet Results**

#### **2019 SECTION VI CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS**

<b>BOYS Class</b>	<b>Boys Team School Winner</b>	<b>Section 6 Individual Winner</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Section 6 First Finisher in NYSPHSAA Meet</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Place in State Meet</b>	<b>Section 6 School Finish</b>
A	Clarence	Zach Winnicki (11)	Lancaster	NA			
B1	Amherst	Jack Lenz (12)	Amherst				
B2	East Aurora	Justin Pavan(12)	LewPort				
C1	Alden	Kyle Urban (11)	Alden				
C2	Allegany-Limestone	Ryan Wisniewski (12)	Allegany-Limestone				
D	Barker	Lukas Baer (11)	Maple Grove				

#### **2019 NYS CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS**

<b>GIRLS Class</b>	<b>Girls Team School Winner</b>	<b>Section 6 Individual Winner</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Section 6 First Finisher in NYSPHSAA Meet</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Place in State Meet</b>	<b>Section 6 School Finish</b>
A	Clarence	Noel Barlette (9)	Orchard Park	NA			
B1	Amherst	Kayla Schmidt(12)	Williamsville South				

B2	East Aurora	Emilia O'Leary (8)	East Aurora				
C1	Newfane	Kylie Bowman (9)	Newfane				
C2	Falconer /Cass Valley	Angelina Napoleon (10)	Allegany-Limestone				
D	Maple Grove	Acacia Barber (12)	Frewsburg				

**Sectional Results:**

Boys and Girls [section6runs.com](http://section6runs.com), [milesplitny.com](http://milesplitny.com), [tullyrunners.com](http://tullyrunners.com), [righttimeresults.com](http://righttimeresults.com)

**Section VI State Champions:** NA

**Other pertinent data** None

**Financial summary (receipts/expenditures):**

**Financial report to be submitted by Treasurer**

Respectfully submitted 12/16/2020

Pete Szymanski and Ken Hans Section VI Cross Country Chairpersons

**SECTION VI POST- SEASON REPORT**  
**Girls Swim 2020**  
**Chairperson: Doug Cassidy**  
**December 2020**

**Due to Covid protocols adopted by the Section 6 Council and the NYSPHSAA, there were no Class, Sectional or State Championships held for girls swimming this fall.**

**Report on changes in Policy or Practice that were implemented**

The Fall 2020 Season was, to say the least, a challenging one for us all. While waiting for guidance from the State, our Section 6 Girls swim committee met virtually to develop A, B, C, etc. plans for running the season and possible championships. As mentioned above, the decisions made by the Governor, NYSPHSAA and the Section 6 Council, determined the guidelines and protocols through which we would navigate these strange sets of circumstances:

1. The Niagara Frontier League (NFL) opted out of the fall season in lieu "Fall 2" in the spring.
2. The Erie County Interscholastic Conference (ECIC) competed both in person and virtually throughout the season and held a hybrid in-person/virtual championship successfully.
3. The Chautauqua Cattaraugus Athletic Conference (CCAA) held in-person and virtual dual meets and held a successful in-person series of championships at Olean Middle School.
4. The National Federation established a framework for virtual meets which the NYSPHSAA modified and approved for use throughout the State for managing dual meets without travel or in person competition.
5. Webex on-line meetings were held in late August with coaches from each League, to discuss the limitations and possibilities for the season. Subsequently, the NFL directors decided to opt out of the fall season for girls' swim.
6. The League chairs for the ECIC and CCAA did a phenomenal job under the most difficult of circumstances of provided assistance and guidance for their member schools. Additionally, both Timm Slade and Mark DiFilippo were instrumental in providing guidance to me and the leagues. The two Officiating Associations for the CCAA and the ECIC did a commendable job of adapting to both the in-person and virtual environments for competition.
7. Within the ECIC and CCAA, there were several schools that opted for all-virtual competition, or out of the fall season altogether.
8. The Section 6 coaches decided through our Webex meetings to move our on-line reporting service from Section6swim.com to Swim Cloud. Our Committee's tech specialist, Paul Cary from Clarence, served as liaison with Swim Cloud and was our most critical resource in maintaining rosters, meet results and the virtual Championship.



### **Problems encountered/ concerns**

"Virtually" all of our problems came from managing Covid protocols. The patience however of our directors, coaches, athletes, parents and officials helped us work through the many challenges faced throughout the shortened season. Many of the schools were able to stream competition on-line in lieu of allowing spectators which were prohibited by the ECIC and severely limited by the CCAA.

### **Recommendations for next season & proposed dates/sites**

In hopes that by the late summer/early fall of 2021 that a more normalized plan for Interscholastic competition can be resumed, our Swim Committee is highlighting some recommendations made for 2020 before the pandemic upset the applecart:

We recommend that we continue the 2019 format for championships- a prelim/final format for Class Championships and a timed final format for the Sectional/State Qualifier *with modifications*. The Swim Committee will meet in the spring to discuss operational changes based upon our experiences and feedback from 2019.

All teams should continue be required to register and utilize the Swim Cloud website which garnered high praise for efficiency and usefulness. It is also recommended that as our liaison Paul Cary receive a stipend as our technical resource for both girls and boys swimming.

At the State Swim Committee meeting in the spring, bids will be reviewed for the State Championship venue for the next three years. (2022-2024). Section 5 (Rochester) has submitted a bid which I believe Section 6 should support. In addition to the confidence I have in the ability of Section 5 to run a superb meet, the travel, lodging and incidental costs to Section 6 would be lower than either an Ithaca or Long Island venue.

***Proposed*** Class and Championship calendar for 2021: (may change based upon venue availability and State/Section adjustments to start dates)

<b>SWIMMING GIRLS Sportchair Doug Cassidy (c) 796-3327</b> <a href="http://www.arbitersports.com">www.arbitersports.com</a>		
Class A, B, C swim prelims	Wed Oct 27	TBA at member schools
Class A, B, C Diving	Thurs Oct 28	Meets at 3 host schools for each Class
Class A, B, C finals	Fri. Oct 29	TBA member schools?
Sectionals diving	Thurs. Nov. 5	Sectional Diving at member school (TBA)
Sectionals: finals Swim Timed final format	Fri. Nov. 5	UB Swim Finals Warm-up 4:00pm Start 5:00 pm Top 24 qualifiers
States Championship	Thurs. Nov. 18 Fri. Nov. 19 Sat. Nov 20	Ithaca College Open pool 5:45-7:45 Swim Prelims 11:15am-2:30 Dive Prelims and Finals 3 pm Swim Finals 10:15am (warm-ups 9am)

Complete Results for schools who participated in the fall are online at: [www.swimcloud.com](http://www.swimcloud.com)

Respectfully submitted 12/27/2020

**Doug Cassidy, Section VI Girls Swimming Sportchair**

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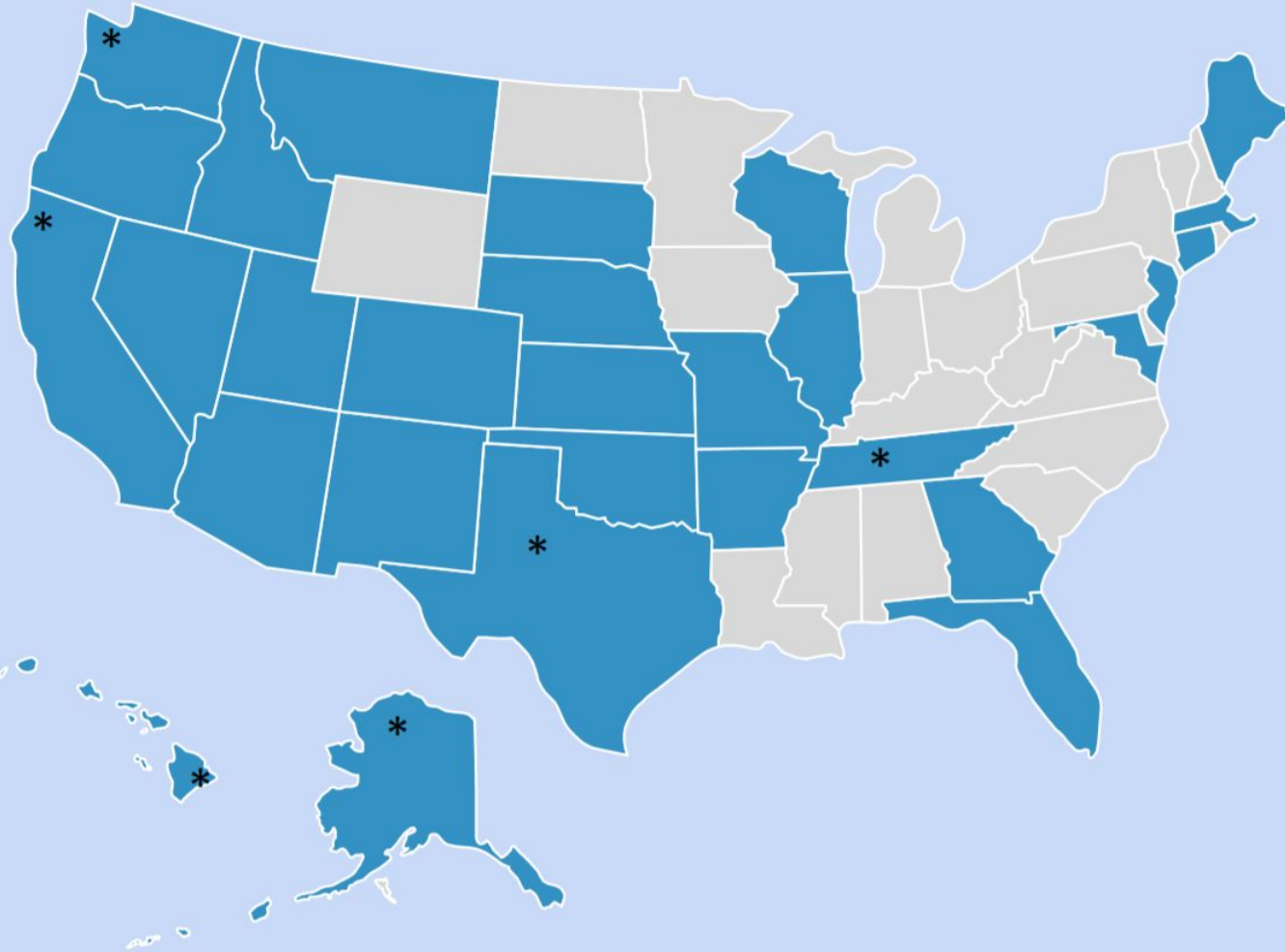
## APPENDIX H

# NY State Girls Wrestling

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UPDATE FOR ATHLETIC COUNCIL – JANUARY 20, 2021

# 29 States Strong 9/2020



**Georgia, Oregon, Missouri, Maine  
Massachusetts, & New Jersey 2018-19. Kansas,  
Maryland, Arkansas & New Mexico 2019-20.  
Arizona, Colorado, Oklahoma, Utah, Montana,  
Nevada & South Dakota 2020-21.**

## Florida, Idaho, Illinois & Wisconsin approved an official championship for 2021-22

## Nebraska voted emerging sport status 2020.

## Connecticut held a Girls Wrestling Invitational for 2019-20.

**\*Original 6 Sanctioned states - 1998-2015**

# National High School Participation Growth

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2010 6,134

2015 11,496

2018 16,562

2019 21,124 \* 8 states held their first championship in addition to the original 6

2020 28,447 \*\* 5 additional states added a championship - numbers were from hydration

**11 states will have their first championships in 2021 or 2022.**

**New Jersey and Missouri  
both added a championship  
season for girls in 2019**

Table showing the number of girls attending  
hydration over a 3 year period

	Hydration 2019-2020	NFHS 2018-2019	NFHS 2017-2018
New Jersey	695	477	129
Missouri	1425	956	169

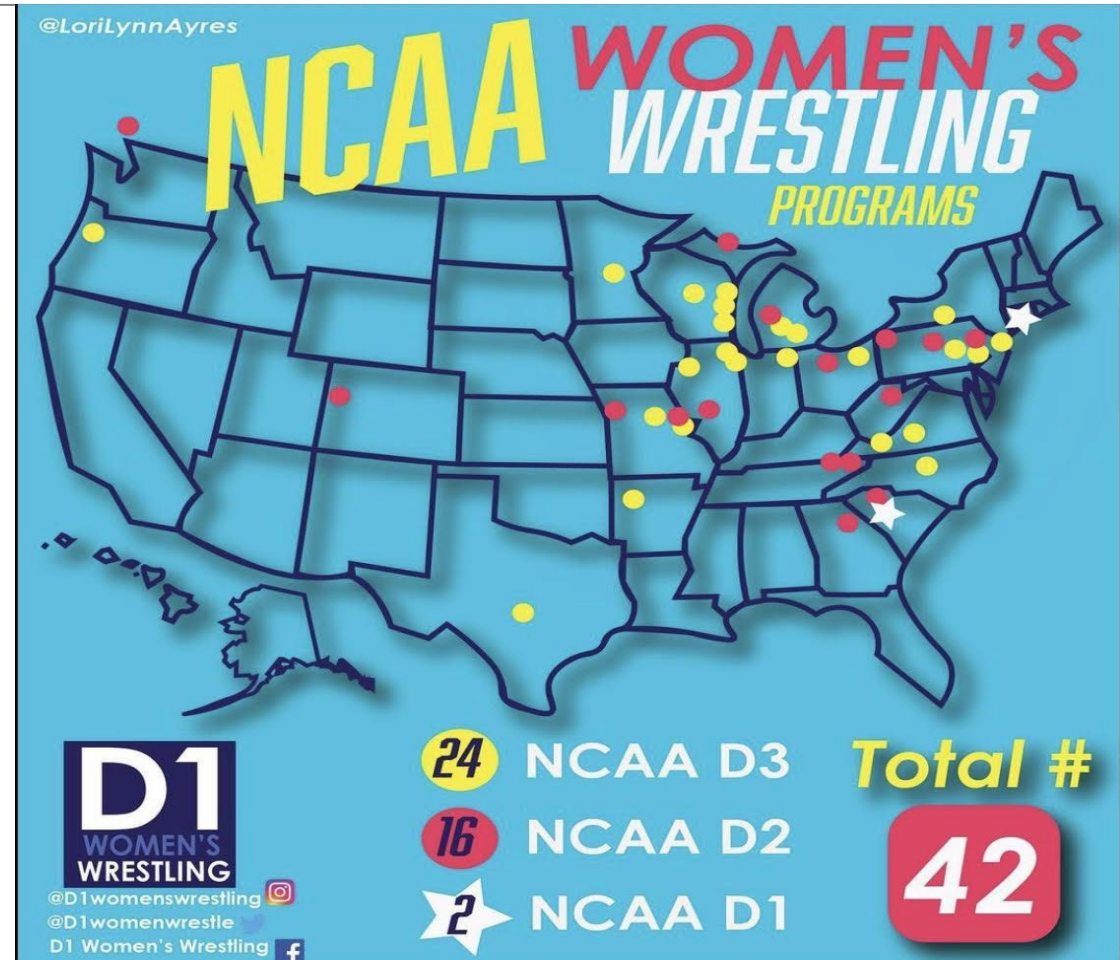
# Girls Participation numbers vs other sports

Sport	# of Schools	# of Participants	Sport	# of Schools	# of Participants	<b>* The NFHS did not publish participation numbers for the 2019-2020 scholastic year.*</b>
<b>1. Track and Field - Outdoor</b>	<b>17,012</b>	<b>488,267</b>	<b>9. Competitive Sprint</b>	<b>7,214</b>	<b>161,358</b>	
<b>2. Volleyball</b>	<b>16,572</b>	<b>452,808</b>	<b>10. Lacrosse</b>	<b>2,877</b>	<b>99,750</b>	
<b>3. Basketball</b>	<b>18,210</b>	<b>399,067</b>	<b>Golf</b>	<b>10,402</b>	<b>79,821</b>	
<b>4. Soccer</b>	<b>12,107</b>	<b>394,105</b>	<b>Field Hockey</b>	<b>1,768</b>	<b>60,824</b>	
<b>5. Softball - Fast Pitch</b>	<b>15,877</b>	<b>362,038</b>	<b>Bowling</b>	<b>2,925</b>	<b>28,322</b>	
<b>6. Cross Country</b>	<b>15,435</b>	<b>219,345</b>	<b>Wrestling</b>	<b>2,890</b>	<b>21,124</b>	
<b>7. Tennis</b>	<b>10,290</b>	<b>189,436</b>	<b>Higher participation in Girls Wrestling than 66 of the total 83 sports listed on 2018-19 HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS PARTICIPATION SURVEY Conducted By THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF STATE HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS</b>			
<b>8. Swimming &amp; Diving</b>	<b>8,007</b>	<b>173,088</b>				

# College Landscape

Divisions I, II, III  
approved NCAA  
emerging sport status  
for Women's  
Wrestling as of  
August 1, 2020

87 Women's  
Collegiate Varsity  
teams (45 NAIA and  
42 NCAA)





# NFHS Girls Participation Numbers and Women's Collegiate Programs by NFHS Section 1 Northeast: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont

Year of 1st Championship	State	Hydration 2019-2020	NFHS 2018-2019	NFHS 2017-2018	NFHS 2016-2017	NFHS 2015-2016		State	College/University	Division
2020	Connecticut	146	131	98	80	75	1	New Jersey	New Jersey City University	NCAA Div III
2019	Maine	56	78	74	61	89				
2019	Massachusetts	140	126	103	103	154	2	New York	Elmira College	NCAA Div III
2019	New Jersey	695	477	129	116	173				
	New Hampshire	29	38	34	19	14	3	New York	Nassau Community College	NJCAA
	New York	733	168	87		260				
	Rhode Island	57	32	20	22	18	4	Connecticut	Sacred Heart	NCAA Div I
	Vermont	4	9	3	9	11				
							5	Massachusetts	Springfield Technical Community College	NJCAA

# Status of Girl's Wrestling Across NYS

NY has the 9th most girls wrestling (#20 without PSAL) and the only state in the top 10 without a girls championship or one of 4 without a championship in the top 20.

Numbers of participants in NY State (based off of hydration) :

- 2017-2018: 87
- 2018-2019: 168
- 2019-2020: 733

Number of girl wrestlers as of 2019-2020 season (by section) :

I: 43	VII: 1
II: 55	VIII: 27
III: 21	IX: 32
IV: 24	X: 2
V: 38	XI: 54
VI: 68	

School	Section	2019-20
Bay Shore Sr HS	11	20
Copiague	11	6
Dunkirk HS	6	6
Gowanda SR HS	6	6
Woodland Sr	1	6
Cairo Durham	2	5
Livona-Wayland Cohocton Sr HS	5	5



# NY State Landscape

**In NYS, Wrestling has traditionally been a boys sport and girls participate through mixed-competition rules.**

**On February 1, 2019** the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee approved a proposal that allows **girls in individual sports to participate via mixed competition in both boys and girls** regular season events as long as they don't exceed 20 points.

**Girls can continue to train and compete on boys teams and compete in regular season girls only competition**

**For the 2019-2020 season:**

- **BayShore HS (Sec 11) had an all girls team that included athletes neighboring schools**
- **Girls Tournaments/divisions included in the NYS Master schedule**
- **Eastern States added a girls division**
- **Several Sections had informal sectional championships for girls**
- **Two post season championship tournaments (Sec V and PSAL )**



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# NYS Working Group

Meets monthly, shares ideas and best practices, provides technical support and liaison to greater wrestling community

Kyra Tirana Barry	Working Group Captain,	Alex Conti	Section 6	Charlie Delargy	Section 11	Amy Zirneklis	WLAG
		Ted DiPasquale	Section 8	Jason Edwards	NYSAIS	Emma Randall	BTS Girls Development Director
		Carol Roseto	Section 8	Joan Fulp	Co-chair of USA Wrestling's Girls high school development committee	Kyle Mosher	Working Group Liaison
Jennifer Mydral	Section 2	Tom Cunningham	Section 9	Todd Nelson	NYSPHSAA		
Zakk Rolfe	Section 4				Upstate Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame		
Randy Shear	Section 4	Nikki Macaluso	Section 9	Carl Koenig	Director of Physical Education, Health Wellness & Athletics		
Eric Mullen	Section 5	Eric Hartmann	Section 9	Bob Zifchock			
Bill Hadsell	Section 5	Bob Panariello	Section 11	Tela O'Donnell	WLAG		
Bradley Rowe	Section 6	Larry Philips	Section 11	Julia Salata	WLAG		

# Objective

Create a NYSPHSAA championship tournament for our girl wrestlers

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NYSPHSAA Emerging Sports Status:

4 teams in 4 sections (triggers creation of a girls wrestling committee)

NYSPHSAA Championship:

6 teams in 6 sections.

**How to get there: Create more opportunities for all girls wrestling - training and competition across the state**

- Establish Girls Committees in each section
- Identify coaches who want to lead
- Establish all girls practices around the section
- Establish competitions, girls divisions at established tournaments, stand alone sectional or regional all girls tournaments
- Create Merged Teams across several schools in regions of the section \*

# The Section VI Working Group

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Working Group leader: Chautauqua Lake Superintendent, Josh Lidell

Group has met monthly since May to develop opportunities for girls to wrestle against each other in both “All Girls” practice setting and competition setting.

Working Group made steps towards obtaining the 4 sites to be deemed “girls wrestling” sites with host schools and coaches. Established “back-up/alternate” sites, pending Superintendent and BOE approval at each site.

Each of our 4 sites are planning to run an "All Girls" practice 2 times each week.

Other school districts and coaches have been in touch with our committee and have shown interest in helping to build the WNY Women's Wrestling base but we have not had the opportunity to speak with, and move forward administratively, for anything to be more finite or concrete.

# 4 host school districts (Pre-Covid)

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Chautauqua County area - Chautauqua Lake School District - Contact - Superintendent Josh Liddell and Coach Brad Rowe (Falconer w/Coach Drew Wilcox and Fredonia have offered to be alternate sites)

Cattaraugus County area - Salamanca School District - Contact - Athletic Director Rich Morton and Coach Keith Wilson (Gowanda w/ Coach Ray Logan has offered to be an alternate site)

Erie County area - Cheektowaga Central School - Contact - Athletic Director Brian Hickson and Coach Matt Haberl (Athletic Director from Williamsville North, Julie Arnold has been contacted and is a "possible" option for a alternate Erie County site)

Niagara County and Orleans County areas - Contacts Niagara Wheatfield Coach Bill Ploetz and Lewiston-Porter Coach Bill Edwards

# Pre-Covid (Post-Covid) Plan

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Tri-meets on a rotating basis at host schools to take place Monday throughout the season.

- Monday was picked so that the girls could still compete in their home school's line-up and not have to make a decision to separate themselves from their home school.

- Allows coaches and teammates from home schools to be in attendance to support their fellow wrestlers.

- Competition would be set up so each wrestler would get a minimum of one match, and maximum of two each event night.

- Important to note that the point limit in accordance NYSPHSAA must be followed

As per NYSPHSAA Assistant Director Todd Nelson: School Districts would either have to place the names of the designated "Girls Coaches" in charge of running practices on to the list sent to their respective BOE for approval OR they would have to supply a State Certified and Board approved coach from their school to accompany any girl attending any of these practices.

# Tournaments

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2019 First ever "Sanctioned" Sectional tournament, hosted by Section 6. Made possible because of Executive Director Timm Slade and tournament host, Niagara County Community College.

2020 tournament was hosted by Section 5 thanks to Executive Director Kathy Hoyt and Tournament Director Chris Bourne.

- Tournament ran at the SERC Center at SUNY Brockport alongside the Section V Boys State Qualifier. This was a great opportunity for girls to wrestle in front of a large crowd, thanks to the efforts of Section 6 Wrestling Women's Wrestling Director Alex Conti and Section 5 Boys Wrestling Director Bill Hadsell.

# Tournament Strategy (Post-Covid)

Add girls divisions at existing tournaments and create a few all girls opportunities

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Three definite All Girls Tournaments had been set for the 20-21 season.

- Two were an extension of existing wrestling tournaments: the Linda Knuutila Memorial tournament run by NCCC in Sanborn and the Patrick Morales Memorial Tournament run by Falconer HS.

Chautauqua Lake Central School and Superintendent Josh Liddell committed to hosting a "stand alone" girls tournament for ALL girls not only in WNY, but including all eligible girls around the state and adjoining states.

Planning had started for interested sections to designate girls for a team to compete at the Boys NYSPHSAA Dual Meet Championships. This would be very similar to crowning a "Sectional" State Championship Golf team and "Sectional" State Championship Cross Country team



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## APPENDIX I



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**To:** BOCES District Superintendents, Superintendents of Public School Districts, Principals of Public Schools, Charter School Leaders

**From:** Kathleen R. DeCataldo

**Subject: School Health Examinations in Light of COVID-19 Pandemic**

In the May 21, 2020 New York State Education Department memo [School Health Examinations in Light of COVID-19 Pandemic](#), the Department asked schools to continue to accept any physical examination form from students for physicals conducted on or before January 30, 2021, regardless of the form used; allowed parents/guardians additional time to obtain a health exam for school attendance, and allowed students to participate in fall interscholastic athletics if they met the requirements in the memo. In light of the current status of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Department is again extending the requirements for a health exam for school attendance and participation in interscholastic athletics. Schools should:

- Allow additional time for parents/guardians to obtain a health examination from a private healthcare provider before scheduling an appraisal with the director of school health services (medical director) if private healthcare providers are unavailable due to the COVID crisis. We encourage schools not to schedule grade level health appraisals with their medical director until April 2021, although that may change depending on the status of the COVID-19 pandemic in the spring; and
- Permit student athletes to participate in the 2020-2021 sports seasons if they have previously had a health examination for school attendance in the 2018-2019 or 2019-2020 school years and provide a current health history **completed and signed by their parent/guardian** within 30 days of the start of the season, unless a current health examination is deemed necessary by the school district's director of school health services (medical director). Schools should use the revised [Interval Health History for Athletics](#) form which includes questions on COVID-19. The Department will provide updated information as needed.

Please note - Beginning January 31, 2021 physical examinations for school are to be documented on the [NYS Required Health Examination Form](#) or an electronic health record equivalent form. The [Instructions for Completion of New York State School Health Examination Form](#) provides direction to healthcare providers on the details of the required components and the required presentation order of those components for an electronic health record form to be an equivalent form. Both of these documents are available on [NYSED's School Health Services Webpage](#).

Please contact the Office of Student Support Services if you have questions by email at [studentsupportservices@nysed.gov](mailto:studentsupportservices@nysed.gov) or at 518-486-6090.

## APPENDIX J

## ATTENDANCE (Voting Members - \*) Absent Alternate Present

<u>Executive Committee</u>		<u>Committee Chairpersons</u>		<u>Guests</u>
President*	Brett Banker	Chemical Awareness	John Grzymala	Robert Zayas
President-Elect*	Maureen Donahue	Extended Eligibility	Mark DiFilippo	Kristen Jadin
Superintendents' Rep.*	Jeff Rabey	Finance	Steve Penhollow	Todd Nelson
Principals' Rep.*	Al Gens	Male Modified	Matt Librock	Joe Altieri
Male Rep.*	Jim Graczyk	Female Modified	Julie Arnold	Pat Burke
Female Rep.*	Marisa Fallacaro-Dougherty	Nominations	Maureen Donahue	Marc LaMorticella
Past President	Adam Stoltman	NYSAAA	Jeff Roth	Alex Conti
Executive Director	Mark DiFilippo	Policy Handbook	Marisa Fallacaro-Dougherty	Brad Rowe
Treasurer	Don Scholla	Safety	Brian Wild	Mark McAllister
		Sectional Intersectional	Mark DiFilippo	Rusty Knight
		Sportsmanship	Doug Ames/Jim Graczyk	Kyra Barry
		Transfer	Mark DiFilippo	Kyle Mosher
		Veterans	Jim Trampert	
		Hall of Fame	Jim Dunnigan	
		Combining of Schools	Jeff Rabey	

<u>League</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
<b>BUFFALO</b>		
Superintendents Rep./AD*	Cecelie Owens	TBD - New Associate Supt. for Strategic Alignment and Innovation
Principals' Rep.*	Carlos Alvarez	Jody Covington, Performing Arts
Female Rep.*	Michael House	Syble Smith (McKinley, Head Volleyball & Swim Coach)
Male Rep.*	Steve McDuffie	David Kelly (Olmsted, Head Golf, Swim & Tennis Coach)
<b>CHAUTAUQUA CATTARAUGUS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (CCAA)</b>		
Superintendents' Rep.*	Steve Penhollow, Falconer	TBA
Principals' Rep.*	Jason Halpainy, Randolph	TBA
Female Rep.*	Carol Zirkle, Fredonia	Kevin Salisbury, Southwestern
Male Rep.*	Rick DeKay, Retired	Kevin Salisbury, Southwestern
<b>ERIE COUNTY INTERSCHOLASTIC CONFERENCE (ECIC)</b>		
Superintendents' Rep.*	Sean Croft, Starpoint	Jeff Rabey, Depew
Principals' Rep.*	Tim Wiles, Cleveland Hill	Steve Smith, Alden
Female Rep.*	Vinny Dell'Oso, Starpoint	Daryl Besant, Lake Shore
Male Rep.*	Dave Hack, Orchard Park	Rich Gray, Frontier
<b>NIAGARA FRONTIER LEAGUE (NFL)</b>		
Superintendents' Rep.*	Paul Casseri, Lew-Port	Dan Ljiljanich, Niagara Wheatfield
Principals' Rep.*	Chris Ginestre, Franklin Middle	TBA
Female Rep.*	Jon Roth, Grand Island	Lindsay Bergman, CSAT
Male Rep.*	Todd Sukdolak, Lockport	Lindsay Bergman, CSAT
<b>NIAGARA ORLEANS LEAGUE (NO)</b>		
Superintendents' Rep.*	Jacob Reimer, Barker	Mark Kruzynski, Medina
Principals' Rep.*	Dan Bedette, Newfane	Steve Dimitroff, Akron
Female Rep.*	Jeff Roth, Wilson	Adam Krenning, Albion
Male Rep.*	John Grzymala, Roy-Hart	Eric Valley, Medina
<b>SUPERINTENDENT REPRESENTATION (BOCES)</b>		
Erie 1 BOCES*	Jon MacSwan, Cleveland Hill	TBA
Erie 2 BOCES*	Mike Ginestre, Sherman	TBA
ON BOCES*	Michelle Bradley, Lockport	TBA
CA BOCES*	Robert Breidenstein, Salamanca	TBA