



**Executive Committee Meeting  
February 10, 2021  
MINUTES**

**HIGHLIGHTS**

- 2.1 **CARRIED:** January 20, 2021 Executive Committee meeting minutes
  
- 3.2 **CARRIED:** Maximum 20-point differential [only] to be used in place of a coin flip with the team/s involved in a tie for the 8<sup>th</sup> seed in the sports of Boys and Girls Basketball for the 20-21 season only.
  
- 3.3 **CARRIED:** Boys Basketball proposal, splitting Class B into 3 divisions, for the 20-21 season
  
- 3.4 **OPPOSED:** Indoor Track & Field proposal for Fall Season 2
  
- 3.5 **CARRIED:** Move the start date of all spring sports to May 3, 2021
  
- 4.1 **CARRIED:** Combining of Schools applications, numbers (1) through (4)
  
- 5.1.1 **CARRIED:** Fall 2021 football combining of schools applications including Clymer/Sherman/Panama in Class C for the Fall 2021 season. Once received, the Section office staff will cross reference the pending applications, making sure the teams are the same as what was approved and if not, the Executive Committee will reconvene to discuss.
  
- 5.3.1 **CARRIED:** Treasurer's Report



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**Attendance:** (\* indicates present)

- \*B. Banker, President
- \*A. Stoltman, Past President
- \*M. Donahue, President-Elect
- \*J. Rabey, Superintendents Representative
- \*A. Gens, Principals Representative
- \*J. Graczyk, Male Representative
- \*M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative
- \*M. DiFilippo, Executive Director
- \*D. Scholla, Treasurer

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER** (Brett Banker)

Commenced: 9:03am

**2.0 MINUTES** (Brett Banker)

**2.1 Motion to approve the January 20, 2021 Executive Committee meeting minutes**

**CARRIED**

**Fallacaro-Dougherty/Rabey**

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

3.1 Winter Sports Updates

A handful of member schools' sports programs are on pause due to COVID-19 cases. Unfortunately, that number is increasing.

3.2 Sectional Procedures/Seedings

- Boys Swimming will finish League play at end of February and move into team championships for Classes A, B, and C.
- There are 7 league contests scheduled for Girls Ice Hockey. Girls Ice Hockey is not scheduled on Fridays, Saturdays, or Sundays, so the number of games could not be increased because of ice time scheduling issues. NYSPHSAA approved to waive the Representation Rule of 6 games to participate in sectionals. Therefore, Girls Ice Hockey will only need 3 games to be eligible for sectional competition.
- Ice Hockey Dues – Since the number of contests are in flux due to the teams on pause, the dues will be reviewed at the end of the season. If a refund is warranted, the involved schools districts can choose to have their monies returned this school year or roll them into next year's fees.

**Motion to approve a maximum 20-point differential [only] to be used in place of a coin flip with the team/s involved in a tie for the 8<sup>th</sup> seed in the sports of Boys and Girls Basketball for the 20-21 season only.**

**CARRIED**

**Graczyk/Fallacaro-Dougherty**

3.3 Boys Basketball Proposal (Appendix A)

**Motion to approve the Boys Basketball proposal, splitting Class B into 3 divisions, for the 20-21 season**

**CARRIED**

**Rabey/Graczyk**

### 3.4 Indoor Track & Field Proposal (Appendix B)

**Motion to approve the Indoor Track & Field proposal for Fall Season 2**

**OPPOSED**

**Rabey/Graczyk**

### 3.5 Motion to move the start date of all spring sports to May 3, 2021

**CARRIED** 2 Opposed (Banker, Gens)

**Rabey/Fallacaro-Dougherty**

### 3.5 Coaches Meetings

Winter sport chairpersons provided positive feedback regarding their virtual coaches meetings.

## 4.0 COMMUNICATIONS (Mark DiFilippo)

### 4.1 Motion to approve of Combining of Schools, numbers (1) through (4)

1. Basketball Boys, **Bennett**, Research Lab **ADD Alt. Ed**, V/JV, 499 B (Retroactive though email)
2. Basketball G, **Burgard**, MST Prep, V/JV, 782 A (Retroactive though email)
3. Basketball G, **MEC**, Bennett, Research Lab, **ADD Alt Ed**, V/JV 685 A (Retroactive though email)
4. Basketball B/G, **East Community**/Pathways V/JV 448 B, (*Informed in Sept. 2020 Pathways closed & to demerge all the COS applications with Pathways Retroactive though email*)

**CARRIED**

**Graczyk/Gens**

## 5.0 STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

#### 5.1.1 Football COS Applications Discussion

##### Fall Football 2021

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

**Motion to approve the fall 2021 football combining of schools applications including Clymer/Sherman/Panama in Class C for the Fall 2021 season. Once received, the Section office staff will cross reference the pending applications, making sure the teams are the same as what was approved and if not, the Executive Committee will reconvene to discuss.**

**CARRIED**

**Banker/Rabey**

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

*Nothing to report*

### 5.3 Finance Committee (Don Scholla)

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

**CARRIED**

**Graczyk/Fallacaro-Dougherty**

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

The Sectional/Intersectional Committee is scheduled to meet tomorrow, February 11, 2021.

### 5.5 State Executive Committee /Central Committee

#### a) Superintendent (Jeff Rabey)

*Nothing to report*

#### b) Principal (Al Gens)

*Nothing to report*

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

The following March 2021 Section VI Athletic Council action items are to provide J. Graczyk, Male Representative, and M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, direction on how to vote at the May 2021 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting. (Appendix D)

- Handbook Committee- Annually Report Combining of Teams to NYSPHSAA Staff  
Approval to direct J. Graczyk, Male Representative, and M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, to support changing #2, under "Combining of Teams" to "Section approval must be reported annually to the NYSPHSAA Staff."
- Handbook Committee - Annually Report Senior All-Star Contests to NYSPHSAA Staff  
Approval to direct J. Graczyk, Male Representative, and M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, to support changing letter a, under "Senior All-Star Contest" to "These contests must be approved first by the Section in which the contest is to be held and reported annually to the NYSPHSAA Staff".
- Modify State Sport Coordinator Selection Process  
Approval to direct J. Graczyk, Male Representative, and M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, to support modifying the selection process for State Sport Coordinator.
- Private Schools within Public School District Boundaries  
Approval to direct J. Graczyk, Male Representative, and M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, to support eliminating "or a private school within that district's boundaries" from the NYSPHSAA Transfer Rule.

The following item was approved at the February 2021 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting:

- Baseball-Eliminate NYSPHSAA P/DH Rule; Utilize NFHS P/DH Rule  
Eliminate the NYSPHSAA Pitcher/Designated Hitter Rule (#11 ) and utilize the NFHS Player/Designated Hitter Rule.

### 5.6 Extended Eligibility (Mark DiFilippo)

*Nothing to report*

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

*Reports were emailed to the Executive Committee.*

5.7 Sportsmanship (Jim Graczyk & Doug Ames)

*Nothing to report*

5.8 Mixed Competition (Al Gens)

*Nothing to report*

5.9 Nominations (Maureen Donahue)

5.9.1 Male Representative Position/Nominations Committee Update

There are 2 candidates for the Male Representative position. Interviews are scheduled the week of February 22.

5.10 Corporate Partner (Mark DiFilippo)

- TPG confirmed a contract with Milestrip (timing management group for the sport of Track & Field) on behalf of Section for the remainder of the 20-21 school year.
- Section VI extended its contract with Front Row sports (Ice Hockey) to a 4<sup>th</sup> year.

## 6.0 SPORTS REPORTS

*Nothing to report*

## 7.0 OLD BUSINESS

7.1 Spectator Policy

M. DiFilippo was directed to survey all member schools about their sentiments regarding spectators; including what their capacity is for spectators (considering seating would be 6 feet apart), and if they plan to have the teams that are not active on the floor, sitting in the bleachers and how that affects the availability of space for spectators. The Executive Committee will then use that data to re-examine the status of the current section-wide no spectator policy.

## 8.0 NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Former Section VI Executive Director, Robert Dinse, passed away yesterday evening. M. DiFilippo will distribute his biography and funeral arrangements to Section members.

## 9.0 GOOD OF THE ADJOURNMENT

9.1 *Motion to adjourn*

**CARRIED**

**Graczyk/Gens**

Respectfully Submitted,



Beth Fadeley  
Recording Secretary

## APPENDIX A

### 2020-2021 Boys Basketball Proposal

As Chairman of the Boys Basketball Committee, I want to thank you for the opportunity to have a Boys Basketball season under these unusual and difficult circumstances. We appreciate the time given us and are thrilled to be with our student-athletes in the gym again. We understand there will be very specific guidelines and protocols we need to follow and will do everything on our end to make sure those are followed.

We are also being given the opportunity to hold a Sectional Tournament. Because of the time constraints, we are fine with the format which allows the top 8 teams in each Class to take part in the tournament.

Having said that, I have a proposal that would take no more time and would be at very little cost to the Section. It would also fit the Sections model to give as many kids the opportunity to play as many games safely as possible.

Here is the breakdown of how many teams are currently in each Sectional Class for Boys Basketball.

Class AA - 9 teams (1 eliminated from playoffs)  
Class A1 - 11 teams (3 eliminated from playoffs)  
Class A2 - 11 teams (3 eliminated from playoffs)  
Class C1 - 10 teams (2 eliminated from playoffs)  
Class C2 - 10 teams (2 eliminated from playoffs)  
Class D - 8 teams (0 eliminated from playoffs)

So in those 6 classes, only 11 teams would miss Sectional playoffs.

In Class B1 and B2, it's a little different story. Class B has 32 teams (16 in B1 & B2). Class B would eliminate 16 teams from playoffs (more than the other 6 classes combined)

I would like to propose that for a one time, Covid related exception if you will, we split Class B into 3 Divisions. Class B1 (first 11 teams), Class B2 (next 11 teams), & Class B3 (last 10 teams).

Over the past 5 years, I believe we've had a total of maybe 10-12 boys teams opt out of Sectional play, so those numbers are not likely to change significantly.

This would put the B Class on equal footing with each of the other Classes, and with playoffs being held at the home gym of the higher seed, there is no cost of a JCC or Buff State to house

extra games. Home teams pay for officials, so the only cost would be for 30 patches and a couple of plaques (which, since we are not having crossover games, may have already been purchased).

I appreciate you considering this idea. I reiterate, this is a ONE TIME exception. Under normal circumstances, all teams would have the opportunity to compete under our normal rules. But these are not normal times and I would suggest they call for new or unusual ideas to be implemented if possible.

This is certainly something that could be considered for the Girls Tournament as well if their numbers in each Class were similar,

Respectfully submitted,  
**Larry Jones - Section 6 Boys Basketball Chairman**

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Larry Jones  
Depew Boys Basketball  
Section VI Boys Basketball Chairman  
Section 6 BCANY Rep./Past President 585-  
746-8327

## Proposal was not approved

### APPENDIX B

#### 2020 – 2021 Indoor Track and Field Proposal

With the recent news of NYS being able to resume high-risk sports of basketball and ice hockey, and wrestling moving to the spring, that leaves indoor track and field as the only winter sport that was cancelled. High risk fall sports of volleyball, football, and cheerleading were moved from the fall to a "Fall 2" season beginning March 22.

I would like to propose that the Indoor Track and Field season be moved to the Fall 2 season beginning March 22. The guidelines released by the CDC states that track and field is a low-risk sport. The reason that Indoor Track and Field was cancelled was because a venue could not be secured that would allow such a large group of athletes to compete safely. By moving to a Fall 2 season, it would allow us to have Indoor Meets outside. There were six sections outside of Section VI that were going to be attempting outdoor meets during the indoor season. The indoor and outdoor season are two different seasons. They have different events in many of the track and field events. Below I have listed the events for both Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field so you can see the differences.

#### Indoor Track events

55 meter dash

300 meter dash

600 meter run

1000 meter run

1500 meter run (girls)

1600m run (boys)

1500 meter race walk (girls)

3000m run (girls)

3200m run (boys)

55m Hurdles

4x800 meter relay

4x400 meter relay

4x200 meter relay

#### Outdoor Track Events

100m dash

200m dash

400m dash

800m run

1500 meter run (girls)

1600m run (boys)

3000m run (girls)

3200m run (boys)

100m hurdles (girls)

110m hurdles (boys)

400m hurdles

Steeplechase

4x800m relay

4x400m relay

4x100m relay



## Proposal was not approved

### Field Events Indoor

Long Jump

Triple Jump

Shot Put

High Jump

Pole Vault

Weight Throw

### Field Events Outdoor

Long Jump

Triple Jump

Shot Put

High Jump

Pole Vault

Discus

If we were able to have an Indoor Track and Field season during Fall 2, Indoor Track and Field events would be used at all meets. The practices would be able to be outside most days, as the weather usually allows us to do this time of year. This would make it so schools would not have to have any practices indoors. As far as competitions would go, once we had a list of what schools would be willing to compete in this season, we can set up meets. The competitions would be on an outdoor track facility with the indoor events. We can have many different meets in a day, with only three teams at each meet. The meets could be set up by location to reduce the travel distance. We could have multiple meets in a day with two officials at each meet. One official would be assigned as a starter, the other official at the finish line. Officials would be paid by vouchers using the outdoor track and field contract pay scale. Coaches from each school would help run the other field events, similar to what is done during an outdoor dual meet. All meets would be hand time, electronic timing would not need to be used. NYS and CDC Health Guidelines outlined for track and field would be followed at all practices and competitions.

Right now, it does not matter if a team wins a Sectional or State Championship. What matters, right now, is participation. The mental well-being of the indoor track and field athletes would be greatly improved with an Indoor Track and Field season being moved to the Fall 2 season.

APPENDIX C  
Section VI NYSPHSAA, Inc.

**Treasurer's Report**

As of February 3, 2021

Feb 3, 21

**ASSETS**

**Current Assets**

**Checking/Savings**

1050 - Arbiter Pay	6,770.00
1030 - Bank of America Checking	163,340.30
1040 - Bank of America Money Market	105,929.86
1043 - Northwest Savings Bank	418,177.34

<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<u>694,217.50</u>
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<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<u>694,217.50</u>
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<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><u>694,217.50</u></u>
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<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	0.00
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<b>Boys Ice Hockey Fees</b>	<b>156,000</b>	-93000
<b>Girls Ice Hockey Fees</b>	<b>44,000</b>	-30250
<b>Indoor Track Fees</b>	<b>100,000</b>	-52500
<b>Dedicated Funds for States</b>	<b>150,000</b>	
<b>FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>518,467.50</b>	(175,750)



# New York State Public High School Athletic Association

Executive Committee Meeting – February 3, 2021

## Handbook Committee – Annually Report Combining of Teams to NYSPHSAA Staff

- Action Item
- Discussion Item
- Informational Item

**Presenter:**  
Handbook Committee

**Proposal:**  
Consideration of approval to change #2, under "Combining of Teams" to "Section approval must be reported annually to the NYSPHSAA Inc. Staff."

### COMBINING OF TEAMS:

The joining together of students from two or more-member schools in the same district or proximity to form a single team shall be permitted subject to the following conditions:

1. Permission must be obtained from their league and section on an annual basis.
2. Section approval must be reported to the NYSPHSAA, Inc., Executive Committee. NOTE: If a combined school team goes beyond sectional level competition their boys and girls grade 9-11 enrollment shall be combined, using the below criteria, for state level competition.

**Effective Start Date:**  
July 2021

**Rationale:**  
The Combining of Teams is currently reported to the Executive/Central Committees at each meeting. An annual report would allow for the information to be reported in a consistent, organized manner to allow for data manipulation and analysis.

**Proposal Originated:**  
Handbook Committee Meeting on January 8, 2021.

**Budgetary Impact:**  
None

**Notes:**  
None

**Attachments:**  
None

# New York State Public High School Athletic Association



Executive Committee Meeting – February 3, 2021

## Handbook Committee – Annually Report Senior All-Star Contests to NYSPHSAA Staff

- Action Item  
 Discussion Item  
 Informational Item

**Presenter:**  
Handbook Committee

**Proposal:**  
Consideration of approval to change letter a, under “Senior All-Star Contest” to “These contests must be approved first by the Section in which the contest is to be held and *reported annually to the NYSPHSAA Inc. Staff.*”

### 27. SENIOR ALL-STAR CONTEST:

A senior all-star contest shall be any athletic contest for which admission is charged or donations accepted in which one or more of the competing teams is composed of one or more players who during the school year was a member of the high school team in the same sport, and whose participation in the senior all-star contest is based on outstanding performance as a member of the high school team.

- a. The only senior all-star contests approved by the NYSPHSAA, Inc., are those approved by a section. These contests must be approved first by the Section in which the contest is to be held and reported to the Executive Committee.

**Effective Start Date:**  
July 2021

**Rationale:**  
The Senior All-Star Contests are currently reported to the Executive/Central Committees at each meeting. An annual report would allow for the information to be reported in a consistent, organized manner to allow for data manipulation and analysis.

**Proposal Originated:**  
Handbook Committee Meeting on January 8, 2021.

**Budgetary Impact:**  
Budgetary Impact

**Notes:**  
None

**Attachments:**  
None

DATE REVISED: January 8, 2021

# New York State Public High School Athletic Association



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## Modify State Sport Coordinator Selection Process

- Action Item
- Discussion Item
- Informational Item

**Presenter:**

Joe Altieri, NYSPHSAA Assistant Director

**Proposal:**

Consider approval to modify the selection process for State Sport Coordinators. The process would entail the creation of a Sport Coordinator Appointment Committee, consisting of the NYSPHSAA Executive Director, two staff members, an officer, and a committee representative selected by the state committee. The appointment committee would then recommend an individual to the Central Committee for a five-year term. The following timeline will be followed:

- May 1<sup>st</sup> Current Coordinator Announces Intent to Seek Re-Appointment
- June 1<sup>st</sup> All letters of interest and resumes due
- June 15<sup>th</sup> Review of letters & resumes by Sport Coordinator Appointment Committee; Interviews conducted if necessary
- July 1<sup>st</sup> Recommended candidate submitted for Central Committee packet
- Late July Central Committee approves Sport Coordinator for five-year term

**Effective:**

July 2021

**Rationale:**

It is necessary to approve coordinators for each sport when a five-year term expires. The current process is the state committee nominates any individual they choose, which may include the current coordinator. Members of the committee may nominate any individual (on or off the state committee). There are no qualifications required nor is a resume required to be submitted. Committee votes are tallied then the selection is forwarded to the Central Committee without any outside input. Frequently, numerous state committee members do not submit votes during the process. Effective leadership, communication and style are a necessity when working with the NYSPHSAA staff, state committee, coaches, and athletes around the state.

**Proposal Originated:**

NYSPHSAA Office/Central Committee in July 2020

**Budgetary Impact:**

None

**Notes:**

The process of Sport Coordinator appointments was brought up by Section I during Section Concerns at the July Central Committee meeting.

DATE REVISED: January 13, 2021

# New York State Public High School Athletic Association



Executive Committee Meeting – February 3, 2021

## Private Schools within Public School District Boundaries

- Action Item
- Discussion Item
- Informational Item

**Presenter:**

Section V Executive Committee Representatives

**Proposal:**

Consideration of approval to eliminate “or a private school within that district’s boundaries” from the NYSPHSAA Transfer Rule. See below.

31.b. A student who transfers without a corresponding change in residence of his/her parents (or other persons with whom the student has resided for at least six months prior) is ineligible to participate at the varsity level in any interscholastic athletic contest in a particular sport for a period of one (1) year if as a 9-12 student participated in that sport during the one (1) year period immediately preceding his/her transfer. A student’s period of ineligibility begins with the date of registration at the student’s new school. (May 2020) NOTE: Students in grades 7-10, shall be eligible to participate at the sub-varsity level and practice at all levels, while students in grades 11-12 shall be limited to practice (all levels) only. (July 2019). At no time during the one-year period of ineligibility at the varsity level should a student participate in a scrimmage or be an exhibition participant at the varsity level.

Students who transfer from any school to the public-school district of the residence of his/her parents (or other persons whom the student has resided for at least six months) ~~or a private school within that district’s boundaries~~ shall receive a waiver from the Transfer Rule. Such a transfer without penalty will only be permitted once in a high school career. Schools must submit the required transfer form to the Section office. Athletes are not permitted to practice before the form has been submitted. Athletes are not permitted to compete without approval. NOTE: A student in a foreign exchange program listed by CSIET has a one-year waiver of the Transfer Rule. If such a student elects to stay a second year he/she becomes a foreign student at the start of the school year with item (b) in effect.

**Effective Start Date:**

2021-2022 School Year

**Rationale:**

The verbiage creates an unfair advantage for the private school of transfer and public schools without a private school within their boundaries. All other transfers from a public school district to a private school are subject to the transfer rule in any sport a student participated in for one (1) year. As a result of the current language, students can transfer to a private school within their district’s boundaries for athletic purposes for no penalty. This only impacts districts with private school within their boundary and it should be consistent across the state regardless of the location of the private school.

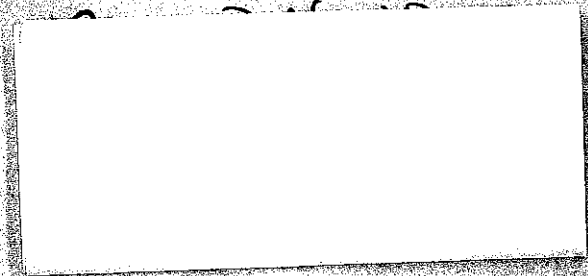
# New York State Public High School Athletic Association



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## BASEBALL – ELIMINATE NYSPHSAA P/DH RULE; UTILIZE NFHS P/DH RULE

- Action Item
- Discussion Item
- Informational Item



**Presenter:**

Al Roy, NYSPHSAA Baseball State Coordinator

**Proposal:**

The NYSPHSAA Baseball Committee seeks approval to eliminate the NYSPHSAA Pitcher/Designated Hitter Rule (#11 in NYSPHSAA Handbook) and utilize the NFHS Player/Designated Hitter Rule.

**Effective Start Date:**

March 2021

**Rationale:**

This proposal will eliminate the more restrictive NYSPHSAA Pitcher/Designated Hitter Rule, adopted in January 2019, and allow teams to use a more flexible NFHS Rule which was written following the 2019 season. The NFHS Rule allows the pitcher to play any other defensive position whereas the NYSPHSAA Rule does not allow that.

**Proposal Originated:**

NYSPHSAA Baseball Committee on June 8, 2018. The NYSPHSAA P/DH Rule was approved in January 2019 and adopted for the 2019 season. The NFHS Rule was written after the 2019 season.

**Budgetary Impact:**

None

**Notes:**

The NYSPHSAA Baseball Committee voted 9-2 in favor of this proposal at its meeting on January 6, 2021.

**Attachments:**

None