

Proposed Athletic Council: 3/21/12

2012-2013 Section VI Timeline for Schedules/ Assignment of Officials NORTH: Buffalo, ECIC, NFL, NO, MM

UPDATED ON: 3/13/2012

Green: Section responsibility	Yellow: Officials/ Organization's responsibility		
White: School / assigner responsibility			
	Fall 2012	Winter 2012-13	Spring 2013
Delete prior year schedules	Mar. 19, 2012	April 30, 2012	June 18, 2012
Enter fees for the upcoming year	Apr. 9, 2012	July 9, 2012	July 9, 2012
Officials Rankings from coaches/chairs due	May 18, 2012	Aug. 31, 2012	Jan. 11, 2013
Subassigners review rosters in arbitersports and report changes to the Section office.	May 18, 2012	Aug. 31, 2012	Jan. 11, 2013
Draft schedules complete	May 25, 2012	Sept. 17, 2012	Dec. 7, 2012
Reset ALL officials to NOT-ready	May 30, 2012	NA	NA
Email officials with instructions to register	May 30, 2012	Sept. 28, 2012	Feb. 8, 2013
Final schedules complete including non-league games Import of schedules to arbitersports begins	June 11, 2012	Sept. 28, 2012	Jan. 11, 2013
Final date: ALL schedules must be in arbitersports	June 18, 2012	Oct. 5, 2012	Jan. 18, 2013
Officials registered & availabilities listed	June 20, 2012	Oct. 12, 2012	Feb. 22, 2013
*Varsity and JV assignment of officials begins	June 22, 2012	Oct. 15, 2012	Feb. 25, 2013
*Assignments released to the OBR's for 72-hour review	June 29, 2012	Oct. 19, 2012	NA**
*Round Table (with OBRs) to finalize assignments	July 5, 2012	Oct. 24, 2012	NA**
*Publish V,JV assignments (7 days to accept)	July 6, 2012	Oct. 25, 2012	NA**
*Last day to accept assignments	July 13, 2012	Nov. 1, 2012	7 days after publish
Publish Football assignments (7 days to accept)	July 13, 2012		
First possible contest	Aug. 24, 2012	Nov. 9, 2012	Mar. 13, 2013

*Dates apply to the sports where multiple leagues share officials.

Auto-assign order Fall: F.Hockey, G.Swim, XC, G.Soccer, B.Soccer, BVB, GVB.

Auto-assign order Winter: B.Swim, Wrestling, B.Basketball, G.Basketball

**Only Track is affected. Publish date TBD by the leagues

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SOUTH: Cattaraugus & Chautauqua**

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Final Girls Volleyball schedule complete including non-league games. Import of GVB to Arbitersports.	June 11, 2012	NA	NA
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GVB assignments from Group 30** must be complete	June 22, 2012		
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		(Wrestling Nov. 2)	(B Volleyball Feb. 27)
FOOTBALL assignments in arbitersports	Fri. July 9, 2010		
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** Assignments from WNYGVOA (Group 30) to Ellicottville, Hinsdale, N.Collins, Portville and W.Valley

*** Dates to be set by Southern Tier assigners

ATHLETIC COUNCIL MEETING May 16, 2012
Appointments to these positions are an ACTION ITEM 4.2

Leagues and Committees are asked to forward nominations to Section VI:
tslade@e1b.org or cszczesny@e1b.org

NOMINATIONS FOR SECTION VI POSITIONS

Section VI Principals Rep to the Central Committee

To serve a 4-year term (9/1/12- 8/31/16)

<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Nominated by:</u>
Joe Lucenti, Akron	NO League
Jim Spanbauer, Niagara Falls	NFL League
Mark Graff, Eden	ECIC League

Winter Sports Chairpersons

To complete the 3-year term being vacated (expires 6/30/14)

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Nominated by:</u>
Ice Hockey (Girls)	Rick Hopkins	Girls Ice Hockey Committee

Fall Sports Chairpersons

To serve 3-year terms (7/1/12 - 6/30/15)

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Nominated by:</u>
Cross Country (Boys)	Michael Janisch	Incumbent
Cross Country (Girls)	James Zubler	Incumbent
Field Hockey	Judith Otto	Incumbent
Football	Ken Stoldt	Incumbent
Football Assistant	Adam Stoltman	Incumbent
Gymnastics (Boys)	Joe Buscaglia	Incumbent
Gymnastics (Girls)	Donna Aquino	Incumbent
Soccer (Boys)	Todd Marquardt	Incumbent
Soccer (Boys) Assistant	Jon Luce	Incumbent
Soccer (Girls)	Chris Durr	Incumbent
Soccer (Girls) Assistant	Joanna Fildes	Incumbent
Swimming (Girls)	Bruce Johnson	Incumbent
Tennis (Girls)	Mike Venditti	Incumbent
Volleyball (Boys)	Walter Stefani	Incumbent
Volleyball (Girls)	Debby Schruefer	Incumbent
Co-Chairperson	Sue Pernick	Incumbent

Athletic Council Meeting March 21, 2012 - Agenda Item 6.2

SECTIONAL/ INTERSECTIONAL COMMITTEE March 2012 REPORT Chairperson: Timm Slade

Action Items for the Athletic Council

- 1.1 Accept the Girls Gymnastics Post Season Report
- 1.2 Approve the use of laxpower in Girls Lacrosse.
- 4.2 Accept the Fall Pre-Season Reports as noted:
 - Cross Country, Field Hockey, Football G.Swim, and G.Tennis as submitted
 - B.Gymnastics excluding the request for 6 officials.
 - B.Volleyball excluding Eden as the venue for finals.
 - G.Volleyball excluding the reinstatement of linespeople in the regular season.
 - B.Soccer excluding a change to the start date.

Informational Items

- 3.2a) The Football Committee and league reps are not in support of a pilot program for modified football kick-off.
- 5.1 [Divisional Track Proposal for 2013](#) : The Track & Field committee will be asked to reduce costs and resubmit the proposal.

MINUTES SECTIONAL/INTERSECTIONAL COMMITTEE

March 1, 2012

Please use Ctrl + click to follow [hot links \(in blue\)](#) to each report

Attendance (* indicates present)

League Reps: Buff: Aubrey Lloyd CCAA: Ben Drake* ECIC: Jim Graczyk*
NFL: P.Burke* NO: Dave Carson*

Section Reps: Timm Slade*, Loren Ratajczak, Don Scholla*, Cindy Bullis*

Sportchairs: R.Schmitt*-G.Lacrosse, K.Stoldt*-Football

Committee Chairs: F.Thornley*-Safety

Items highlighted in orange are reminders to the responsible parties. Green when completed.

Items **highlighted BLUE** are hot-links to reports

1.0 Sports concerns:

1.1 The Girls Gymnastics Post-Season Report was reviewed. There were no comments.

Recommendation: Accept the Girls Gymnastics post-season report.

1.2 Girls Lacrosse: R.Schmitt reviewed the use of laxpower for seeding. The League Reps agreed with this method. The Girls Lacrosse handbook will be published with this change.

Recommendation: Approve the use of laxpower for seeding in girls lacrosse.

2.0 Section Concerns

2.1 Venues:

- a) Track: Lew-Port was recommended by the Track chairs as the new site for sectionals. The league reps agreed.
- b) Other Spring venues: There were no comments on the [Spring Post-season calendar](#).

3.0 NYSPHSAA concerns: → **February Report**

Direction is needed for the Section Reps at the State meeting on the following items:

3.1 Safety Concerns- F.Thornley: Football-Change to 4 nights rest (from 2) between a scrimmage and a game. The Football Committee and the NFL and NO reps do not support this change. **ECIC & CCAA leagues will discuss this at their meetings next week.**

3.2 Modified Concerns:

- a) Pilot program for modified football kick-off: The Football Committee and league reps are not in support.
- b) Awards for multi-school events, baseball pitch count vs. innings pitched, and a modified/JV pilot program: The Section modified Reps were unable to attend the meeting to discuss these issues. **T.Slade will contact them for additional information and inform this committee.**

3.3 **Items for Section discussion:** League reps were asked to discuss these items at their meetings and be prepared to give the Section reps direction at the March Athletic Council meeting.

4.0 AC action items for the next Athletic Council meeting to date include:

4.1 [Senior All-Star](#), [Outside Agency Contests](#) and [Combining Schools](#) requests: League reps are asked to remind ADs to check the charts on the website. Applications must be in by **Friday March 16 at noon**. The deadline for Combining Schools for fall sports is the May meeting.

4.2 Pre-season Fall Sports Reports: (Posted → [Athletic Council Page 3/21/12](#))

- a) Girls Soccer: Report will be submitted after pre-season meeting 3/24
- b) Girls Gymnastics: Report will be submitted after State meeting 3/3
- c) Boys Gymnastics: The request for 6 officials instead of 4 for finals was not approved.
- d) Boys Volleyball: Eden, the venue selected for finals, may be inadequate in size. **T.Slade will meet with W.Stefani**
- e) Girls Volleyball: Reinstating linespeople in the regular season was requested. The elimination of the use of linespeople in regular season girls and boys volleyball was approved by the Section VI Athletic Council (May 2011). It was agreed that this decision should stand.
- f) Boys Soccer: The start date 8/13/12 will remain as approved by the Athletic Council (9/21/11).

Recommendations: Accept the pre-season reports as noted:
- Cross Country, Field Hockey, Football, G.Swim and G.Tennis as submitted.
- B.Gymnastics excluding the request for 6 officials.
- B.Volleyball excluding Eden as the venue for finals.
- Girls Volleyball excluding the reinstatement of linespeople in the regular season.
- B.Soccer excluding a change to the start date for the season.

- 4.3 The tentative Athletic Council agenda for March was emailed for review.
- 5.0 Old Business:
- 5.1 [Divisional Track Proposal for 2013](#) was reviewed. The Track & Field committee will be asked to reduce costs and resubmit the proposal.
- 5.2 Spring Sports Handbooks: G.Lacrosse was approved (see item 1.2). All other spring handbooks are posted.
- 5.3 Section VI Positions open for nominations:
a) Fall Sportchair positions
b) Section VI Principals Rep to the Central Committee: The ECIC nominated Mark Graff, Eden.
c) Winter Sportchair: Girls Ice Hockey- Jim Rusin is stepping down
Appointments will be made at the May Athletic Council meeting. Click here for [Current Nominations](#) Forward nominations to tslade@e1b.org
- 6.0 New Business:
- 6.1 Ice Hockey: As per the Constitution item 12.3 *In the sport of Ice Hockey, teams may move up from the small school division to the large school division for the 2010-11 and/or the 2011-12 school years. After the two years, the Ice Hockey exemption will be re-evaluated.* Williamsville North and Niagara Wheatfield may request move up to Large School division in 2012-13. If this is a recommendation of the Ice Hockey Federation, a change to the Constitution will be needed. This will be referred to the Ice Hockey Federation and Policy Committee.

DATES FOR 2011-12 teleconference meetings 9:00am- noon: THURSDAYS): Apr. 26

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SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

March 2012

Chairperson: Fred Thornley

1. SED and the NYS Department of Health are finalizing the details of the concussion management law that was passed earlier this school year. The law is scheduled to go “in effect” prior to the start of the 2012-13 school year and currently includes:
 - a. A course in concussion identification/management for coaches and physical education teachers
 - b. A requirement that students must be symptom free for 24 hours prior to returning to play in interscholastic athletics.

More information will be forthcoming and may actually be shared at the NYSAAA conference currently in session. The concussion management law is open to public comment on the internet on March 21st. Again, the details of this may be shared with Timm Slade and attendees at the NYSAAA conference currently in session.

2. Leagues have been asked to respond to questions involving safety including:
 - a. Amount of rest between scrimmages- game or vice versa in football. Currently, only two nights rest is required between a football scrimmage – game and vice versa. Four nights rest is required from game to game.
 - b. Modified football including the kicking component in their contests
 - c. Modified baseball pitch count being used in lieu of innings pitched as the indicator of maximum amount of pitching allowed

Submitted by Fred Thornley, Chair

New York State Public High School Athletic Association, Inc.

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SECTION VI ATHLETIC COUNCIL MARCH 21, 2012 AGENDA ITEM 6.6c

ITEMS TO BE BROUGHT BACK TO THE SECTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Status of State Championships
 - Placing a two-year moratorium on all state championships beginning with the 2013-14 school year.
 - Curtailing the number of state championships.
2. Sites of State Championships
 - Selecting state championship sites based on a Section's desire to host.
 - Developing a new process by which members of the site selection committee are chosen.
 - Considering a change in the transportation reimbursement structure with, perhaps, the Sections closest to the championship sites receiving less and those furthest receiving more.
3. Elimination of Section uniforms in all sports and letting athletes wear their school uniforms at State Championships.
4. Suggestions for cost reductions and increased revenue.
5. Charter Schools – Are the Sections current rules and regulations working?
6. Camp Rule for High Schools and Athletic Shopping.
7. Academic Hardship Waiver – Should it be eliminated from the Transfer Rule?

These items may be discussed or voted upon at the May Executive Committee Meeting.

Chemical Awareness Committee Report

March 2012

Chairperson: Matt McKenna

MINUTES CHEMICAL AWARENESS COMMITTEE MEETING January 20, 2012

Attendance (* indicates present)

Committee:

Chairperson: Matt McKenna*

League Reps: CCAA: April Preston* ECIC: Brian Wild* Buff: TBA

NO: Joe Caprio* NFL: John Forcucci*

Guests: Brandy Vandermark*, Christina Pearl* of Horizons Health Services

- I – Welcome and and Introductions by committee members.
 - a. Discussion of concerns from each committee member from their districts.
 - Abuse of prescription drugs in many schools
 - K-2 “Mr. Happy” – A synthetic form of marijuana has engulfed area schools.
 - Caffeine drinks abundant in all of our districts
 - A few incidents of steroid use
- II Horizons Health Services – Brandy Vandermark and Christina Pearl spoke to our committee about their organization, what they can provide and some of the current trends of drug use in our region.
- III Goals of the committee
 - a. Educate our students athletes about chemical awards
 - b. Develop support from fellow Athletic Directors and administration
 - c. Promote out program
 - d. Assist in fundraising efforts for local agencies associated with chemical awareness.
- IV Brainstorm ideas to educate student athletes
 - a. Individual league seminars. (this year)
 - b. Section VI Chemical Awareness Seminar. Bring in a guest speaker. Ex... Chris Herron (“Unguarded”)
 - c. Survey the districts in the section about their incidents of chemical abuse.
 - d. Videos and materials for district parent meetings
- V Fundraising
 - a. Donations: boxes for “Kids Escaping Drugs” and “The Renaissance House” at the sectional championship venues. Ex. Buffalo State
 - b. Softball tournament

Next Meeting: Friday, March 9, 2012

MINUTES
CHEMICAL AWARENESS COMMITTEE MEETING
March 9, 2012

Attendance (* indicates present)

Committee:

Chairperson: Matt McKenna*

League Reps: CCAA: April Preston* ECIC: Brian Wild* Buff: TBA
 NO: Joe Caprio* NFL: John Forcucci*

Meeting was held at the Kids Escaping Drugs campus.

I – Welcome and Introductions by committee members.

- a. Discussion and updates from January meeting.
 - Abuse of prescription drugs in many schools
 - K-2 “Mr. Happy” – A synthetic form of marijuana has engulfed area schools. Raid by State police on the Indian reservations.

II “Kids Escaping Drugs” - Executive Director – Ronn Tritto

- a. Mr. Tritto gave us the history of the Kids Escaping Drugs program. He also explained to us the goals of the program
- b. We received a tour of the facility.
- c. We had a candid and “eye-opening” conversation with two individuals that are housed in the Renaissance House.
- d. Closure- debriefed about our tour and share our thoughts about the two individuals we spoke to.
- e. Brian Wild and I will be speaking with Mr. Tritto on an up-coming fundraising effort.
- f. Next Meeting – April 28th 2012



FEBRUARY 2012 NYSPHSAA MONTHLY UPDATE

2012 CALENDAR

February 1

Section 2 - 10:00

February 11

Boys Lacrosse - 10:00

February 16

Section 7 - 9:30

February 28

Section 1 - 8:30

March 1

Section 10 - 9:00

March 6

Girls Volleyball - 10:00

Section 9 - 9:30

March 7

Section 11 - 9:00

March 12

Boys Volleyball - 10:00

March 15

Life of an Athlete - 3:00

UPCOMING CLINICS

B/G Lacrosse Clinic

February 10, 2012
SUNY New Paltz

Baseball Clinic

March 2, 2012
Baseball Hall of Fame

Track and Field/X-C Clinic

March 23-24, 2012
Holiday Inn, Liverpool

Volleyball Clinic

March 31, 2012
Burnt Hills - Ballston Lake
High School

Cheerleading Clinic

April 28, 2012
John Jay - East Fishkill

B/G Soccer Clinic

June 1, 2012
Sports Plex - Clifton Park

SCHOLAR - ATHLETE DEADLINE

MARCH 2, 2012

CHAMPIONSHIPS

WRESTLING - Feb 24-25
Time Union Center (2)
SKIING - Feb 27-28
Lake Placid (7)

HIGHLIGHTS - EXECUTIVE and CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

January 22, 2012 and January 31, 2012

CLASSIFICATION NUMBERS - The Classification Numbers have been approved for 2012-2013 and will be available on the website shortly.

CHEERLEADING - Approved to begin planning for a NYSPHSAA East and West Cheerleading event for the 2012-2013 school year.

GIRLS LACROSSE - Approved a waiver to rule 2-13, 3 "side panel and trim around the neck for the 2012-2013 seasons."

FIELD HOCKEY - Approved a waiver to rule 1-5-1, player uniforms, for the 2012-2014 seasons.

SOCCER - Approved a waiver to rule 4-1-1, i1; goal keeper jersey for the 2012-2014 seasons and a waiver to rule 4-1-1b: home white jerseys for the 2013-2015 seasons.

FOOTBALL - Approved a waiver to rule 1-5-1b, 6 and 7 for both jerseys through 2014.

WRESTLING - Approved a waiver to rule 4-1-5 to allow tape on the chin straps and straps on the top of the head gear and a waiver of the uniform rule to permit pink ribbons on the uniform in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness initiatives during the month of February.

GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING - Approved the revised Girls Swimming and Diving Qualifying Standards for the 2012 State Championship. Standards are on www.nysphsaa.org/sports

SOFTBALL - Approved the Class D realignment.

GIRLS GOLF - Approved the use of a pull/push cart.

BASEBALL - Approved a change in the required number of baseball practices for a team to 10 for a scrimmage and 15 for a game at all levels.

APPEAL PROCEDURE - Approved a fee of \$300.00 for a telephone conference call appeal which will be paid for in full by the Appellant.

COLLEGE RULE - Approved the following additional language to the College Rule, "Prior to competition, the NYSPHSAA Executive Director may grant an exemption of the College Rule for an individual sport athlete when vying for a standard that would qualify them for the Olympic trials and/or Olympic Games when this opportunity is not offered through New York State Public High School Athletic Association and/or the National Federation of State High School Associations. The exemption would permit a student to participate as an "unattached" individual with no affiliation to their school team in a competition against open and college competitors in an approved competition set forth by the Olympic Committee without violating the College Rule".

FUTURE CONSIDERATION

SAFETY COMMITTEE - The committee will be discussing and considering raising the nights of rest required for football games and scrimmages to be 4 nights. Sections are asked to include the Section safety and football representative in their discussions.

MODIFIED COMMITTEE - The committee will be discussing the following items at their spring meeting. Please include all necessary representatives in the Section discussions. The items include pilot program for modified football kick - off, awards for multi-school events, baseball pitch count vs innings pitched, and a modified/JV pilot program.

REMINDERS

SKIN INFECTIONS - With Section and State Wrestling Championships in February, schools are asked to continue to be diligent and responsible when protecting all of our athletes from the spreading of any skin infections. Please refer to www.nysphsaa.org/safety for further information.

NFHS SPORT RULE CHANGES

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GIRLS LACROSSE - The goalkeeper's stick may be 35.5"-52" in length (previously 35.5-48"). The goalkeeper's helmet must include a chin strap which must be fastened.



MARCH 2012 NYSPHSAA MONTHLY UPDATE

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March 15
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Life of an Athlete - 3:00
March 20
Section 1 - 8:30
March 21
Sections 4, 5 and 6
March 22
Section 8 - 8:00
March 26
Football 10:30
March 28
Transfer Committee 10:00
March 29
Section 3 - 9:00
March 30
Modified Committee - 9:30

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**SCHOLAR - ATHLETE
DEADLINE**
MARCH 2, 2012

HIGHLIGHTS - EXECUTIVE and CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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APPROVED UNIFORM WAIVERS: GIRLS LACROSSE - Rule 2-13, 3 "side panel and trim around the neck for the 2012-2013 seasons." **FIELD HOCKEY** - Rule 1-5-1, player uniforms, for the 2012-2014 seasons. **SOCCER** - Rule 4-1-1, i1; goal keeper jersey for the 2012-2014 seasons and a waiver to rule 4-1-1b: home white jerseys for the 2013-2015 seasons. **FOOTBALL** - Rule 1-5-1b, 6 and 7 for both jerseys through 2014.

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BASEBALL BAT COMPLIANCE

DECERTIFIED - Effective immediately and until further notice, the Marucci CAT5 (33" length) baseball bat should be considered a non-compliant bat and subject to NFHS Baseball Rules 4-1-3b and 7-4-1a.

APPROVED - The Rip-It baseball bat with the BBCOR .50 certification mark on the taper of the bat instead of the barrel is compliant with the NFHS baseball rules due to an administrative remedy.

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CHAMPIONSHIPS

Boys Swimming and Diving - March 2-3 at Erie County Community College (6)

Boys and Girls Indoor Track - March 3 at Barton Hall, Cornell University (4)

Boys and Girls Rifle Regional - March 3 at West Point (9)

Girls Gymnastics - March 3 at Shaker High School (2)

Boys and Girls Bowling - March 3-4 at Valley Bowling Center, Waverly (4)

Boys Volleyball Regional - March 10 at Canastota High School (3)

Ice Hockey - March 10-11 at Utica Memorial Auditorium (3)

Girls Basketball - March 16-18 at Hudson Valley Community College (2)

Boys Basketball - March 16-18 at Glens Falls Civic Center (2)

Boys and Girls Federation Basketball - March 23-25 at Times Union Center (2)

TICKETS - All winter championship tickets are now available online by visiting www.ticketleap.com. Inform your coaches, fans and parents to buy their tickets in advance for a speedy entry into championship events.