SYNOPSIS OF ACTIONS
July 28-30, 2015 CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING
DoubleTree by Hilton, Tarrytown, NY

ACTION ITEMS

1. P4  Approved the Agenda of the July 28-30, 2015 Central Committee meeting.
2. P4  Approved the May 1, 2015 Executive Committee meeting minutes.
3. P9  Defeated a one-year waiver of the standard calendar of weeks to allow Spring Sports in Section VI to start on March 1, 2016.
4. P10 Defeated a one-year waiver of the standard calendar of weeks to allow Spring Sports in all Sections to start on March 1, 2016.
5. P10 Approved the reduction of contests required for post season participation from 6 to 4 in Gymnastics in Section VII.
6. P13 Approved to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and personnel matters.
7. P13 Approved to end Executive Session.
8. P13 Approved the Compensation Committee’s report.
9. P13 Approved a language change to Rule 39. FOOTBALL to clarify when a 10th game is permitted.
10. P15 Approved starting with the 2016 season, all adult base coaches in Baseball would be required to wear a hard shell protective helmet while on the first and third baselines during the game.
11. P15 Tabled starting with the 2016 season, all adult base coaches in Softball would be required to wear a hard shell protective helmet while on the first and third baselines during the game.
12. P15 Approved for Modified Start Dates to abide by the Standard Calendar of weeks.
14. P15 Approved the appointment of Joe Altieri to the position of Assistant Director and assume the duties and responsibilities of that title.
15. P16 Approved revising Joe Agostinelli’s title from Media Content Coordinator to Director of Communications.
16. P16 Approved Kristen Sautoni for the position of NYSBHSA Special Programs Coordinator.
17. P16 Defeated a motion to table until the October meeting to have Selectively Classified 7th and 8th grade students subject to the NYSBHSA Transfer Rule effective with the 2016-2017 school year.
18. P16 Approved to have Selectively Classified 7th and 8th grade students subject to the NYSBHSA Transfer Rule effective with the 2016-2017 school year.
19. P16 Approved changing the effective date from 2016-2017 to the 2017-2018 school year to have Selectively Classified 7th and 8th grade students subject to the NYSBHSA Transfer Rule.
20. P16 Approved Section VI Boys Volleyball experiment of the Two Libero system for the 2015 season for Section VI only.
21. P16 Approved to extend the Girls Volleyball libero uniform waiver through the 2018 Girls Volleyball season.
22. P16 Approved the reappointment of Patti Perone as Girls Volleyball State Coordinator effective September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2020.
23. P16 Tabled a motion to re-evaluate and bring back to the October meeting to change the current Football classification cut-off numbers to the proposed classification cut-off numbers.
24. P17 Approved to extend the Football uniform waiver for the 2015 and 2016 seasons.
25. P17 Approved to reduce the minimum number of practices for an individual from 11 to 10 (scrimmage) and 15 to 14 (contest).
26. P17 Approved to waive the NFHS rule that requires all football officials to wear Northwestern stockings when wearing shorts and to waive the NFHS rule that requires football officials to wear all black shoes.
27. P17 Approved the YSPHSAA Competitive Cheerleading Championship would have a preliminary round in the morning and finals in the afternoon.
29. P17 Defeated to require all coaches of any NYSPHSAA Unified Sports Program to take the NFHS Unified Sports Online Coaching Course.
30. P17 Approved to adopt the Transgender Guidelines with two revisions.
31. P17 Approved the 2015-2016 Girls Swimming & Diving State Qualifying Standards.
32. P17 Approved the Boys Lacrosse Semi-Finals to be held at Hofstra University-East (Section VIII) and Cicero-North Syracuse-West (Section III).
33. P17 Approved Airport Lanes, Cheektowaga (Section VI) as the site for the 2016 Boys and Girls Bowling Championships.
34. P18 Approved as Friends and Neighbors: Gardner Dickinson School (2), Northern Chautauqua Catholic School (VI), St. Gregory the Great (VI).
35. P18 Approved as New Members: Archangel School (V), Vertus Charter School (V).
36. P27 Approved the Group Meeting reports.
37. P29 Approved adjournment.
THE NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

DoubleTree by Hilton, Tarrytown, NY

July 28-30, 2015

The Central Committee was called to order by President Stephen Broadwell at 2:00 PM. Executive Director Robert Zayas introduced members of the Central Committee and took attendance as follows:

**Officers**
- President – Stephen Broadwell
- First Vice President – James Osborne
- Second Vice President – Paul Harrica
- Past President – Eileen Troy

**Past Presidents**
- Kathryn Faber
- Patrick Pizzarelli
- James Tolle
- Mark Ward

**Staff**
- Executive Director – Robert Zayas
- Assistant Director – Robert Stulmaker
- Assistant Director – Todd Nelson
- Director of Marketing & Media Relations – Joseph Altieri
- Media Content Coordinator – Joseph Agostinelli
- Treasurer – Lisa Arnold
- Counsel – Renee James
- Secretary – Sandra Schanck

**Section Representatives**

Section I: Karen Peterson (ATH-G); Dave Goddard (ATH-B); Jennifer Simmons, Proxy for CSO Rep.

Section 2: Kathy Ryan (ATH-G); Edward Dopp (ATH-B); Peter Bednarek (PRIN); Chris Culnan, Proxy for Ryan Sherman (CSO)

Section III: Monica Tooley (ATH-G); Michael Carboine (ATH-B); John Rathbun, Proxy for Michael Cring (PRIN); Tim Ryan (CSO)

Section IV: Julie Bergman (ATH-G); Christopher Durdon (ATH-B); Terry Heller (PRIN); Gordon Daniels (CSO)

Section V: Kim Henshaw (ATH-G); Craig Veley (ATH-B); Merritt Holly (PRIN); Timothy Hayes (CSO)

Section VI: Marisa Fallacaro (ATH-G); James Graczuk (ATH-B); Timm Slade, Proxy for James Spanbauer (PRIN); Mike Wendt (CSO)

Section VII: Patricia Ryan-Curry (ATH-G); C. Joseph Staves (ATH-B); Timothy Farrell (PRIN); John McDonald (CSO)

Section VIII: Chris Ceruti (ATH-G); John Piropato (ATH-B); Neil Connolly (PRIN); Henry Grishman (CSO)

Section IX: Roberta Greene (ATH-G); James Wolfe (ATH-B); Greg Ransom, Proxy for David Bernsley (PRIN); Rosario Agostaro (CSO)

Section X: Lori Brewer (ATH-G); Tony Bjork (ATH-B); Carl Normandin, Proxy for Robert Stewart (PRIN); James Cruikshank (CSO)

Section XI: Debra Ferry (ATH-G); Timothy Mullins (ATH-B); Don Webster, Proxy for John Dolan (PRIN); Patricia Sullivan-Kriss (CSO)

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Nick Fitzgerald (2)
Timothy Bult (IX)

Section Treasurers
Don Scholla (VI)
Martha Slack (X)

Standing Committees
Judy Salerno, Modified Committee Co-Coordinator

Ex-Officio & Consultants
Alan Mallanda, Executive Director-NYSAAA
Tom McGuire, Executive Director-Pupil Benefits Plan, Inc.
Kevin Banes, Legislative Liaison

Guests
Jamie Rockhill, Past President (2)
Rise Van Iderstine, Secretary (2)
Robert McGuire (2)
Patrick Grasso (IV)
Brian Kelly, Spalding
Liam Frawley, AD-Tappan Zee HS

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
A motion to approve the Agenda of the July 28-30, 2015 Central Committee Meeting carried. Bergman/Staves

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
A motion to approve the May 1, 2015 Executive Committee Meeting minutes as written carried. Carboine/McDonald

ORAL AND PRINTED REPORTS WERE PRESENTED BY ASSOCIATION OFFICERS AND STAFF

President Stephen Broadwell
- Through a Power Point presentation, he and Executive Director Zayas reviewed the accomplishments and highlights of the Association during the 2014-2015 school year.
- Highlights included the following:
  - Continued Revenue Share program
  - Spalding ball adoption agreement effective 2016-2017 school year.
    - Robert introduced Brian Kelly from Spalding who spoke about our agreement for the next five years.
  - With the retirement of Assistant Director Bob Stulmaker, there will be a restructuring of the office staff.
  - Continuation of the Unified Sports program.
  - Increased communication by the office staff, i.e. attending Athletic Council meeting; Social Media.
  - Implementing the use of the NFHS online coaching course as an alternative option to the Coaching Certification program.
  - Robert introduced Liam Frawley, Athletic Director at Tappan Zee High School, a representative of the NYS Athletic Administrators Association who has worked with our Association, the NFHS and the NYS Education Department on ways to lessen the restrictiveness of coaching certification in New York State. He gave a brief review of the history, rationale and clarification of the new alternative option which was approved by SED on July 1st.
  - SED’s Duration of Competition regulation – eliminating “other similar circumstances beyond the control of the student” clause.
  - Competitive Cheerleading recognized as a sport.
• Revisions to the Transfer Rule. Elimination of the Academic Waiver; requiring legal separation of parents; clarification of what “residency” means.
• Standard Calendar of Weeks.
• Football contact limitations – limiting contact to no more than 2 days of full contact practices per week with no contact sessions to exceed 90 minutes.
• Athlete Gift Committee – looking at the inequity in athlete gifts.
• Loomis and LaPann – now have regular season coverage without a concussion endorsement policy.
• Repair of parking lot at 8 Airport Park Boulevard and the potential for a new air conditioning unit.
• Robert introduced Kevin Banes, our Lobbyist from e3communications, who was instrumental in ensuring our views as a membership were listened to and heard by legislators regarding the legislation for Home School students being afforded the right to participate in interscholastic sports.

1st Vice President James Osborne
• Thanked the membership for the opportunity to serve the past year.
• Congratulated the athletes, coaches and Sections who represented us during the Spring sports season.
• Thanked the volunteers and sport chairs who did a great job running the spring championships.
• Attended the summer NFHS meeting in New Orleans.
• Represented the Association at Boys and Girls Lacrosse, Boys and Girls Golf, Boys Tennis and Track & Field.

2nd Vice President Paul Harrica
• Thanked the membership for the opportunity to serve.
• Thanked the sport coordinators, state tournament directors and volunteers for running great state championships.
• The highlight this year was attending the Girls Class C Basketball Championship and being able to present them with their medals.

Past President Eileen Troy
• Thanked the sport coordinators and volunteers for doing a great job running the state championships.
• Thanked the membership for the opportunity to serve.
• Thanked the Central Committee members for giving up their time during summer vacation to serve the Association.

Executive Director Robert Zayas
Coaching Certification
• Reported on July 1st NYSED officially added the NFHS Coaching Certification model as an acceptable pathway to coaching certification in New York State.
• This alternative option will reduce the cost from approximately $1500 to less than $250 and will eliminate the need for individuals to attend all three fundamental coaching courses since the NFHS offers equivalent courses online.
• Once a coach starts with a specific pathway, they will be required to continue on that track unless they choose to start the new pathway from the beginning.

APP NYSED
• The new Athletic Placement Process (APP) goes into effect in the Fall of 2015.
• The intent of APP is to provide a protocol for those districts that choose to allow students in grades 7 and 8 to move up or for students in grades 9-12 to move down, allowing them to participate safely at an appropriate level of competition based upon physical and emotional readiness and athletic ability rather than age and grade alone.
• Major changes to the process include:
• **Physical Fitness Test & Waivers.** The APP will use the 85th percentile level of the President’s Physical Fitness Test. Students must meet the 85th percentile level of the national norm for their age in 4 out of 5 test components. There is no longer a waiver if the student fails to meet 4 out of 5.

• **Maturity Assessment.** The maturity assessment standards were revised as follows: The medical director is instructed to take into consideration the height, weight, muscle mass and Tanner ratings compared to the other athletes he/she would compete with; the tanner scores are no longer required.

**SAT/ACT Test Dates**

• Each year, Sections and the NYSPHSAA receive requests from parents and schools to reschedule post season events to accommodate for SAT and ACT testing. It continues to be the practice of the NYSPHSAA not to amend schedules for fairness and equity to all participating teams and students.

**MaxPreps**

• MaxPreps recently proposed a significant financial partnership to the NYSPHSAA and its 11 Sections. If a Section agrees to require their schools to enter scores and schedules into the MaxPreps database, the Section will receive a sponsorship from MaxPreps; revenue varies based upon the size of the Section with the smallest Sections receiving $2,500 annually and the larger Sections receiving more than $7,000 annually.

• MaxPreps has professional grade communications tools designed to help promote high school teams. MaxPreps is a level playing field where every team in the nation shares schedules, results, rosters and detailed player stats. Using MaxPreps is free, easy and useful.

• They also have free services to help athletic directors and administrators communicate with their community. Their free website plug-ins can help schools maintain a comprehensive and updated sports section on the school website for the benefit of parents and fans.

**Assistant Director Robert Stulmaker**

**State Championships**

• A schedule of the 2015-2016 Championships dates and sites, as approved by the Executive Committee in May 2015, were included in the meeting folder.

• Approval will be requested for the Bowling championships to be held at Airport Lanes in Cheektowaga (6).

**State Sports Coordinators**

• Approval will be requested to reappoint Patti Perone as Girls Volleyball State Coordinator for another 5 year term, effective September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2020.

• The following Sport Coordinators up for appointment (reappointment) during 2015-2016 are: Girls Basketball, Softball, Girls Outdoor Track & Field, Football, Boys Soccer, Boys Lacrosse and Rifle.

• A listing of the 2015-2016 State Sport Committee Meetings was included in the meeting folders. One correction: Ice Hockey will meet on October 2.

**Scholar/Athlete Team Award Program**

• He congratulated the Spring 2015 State Champions.

• He thanked the award presenters for honoring these teams and representing the NYSPHSAA.

• He thanked Pupil Benefits Plan, Inc. for the 20th year of sponsorship.

• He congratulated the 2014-2015 School of Distinction winners and thanked Lee's Trophies Co. for sponsoring the awards.

• The 2015-2016 School of Distinction Award instructions and application form are posted on the NYSPHSAA website.

**NYS Federation of Secondary Schools Athletic Association**

• The officers for 2015-2016 are: President-Donald Douglas (PSAL); Vice President-John Pizzi (AISAA); Secretary-Denise Hillig (CHSAA); and Executive Secretary/Treasurer-Jim Foster.

• The 2015-2016 meeting schedule was announced.

**Community Service Challenge**

• 5 out of 11 Sections submitted a local winner.

• He congratulated Kings Park High School (11), the 2015 winner.

• 2016 Deadlines: May 1 to your Sections; June 1 to the NYSPHSAA office.
• He thanked Murphee Hayes, Student Leadership Advisory Coordinator, and the student leaders for assisting in selecting this year’s winner.

Student Leadership Conferences
• Two student leadership conferences were held this summer.
• Murphee Hayes, Student Leadership Advisory Coordinator, took 2 students to the NFHS student leadership conference in Indianapolis.
• Liam Frawley, AD at Tappan Zee High School (1) took 9 students to the New England student leadership conference in Massachusetts.

Assistant Director Todd Nelson
Sanctioning
• The NYSphsaa sanctioning process is on the website www.nysphsaa.org.
  • A school traveling out of state for competition must complete the “notice of entry” form.
  • Schools will be able to check the status of an out of state event on the website.
  • Host schools involving an out of state school(s) must complete the NYSphsaa sanctioning application or the NFHS on-line sanctioning application.
  • For further assistance, contact Todd Nelson at tnelson@nysphsaa.org.

Unified Sports
• We are entering our third year of partnership with Unified Sports.
• The program has been a huge success.
• Working with schools in Sections 2, 5, 6 and 8.
• Section 2 will be expanding the Unified Sport offerings to include bowling this winter season.
• Along with the sport offerings, the biggest impact in the schools has been the Youth Activation and whole school engagement piece. This part of the program encourages acceptance and understanding of students with disabilities within the school. The YAC also provides student leadership opportunities within the school.
• We are looking to expand the program into two more Sections during the 2017-2017 school year. If interested, contact Todd.

Cheerleading
• The NYSphsaa Cheerleading Committee has worked hard over the past two months making adjustments to the scoring rubrics.
• The first ever NYSphsaa Competitive Cheerleading Championship will be held on March 5, 2016 at the SRC Arena in Section 3.
• We will be hosting between 60 – 70 schools in 5 divisions/classes as determined by the Section qualifiers.
• The Cheerleading Committee would like to thank the Central/Executive Committees for their support in bringing this opportunity to the students in our member schools.
• The committee would also like to remind schools of the importance of traditional cheerleading in schools.

Director of Marketing & Media Relations Joe Altieri
Sponsorship
• Since May, the following companies received presenting sponsorship proposals of $10,000 or more: Nfinity Volleyball, Nfinity Cheer, US Army (softball), US Army (all sports) and MaxPreps.
• Sponsorship renewals due for 2015-2016 include: MaxPreps, CSEA, USTA and New Balance.
• For the 4th straight year, our sponsorship with Sports Authority has allowed all our member Sections to take advantage of a complimentary admission ticket program for their events. More than 500,000 tickets were ordered for NYSphsaa and Sectional events for 2015-2016 and provided free for both.
• The deadline for applications for the 6th annual Excelsior Award is September 1st. The award was developed through a partnership between NYSphsaa and CSEA to recognize a CSEA member in a NYSphsaa school who has helped promote and foster athletic spirit in their local school district as well as display extraordinary dedication and support of high school athletics in New York State.
Marketing

- Thanks to our partnership with Time Warner Cable, several marketing initiatives will be sponsored and implemented for the upcoming school year including continuation of the Stay in the Game sportsmanship program (certificates, decals distributed to winning schools), Hall of Fame Sponsorship, Central Committee briefcases and Sport Coordinators meeting sponsorship. A total of $27,000 is being sponsored for these marketing initiatives in addition to TV rights revenue.
- Press releases have been distributed since the May meeting on the following topics: Tickets on sale for Spring Championships, Spring 2015 Scholar/Athlete Winners, 2015 Hall of Fame and the Community Service winner.

Championships

- The second year of our branding campaign was successful. Numerous items were added to the campaign including new banner ups, venue monitor signage, flagging and decals.
- Year two of our souvenir vendor contract with CP Sportswear was highly successful. Sales from both championship programs and souvenir garments were outstanding. We are on pace to exceed sales from last year and generate additional revenue from the contract based on an incentive clause in the agreement. Year three is the final year of our sponsorship.
- Online ticket sales grew for the 5th consecutive year. In 2014-2015, $55,169 in ticket revenue (5,705 tickets) was sold online with Boys Swimming selling the most tickets. Online ticket sales for Spring events were at their highest ever with a total of $3,879 in revenue and 431 tickets sold. Outdoor Track sold the highest amount of tickets at 348.
- This is the first year we handled championship DVD orders. A total of 170 orders were processed netting more than $2,600.

Transition to Assistant Director

- He has begun some of the duties associated with transitioning to the Assistant Director position including developing uniform meeting guidelines for sport committee meetings, reviewing/requesting site contracts and inviting site coordinators to the annual sport coordinators meeting.

Summer Interns

- He thanked our summer interns, Sam Burgasser (Guilderland HS/SUNY Brockport) and Sage Van Amerongen (Shaker HS/Ithaca) for their time and effort for the past two months.

Media Content Coordinator Joe Agostinelli

Website

- Information was provided regarding the website usage.

Website Upgrades

- He will be soliciting feedback from athletic directors, coaches, athletic department administrative assistants, student-athletes and fans for ways to enhance the current website experience for each type of user.
- Exploration of a mobile-responsive website will be completed as statistics are gathered for how people are visiting the website (mobile users vs. desktop users).

Live Scoring

- Spring sports that offered live scoring included Boys Tennis, Boys and Girls Golf and Track and Field.
- In 2015-2016, live scoring will be expanded to include soccer, lacrosse, ice hockey and volleyball.
- Live scoring will continue to be added to Championships throughout the 2015-2016 season.
- In the sports of football and girls basketball where software called Stat Crew is used, MaxPreps is allowing us to use the CBS GameTracker platform, which is the same platform that CBS Sports.com utilizes for the NFL and NCAA Basketball.

Social Media

- Reported on the Twitter feed, Facebook page and YouTube page.
- Reported some of the discussion at the 2015 NFHS Summer Conference included other social media avenues that states across country are currently using to cover state championships via live video streaming/sharing and other new social media tools to enhance the promotion of education based athletics.
Mobile App
- The NYSPHSAA mobile app is available in the Apple App Store and on Google Play.
- In 2015-2016 there will be an expansion of efforts to increase fan interaction beginning with more frequent push notifications and contests.

Records
- At the conclusion of the 2014-2015 regular season, an email with the Record Reporting Form, was sent to all athletic directors and varsity coaches regarding the process for sending in records to be included on the website and in championship programs.
- Messaging will continue at the end of each season’s regular season play.

Media Relations
- In early July, a survey was distributed to media representatives for feedback regarding NYSPHSAA’s effort during Championship events and in distributing non-championship news. Once the feedback is gathered, ways to enhance the coverage of student-athletes competing will be explored.
- There will also be media roundtable discussions in areas around the state to discuss this feedback, the first one being in August in Section 3. Other Sections have also expressed interest.
- Results of the survey will be shared with staff and Section Executive Directors.

Communications Intern
- Tyler Mochrie, a senior at SUNY Cortland, will be interning during the fall beginning on Monday, August 24.
- His main responsibilities will be to assist with development and posting of website content, social media, media relations, along with coverage of NYSPHSAA Fall Championships. He will also aide in live scoring throughout the Fall Championships.

Treasurer Lisa Arnold
- Reviewed the Statement of Financial Position.
  - Reported the Association continues to be in solid financial condition.
  - Reported on current liabilities.
- Reviewed the Statement of Activities
  - Reported investments continue to do well.
  - Reported championships did much better than expected.
  - Reported we are starting to see a profit in the office rental
  - Reported under Expenditures, the increase in Occupancy Expenses was due to higher real estate taxes, high management company fees. We have a new cleaning company contract along with a new management company at lower cost.
- Provided the 2014-2015 profit/loss statements by sport for review.

SECTIONAL CONCERNS

Section I: Consider approval to increase the maximum number of Football games from 9 to 10 with Section approval. This request will be a future agenda item at the Football Committee meeting and the Handbook Committee meeting. (NOTE: See Handbook Committee report on page 12.)

Section 2: Inquired about other Sections thoughts on being billed back for the costs of the greens fees at the Golf State Championships and for Ski lift tickets at the Skiing State Championships. Robert stated this was being addressed at the Budget & Finance Committee meeting.

Section VI: Consider approval to increase the maximum number of Ice Hockey contests from 20 to 22. A motion to request a one year waiver of the standard calendar of weeks to allow Spring Sports in Section VI to start on March 1, 2016 was defeated. Slade/Steves
(The votes by Section were: Section 1: 3 no; Section 2: 3 no; Section 3: 4 no; Section 4: 4 no; Section 5: 4 no; Section 6: 4 yes; Section 7: 4 yes; Section 8: 4 no; Section 9: 4 no; Section 10: 4 no; Section 11: 4 no. 34 No/8 Yes)
A motion to request a one year waiver of the standard calendar of weeks to allow Spring Sports in all Sections to start on March 1, 2016 was defeated.  

(The votes by Section were:  Section 1:  3 no;  Section 2:  4 no;  Section 3:  4 no;  Section 4:  4 no;  Section 5:  4 no;  Section 6:  4 yes;  Section 7:  4 yes;  Section 8:  4 no;  Section 9:  4 yes;  Section 10:  4 no;  Section 11:  4 no;  Officers:  1 no.  32 No/12 Yes)

Section VII: A motion to approve a reduction in the number of required contests from 6 to 4 in Gymnastics to be eligible for sectional or state competition carried.

Section IX: Voiced a concern that currently private and parochial schools do not have to follow the Commissioner of Education's regulations and rules to have certified coaches. They would like all member schools to follow the SED regulations for coaching certification. Renee will work with the Handbook Committee on this topic.

REPORTS FROM EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

Pupil Benefits Plan – Tom McGuire, Executive Director
- Reported they had a 2 year growth spurt. They picked up 60 school districts.
- Reported they had lost 8 or 9 school districts.
- Urged schools that have any questions to contact him.
- Thanked then association for all their support.
- Congratulated Bob Stulmaker on his retirement.

State Education Department – Darryl Daily

Professional Development Opportunities
- NYSAAA Leadership Training Program and Certification Program – www.nysaaa.org/page.cfm?page=leadership.cfm
- www.nysaaa.org/prof-development/certification-program
- NYSAAA Annual Conference (March 16-18, 2016) in Saratoga Springs – www.nysaaa.org/conference/program-information
- AAHPERD (now called SHAPE) National Conference (April 5-9, 2016) in Minneapolis, Minnesota – www.aaahperd.org/whatwedo/convention/

Athletic Placement Process for Interscholastic Athletic Programs (APP)(formerly Selection Classification Program)
- Effective the 2015 Fall season.

Coaching Courses
- The NFHS Coaching Course pathway is now approved by NYSED as an alternative pathway. It is not a replacement but another alternative for coaches to complete the required course work.
- See NFHS process below:

- Please make sure your certificates are updated. Check with Darryl if a new template is needed.
• Send in yearly evaluations to Darryl Daily at SED at darryl.daily@nysed.gov.
• If interested in becoming a provider, please contact NYSED.

Coaches as Mandated Reporters
• On August 6, 2014, the Governor signed a new law which added a new Education Law to require all individuals currently holding or applying for a temporary coaching license or a professional coaching certificate, to complete two hours of training regarding the identification and reporting of child abuse and maltreatment. The Social Services Law was also amended to expressly include coaches as mandated reporters of suspected child abuse. See: www.governor.ny.gov/press/08062014-child-abuse-bill-signing
• This is not a new requirement or course for coaches to take. The law ensures that coaches are now encoded on the list as mandated reporters.
• Information on the Child Abuse Identification Workshop can be found at:
  www.highered.nysed.gov/cert/certificate/ca.html
• The office of Child and Family services offers the course for free at:
  www.nyssmandatedreporter.org/TrainingCourses.aspx

Dignity For All Students Act (Mandatory DASA 6 hour training)
• Section 52.21 and Part 80 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education have been amended and a new Subpart 57-4 has been added to the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education to implement the Coursework or Training in Harassment, Bullying and Discrimination Prevention and Intervention required under the Dignity for All Students Act.
• It is required that schools need to create policies and guidelines to be used in school training programs to discourage the development of discrimination or harassment and to enable employees to prevent and respond to discrimination or harassment.
• Effective January 1, 2014 school professionals applying for a certificate or license on or after January 1, 2014 complete training on the social patterns of harassment, bullying and discrimination.
• Teacher and school leadership preparation programs must include at least 6 hours of training in Harassment, Bullying and Discrimination Prevention and Intervention.
• A new Subpart 57-4 of the Commissioner’s Regulations was added to establish standards under which the Department will approve providers of this training.
• See: www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/certificate/dasa-applicant.html

Concussion Courses
• Reminded concussion courses are required for physical education teachers and coaches every 2 years.
• The NFHS/CDC Concussion Course is now approved to be used by coaches in New York State as part of the Concussion Management and Awareness Act requirement (every 2 years).
  www.cdc.gov/concussion/HeadsUp/online_training.html
• The direct link to the NFHS concussion Course is:
  www.nfhslearn.com/electiveDetail.aspx?courseID=38000
• Physical Education teachers still have to complete the Heads Up, Concussion in Youth Sports every 2 years.
  Website: www.cdc.gov/concussion/HeadsUp/online_training.html

Competitive Cheerleading Recognized as a Sport with Both SED and NYSPHSA (Effective Winter 2014-2015)
• Approved by the NYSED Board of Education at their April 24, 2015 meeting.
• SED defined Competitive Cheerleading as teams performing various athletic activities, including stunts, pyramids and/or tosses, jumps and tumbling, under the direct supervision of a properly certified coach. Competitive cheerleading squads may perform during school functions, as well as properly sanctioned school, sectional, state and/or national events during a specified season.
• Amendments are being made to Guidelines based on CR 135.4: Coaching Requirement Guidelines—being revised Summer 2015, Selection Classification Guidelines (soon to be Athletic Placement Process for Interschool Athletic Programs)—Fall 2015, Mixed Competition and Sport Standards will include Competitive Cheerleading.
• Competitive Cheerleading Q & A memo from SED is now available on the NYSED website. See:

Quality Physical Education Plan Reminder
• Keep plan current.
• Update plan frequently to ensure high-quality programs are being offered.
• Make sure your plan is aligned with the current regulations and/or National and NYS Standards.
• For technical assistance or specific questions, contact Darryl Daily at ddaily@mail.nysed.gov.
• Physical Education Plans must be filed both at the local level and at the Department. They can be sent as a hard copy or as an emailed attachment to the Department. Email format is preferred.

Duration of Competition (Clarification and proposed amendment)
• A proposal to the Board of Regents was made 10/20/14 to amend section 135.4 (c) (7) (iii) (d) of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education, relating to the Duration of Competition rule. The BOE ruled in favor.
• The rule specifically says that extended eligibility for "accident or illness" and eliminates "similar" and/or "other" in the language of the regulation.
• See Board of Regents item for details: www.regents.nysed.gov/meetings/2014/October2014/1014p12a4.pdf

Important Related Items
• School Health Education - A letter from the Department of Health and the State Education Department regarding the Heroine and Opioids epidemic was sent to various organizations to give schools access to resources to help address the issue. The problem of heroin and opioid abuse continues to grow at alarming rates both in New York State and throughout the nation. To learn more about heroin and opioid abuse and the publications and resources available, go to www.combat heroin.ny.gov. A toolkit is being developed by OASAS, DOH and NYSED for schools to use in the future.
• School Health Education – Governor Cuomo signed a bill in October 2014 to mandate CPR/AED training in schools. A recommendation from the results of a public feedback survey and a district feedback survey was presented to the Board of Regents in April. Board approval of mandate slated for June Board of Regents meeting. Details to follow. NOTE: ARC and AHA recommended and/or proposed "Hands Only" CPR instruction and/or ARC Citizen CPR (Knowledge and psychomotor), AED instruction-knowledge based component, 30 minutes and no certification needed for instructor or student. If a district wants to do more, they can.

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REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

Budget/Audit Committee – Jim Osborne, 1st Vice President
• Thanked the committee members who serve on the Budget & Audit Committee.
• The committee will be looking into and discussing Section 2’s concern regarding the cost of greens fees and ski lift tickets for championship events being invoiced back to the Sections.
• If anyone has other items for review, please forward them to the committee.

Life of an Athlete Committee – Assistant Director Bob Stulmaker
• John Underwood will be sending information from his summer update. It will be distributed to all the Section Reps for distribution to their member schools.
• They have contacted Alan Mallanda, Executive Director of the NYSSAA, and the conference planning committee to present workshops at the NYSSAA Conference in Saratoga next spring on developing Life of an Athlete programs in schools and what is being done presently.
• Murphee Hayes will be working with the student leaders to develop a video, tweets, etc. to complement the Life of an Athlete program.
• Thad Lawrence and Patti Murphy, Co-Coordinators, will be meeting with Margaret Brennan to discuss funding for the Life of an Athlete program.
• The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for Monday, September 28, 2015 at 10:00AM via teleconference.

Executive Session
A motion to approve going into Executive Session at 10:45AM on Wednesday, July 29, 2015 to discuss pending litigation and personnel matters carried. Bergman/Peterson

A motion to end the Executive Session at 10:57AM on Wednesday, July 29, 2015 carried. Bergman/Peterson

Executive Director Zayas introduced Lori Weisenfeld, Marketing Director of Crown Awards, who provide the awards for our State Championships. She gave a brief history about Crown Awards. She also presented each Section with a proposal for awards. She thanked us for our support and business.

Compensation Committee – Julie Bergman, Chairperson
• The committee was charged with reviewing the reasonableness of the compensation of the Executive Director, the Assistant Directors and other employee benefits as needed.
• The committee met Wednesday morning to review 2 contracts and determined the Executive Director’s and Special Program Coordinator’s compensation packages are within the guidelines set forth by comparison to other organizations.
A motion to approve the Compensation Committee’s report carried. Greene/Henshaw

Handbook Committee – Patrick Pizzarelli, Chairperson
• The committee met on June 22, 2015 via teleconference.
• Topics discussed:
  • Sportsmanship Standard: The committee supported the proposal to allow Sections the ability to extend the period of ineligibility for a player or coach disqualified from a contest by an official.
  • Modified Start Date: The committee supported the proposal for Modified sports date to abide by the Standard Calendar weeks.
  • Track & Field: The committee asked for input from the Track & Field Committee regarding the addition of number of individual contests per week and defining “week”.
  • Selectively Classified 7th and 8th Graders- Transfer Rule: The committee recommended for data to be collected and tracked on the proposal to consider Selectively Classified 7th and 8th grade students be subject to the NYSPSA Transfer Rule.
  • 10th Football Game: Clarification is needed on the number of games a team can play when involved in the Sectional Tournament. The committee recommended changing the word “tournament” to “championship” within Rule 39. Football to clarify when a 10th game is permitted.
A motion to approve to accept the language change as proposed by the Handbook Committee with the addition of the wording “With Section approval” carried. Simmons/Slade
(The votes by Section were: Section 1: 3 yes; Section 2: 4 yes; Section 3: 4 yes; Section 4: 4 no; Section 5: 4 yes; Section 6: 4 yes; Section 7: 3 no; Section 8: 4 yes; Section 9: 4 yes; Section 10: 4 yes; Section 11: 4 yes. Officers: 1 yes/2 no. 36 Yes/9 No.)

Will now read: “39. FOOTBALL: With Section approval, a contestant (or team) may participate in no more than 10 interschool football contests, inclusive of sectional championships.”
- Future Handbook Committee meeting dates: Wednesday, September 23, 2015 at 9:00 AM; Friday, December 18, 2015 at 9:00 AM; Wednesday, April 6, 2016 at 9:00 AM; Wednesday, June 22, 2016 at 9:00 AM.

**Championship Advisory Committee** – Assistant Director Bob Stulmaker
- The committee met on June 15, 2015 via teleconference.
- Topics discussed:
  - Approved the proposed Football Classification numbers.
  - Approved the Competitive Cheerleading Championship as proposed.
  - Tabled the 2 Divisions in Bowling until the September CAC meeting so more information can be provided by the committee and coordinators.
- The next meeting of the CAC is scheduled for Friday, September 25, 2015 at 9:00AM via conference call.

**Safety Committee** – Assistant Director Todd Nelson

**ImpAct Concussion Testing**
- NYSPHSAA and ImpAct are beginning the second year of our agreement.
- Our member schools can purchase baseline tests for $1 per test and post injury test at $4 per test.
- Schools can also purchase or reorder any amount of tests they wish to during the year.
- Encouraged schools to take advantage of our agreement with ImpAct to help benefit their schools both by minimizing risks to their student athletes and financially to the district.
- Contact Todd for any questions or comments.

**Full Football Contact Limitations**
- This upcoming season will be the first in which the NYSPHSAA will regulate the amount of “full contact” that is allowed leading up to a contest.
- The NYSPHSAA Executive Committee, on the recommendation of the NYSPHSAA Football and Safety Committees, approved the football contact limitation regulation beginning with the 2015 Football season. The Football Contact Limitations regulation states, “Contact in the sport of football for high school and modified football teams shall have no more than two “Full-Contact practices” per week during the season; with no “Full-Contact” session to exceed 90 minutes. “Full-Contact” means a practice where drills or live action is conducted that involves collisions at game speed, where players execute tackles and other activities that is typical of an actual tackle football game. Limitations of “Full-Contact practices” will begin with the 13th day (high school) and the 14th day (modified).”

**Heat Acclimatization**
- Reminded all member schools heat illness is the most preventable illness or injury that can occur to our student athletes.
- Every school should include Heat Acclimatization in their preseason coaches, players and parents meetings.
- Schools should include information on heat illness and heat acclimatization to all students and parents. There are many resources on the NYSPHSAA website that schools can use to meet this objective.
- Encouraged schools to require their coaches to take the NFHS Heat Acclimatization course. It is free, is on-line and takes about 20 minutes.

**Anyone Can Save a Life**
- The NYSPHSAA will be promoting the “Anyone Can Save a Life” program at the mandatory AD workshops.
- The program is designed for teams to have an emergency action plan in case of a life threatening situation.
- This program has proven to be effective in the past in other states and is an important component to our interscholastic programs.
- The NFHS has officially adopted this program. Booklets are available. If interested, contact Todd.

**Protective Hard Shell Helmets Adult Base Coaches in Baseball/Softball**
- The Safety Committee recommended starting with the 2016 season, all adult base coaches in both Baseball and Softball would be required to wear a hard shell protective helmet while on the first and third baselines during the game.
- The Baseball Committee was in favor of this proposal as long as it was required for all coaches and the helmets did not have ear flaps on them. Only two representatives (Sections 7 & 11) from the Softball Committee were in favor. Section 11 has had this rule in place since 2009.

A motion to approve starting with the 2016 season, all adult base coaches in Baseball would be required to wear a hard shell protective helmet while on the first and third baselines during the game carried. Brewer/Sullivan-Kriss

A motion to table starting with the 2016 season, all adult base coaches in Softball would be required to wear a hard shell protective helmet while on the first and third baselines during the game carried. Brewer/Fallacaro

**Modified Committee** – Judy Salerno, Co-Coordinator

- The committee met on March 27, 2015 in the NYSPHSA office.
- Reviewed items approved during the 2014-2015 school year.
- There is still a need for Modified Girls Gymnastics Coordinator and a Modified Boys and Girls Tennis Coordinator. If interested, please contact Todd Nelson at the NYSPHSA office.

A motion to approve for modified start dates to abide by the Standard Calendar of weeks carried. Brewer/Fallacaro

The week numbers correspond to the dates that are currently in the NYSPHSA Handbook. Fall Modified sports will begin on Week #8; Winter Modified sport will begin on Week #18; Spring Modified sports will begin on Week #35.

**Officials Coordinating Federation** – Assistant Director Bob Stulmaker

- The committee met on May 9, 2015 via conference call.
- An Arbitration Hearing was held on May 15, 2015 between Section 6 and Section 6 officials.
- The next meeting of the OCF is Wednesday, October 21, 2015 at 10:00 AM at the NYSPHSA office.

**Sportsmanship Committee** – Assistant Director Todd Nelson

- Stated the NYSPHSA offers some outstanding sportsmanship programs and encouraged schools to take advantage of them.
- Recognized Bethlehem High School (2) as the winner of the “Battle of the Fans” program.
- Congratulated Columbia High School (2) who won the Sportsmanship Promotion Banner Award.
- He congratulated Greece Odyssey High School (5) and Cooperstown High School (3) who participated in the “NAIA 5-Star Leadership” program.

A motion to approve adding the following language to Sportsmanship Standard #27 in the NYSPHSA Handbook under both coach and player carried. Peterson/Hayes

"#4. The Section Athletic Council will have the authority to extend the period of ineligibility in those cases where the actions of the individual that was disqualified from a contest or scrimmage are warranted. The period of ineligibility cannot exceed one year from the date of the disqualification."

**WRITTEN REPORTS RECEIVED BY THE FOLLOWING SPORT COMMITTEES & INCLUDED IN THE MEETING PACKET:**

**Fall Sports**
- Football, B/G Cross Country, B/G Soccer, G. Gymnastics, G. Swimming & Diving, Field Hockey, B/G Volleyball

**Winter Sports**
- B/G Basketball, Wrestling, B. Swimming & Diving, B/G Skiing, B/G Bowling, Riflery

**Spring Sports**
- Softball, Baseball, B/G Lacrosse, B/G Golf, B. Tennis, B/G Outdoor Track

**GENERAL ACTION ITEMS**

**NYSPHSA Assistant Director Position**

- A motion to approve the appointment of Joe Altieri to the position of Assistant Director and assume the duties and responsibilities of that title carried. McDonald/Hayes

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NYSPHSAA Director of Communications

- A motion to approve revising Joe Agostinelli’s title from Media Content Coordinator to Director of Communications carried.  
  McDonald/Hayes

NYSPHSAA Special Programs Coordinator

- A motion to approve Kristen Sautoni for the position of NYSPHSAA Special Programs Coordinator carried.  
  Carboine/Mullins

Selectively Classified 7th and 8th Grade Students Subject to NYSPHSAA Transfer Rule

- A motion to approve to have Selectively Classified 7th and 8th grade students subject to the NYSPHSAA Transfer Rule effective the 2016-2017 school year was made.  
  Simmons/Staves

- A motion to table to have Selectively Classified 7th and 8th grade students subject to the NYSPHSAA Transfer Rule effective the 2016-2017 school year until the October meeting so this could be taken back to the Sections for discussion was defeated.  
  Mullins/Normandin
  (The votes by Section were: Section 1: 3 no; Section 2: 4 yes; Section 3: 4 no; Section 4: 4 no; Section 5: 4 no; Section 6: 4 no; Section 7: 4 no; Section 8: 4 no; Section 9: 4 no; Section 10: 4 yes; Section 11: 4 yes. Officers: 3 yes. 31 No/15 Yes)

- A motion to approve to have Selectively Classified 7th and 8th grade students subject to the NYSPHSAA Transfer Rule effective the 2016-2017 school year carried.  
  Simmons/Staves
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- A motion to approve changing the effective date from 2016-2017 to the 2017-2018 school year to have Selectively Classified 7th and 8th grade students subject to the NYSPHSAA Transfer Rule carried.  
  Ryan-Curry/Durdon

Section VI Boys Volleyball Two Libero System Experiment

- A motion to approve Section VI Boys Volleyball experiment of the Two Libero system for the 2015 season for Section VI only carried.  
  Slade/Staves

Volleyball Uniform Waiver

- A motion to approve to extend the Girls Volleyball libero uniform waiver through the 2018 Girls Volleyball season carried.  
  Bergman/Ransom

Girls Volleyball Coordinator

- A motion to approve the reappointment of Patti Perone as Girls Volleyball State Coordinator effective September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2020 carried.  
  Durdon/Cruikshank

Football Classification Cut-Off Numbers

- A motion to table to re-evaluate and bring back to the October meeting to change the current classification cut-off numbers to the proposed classification cut-off numbers carried.  
  Ransom/Peterson

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Football Uniform Waiver Extension
- A motion to approve to extend the Football uniform waiver for the 2015 and 2016 seasons carried. (Waiver is for Rule 1-5-1b White body including the yoke). Mullins/Slade

Football Reduction in Minimum Number of Individual Practices
- A motion to approve to reduce the minimum number of practices for an individual from 11 to 10 (scrimmage) and 15 to 14 (contest) carried. Piropato/Wendt

Waiver of NFHS Football Official Uniform
- A motion to approve to waive the NFHS rule that requires all football officials to wear Northwestern stocking when wearing shorts and to waive the NFHS rule that requires football officials to wear all black shoes carried. Greene/Ryan-Curry

Competitive Cheerleading Championship
- A motion to approve for the NYSPHSAA Competitive Cheerleading Championship would have a preliminary round in the morning and finals in the afternoon carried. Simmons/Bjork
NOTE: All divisions/classes will compete in the morning and the top five teams in each division/class would compete in the finals.

Unified Basketball Rules
- A motion to approve using the Unified Sports Basketball Game Rules for the Unified Sports Program carried. Ryan-Curry/Connolly

NFHS Unified Coaching Course
- A motion to approve to require all coaches of any NYSPHSAA Unified Sports Program to take the NFHS Unified Sports Online Coaching Course was defeated. Sullivan-Kriss/Wendt

Transgender Guidelines
- A motion to approve to adopt the Transgender Guidelines with two revisions carried. Sullivan-Kriss/Hayes Under Procedure add “or designee” to Superintendent. Delete the last sentence in #3 which states, “The gender identity should be the gender identity used for school registration and other purposes.”

Girls Swimming & Diving Qualifying Standards
- A motion to approve the 2015-2016 Girls Swimming & Diving State Qualifying Standards carried. Greene/Carboine

Semi-Final Lacrosse Sites
- A motion to approve for the Boys Lacrosse Semi-Finals to be held at Hofstra University-East (Section VIII) and Cicero-North Syracuse-West (Section III) carried. Mullins/Staves

State Bowling Championship Site
- A motion to approve Airport Lanes, Cheektowaga (Section VI) as the site for the 2016 Boys and Girls Bowling Championships carried. Mullins/Staves
Friends and Neighbors
- A motion to approve the following applications for NYSPHSAA Friend and Neighbor status carried. (Expiring August 2017)

Section 2
Gardner Dickinson School
25 East Avenue
Troy, NY 12180
Grades 7-8

Section 6
Northern Chautauqua Catholic School
336 Washington Avenue
Dunkirk, NY 14048
Grades 7-8

Section 6
St. Gregory the Great
250 St. Gregory Court
Williamsville, NY 14221
Grades 7-8

McDonald/Ferry

New Members
- A motion to approve the following applications for NYSPHSAA Membership status carried.

Section 5
Archangel School
2400 Chili Avenue
Rochester, NY 14624
Grades 7-12

Section 5
Vertus Charter School
2 Austin Street
Rochester, NY 14606
Grades 9-10

McDonald/Ferry

Discussion/Information Items

Cost of greens fees and ski lift tickets for Championship events invoiced to Sections.
- Referred to Budget & Audit Committee.

Indoor Track & Field request for the addition of a second relay team as an added entry from each Section for the State Championships.
- This was presented at the May 2015 Executive Committee meeting as a discussion item.
- Please ask your Sections to review the proposal.
- It was suggested that the committee come up with ideas to help reduce costs.

Future of athlete participation gifts at NYSPHSAA Championships.
- The Athlete Gift Committee met on June 10, 2015 via teleconference.
- Executive Director Zayas explained his concern with the lack of equity and fairness pertaining to the current manner by which athlete participation gifts are awarded. Only 10 of 32 championship events currently provide athlete participation gifts to all participating athletes; 7 of the 10 gifts are directly related to the current NYSPHSAA Ball Adoption contracts.
- Counselor Renee James provided a letter of concern to Robert Zayas on April 26th detailing potential Title IX and OCR concerns with NYSPHSAA’s current practice of awarding athlete participation gifts.
- Robert provided the following recommendation, which the committee unanimously approved, pertaining to the future of athlete participation gifts:
  - Beginning with the 2016-2017 school year:
    - Every championship participating athlete would continue to receive a NYSPHSAA branded lanyard and souvenir badge specific to the championship event.
    - Every "state championship team/individual" would receive a non-sport specific Championship t-shirt honoring their accomplishment as a “NYSPHSAA State Champion”.
    - The association would no longer accept donations for participation gifts for student-athletes.
  - This item will be placed on the October 22, 2015 Executive Committee meeting agenda for potential action.

Review of sport practice requirements.
- At the request of the Executive Committee at the May meeting, the Safety Committee reconvened to discuss the minimum number of practices required before a scrimmage and contest.
• The committee recognizes that the minimum number of practices is not based on any scientific data.
• The committee agrees that a minimum number of practices is necessary before a scrimmage and/or contest.
• The committee agrees that the sport committees are the experts in their sport and the Safety Committee has supported the recommendations for change in the past.
• The Safety Committee has asked the Baseball, Cross Country and Outdoor Track and Field to discuss the minimum number at their next meeting.
• The Safety Committee supports any sport committee making a recommendation for change and getting the input from the Safety Committee.
• A sub-committee, chaired by Jim Rose, has been formed to look at the data and research to help support any recommended changes to the numbers. Jim will make a report to the Safety Committee at the Fall or Spring meeting.

**COMBINING OF SCHOOLS**
The following combining school teams have been approved by the respective leagues and sections for the 2015-2016 school years, and are presented for your information. (Eligibility Standard #6)

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G. Swimming (V)
Golf (V, JV, Mod.)
G. Swim/Dive (V)
G. Swim/Dive (V)
Field Hockey (Mod.)
Cross Country (Mod.)

2
Johnstown & Fonda

Honeoye Falls-Lima, East Rochester & Brighton
Batavia & Alexander
Greece Arcadia & Greece Olympia

Greece Athena & Greece Odyssey

Pittsford Mendon & Sutherland
Canaseraga & Arkport

Bradford & Dundee
Medina & Lyndonville
York & Pavilion

Friendship & Belfast
Allendale Columbia & Harley School
Churchville & Spencerport
Hilton & Spencerport
Greece Arcadia, Athena, Olympia & Odyssey

Greece Olympia & Odyssey
Webster Schroeder & Thomas

East, SOTA & WOIS

Leadership, Charlotte, Vanguard & Freddie Thomas

Wilson & Rochester Early Coll.

Edison, Monroe & School w/o Walls

Franklin, Leadership, Charlotte & Freddie Thomas

SOTA & Ne/Nw
Edison, East, Wilson, /SOTA, Rochester Early Coll. & Ne/Nw

Football (Mod.)
B/G Soccer (Mod.)
G. Swim/Dive (V)

Ice Hockey
Ice Hockey
Ice Hockey
B/G Tennis
B/G Lacrosse
Ice Hockey
G. Volleyball
B. Tennis
B/G Lacrosse
Ice Hockey
B/G Cross Country
B/G Soccer
G. Volleyball
B/G Soccer
B. Volleyball
B/G Cross Country
Football
B. Soccer
G. Volleyball
All Sports
G. Golf
G. Gymnastics
B/G Swim
Wrestling
Football
Fall Cheer
G. Golf
B/G Tennis
B/G Swim
B. Volleyball
B/G Alpine Ski
B/G Nordic Ski
Football
Cheer
Football
Cheer
Football
B. Soccer
B/G Cross Country
G. Tennis
G. Swim
Cheer
Football
B. Soccer
Cheer
B. Soccer
B/G Cross Country
B. Soccer
G. Soccer
Monroe & Franklin
Monroe & School w/o Walls

Franklin, Charlotte, WOIS & Freddie Thomas
Monroe, Wilson, School w/o Walls & Rochester Early Coll.
Wilson & WOIS
Franklin, Charlotte & Freddie Thomas
Edison, East, SOTA, Monroe & School w/o Walls
North Rose-Wolcott & Red Creek
Oakfield-Alabama & Elba

Byron-Bergen & Elba

Sodus & Lyons
CG Finney & Northstar

Romulus, South Seneca & Trumansburg
Warsaw & Letchworth
Cuba-Rushford & Genesee Valley

Wells & Lake Pleasant
Indian Lake & Long Lake
Minerva & Newcomb
Beekmantown & Chazy
Beekmantown & Seton
Beekmantown & Saranac
Peru & Saranac
Plattsburgh, Seton & Willsboro
Plattsburgh & Seton
Plattsburgh, Peru & Seton
Moriah, Westport & Elizabethtown

Westport & Elizabethtown
Plattsburgh, Lake Placid & Chazy
AuSable Valley & Willsboro
Saranac Lake & Lake Placid

Lake Placid, AuSable Valley & Tupper Lake
Johnsburg & Schroon Lake
Newcomb & Tupper Lake (team will compete in Section 10)

Rondout Valley & Kingston City Schools
Highland & Marlboro
Roscoe & Downsville (Section 4)

Roscoe, Downsville & Livingston Manor
Webutuck & Pine Plains
Kingston City Schools & New Paltz
Tri-Valley & Fallsburg
Marlboro, F.D.R. & Highland
Marlboro & Highland

G. Soccer
B/G Cross Country
G. Volleyball
B/G Volleyball
B. Volleyball
G. Volleyball
G. Tennis
G. Swim
G. Swim
G. Soccer
G. Volleyball
Football
B. Soccer
Football
B. Soccer
Football
Football
B. Swim

All Mod. Sports as needed
All Sports/All Levels
All Sports/All Levels
B. Hockey (V)
B. Soccer (V)
G. Gymnastics
G. Swim
B. Ice Hockey (V)
Football (V, JV, Mod.)
G. Ice Hockey (V)
B/G Cross Country
B. Soccer (Mod.)
All Sports as needed
G. Gymnastics
G. Swim
B. Lacrosse (V, Mod.)
B. Tennis
G. Tennis (V)
G. Ice Hockey
B. Soccer (V)
Football (V, JV)

Alpine Skiing
B. Lacrosse
G. Soccer (JV)
Baseball (JV)
B/G Golf
Football (V, JV, Mod.)
B. Golf
G. Gymnastics
Wrestling (V, JV, Mod.)
B. Swimming
G. Swimming
Southampton & Tuckahoe
East Islip & Cleary
Centereach & Newfield

Saxton & S. Ocean

East Hampton, Springs & Montauk
Half Hollow Hills East & Half Hollow Hills West

Half Hollow Hills West & Half Hollow Hills East

Greenport & Southold

Saxton, S. Ocean & Oregon
Beach & Udall

East Hampton & Springs
Southampton & Ross

East Hampton & Bridgehampton

East Hampton, Bridgehampton & Pierson

F.D.R. & Millbrook
Liberty, Eldred & Sullivan West

G. Swimming
Wrestling (V, JV, Mod.)

All Modified Sports
All Modified Sports
B/G Cross Country (V)
B/G Bowling (V)
B/G Lacrosse (V, JV)
G. Track (V)
B/G Cross Country (V)
G. Gymnastics (V)
B. Bowling (V)
B. Cross Country (V, Mod.)
G. Cross Country (V)
Field Hockey (V, JV, Mod.)
B. Golf (V, JV)
B/G Soccer (V, JV, Mod.)
G. Basketball (V, JV)
Baseball (V, JV, Mod.)
Softball (V, JV, Mod.)
G. Cross Country (Mod.)
B. Lacrosse (Mod.)
B. Tennis (Mod.)
B/G Track (Mod.)
B/G Cross Country (Mod.)
G. Cross Country (V)
G. Gymnastics (V)
B. Soccer (JV2)
B/G Fencing (V)
B/G Badminton (V)
G. Lacrosse (V, JV)
Field Hockey (I, JV)
B/G Swimming (V)
B. Volleyball (V, JV)
Field Hockey (V, JV, Mod.)
B. Golf (V, JV)
G. Volleyball (V, JV)
Wrestling (Mod.)
B/G Track (V, Mod.)
Field Hockey (Mod.)
Field Hockey (Mod.)
B/G Tennis (Mod.)
B. Swimming (Mod.)
Field Hockey (Mod.)
Football (V, JV)
B. Lacrosse (V, JV)
G. Lacrosse (JV)
Football (V)
B. Volleyball (V, JV) (Fall)
B. Volleyball (Mod.) (Winter)
Football (JV)
B/G Swimming (V)
B/G Tennis (V, JV)
Greenport, Southold & Mattituck
East Hampton, Bridgehampton, Pierson, Springs & Montauk

Sachem East & Sachem North
William Floyd, Center Moriches & Eastport
Southold & Greenport

East Hampton & Montauk
Connetquot & E. Islip
Brentwood & Bay Shore
Sayville & Bayport
Deer Park & North Babylon
Smithtown West & Smithtown East

Commack & Northport
Bridgehampton & Pierson
Smithtown West, Smithtown East & Kings Park
Brentwood & Hauppauge
Huntington & Harborfields
Mattituck, Greenport & Southold
East Hampton, Bridgehampton, Pierson & Ross
Accompsett, Great Hollow & Nesaquake
Seneca, Samoset, Sagamore & Sequoya
Mattituck, Southold & Greenport
S. Ocean & Saxton
Candlewood & West Hollow
Sagamore & Sequoya
Seneca & Samoset
Oakdale & Ronkonkoma
Gelinas & Murphy
Nesaquake, Great Hollow & Accompsett
East Hampton, Springs, Bridgehampton & Pierson

B/G Winter Track (V)
B/G Lacrosse (V, JV)
B/G Track (V)
Football (V, JV, Mod.)
Wrestling (Mod.)
B/G Lacrosse (Mod.)
Football (Mod.)
Gymnastics (V)
Gymnastics (V)
B/G Tennis (V, Mod.)
B/G Winter Track (V)
B. Golf (V)
B. Track (V)
G. Gymnastics (V)
G. Gymnastics (V)
G. Soccer (V, JV)
B/G Tennis (V, JV, Mod.)
G. Basketball (V, JV)
Softball (V, JV)
G. Soccer (Mod.)
G. Swimming (V)
G. Swimming (V)
B/G Swimming (V)
G. Swimming (V)
B/G Swimming (V)
G. Golf (JV)
G. Swimming (V)
B/G Tennis (Mod.)
G. Bowling (V)
B. Fencing (V)
B. Swimming (V)
Wrestling (V, JV)
Wrestling (V, JV)
G. Gymnastics (Mod.)
G. Gymnastics (Mod.)
B/G Lacrosse (V, JV, Mod.)
G. Lacrosse (Mod.)
B. Swimming (Mod.)
B. Swimming (Mod.)
B. Swimming (Mod.)
B. Swimming (Mod.)
B. Tennis (Mod.)
B/G Track (Mod.)

SENIOR ALL-STAR CONTESTS
The following contests were approved by the Executive Director per Executive Committee authorization and are presented for your information. (Eligibility Standard #9).

SECTION DATE CONTEST
2 06-05-15 Colonial Council Sr. All-Star Game-Baseball
GROUP MEETINGS REPORTS

Chief School Officers – Tim Hayes

Section VII’s 1.5 Multiplier Proposal

- The group wondered should we be looking at truly being a NYSPHSAA.
- Maybe we should look at Section 6 model where they have a Friend and Neighbor policy that allows competition during the regular season for public schools against private schools but when it comes to the championships, it is only a public high school athletic championship.
- Regarding the 1.5 multiplier, the group felt it was a Bandaid approach to an issue that is fundamentally different in terms of how we categorize school districts for competition; public schools having geographic boundaries from which they draw their students and private schools not having to and being allowed to recruit for students.
- The group felt if we are forced to use a multiplier, 1.5 would be the minimum. Sections should be allowed to use a higher multiplier.

Communication

- The group felt the direct communication from Robert on key issues is important and gets action quickly.
- They felt that between Robert, Bob and Todd being at many of the athletic council meetings is a very critical part of the communication process.
- For legislative and lobby type issues, we have key partners on many issues, ie. NYSCOSS, and we should pursue the communication and continue working with these bodies.

Point of Emphasis

- The group felt the Association should celebrate and focus on the percentage of students who participate in interscholastic athletics.

Home School Legislation

- The group is not in favor.
- They feel we need to communicate with our legislators, even though most understood why it was a bad idea when we talked to them.
- They felt the fact that the legislators did not speak with us first to get our position on the issue was problematic.
- It is our job to help the legislators understand how this would impact our schools.

Principals – Tim Farrell

Section VII’s 1.5 Multiplier Proposal

- There was much discussion on this topic.
- The group felt it should be kept at the Section level and sport specific.
- They felt a multiplier would not address the inequity.
- They felt there should be an opportunity for each Section to share on how they handle it.
Communication
- The group was very satisfied with the increased communication over the last couple of years.
- One area of concern was the way the newsletter is distributed via Section reps. They thought there might be a better way because they are not sure all Principals, AD’s and Superintendents are getting the information and staying current with the athletic program.

Point of Emphasis
- The group felt some study should be done on the Scholar Athlete program to equalize the program.

Home School Legislation
- The group was not in favor.
- Encouraged the NYSPHSA to be organized and be sure that our case is adequately built.
- Share what our plan is so all are talking the same plan when speaking to legislators.

Section Executive Directors/Treasurers – Carl Normandin

Section VII’s 1.5 Multiplier Proposal
- The group felt the 1.5 multiplier would be a great starting point but most felt the current procedure was now appropriate.

Communication
- The group felt the office does a very good job communicating.
- One area of improvement would be to have all state sport committees send out a report after their meeting, maybe in the same manner as the newsletter.

Point of Emphasis
- The group discussed establishing roles and responsibilities in conjunction with a flow chart for items that come up at the Sport Committee meeting level as a means on how to move things forward in a consistent manner.

Home School Legislation
- The group was not in favor.
- There was some discussion to establish a sub-committee to look at scenarios that deal specifically with athletic eligibility and how does it impact our school districts.

Athletic Representatives – Patricia Ryan-Curry

Section VII’s 1.5 Multiplier Proposal
- The group supports it.
- It will provide a competitive balance in Class D but there was a concern it might create a bubble in Class and Class B.
- There was also a concern that if non-public schools move up are we going to be providing them a bigger stage for more success which creates more visibility.
- Have the Classification Committee look at where the 60 non-public schools would be if we did use the multiplier.
- Provide an appeal process for a school to go down a classification.
- Possibility of a separate class for non-public schools?

Communication
- The group felt the communication was good.

Point of Emphasis
- Non-public school classification
- Home school legislation

Home School Legislation
- The group was not in favor.

Other
- The group voiced a concern as to why they are now referred to as Physical Education Representatives instead of Athletic Representatives as in the past.
- When ordering shirts, would like shirts ordered in women’s sizes also.
Past Presidents – Mark Ward

Section VII’s 1.5 Multiplier Proposal
- The group was in favor. Felt it was fair. It at least gives a minimum.
- A 2-year experiment might be an idea.

Communication
- The group felt the communication was excellent. Robert has done an excellent job in getting information out.
- They would like more explanation when it comes to changes in staffing; i.e., the reason for the change.

Point of Emphasis
- They would like the Scholar Athlete program looked at. It is a great program and want it to continue but think it’s time for some “tweaking”.

Home School Legislation
- The group is not in favor.
- They feel we have to be prepared to defend our position.
- Create an issue memorandum to be given to all AD’s to use in their districts because all have home schooled families.
- Social and emotional growth is a big factor in this home school topic. Attendance and academic eligibility will be major issues to deal with.
- Some students are home schooled because they “washed out” of their local school for a variety of reasons.

Other
- Apparel provided by the Association needs to be available in women’s sizes.

A motion to approve to accept the Group Meeting reports carried. Bergman/Brewer

REPORTRS FROM CONSULTANTS

NYSAAA – Alan Mallanda, Executive Director

General
- The move to online registration is on hold.
- The conference program planning team headed up by President Jim Wright, CMAA and Tim Mullins, CMAA, is in the initial stages of program planning and securing national speakers and workshop presenters.
- On Wednesday, opening day, 6 to 8 LTI Courses will be offered. The First General Session will begin at 5:00 PM followed by their two hour Exhibit Hall Festival.
- Presentations of chapter awards to 11 chapter award recipients and three special awards will be made at the Roy O’Neill Awards Banquet.
- The Dave Martens Awards Luncheon will feature their third Hall of Fame Induction and the annual Apple Appreciation Awards. They are now taking nominations for the 2017 class. Information and forms are available on their website.
- The Sparky Rector Drop In Center which is located in the exhibit hall for two days during their conference has been transitioned to a virtual Sparky Rector Drop In Center on their website. They are looking for items to post (in digital format). They are requesting anything of interest to share with other D’s to be emailed to him or Liam Frawley, CMAA.

Board News and Actions
- They are very pleased that the new pathway for coaching certification in New York State using the NFHS Coaching Certification Program designed specifically for New York has been implemented and is now in effect for all coaches. He thanked the NYSPHSAA and NYSED, in particular Robert Zayas, CAA and Darryl Daily for their leadership. He also recognized and thanked the ad hoc committee from the NYSAAA, led by Liam Frawley, CMAA for the work they did in getting all this together to bring to the Commissioner and Board of Regents.
• The NYSSAA is seeking a new assistant Professional Development Chair to replace Liam Frawley, CMAA, who has moved into the Vice President position.
• At its Spring meeting, the Executive Board appointed three new committee chairs and co-chairs.

**Professional Development**
• Any Chapters/Sections desiring to offer LTI Courses in their Section or region, should contact Steve Young, CAA or Josh Lacey, CAA.
• The CAA Exam will be offered again at the conference on Friday morning, March 18th at 8:00 AM. In addition, there are two other dates for the CAA exam to be given: October 19th at the Saratoga Hilton and June 20th at the NYSPHSAA Latham office, both at 1:00 PM. Anyone planning on taking the exam must pre-qualify through the NIAAA office. Requirements and costs are posted on the NYSSAAA website.
• The NYSSAAA Handbook for Athletic Administrators is now in a digital format and is posted under “Professional Development” on their website.

**Membership**
• Once again, the NYSSA has the highest professional membership in the nation with 654 members.
• Mike Murray, CAA (5) is their new membership chair and will be targeting chapters to increase their membership.
• Membership dues remain the same again for the sixth straight year.
• Dual membership in both the NYSSAAA and NIAAA is still only $150 for active athletic administrators.

**Website/Newsletter**
• Athletic Administrators are encouraged to visit their website regularly to keep up on the latest information and association news. Links have been provided between the NYSPHSAA and NYSSAAA, as well as other professional associations, on each of their respective websites.
• The next newsletter is going to be released in late August. Past issues can be found on their website.
• Their NYSSAAA Hall of Fame for athletic administrators is also posted on their website. It will continue to be maintained and updated as a “virtual” Hall of Fame.

**NIAAA/NFHS**
• The NIAAA/NFHS annual Athletic Directors Conference is scheduled for December 13-15, 2015 in Orlando, Florida at the Marriott World Center. Future sights include Nashville, TN; Phoenix, AZ; San Antonio, TX and Tampa, FL.
• Six LTI courses are being offered this summer and next fall as webinars by the NIAAA. Information can be found on their website and the NYSSAAA website as to courses, dates, times and requirements.
• Section I of the NIAAA continues to host a Summer Institute for Athletic Administrators and their families at the Ocean Edge Resort in Brewster, MA on Cape Cod every summer. Next year it will take place June 26-29, 2016. Information and applications can be found on their website. Every summer, between 60-100 athletic administrators attend from New York and other New England states to choose from over 15 LTI Courses offered with national faculty, as well as the CAA prep course and exam. Institute directors are Peter Shambo, CMAA and Steve Young, CAA from New York.

**Other**
• The NYSSAAA thanked the NYSPHSAA and Robert Zayas, CAA for their continued support and partnership. Together, this kind of relationship can only benefit the student athletes of New York State.

**NYS Coaches Association** – Ron Woodruff
• Each year the NYSPHSAA can select Coach of the Year Awards for New York State Coaches.
• These selected individuals then become the NYS nominees for the National Federation of High Schools Coach of the Year Awards. They are then reviewed at the regional level which includes Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Vermont, New Hampshire, New Jersey and Maine. The Regional Coach of the Year recipients continues to be considered for the NFHS Award.
• During the year, NYS sport coordinators and Section Executive Directors are contacted and asked to distribute information and nominees for the various sports.
• A list of the NYS recipients and regional award recipients was included in the meeting packets.
• He thanked all the Sport Coordinators, Executive Directors, Athletic Directors and coaches who have made recommendations for these awards.
• He asked that if anyone knows a coach that may be deserving of such an award to contact him at rwoodruf42@aol.com.
• He thanked Robert Zayas and Todd Nelson for their help in this process.

A motion to approve adjournment of the July 28-30, 2015 Central Committee meeting at 2:50 PM on Wednesday, July 29, 2015 carried. Sullivan-Kriss/Bjork

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]
Robert Zayas
Executive Director

2015-2016 Meetings
Executive Committee
October 22, 2015 (Hilton Garden Inn-Troy)
January 29, 2016 (Teleconference)
May 6, 2016 (Hilton Garden Inn-Troy)

Central Committee
July 26-28, 2016 (Turning Stone Resort-Section 3)