SYNOPSIS OF ACTIONS
July 24-25, 2018 CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING
High Peaks Resort, Lake Placid, NY

ACTION ITEMS

1. P4  Approved the Agenda of the July 24-25, 2018 Central Committee meeting.
2. P4  Approved the May 4, 2018 Executive Committee meeting minutes.
3. P6  Approved Jill Gregorius as the NYSPHSAA Accounts Receivable and Inventory Clerk.
4. P10 Approved to move the 2019 Baseball Championships from Week #49 to Week #50.
5. P15 Approved for Robert to develop a proposal for discussion at the Section Executive Directors meeting Thursday, July 26th for temporary coaching license may be approved through BOCES pending submission of all necessary paperwork has been submitted to SED.
6. P17 Approved the Compensation Committee’s report.
7. P18 Approved adding the Representation Rule related to “practice” to the “Practice Rule” in the Handbook.
8. P20 Approved removing “sneakers and cleat” restrictions in the Modified program from the NYSPHSAA Handbook.
10. P20 Approved Sport Coordinator appointments/reappointments for a five-year term, effective September 1, 2018 through August 31, 2023.
11. P20 Approved school enrollment numbers for 7 non-public schools for the 2018-2019 school year.
12. P21 Approved revising the format of the NYSPHSAA Competitive Cheerleading Championships to include revisions to the scoresheet and coach’s education and judges’ training.
13. P21 Approved to recognize Game Day Cheer.
14. P21 Approved to revise the NYSPHSAA Championship Philosophy document.
15. P21 Approved revising the graduated scale percentage for the combining of teams to be sport specific, effective the 2019-2020 school year.
17. P21 Approved to revise the Volleyball scrimmage rule.
18. P22 Approved moving the Bowling State Championships from Week #35 to Week #36 permanently.
19. P22 Approved changing the Bowling Championships from a two-day tournament to a three-day tournament and eliminate the official practice session on Friday.
20. P22 Approved amending the Substitution Rule at the NYSPHSAA Bowling State Championships.
21. P22 Approved revising the Boys and Girls Bowling maximum contest rule.
22. P23 Approved the addition of a Super Qualifying Standard for the NYSPHSAA Outdoor Track & Field Championships as a two-year experiment.
23. P23 Approved the Regional rotation in Ice Hockey.
24. P23 Approved Ice Hockey post season games to use video replay for determining goals, undetected goals and for determining correct time on the game clock (NFHS Rule 9-13).
25. P23 Approved in Ice Hockey a mandatory statewide warm-up protocol for the regular season.
26. P23 Approved the following reduction in the required number of contests: Wrestling Dual Meet Championships from 6 to 0 in Section 1.
27: P24 Approved as Friends & Neighbors (expiring August 2020): EF International Academy (I), German International School New York (I), St. Margaret School (I), The Montfort Academy (I), St. Mary’s St. Alphonsus Regional Catholic School (2), Darrow School (2), Waldorf School of Saratoga Springs (2), Twin Tiers Christian Academy (IV), Rochester Christian School (V), Urban Choice
Charter School (V), Elmwood Franklin School (VI), New Life Christian School (VI), St. Mary’s School for the Deaf (VI), Archbishop Walsh/Southern Tier Catholic School (VI), West Seneca Christian School (VI), John A. Flannery High School (IX), West Point Middle School (IX).

28.  P28 Approved moving the NYSPHSAA Softball Championships from Week #49 to Week #50 for 2019 only.

29.  P29 Approved to update the current Wrestling Skin Infection form to include the editorial changes made by the NFHS SMAC.


31.  P37 Approved adjournment.
The Central Committee was called to order by President James Osborne at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, July 24, 2018. Executive Director Robert Zayas introduced members of the Central Committee and took attendance as follows:

**Officers**
- President – James Osborne
- First Vice President – Paul Harrica
- Second Vice President – Julie Bergman
- Past President – Stephen Broadwell

**Past Presidents**
- Karen Lopez
- Eileen Troy

**Staff**
- Executive Director – Robert Zayas
- Assistant Director – Todd Nelson
- Assistant Director – Joe Altieri
- Director of Sales & Marketing – Christopher Joyce
- Director of Communications – Christopher Watson
- Director of Special Programs – Kristen Jadin
- Director of Finance – Lisa Hand
- Counsel – Renee James
- Secretary – Sandra Schanck

**Section Representatives**

Section I:
- Jennifer Simmons, Proxy for James Mackin (PRIN), Karen Peterson (ATH-G); John Bauerlein (ATH-B); Andrew Irvin (CSO)

Section 2:
- Kathy Ryan (ATH-G); Christopher Culnan, Proxy for Drew Santandera (ATH-B); Peter Bednarek (PRIN); Daniel Ward, Proxy for Ryan Sherman (CSO)

Section III:
- Monica Tooley (ATH-G); Michael Carbone (ATH-B); Paul Gasparini (PRIN); Tim Ryan (CSO)

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

Section V:
- Kim Henshaw (ATH-G); Thomas Schmandt (ATH-B); David Pullen (PRIN); Joseph Englebert (CSO)(Tuesday), Kathy Hoyt, Proxy for Joseph Englebert (CSO) (Wednesday)

Section VI:
- Marisa Fallacaro (ATH-G); James Graczyk (ATH-B); Jeff Rabey (CSO); James Spanbauer (PRIN)

Section VII:
- Patricia Ryan-Curry (ATH-G); Matthew Walentuk, Proxy for C. Joseph Staves (ATH-B); John McDonald (CSO)

Section VIII:
- Chris Ceruti (ATH-G); Michael Bongino (ATH-B); Patrick Pizzarelli, Proxy for Scott Andrews (PRIN); Henry Grishman (CSO)

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

Section X:
- Lori Brewer (ATH-G); Anthony Bjork (ATH-B); Russell Bartlett (PRIN); James Cruikshank (CSO)

Section XI:
- Debra Ferry (ATH-G); Timothy Mullins (ATH-B); Patti Trombetta (PRIN); Michael Radday (CSO)

**Section Executive Directors**

- Jennifer Simmons (I)
- Ed Dopp (II)
- John Rathbun (III)
- Ben Nelson (IV)

- Kathy Hoyt (V)
- Timm Slade (VI)
- Matthew Walentuk (VII)
- Patrick Pizzarelli (VIII)

- Greg Ransom (IX)
- Carl Normandin (X)
- Thomas Combs (XI)
- Peter Blieberg, Asst. Ex. Director (XI)

**Section Presidents**

- Christopher Culnan (2), Terrance Dougherty (III), Christopher Mazzella (VII), Mark Wilson (X), Debra Ferry (XI)
Section Treasurers
Jackie Meyer (V), Don Scholla (VI)

Standing Committees
Jim Rose, Modified Committee Co-Coordinator
Patrick Pizzarelli, Handbook Committee Chair

Ex-Officio & Consultants
Denise Kiernan, President-NYSAAA
Tom McGuire, Executive Director-Pupil Benefits Plan
Darryl Daily, SED
Ron Woodruff, NYS Coaches Association (Wednesday)

Guests
Rise Van Iderstine (2)
Mike Andrew (IV)
Margaret Tremblay (IV)
Wayne Aman (IV)
Ed Stores, Retired Executive Director (V)
Shaun Jeffers, Coord. of Communications & Marketing (V)
Joe Sposato (V)
Eric Luther (X)
Nick DeCillis (XI)
John Moriello, NYS Sports Writers Association (phone)

Sport Coordinators (via phone)
Tim Lincoln, Girls Basketball State Coordinator
Eileen Shultis, Girls Bowling State Coordinator
Gary VanDerzee, Football State Coordinator
Marbry Gansle, Girls Gymnastics Coordinator
Scott Stuart, Boys Ice Hockey State Coordinator
Cathy Allen, Softball State Coordinator
Tom Wells, Boys Track & Field State Coordinator
Peggy Seese, Girls Volleyball Assistant State Coordinator
Marty Sherman, Wrestling State Coordinator

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
A motion to approve the Agenda of the July 24-25, 2018 Central Committee Meeting carried.   Ferry/Bauerlein

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
A motion to approve the May 4, 2018 Executive Committee Meeting minutes as written carried.   Mullins/Ceruti

ORAL AND PRINTED REPORTS WERE PRESENTED BY ASSOCIATION OFFICERS AND STAFF

President James Osborne
- Introduced Matt Walentuk, Executive Director of Section VII welcomed the group to the High Peaks Resort, Lake Placid, NY.
- Reported he had attended several State Championships, Sport Committee meetings and Athletic Conference meetings.
• Thanked the sport chair people, committees, and volunteers who make the championships a great experience for our student-athletes.
• Thanked the staff of the Association for their hard work and dedication.
• Through a Power Point presentation, he and Executive Director Zayas reviewed the accomplishments and highlights of the Association during the 2017-2018 school year.
• Highlights included the following:
  • The staff continues to do a great job in running our state championships.
  • Continued Revenue Share program.
  • The staff attended over 80% of Athletic Council meetings this year. Looking to possibly increase attendance to 85% next year.
  • NFHS has selected Dan Doherty, our Girls Track & Field State Coordinator, to serve on the NFHS Track & Field Committee and Kristen Jadin, Director of Special Programs, to serve on the Student Services Committee.
  • Kristen Jadin promoted to Assistant Director effective September 1, 2018.
  • Congratulated Robert Zayas on receiving his doctorate on May 12, 2018.
  • Successfully lobbied against home school legislation due to Kevin Banes, our Lobbyist from Statewide Public Affairs, who arranged meetings with Robert, himself and legislators to ensure our views as a membership were listened to and heard by the legislators.
  • Created an Oversight Committee to review a Section’s concern with the placement of a non-public or charter school.
  • Revised the timeline for school enrollment numbers.
  • Standardized ticket prices - $10.00 on-site, $8.00 online for all sports.
  • Wheelchair athletes in the sport of Track & Field. Created a procedure to allow wheelchair athletes to score points for their team and ultimately qualify for the post season.
  • Unified athletics. NYSPHSAA continues to promote program. In 2019, all 11 Sections will be participating in Unified sports.
  • NOCSAE Stamp in Baseball. Starting January 2019, the NFHS notified us the NOCSAE stamp will be required on all baseballs as per NFHS rules. This was concerning as the NFHS only gave an 18-month implementation period and schools were left with dozens of baseballs that would not be able to be used. Through lobbying efforts, implementation was delayed until January 2020.
  • First dual team championship in Wrestling was held in Section III and was a great success.
  • Continued initiative of awarding Championship t-shirts in all sports.
  • Spectrum contract. In negotiations to allow any events Spectrum does not broadcast to be sublicensed to NFHS Network.
  • Continued with the NYSPHSAA Championship logos which were created for consistency and equity. Unveiled the 2018-2019 championship logos.
• Recognized 2 Past Presidents attending the meeting: Eileen Troy, Section 2 and Karen Lopez, Section VII.

1st Vice President Paul Harrica
• Congratulated all the state championship winners this year.
• Congratulated the Association staff along with the sport coordinators and volunteers who did an incredible job in running great tournaments.
• Congratulated all the sport committee and standing committee members for all they do for our student-athletes.
• Thanked the membership for the opportunity to serve and is looking forward to the next two years as President.

2nd Vice President Julie Bergman
• Thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve the membership and student-athletes of NYSPHSAA.
• Appreciated the opportunity to work with Jim, Paul and Steve and the Association staff and thanked them for their hard work and dedication.
• Attended several state championships and stated the behind the scene process is eye-opening and awe inspiring.
• She is looking forward to moving into the 1st Vice President’s position.
Past President Stephen Broadwell

- Thanked everyone for the honor and privilege of serving as an officer for the last 8 years.
- Thanked Robert and the staff for all their work.
- Would like to challenge the Association to continue to think creatively in our mission to engage students. Our programs currently serve over 600,000 students. Stated it would be awesome for us to set a goal to engage 1 million students by 2028. Would have to look at expansion through emerging sports, experimental sports and other activities such as e-sports. The kids are there and the potential to engage them is possible.

Executive Director Robert Zayas
NYSPHSAA Staff

- Congratulated the staff on doing an excellent job during the 2017-2018 school year working with 32 sport coordinators to host first-class State Championships. They are constantly searching for ways to improve fan and student-athlete experience at championship events.
- The staff continues to focus attention on highlighting the positive aspects of participation and promoting the student-athletes who participate in athletics at the 783 NYSPHSAA member schools.
- Announced Peggy Schindler, NYSPHSAA Accounts receivable and Inventory Clerk, had retired.

A motion to approve Jill Gregorius to replace Peggy Schindler as the NYSPHSAA Accounts Receivable and Inventory Clerk carried. Carbone/Murphy

Athletic Director Workshops

- The annual Athletic director workshops will begin on August 21. The focus of the workshops this Fall will be a detailed review of the NYSPHSAA Handbook, highlighting specific NYSPHSAA rules and NYSED Commissioners Regulations.

NOCSAE Baseball Stamp

- In May 2017, the NFHS informed its member state associations throughout the country that baseballs would be required to include a NOCSAE stamp starting January 2019. Robert expressed concern to the NFHS and worked with other State Athletic Associations to bring attention to the expedited implementation period. Many NYSPHSAA member schools had told him they had between 40 to 60 dozen baseball in storage since they purchased them in bulk. The NFHS has delayed the implementation of this rule until January 1, 2020.

Home School Legislation

- NYSPHSAA continues to work with Kevin Banes from Statewide Public Affairs on legislative relations and initiatives. He and Kevin met with several elected officials towards the end of the 2018 legislative session to express concern with the proposed Home School bill which would permit home schooled students to participate in interscholastic sports in the district they lived. The bill did pass the Senate; however, it was not voted on in the Assembly.

Assistant Director Joe Altieri

Sport Committees/Other Meetings

- Was the NYSPHSAA liaison or representative for the following committees since the May Executive Committee meeting: Boys Golf, Baseball, Girls Lacrosse, Track, Boys Lacrosse, Boys Tennis, Wrestling, Boys Volleyball, Football, Boys & Girls Swimming, NYS Federation.
- Committee meeting minutes have been emailed to the Officers, CAC and Section Executive Directors.
- He met with the Girls Gymnastics Committee to revise their Technical Handbook and will seek approval for its 6th edition later in the meeting.
- The Bowling Committee met and discussed fully using USBC rules, which was used for only scoring purposes prior.
- The annual Sport Coordinators & Tournament Directors meeting was held on August 8th at the Capital Center, Albany.

Championship Administration

- Not all Spring championship revenues and expenses had been submitted or finalized at the time the meeting packet was sent out, therefore no analysis was provided.
- He reviewed highlights of some championships:
- **Baseball** - Successful 2nd year of the two-day tournament was conducted with highest attendance in 5 years.
- **Girls Golf** – Awarded first School State Champions at its State Tournament. There were 13 extra competitors.
- **Softball** – Successful tournament and awards were handed out by Senator Betty Little for the first time.
- **Boys Tennis** – Despite rain and tournament moving inside, tournament finished on time and with no issues.
- **Boys Lacrosse** – Record-breaking attendance of 3,490 people at the Finals in the 2nd year of a four-class tournament.
- **Outdoor Track** – First wheelchair race in outdoor track was run in the 1600 and 3200. Both races went smoothly.
- Other than Girls Lacrosse, all spring championships had outstanding attendance. For Fall and Winter championships, attendance decreased.
- Reported there are 4 bid meetings for State Championships between now and October: Cross Country, Indoor Track, Girls Basketball and Boys Basketball.
- Online ticket sales continue to rise for the 10th straight year. This is our second year using gofan.co, a Huddle platform.
- Spectrum Sports streamed the boys’ lacrosse semifinals and finals as well as the girls’ lacrosse finals online.

**Branding/Marketing**
- Branding at NYSPHSAA State Championships and marketing continued at events with various methods of signage in addition to a strong digital campaign on Google and social media to promote girls and boys lacrosse prior to their events.

**Hall of Fame Banquet & Ceremonies**
- Our 16th Hall of Fame Class was inducted on July 25th.
- He thanked In It To Win It Productions for producing the video tributes.
- He thanked the staff for their hard work and assistance in creating a great “show” for our induction ceremony.

**Summer Semester Intern**
- He thanked Claire Deegan, a senior at University of Albany, for her work during her summer internship with us.

**Assistant Director Todd Nelson**

**Unified Sports**
- This year NYSPHSAA and Special Olympics New York worked with 140 schools that offered Unified Basketball and 32 schools that offered Unified Bowling.
- In the 2018-2019 school year we will be working with all 11 Sections in Unified Sports.
- Hopeful that one or two Sections will expand into the Fall season which will provide a Unified opportunity in all three seasons.
- Section 5 offered a Modified Unified Basketball program this past spring. The schools reported this program was a huge success.
- He thanked our partners Special Olympics New York for their continued support and expertise.

**Sanctioning**
- The NYSPHSAA Sanctioning process is on-line at [www.nysphsaa.org](http://www.nysphsaa.org).
- Reminded schools any time a team travels out of state for a competition, they must complete the “Notice of Entry” on-line. Schools will be able to check the status of an out of state event on the website.
- If a school is hosting an event that involves a school(s) from another state, they must complete the NYSPHSAA sanctioning application or the NFHS on-line sanctioning application.
- For any questions, contact Todd Nelson at tnelson@nysphsaa.org.

**Professional Development**
- Encouraged schools to be proactive and encourage their coaches, students and parents to take advantage of courses offered by the NFHS. Many of these courses are free of charge and provide excellent resources. Athletic Administrators are encouraged to use these courses as tools to improve and continually educate their coaches to help benefit their athletic program. The NFHS offers more than 60 courses. To learn more, visit [www.nfhslearn.com](http://www.nfhslearn.com).
**Director of Special Programs Kristen Jadin**

**Scholar Athlete Program**
- This spring, 2,355 teams received the Scholar-Athlete Team Award. 38,034 student-athletes received an individual grade point average of 90.00 or above and have been recognized as Scholar-Athletes.
- NYSPLSAA awarded 2,733 more individuals (7.74%) and 291 more teams (14.1%) as compared to the Spring of 2017.
- For the 2017-2018 school year, NYSPLSAA recognized a total of 8,064 Scholar-Athlete teams and 115,586 Scholar-Athlete individuals. That is an increase of 1,004 teams and 8,199 individuals from the 2016-2017 school year.
- Distribution of pins for the 2018-2019 school year will take place at the mandatory Athletic Director Workshops in the fall.

**School of Excellence**
- Awarded to schools who had 75% of their varsity programs qualify for and receive the NYSPLSAA Scholar-Athlete Team Award during the 2017-2018 school year. Qualified is interpreted to mean teams having met all the Scholar-Athlete Teams Award program’s criteria (i.e. received a certificate), including having met the deadline date to apply as set for each sport season. The deadline to apply was June 30th.
- 116 Schools earned the School of Excellence Award this year. A press release announcing the School of Excellence Award winners was distributed on July 12th.
- Plaques will be presented to the winners at the AD Workshops in the Fall.

**School of Distinction**
- Awarded to schools who had 100% of their varsity programs qualify for and receive the NYSPLSAA Scholar-Athlete Team Award during the 2017-2018 school year. Qualified is interpreted to mean teams having met all the Scholar-Athlete Teams Award program’s criteria (i.e. received a certificate), including having met the deadline date to apply as set for each sport season. The deadline to apply was June 30th.
- A press release announcing the 30 schools who earned the School of Distinction Award was distributed July 12th.
- Awards and certificates will be presented to the winners at the AD Workshops in the Fall.
- Schools have expressed a concern with the requirement of including merged teams on a school’s application. This concern will be discussed by the Student Athletic Development Committee (SADC) at their September meeting.

**Participation Survey**
- The survey was completely updated to reduce submission error and increase the validity of the data.
- It was distributed to all Athletic Directors on Wednesday, March 28th.
- As of June 27, only 5 schools had not submitted the survey.
- The survey data will be analyzed and released by mid-August.

**SAAC Selections**
- A listing of the 2018-2019 SAAC representatives for each Section was included in the meeting packet.

**Hazing Prevention**
- Only 33 schools have taken advantage of the Hazing Prevention program. Through discussion with Alivetek, limiting factors include the purchasing process and the availability of the NFHS course.
- After year one, 130 facilitators enrolled with only 47 having completed the course.
- 572 student-athletes completed the course with a facilitator; 556 (97.2%) indicted they learned something new by participating in the course.
- After the completion of the course, 95.7% of the facilitators said they would recommend the course to other teams and/or groups.

**Director of Finance Lisa Hand**

**Balance Sheet**
- Reported a cash balance of $297,121 as of June 30, 2018.
- Reported Accounts Receivables of $102,539 is due to rulebook purchases from NYSACFO (football officials) and Baseball Umpires Association.
- Reported other receivables of $131,885 include $100,000 due from CP Sportswear.
- Reported Impact tests inventory is approximately $100,000 due to purchase of more tests per contract.
• Reported as of June 30, 2018, we have excess revenue over expenses of $643,187.

Income Statement
• Reviewed the Statement of Activities highlighting the following:
  • Revenues
    • Investments have earned approximately $151,000 as of June 30, 2018 and have increased their market value by $13,000.
    • Fall championships netted a final profit of $188,109. Winter Championships netted a profit of $224,317, which was a decrease from last winter of approximately $43,000. To date, Spring Championships have netted a profit of $70,608, a decrease from last spring of approximately $2,200.
    • The decrease in net profits for championships was mostly due to decrease attendance.
    • Our office rental shows a loss of approximately $27,000. The loss for year ended August 31, 2018 is projected to be approximately $39,000.
  • Expenditures
    Administrative
    • Meetings and Travel expenditures are over budget by approximately $3,000.
    • Office Expense was over budget by approximately $5,800 in part due to the purchase of Snap Chap filters for Championship venues and the additional cost of $2,500 to Spire Interactive for help with website issues.
    Committees & Programs
    • Championship Transport is over budget by $12,000.
    • Overall, the financial health of the Association is very good.

• Robert commended Lisa on the great job she does for the Association.

Director of Communications Chris Watson
Coaches Appreciation Day
• On May 16th we introduced the first ever NYSPHSAA Coaches Appreciation Day. It was a social media campaign to allow current and former student-athletes the opportunity to post a photo, story or just say thanks to a special coach in their life.
• There were hundreds of posts on Twitter and Instagram. Schools posted thank you videos, surprised coaches with small gifts and really embraced the event.
• The NYSPHSAA Coaches Appreciation Day for 2019 will take place on May 15th.

Social Media in June
• Twitter was most active in June at the Spring Championships. There were 462 new followers, 997 original tweets and 2.6 million impressions.
• Instagram currently has approximately 2,600 followers.
• SnapChat was utilized at all the spring championships with great success. Our Championship logo filters were seen over 270,000 times.

Captains Club
• The June edition of the NYSCOPBA Captains club has been released. It features legendary West Genesee Boys Lacrosse coach, Mike Messere.
• Anyone with a motivational or inspirational story idea, please contact Chris Watson (cwatson@nysphsaa.org) or Kristen Jadin (kjadin@nysphsaa.org).

State Records
• State records in all sports continue to be updated on the website.
• The State Record Reporting form can be found on the website under Resources, then Forms.

Director of Sales & Marketing Chris Joyce
Sponsorships
• The following were contributing partners for the Spring Championships: BSN Sports, M-F Athletics, USTA Eastern, Vertical Adventures
• Thanked NYSIR for agreeing to cover the cost of Heads Up Football training for our member schools. Any questions about the training, please contact Todd Nelson.
• Secured CheerSounds as the presenting sponsor of the Cheerleading Championships.
• Finalized partnership renewals with the following: BSN Sports, Legend Rings
• Currently working to renew with NYS Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee. New agreement will involve hosting traffic safety programs at member schools. If your school is interested, please contact the NYSPHSAA office.
• Renewal discussions have begun with CSEA and MaxPreps.

Ticketing
• Online sales are up 17% over 2016-2017.
• NYSPHSAA GoFan page traffic analytics based on top three marketed events (Football, Basketball, Ice Hockey): 44% referred from NYSPHSAA website; 36% referred from Facebook Ads; 20% direct traffic to GoFan page.
• He highly recommended Sections place links to their GoFan page on their website.
• Reported 10 of our 11 Sections offer online ticketing. Any Section with questions about expanding their online ticketing can contact him at the NYSPHSAA office.
• The paper ticket order has been placed. Each Section should be receiving their allotment before September. He has asked Huddle to explore other ways of packaging the tickets instead of the rolls of 500 or 1,000. They are looking into ways to print and ship in stacks for next year.

Championship Marketing
• Facebook results from digital and video marketing campaigns for Boys and Girls Lacrosse: 145,000 impressions; 3,000 clicks linked directly to ticketing website; 2.1% CTR; generated 53 page “likes” and 377 post “likes”.
• The 2018-2019 championship logos have been finalized. The logos will be sent to the sport coordinator and host Section for each event.

Counselor Renee James

James Lawsuit (Section VI)
• Football player suffered a concussion, was taken out of the game and later transported to the hospital where he passed away. The suit was filed before our new insurance took effect. Under the old insurance in Section VI, we had coverage for attorney fees and defense but if there was a verdict, it wasn’t covered by insurance. She has been tracking the case through the court system and reported the plaintiff agreed to discontinue the suit against NYSPHSAA and Section VI.

She noted across the country there continues to be numerous lawsuits about concussions and encouraged schools to make sure they are following their concussion management policies and procedures.

Marshall Lawsuit (Section IV)
• She reported we had received a decision denying the preliminary injunction of a basketball player in Section IV who wanted an additional year. The student has graduated but the disability rights activists are continuing the action. She received a notice the court has given an extension of time to determine who is representing the Commissioner of Education so that the parties can enter a settlement discussion. Will keep us posted.

SECTIONAL CONCERNS

Section I: no concerns
Section 2: no concerns

Section III: The Section III Athletic Council requested to move the Baseball Championships from Week #49 to Week #50 to mirror Softball for the 2019 Baseball Championships. Robert Zayas said we have to be prepared for school conflicts associated with a date change.

A motion to approve moving the 2019 Baseball Championships from Week #49 to Week #50 carried. Carboine/Fallacaro (The votes by Section: Section 1: 4 Abstentions; Section 2: 4 Abstentions; Section 3: 4 Yes; Section 4: 4 Abstentions; Section 5: 4 Yes; Section 6: 4 Yes; Section 7: 4 Yes; Section 8: 4 Yes; Section 9: 3 Yes; Section 10: 4 Yes; Section 11: 4 Abstentions; Officers: 3 Yes. 30 Yes/0 No/16 Abstentions.)
Section IV: no concerns
Section V: no concerns
Section VI: no concerns
Section VII: no concerns
Section VIII: Inquired about moving Boys Volleyball to the Spring Championships. (Joe Altieri will be meeting with John Coletta, the new Boys Volleyball State Coordinator, and will request this item be added to their November meeting agenda.) Also stated they felt our Association should endorse the NYSPHSAA’s Emergency Management LTC Course. They feel all Athletic Administrators should take this course to prepare themselves for a possible serious event at their school.

Section IX: no concerns
Section X: no concerns

Section XI: Agreed with Section VIII regarding the endorsement by NYSPHSAA of the NYSSAA Emergency Management LTC Course.

Executive Director Robert Zayas introduced Spencer Evans of Arbiter who gave a short presentation on what their company offers. He also thanked Arbiter for sponsoring the Hall of Fame Reception.

REPORTS FROM EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

State Education Department – Darryl Daily
- Thanked the Association for all we do for student-athletes in New York State.

Professional Development Opportunities
- New York State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (NYSAHPERD) Conference (November 14-17, 2018) in Verona, New York. See website: http://www.nysahperd.org/content/professional-development/nys-ahperd-conference.cfm
- New York State Athletic Administrators Association (NYSSAA) Leadership Training Program and Certification Program. See website: http://nysaaa.org/contact-us

NEW YORK STATE LEARNING STANDARDS REVIEW PROCESS FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION HAS BEGUN
(Winter/Spring/Summer 2018)
- Collaborating with NYSAHPERD- Kick off at SED on August 6-7, 2018. Reviewing National and NYS Learning Standards and Outcomes for NYS. Process and review team includes multiple representatives; (SED, ELA’s, BOCES, NYSAHPERD, NYSSAA, NYSUT and SAANYS, K-12 and Higher Education Institutions).

CONCUSSION MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES UPDATED (June 2018)
- The New York State Education Department Guidelines for Concussion Management in Schools have been revised to reflect the current recommendations on managing concussions. Previous guidance was that students must be completely symptom free to return to activities. Now there is emerging research suggesting that some symptoms may be acceptable during return to activities. The updated guidelines now reflect this practice along
with emphasizing that schools follow guidance of the student’s health care provider on what symptoms are acceptable for return to activities.

- A gradual return to physical activity typically is done by progressing a student through levels of activity that increase in duration and/or intensity. Gradual return to activity should occur with the introduction of a new activity level every 24 hours. If any post-concussion symptoms return, the student should stop the activity and drop back to the previous level of activity. Current research suggests that some level of symptoms with activity is acceptable. Therefore, schools will need to follow provider orders on return to activities. Students should be monitored by district staff daily following each progressive level of physical activity, for any return of signs and symptoms of concussion. A gradual progression should be followed based on the private healthcare provider’s or other specialist’s orders and recommendations.

- Please direct questions to the Office of Student Support Services at 518-486-6090 or studentsupportservices@nysed.gov.

**RECENT SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES CHANGES (Effective July 1, 2018)**

- Revisions to commissioner’s regulations 136.1-135.3 go into effect 7/1/18.
- Health examinations must now be completed on a required form.
- Grade levels for health examinations and required screenings have been revised.
- New guidelines are available for Health Examination, Vision Screening, Hearing Screening, and Scoliosis Screening. Due to changes in screening requirements it is important that school health personnel review the new guidelines.
- The new guidelines and new required health exam form are on our website [NYS School Health Services – Updates and New Information](http://www.p12.nysed.gov/sss/schoolhealth/schoolhealthservices/).
- Questions may be directed to the Office of Student Support Services at 518-486-6090 or to studentsupportservices@nysed.gov.
- Note-In regards to the new health examination form, 2018-2019 is a transition year since health care providers and parents/guardians may not be aware of the new form. Therefore, schools are strongly encouraged to accept any physical turned in regardless of the form it is completed on. Physicals done prior to 7/1/18 cannot be mandated to be on the new form since the regulation was not in effect. Please contact the Office of Student Support Services if you have questions. 518-486-6090 or studentsupportservices@nysed.gov

**NEW INITIATIVES TO COMBAT SUBSTANCE ABUSE AMONG SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN AND STUDENT ATHLETES**

- Heroin and opioid use continues to grow at an alarming rate. Recent studies have shown that the percentages of high school students in New York State who have reported using heroin or who have injected an illegal drug have more than doubled from 2005 to 2015.
- Education and healthcare leaders can increase awareness by talking about underage drinking, substance use disorders, addiction, warning signs, and how to access help. These materials provide guidance on how to have those conversations.
- NYSED partnered with the New York State Health Department and the New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services to provide the New York State Addiction and Substance Use Disorder Educational Resource.
- A Free Flash Drive Educational Resource has been developed through the New York State Department of Health, specifically to assist you in reaching your students and their families in combating this epidemic. This tool provides readily accessible and striking sample presentations, videos and discussion guides on how to engage students that may be dealing with sports-related injuries and pain relief involving opioid prescriptions or self-treatment with opioid medications. We know how our athletes look up to physical education teachers, athletic directors and coaches to guide them, so please order a flash drive.
  - The New York State Addiction and Substance Use Disorder Educational Resource is available free on a flash drive that may be ordered by sending an email to: B0019W@health.ny.gov (email address contains zeros), or by mailing your request to:

**PUBLICATIONS NYSDOH Distribution Center P.O. Box 343 Guilderland, New York 12084**
• Materials sent to addresses within New York State are provided free of charge. Quantities may be limited.

Please include the name of your school, company, or facility; physical address; name and email address of contact person; and the following description and order number: New York State Addiction and Substance Use Disorder Educational Resource - Pub.# 12029. (Flash drives cannot be mailed to post office boxes).

GUIDELINES FOR COACHING (Updated January 2018)


QUALITY PHYSICAL EDUCATION PLAN REMINDER

• Is your district plan current? Is your plan frequently updated to ensure high-quality programs are being offered? Is your plan aligned with the current regulations and/or National and NYS Standards? Recommend updating minimum of 7 years. Important when looking for funding and support.

• If you need technical assistance or have specific questions, contact Darryl Daily at darryl.daily@nysed.gov

• According to Commissioner’s Regulation 135.4 - Physical Education Plans must be filed both at the local level and at the Department. Plans can be sent as a hard copy or as an e-mailed attachment to the Department. E-mail format is preferred.

ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY amendments (BOR approved at June 2017 meeting)

• 13 K-8 School Districts and APP
• Duration of Competition amended (Social emotional documentation)
• Riflery added to Special Tryout Processes (Similar to Golf and Bowling protocol)

GUIDELINES FOR SPORT STANDARDS (Amended and posted January 2017)

• Competitive Cheerleading was added to the list-January 2017.
• Note: 2 separate seasons (fall and winter) for competitive cheerleading. 15 weeks for fall competitive cheerleading season. 22 weeks for winter competitive cheerleading season.

IMPORTANT REMINDER TO ALL PHYSICAL EDUCATION DIRECTORS/ATHLETIC DIRECTORS

• Please make sure all your coaches are certified and/or are in the process of completing their certification. Re-check to make sure they have all their requirements completed and license in hand in order to coach.

IMPORTANT HEALTH EDUCATION RELATED ITEMS

• MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION LEGISLATION (Effective July 1, 2018)
• Mental Health Education Legislation Chapter 390 of the Laws of 2016 amending Section 804 of Article 17 and states as of July 2018 all schools under the jurisdiction of the department will ensure their health education programs recognize the multiple dimensions of health by including mental health and the relation of physical and mental health so as to enhance student understanding, attitudes and behaviors that promote health, well-being and human dignity – http://public.leginfo.state.ny.us/lawsrch.cgi?NVLWO
• SED & Mental Health Association of NYS collaborated as a stakeholder task force to develop guidance resources to implement the new mental health law by July 2018.

• SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL LEARNING GUIDELINES (BOE-Presentation May 2018)
• The following resources will be posted to their website soon:
  • Introducing New Guidance and Resources for Social Emotional Learning
  • Supplemental Presentation:
  • Social Emotional Learning - Essentials for Learning, Essentials for Life

• NEW YORK STATE COMBAT HEROIN AND PRESCRIPTION OPIOID ABUSE CAMPAIGN
At its meeting in January 2015, the Board of Regents convened a panel to discuss combatting opioid and heroin use and abuse. Presenters shared their thoughts on prevention, warning signs, intervention, referral, treatment, recovery, and outreach.

In 2015, New York State enacted laws allowing schools to provide and maintain opioid antagonists (naloxone) on-site, and late last year, NYSED issued guidance and information for schools regarding opioid overdose prevention programs. Additional resources to combat opioid and heroin use and abuse include:

- **Kitchen Table Toolkit.** The Kitchen Table Toolkit was developed to assist individuals (parents, spouses, siblings, teachers, coaches, counselors, probation officers, etc.) with initiating conversations about heroin and opioid abuse. Information, resources, and supports are available so no one needs to be alone in the fight to combat heroin and opioid abuse. Recognizing that addiction is not exclusive to heroin and opioids, this information may be applicable for alcohol and other drugs, also addressed in this toolkit. See page 12 for school-focused information.


**DEVELOPMENT OF RESOURCES TO EDUCATE ON NEED TO ENCOURAGE ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION**

- Legislation (Summer 2016)-SED began working collaboratively with multiple organizations that promote organ and tissue donation to provide a toolkit that contains model exemplar lesson plans and best practice instructional resources on the importance and value of organ and tissue donation. Information will be shared as it becomes available. See: http://alliancefordonation.org/coming-soon-new-york-state-high-school-curriculum-organ-eye-and-tissue-donation

- Please note-APRIL is National “DONATE LIFE” month.

**DEVELOPMENT OF RESOURCES FOR SEPSIS**

- Currently SED has a workgroup planning a sepsis webpage. They are working collaboratively with organizations that promote sepsis to provide model exemplar lesson plans and best practice instructional resources for school districts.

**GAMBLING RESOURCES**

- In recognition of Problem Gambling awareness Month (April), the Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services released a tool kit in collaboration with the New York State Education Department (NYSED) to help identify early problem gambling habits in teens.

- According to OASIS, “The new comprehensive Toolkit can be used by school administrators, educators, pupil personnel services, parent-teacher associations, parents, and community groups to teach students and parents about preventing underage gambling.”

- See: https://www.oasas.ny.gov/gambling/SchoolDistrictResources.cfm

**COMMISSIONER’S REGULATIONS TO REQUIRE INSTRUCTION IN CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSITATION (“Hands Only” CPR) AND INSTRUCTION IN THE USE OF AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS (Requirement began September 2015)**

- Students in senior high school shall be provided instruction in hands-only cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an automated external defibrillator at least once before graduation.


- See link: https://yourethecure.org/aha/advocacy/details.aspx?BlogId=2&PostId=4139

**TIC AND LYME DISEASE LEGISLATION (Summer 2016)**

- NYSED and Department of Conservation collaborated on instructional tools and materials for school districts to advance and promote education awareness on tick identification and protection.


Contact Information

- Darryl Daily, Associate in Physical Education
  NYS Education Department
  89 Washington Avenue
  Albany, NY 12234
A motion to approve for Robert to create a proposal for discussion at the Section Ex. Director meeting Thursday morning for a temporary coaching license may be approved through BOCES pending submission of all necessary paperwork has been made to SED carried. Simmons/Bjork

Robert will present the proposal to the Commission of Education when they meet on August 8th.

Pupil Benefits Plan – Tom McGuire, Executive Director

- Stated he supports what Renee James said about concussions and the importance of following protocols. It is a complicated injury and further complicated by the fact there are rehabilitated services involved that can become lengthy and extremely expensive. The Association providing a protocol has been very helpful to them especially when a student-athlete has a second incident.
- Spoke on the evolution of brokers in their business over the past 5 to 10 years and the effect it has had on them.
- Thanked the Association for their support.

NYS Athletic Administrators Association – Denise Kiernan, President

Conference

- Planning for the March 2019 athletic directors’ conference has begun. They are going back to a three-day format.
- Attendees will have the option of coming in on Tuesday evening for two LTI courses to be offered 5:30 pm to 9:30 pm or for Wednesday morning/afternoon classes. A tentative conference schedule for 2019 was included in the meeting packet. The opening General Session will take place on Thursday morning, with the Exhibit Hall Festival and afternoon Representative Board meeting and new AD/first timers meeting on Wednesday afternoon.
- The Roy O’Neill Awards Banquet will be moved to back to Thursday evening. Exhibitors will be finished by Thursday afternoon. There will be four power-packed General Session Speakers: Dr. Greg Dale (Duke University), Dr. Marc Brackett (Yale University), Jay Hammes, CMAA (Wisconsin), and Dr. Robert Zayas, CAA (NYSPHSAA). There will be four breakout workshop sessions. The conference will end on Friday afternoon, following the David Martens’ Awards Luncheon and Alan Mallanda Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. A CAA exam will be conducted on Friday morning with a review class on Thursday afternoon.
- Workshop topics will be announced in the fall.

Board News and Actions

- The Board approved the permanent extension of a new plan for membership for all retired Athletic Directors in New York State by offering a one-time payment of $150 for a lifetime membership (currently $35/year) in NYSAAA only. Some chapters have decided to offer this lifetime membership as a retirement gift to those new retirees each year. They encouraged other sections/chapters to consider doing the same.
- The Association has switched over to a new online registration system using Final Forms-AMP (Administration Management Program). Membership registration is now live as of June 11th. Conference registration will be launched in August along with Exhibitors, and LTI Courses in September. All current membership data has been transferred from the previous system which should make it easier for current members to update and validate. It also expands their capabilities of communication between members, chapters and mass emailing. Membership in other states using Final Forms-AMP has increased significantly since using the system.
- President Denise Kiernan, CAA has appointed two new Chairs for the Membership Committee. They are Todd Gulluscio, CMAA (11) and Kermit Moyer (9). Murphee Hayes, CAA, was appointed as Co-Chair of the Awards Committee. She also sits on the NIAAA Awards Committee.

Professional Development

- Over 200 athletic administrators took LTI Courses via online webinars through the NIAAA and several major universities over the past year. This is growing by leaps and bounds. Each course is four hours and can be taken in two evenings within the comforts of home.
• The CAA Exam was offered at the conference on Friday morning. Another record 15 athletic administrators took the exam and passed. It was also offered on June 19th at the NYSPHSAA office in Latham. Six athletic administrators took the exam. It will be offered again in Saratoga after their fall meeting on Monday, September 17th.

• At the NYSSA conference, there were over 40 athletic administrators taking six LTI Courses, many taking two courses. The Section I Summer Institute was offered in Brewster, MA on Cape Cod the last week of June. 15 LTI courses were offered with over 75 athletic administrators attending.

• New (increased) certification requirements have been announced by the NIAAA for 2019. They are listed on the home page of their website (www.nysaaa.org).

• There has been an increased effort by the Director of Professional Development and his committees to offer more LTI courses around the state throughout the year. A very successful two-day program was offered last spring in Rochester. Plans are being made for upcoming courses in Chapters 3, 5, 6, 7 and 11 along with a CAA exam approved for the Syracuse area.

• Peter Shambo, CMAA, Director of Professional Development, is also on the NIAAA Certification Committee. He is working on an increased pool of instructors around the state to teach LTI classes. Donald Webster, CMAA (Retired) and Timm Slade, CMAA will be working closely with the LTI program and teaching. Both will attend the fall LTI Leadership conference in Indianapolis in September and will be taking new courses to be released this year so that they can teach them in New York State.

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 NYSSA sites, 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.

• Conference photos can be found and accessed on their Shutterfly website, www.nysaaa.shutterfly.com. No password is needed to gain access. Photos can be downloaded or purchased from the site.

NEDC
• New York will be hosting the National Executive Directors Council (of state AD associations) summer summit on July 22nd – 25th in Glens Falls at the renovated Queensbury Hotel. New York is the first state to host this summit a second time. Executive Director, Alan Mallanda along with Associate Executive Director, Dr. Jim Wright are honored to be the hosts.

• They are very thankful for the support given by the NYSPHSAA and Dr. Robert Zayas, CAA, in making this happen. Dr. Zayas will give a welcome message to Executive Directors from over 40 states as well as NIAAA and NFHS representatives at the opening reception and dinner on Sunday, July 22nd.

NIAAA/NFHS
• The NIAAA/NFHS annual Athletic Directors conference is scheduled for San Antonio, TX on December 15-18, 2018. Future sights include National Harbor, MD (2019), Tampa, FL (2020), Denver, CO and Orlando, FL.

• A number of LTI courses are being offered again this fall as webinars by the NIAAA. Information can be found on the NIAAA website and the NYSSAA website as to courses, dates, times and requirements.

• The NFHS has announced the retirement of Executive Director, Bob Gardner in June. We wish him well and thank him for all his support over the years. The new Executive Director is Dr. Karissa Niehoff. She was the Executive Director of the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference (CIAC). We look forward to meeting and working with her in the years ahead and wish her well.

Other
• The NYSAAA thanked the NYSPHSAA and Dr. Robert Zayas, CAA for their continued support and partnership.
NYS Coaches Association – Ron Woodruff

- As a member of the National Federation of High Schools, the NYSPHSAA can select Coach of the Year Awards for New York State Coaches. Those coaches selected for the NYSPHSAA Coach of the Year Awards become eligible for the National Federation of High Schools Region I and National Federation Coach of the Year Awards. Region I of the National Federation is made up of schools within Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Vermont, New Hampshire, New Jersey and Maine.
- During the school year, NYS Sport Coordinators, Section Executive Directors, Athletic Directors and past recipients are contacted for nominations. This request for nominations is done mainly at the end of each sport season, but any varsity coach can be nominated at any time. Criteria includes years of coaching, win-lose records, participation in league/sectional committees and being a positive role model within their school and community.
- A list of the NYSPHSAA Coaches of the Year for the 2017-2018 school year was included in the meeting packets. These coaches will receive notice from the NFHS about additional information to be completed in the Fall of 2018. Regional/National awards will be selected in January 2019.
- He thanked the Sport Coordinators, Athletic Directors and coaches who have made recommendations for these awards.
- He thanked Robert Zayas and Todd Nelson for their help in making the program possible.

He noted that not all NYSPHSAA sports have a category of their own. If a sport is not listed, it would fall under the heading of “other” for the appropriate gender. At this time, all sports have received nominations and been awarded. However, if someone would like to make a nomination for the 2018-2019 Coach of the Year Award, please send the coaches name and school to him at rwoodruf42@aol.com.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

Budget/Audit Committee – Paul Harrica, 1st Vice President

- Approved the 2018-2019 budget at the May 2018 Executive Committee meeting.
- Congratulated Lisa on great work for the Association receiving a clean audit.
- Standardized championship ticket prices to $8.00 for tickets bought online and $10.00 for tickets bought at the door.

Compensation Committee – Michael Carboine, Chairperson

- The committee met January 26, 2018 to review the reasonableness of the compensation for our Executive Director, Robert Zayas. The Committee referenced 990’s from Illinois, Massachusetts and Connecticut.
- The Committee respectfully submits that based on its review of the comparable data, Mr. Zayas’s duties and job performance, compensation for the Executive Director is reasonable.

A motion to approve the Compensation Committee’s report carried. Fallacaro/Henshaw

Championship Advisory Committee – Greg Ransom, Chairperson

- The Committee met on Wednesday, June 20, 2018 via conference call. Minutes from the meeting were included in the meeting packet.

Discussion Items

- The following items were introduced for discussion at the June CAC meeting and will be presented for action at the October CAC meeting then at the October Executive Committee meeting:
  - Softball moving their State Tournament to Week #50 for 2019.
  - Softball Regional schedule.
  - Regional tournament rotations.

Action Items

- The committee supported the following proposals to be presented for action at the July 2018 Central Committee meeting:
  - Outdoor Track & Field Super Qualifying Standards
  - Boys/Girls Bowling Substitution Rule
• Ice Hockey rotation
• Ice Hockey - add video replay
• The next meeting of the CAC is scheduled for Friday, September 21, 2018 at 11:00 AM at the NYSPHSAA Office.

**Handbook Committee** – Patrick Pizzarelli, Chairperson

- The committee supports adding the language of the NYSPHSAA Representation Rule as it relates to practice to the Practice Rule to avoid confusion. Currently the NYSPHSAA Representation Rule states: “*d. Games and practice between students and adults (alumni or faculty) are not approved.*” They would also like to highlight the rule in multiple areas of the Handbook.

A motion to approve to add the Representation Rule related to “practice” to the “Practice Rule” carried. Ferry/Carboine

**Student-Athlete Development Committee (SADC)** – Kristen Jadin, Director of Special Programs

- No Report

**Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.** Kristen Jadin, Director of Special Programs

- The committee met on Sunday, June 10, 2018 via teleconference.

**Status Updates:**

- Six student-athletes represented New York at the NFHS National Student Leadership Summit in Indianapolis, IN on July 23-25.
- The new Community Service Challenge platform, Team Up 4 Community, was approved at the May 4th Executive Committee meeting.

**Topics discussed:**

- **NYSPHSAA Community Service Challenge** – SAAC members evaluated each Section’s Community Service Challenge project for the State award. They selected Farmingdale High School (Section VIII) as the winner. SAAC members agreed to be active in the promotion of the revised Community Service Challenge next year.
- **Section SAAC** – The goal is to continue to grow student-athlete involvement throughout the Sections.
- **Mental Health Initiative** – A subcommittee was formed to explore different ways to address the issue of mental health. Matt W. found a company called Kognito who offers two different products. One is called Friend2Friend. This product is a game-based simulation for adolescents that builds awareness, knowledge, and skills about mental health while reducing stigma. It prepares youth to recognize signs of distress, reach out to a friend they are concerned about, and help identify a trusted adult for support. The other teaches high school educators (which could be coaches) about mental health and suicide prevention which supports improved student wellness and school. The students are going to continue to explore these options with Kristen’s help.
- **NYSPHSAA Night of Champions/Leadership Conference** – An idea was presented to create a “NYSPHSAA Night of Champions” similar to the ESPY’s. The committee unanimously decided if there were funds for a large event such as this, they should focus on a leadership conference.

**Comments:**

- State champions are consistently awarded throughout the year in multiple ways.
- More people can be involved with a leadership conference rather than an awards night.
- A leadership conference would be beneficial to a wide range of people.
- It is important to make sure state champions are also included in the potential leadership conference.
- There are students who are not part of a championship team who deserve to be part of something while learning about leadership.
- A leadership conference would positively impact more people
- A leadership conference will help students grow as student-athletes and as people.

- Kristen thanked the entire committee for their work and dedication this year. She also wished the seniors good luck in their future endeavors.

**Future items**

- Mental Health Initiative – Kognito
• SAAC takeover of NYSPhSAA social media accounts
• NYSPhSAA Leadership Conference
• **Future meeting dates:** Sunday, September 23, 2018; SAAC Summit-Nov. 23-24-TBD; Sunday, December 9, 2018; Sunday, February 24, 2019; Sunday, June 9, 2019.

**Sportsmanship Committee** – Todd Nelson, Assistant Director & Kristen Jadin, Director of Special Programs

• No Report

**Safety Committee** – Todd Nelson, Assistant Director

• He reiterated Chris Joyce’s announcement that NISR will cover the total cost for up to 6 coaches per school to complete the USA Heads Up Football program. He stated we lead the country in the number of schools signing up for the Heads Up training but are falling short in completing the certification.

**Overuse Injuries**

• As part of the NYSPhSAA 5-year strategic plan, the Safety Committee will focus on developing a position statement and resources regarding overuse injuries to our student athletes. We will be using information provided by the NFHS as well as the NATA and other medical associations. The goal is to provide the results and recommendations to the NYSPhSAA Executive Committee at the May 2019 meeting.

**Heat Acclimatization/Heat Illness**

• Reminded all member schools heat related illness are the most preventable sports related injuries in interscholastic sports.
• The NYSPhSAA, NFHS, NATA and the Korey Stringer Institute provide valuable information and resource to school administrators, coaches and athletic trainers to help prevent heat related illnesses.
• The NFHS has a 20-minute online course, free of charge, that can be completed at home. Encouraged schools to have their fall coaches take the course.
• Each school should include resources and information to coaches, students and parents pertaining to the prevention of heat related illnesses.
• The NATA and Korey Stringer Institute both recommend during the first week of the season that single practices are conducted with a max of 3 hours. In the second week of the season, two practices can be conducted as long as there is proper rest in between practices and the following day only has a single practice.
• For further questions or information, please contact the NYSPhSAA office.

**Anyone Can Save a Life**

• “Anyone Can Save a Life” program has been promoted and shared with the NYSPhSAA Safety Committee and the NYSPhSAA membership. Last year through a grant from the NFHS, each member school received a free workbook on the program. The information is also available on the Anyone Can Save a Life website.
• The program is designed for teams to have an emergency action plan in case of an unexpected medical emergency.
• This program has proven to be effective cross the nation and in New York where teams have saved a life because they had a plan and executed that plan to help save the victim.
• For further questions or information, please contact the NYSPhSAA office.

**Next Meeting**

• The next meeting of the Safety Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, September 26, 2018 at 1:00 PM.

**Modified Committee** – Jim Rose, Co-Coordinator

• Reviewed items approved during the 2017-2018 school year.

**Modified Philosophy and Review**

• The Modified Committee will continue to examine the current philosophy and regulations that relate to the modified programs and sports. As part of the NYSPhSAA Strategic Plan the committee will make recommendations to the Executive Committee at the May 2019 meeting with implementation for the Fall of 2019.
• During the 2018-2019 school year, all schools, sections, and sport committees will have the opportunity to weigh in on the current regulations we are currently using in our modified programs.
• The committee is also discussing a name change that would be part of a rebranding of the modified program. Please contact your Modified Representative to share and thoughts or ideas you may have regarding the modified program.

Removal of Footwear Requirements in Modified Handbook
• The Modified Committee has made several recommendations to remove the footwear requirement language in a few sports over the past year. The committee feels the language is no longer needed. The language restricting the use of metal posts and spikes will remain in certain sports.

A motion to approve removing the following language from the Modified Handbook carried: “Only sneakers and shoes with molded soles or molded cleats are permitted in the Modified program.”

Officials Coordinating Federation – Todd Nelson, Assistant Director
A motion to approve the NYSPPSHA Officials Contract for the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 school years carried.

WRITTEN REPORTS RECEIVED BY THE FOLLOWING SPORT COMMITTEES & DISTRIBUTED VIA E-MAIL:

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

Winter Sports
• B/G Basketball, Wrestling, B. Swimming & Diving, B/G Skiing, B/G Bowling, Riflery, Competitive Cheerleading, G. Gymnastics, B. Ice Hockey

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

GENERAL ACTION ITEMS

NYSPPSHA Sport Coordinator Approval
A motion to approve the following Sport Coordinators for a five-year term, effective September 1, 2018 through August 31, 2023 carried.

Tim Harkness, Baseball Assistant Coordinator; Eileen Shultis, Girls Bowling Coordinator; Mike O’Connell, Boys Bowling Coordinator; Bev Hooper, Field Hockey Coordinator; Kim Rhatigan, Girls Gymnastics Assistant Coordinator; Scott Stuart, Boys Ice Hockey Coordinator; Joseph Vasile-Cozzo, Girls Soccer Coordinator; Peter Hugo, Boys Swimming & Diving Coordinator; Scott Warner, Boys Swimming & Diving Assistant Coordinator; Dave Hennessy, Girls Indoor Track Coordinator; Oscar Jensen, Boys Indoor Track Coordinator; Peter Szymanski, Boys Indoor Track Assistant Coordinator; John Coletta, Boys Volleyball Coordinator; Marty Sherman, Wrestling Coordinator

School Enrollment Numbers
• Executive Director Robert Zayas presented the proposal for the enrollment numbers for 7 non-public schools who had not reported their numbers to NYSED prior to the February Executive Committee meeting.

A motion to approve the school enrollment numbers for the following 7 non-public schools in preparation of the 2018-2019 school year carried.

Carol and Frank Biondi Education Center (1) – 121; Hope Hall (5) – 45; Hillside Children’s Center (5) – 42; Gilead (5) – 25; Destiny Christian (5) – 23; Archangel (5) – 21; AEF Chapel Field (9) - 54

2019-2020 School Enrollment Numbers
• Moved to the October Ex. Committee meeting. NYSED will not release finalized numbers until September.

Competitive Cheerleading
• Jennifer Simmons, Cheer State Coordinator, presented the Cheer Committee’s proposal to revise the format of the NYSPPSHA Competitive Cheerleading Championships to include revisions of the scoresheet and coach’s
education and judges’ training to provide a fair and equitable NYSPHSAA competition experience that maximizes the strengths of student-athletes and their programs. Sections will be required to pay a nominal amount for training for the judges and coaches for the next two years. These training are designed to minimize cost and maximize training.

**A motion to approve** revising the format of the NYSPHSAA Competitive Cheerleading Championships to include revisions of the scoresheet and coach’s education and judges training **carried.**

*(Section 1: 1 Abstention)*

**Game Day Cheerleading**
- Jennifer Simmons, Cheer State Coordinator, presented the Cheer Committee’s proposal to recognize Game Day Cheer to provide opportunity for member programs to explore a different style of Cheerleading, increase participation and promote community and school spirit.

**A motion to approve** to recognize Game Day Cheer **carried.**

*(Section 6: 4 No)*

**Championship Philosophy**
- Robert Zayas, Executive Director, presented the Championship Philosophy Committee’s proposal to revise the NYSPHSAA Championship Philosophy document to define “Emerging Sports” and show the adjusted number of qualifiers for wrestling team dual championships is 30.

**A motion to approve** to revise the NYSPHSAA Championship Philosophy document **carried.**

*(Pizzarelli/Walentuk)*

**Combining of Teams Sport Specific Classification Proposal**
- Greg Ransom, Executive Director of Section IX, presented Section IX’s proposal to change the combining of team’s guidelines by using the specific sports classification numbers instead of all sports using the standard five class numbers to determine the percentage. The proposal would replace language in the Handbook from “The percentage is dependent upon 5 sport classification cut-off numbers.” to “The percentage is dependent upon the Association’s specific sport classification cut-off numbers. Sports with two divisions, Division One will follow AA combining of team guidelines (100%) and Division Two will follow Class C combining of team guidelines (40%).”

**A motion to approve** revising the graduated scale percentage for the combining of teams to be sport specific, effective the 2019-2020 school year **carried.**

*(Rabey/Ceruti)*

**NYSPHSAA Combining Teams Committee**
- The proposal was withdrawn due to the Combining of Teams Sport Specific Classification proposal being passed.

**Girls Volleyball – Adopt S.O.P. Format for all Regular Season Games**
- Peggy Seese, Girls Volleyball Assistant State Coordinator, presented the Girls Volleyball Committee’s proposal to approve the Standard Operating Procedure for all regular season matches that was adopted for Regional and State Tournament matches in 2017 to have consistency and familiarity for players in all matches during the regular season.

A motion was made to approve the Standard Operating Procedure for all regular season matches that was adopted for Regional and State Tournament matches in 2017. **Bauerlein/Mullins**

**A motion to table** the Standard Operating Procedure for all regular season matches that was adopted for Regional and State Tournament matches in 2017 so that it could be brought back to the Girls Volleyball Committee for adjustment of language **carried.**

*(Ryan-Curry/Rabey)*

**Volleyball Scrimmage Rule**
- Peggy Seese, Girls Volleyball Assistant State Coordinator, presented the Boys and Girls Volleyball Committee’s proposal to revise the Volleyball scrimmage rule to address the difference between a scrimmage and a game.

The proposal is to add language in Rule 23.09 Volleyball Scrimmage Rules to read, “1. No champion can be crowned, cannot be bracketed and no win/loss record kept.”

**A motion to approve** to revise the Volleyball scrimmage rule 23.09 Volleyball Scrimmage Rules to read, “1. No champion can be crowned, cannot be bracketed and no win/loss record kept.” **carried.**

*(Walentuk/Fallacaro)*
Bowling – Adjust State Tournament Weekend from Week #35 to #36 Permanently

- Eileen Shultis, Girls Bowling State Coordinator presented the Boys and Girls Bowling Committees’ proposal to change the State Tournament from Week #35 to Week #36 permanently, effective March 2019. It would allow bowling to conduct a three-day state tournament at available suitable sites a week later and would also allow for bowling to move from a weekend where five other NYSPHSAA events are being conducted. It would provide for better media coverage, NYSPHSAA staffing and promotion of the sport on a weekend with just one other NYSPHSAA tournament.

A motion to approve moving the Bowling State Championship from Week #35 to Week #36 permanently carried. (Section 2: 4 No) Mullins/Ryan

Bowling – Change Bowling Tournament from a Two-Day Tournament to a Three-Day Tournament

- Eileen Shultis, Girls Bowling State Coordinator, presented the Boys and Girls Bowling Committees’ proposal to change the length of the state tournament from a two-days of competition to three days, effective March 2019. To accommodate for the third day, the official practice session on Friday would be eliminated. Division 2 boys and girls teams will compete on Friday afternoon. Composite Teams will compete on Saturday with the girls and boys being separate competitions with one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Division 1 will compete on Sunday morning. A rotation schedule will be established to prevent the same division from losing school time each year.

A motion to approve changing the Bowling Championships from a two-day tournament to a three-day tournament and eliminate the official practice session on Friday carried. Ceruti/Ryan-Curry (Section 2: 4 No)

Bowling – Add Substitution Rule for State Tournament

- Eileen Shultis, Girls Bowling State Coordinator, presented the Boys and Girls Bowling Committees” proposal to allow substitutions within a game during the NYSPHSAA State Tournament only beginning in 2019. Currently, substitutions may only be made in-between games. The proposed new substitution rule is as follows:
  1. One (1) substitution may be made per game.
  2. A substitution may be made prior to the first ball being thrown of any frame.
  3. The athlete who begins a frame must finish that frame. EXCEPTION - 10th frame: In the 10th frame, a substitution may also be made prior to the “fill-ball” for any bowler. This substitution may only be made after a spare or after the second strike.
  4. If a substitution is made, the score for that game is credited to the athlete who began the game. However, that game score AND six-game series is ineligible to be used toward individual awards.
  5. When a substitution is made, the head coach must indicate the change on the team scoresheet. The game score (for the bowler who began the game) should be circled. For the substitute, the coach should enter an asterisk (*) along with the frame number that bowler entered the game.
  6. Penalty: If an illegal substitution is made, an individual score of 0 will be given for every illegal frame. Once a scoresheet is verified (signed) by the opposing coach, scores will NOT be adjusted.

A motion to approve amending the Substitution Rule at the NYSPHSAA Bowling State Championships carried. Carboine/Murphy

Bowling – Maximum Number of Contests

- Eileen Shultis, Girls Bowling State Coordinator, presented the Boys and Girls Bowling Committees’ proposal to add Bowling to #19 Penalties on page 39, Part C, in the NYSPHSAA Handbook. The Committee would like to add the team/individual sport of bowling to the individual sports of wrestling, cross country, indoor track and outdoor track, swimming and diving that if a team or individual exceeds the maximum number of contests, only the individual competitor will be disqualified. Individual athletes will not be penalized/excluded for a coach’s mistake or other individual athletes going over the maximum number of contests. (Effective Winter 2019)

A motion to approve revising the Boys & Girls Bowling maximum contest rule by adding Bowling to #19 Penalties on Page 39, Part C, in the NYSPHSAA Handbook carried. Carboine/Murphy
Outdoor Track & Field – Super Qualifying Standard

- Tom Wells, Boys Outdoor Track State Coordinator, presented the Boys and Girls Outdoor Track & Field Committees’ proposal for a new set of qualifying standards beginning in Spring 2019 for a two-year experiment. The new set of standards would allow for much more stringent times/marks, thus qualifying approximately 10-12 additional athletes in the State Track Meet. This “Super Standard” is based on a five-year average of the 4th place finish at the State Meet finals for each event. Athletes can meet these standards at any time during the regular season or postseason to qualify for the State Meet. Athlete/Relay must participate in that particular event at the State Qualifier meet. This standard will be adjusted each year by the State Coordinators after review of the numbers. This would allow those athletes who place below the present second place finish in each Section’s final qualifier to advance to the State Meet.

A motion to approve the addition of a Super Qualifying Standard for the NYSPHSAA Outdoor Track & Field Championships as a two-year experiment beginning in Spring 2019 carried.

Ice Hockey Continue with Same Regional Rotation

- Scott Stuart, Ice Hockey State Coordinator, presented the Ice Hockey Committee’s proposal to continue its six-year rotation that it has been using for Regional games. This is an East-West format in consideration of travel. This format has worked very well over the last cycle (6 years). It takes into consideration and avoids the cross-state travel that could occur on Regional weekend and creates manageable trips for the traveling teams. Note: The Division II At-Large team will always travel and could end up making a lengthy trip.

A motion to approve continuing its six-year Regional rotation in Ice Hockey carried.

Ice Hockey – Add Video Replay in All Post Season Games

- Scott Stuart, Ice Hockey State Coordinator, presented the Ice Hockey Committee’s proposal to adopt use of video replay in all post season games starting with Sectional contests effective the 2018-2019 season. Currently the NFHS Rule states: "If video replay is available, it may only be used in post season play including Sectionals, Regionals, State Semi-Finals and State Championship games and may be used only for determining goals and undetected goals and for determining correct time on the game clock (rule 9-13).” Most of the facilities used for Sectional and Regional play and the facility we have under contract for the State Semi-Final and Championship games (The Harborcenter) have this technology. The Ice Hockey Committee would like to make use of it for all post season games. Critical situations have come up in several State Tournament games in the past where video replay would have assisted them in making confident and correct decisions in these situations. Many of the other States using the NFHS rulebook have approved the use of this technology.

A motion to approve in Ice Hockey the use of video replay in all post season games for determining goals and undetected goals and for determining correct time on the game clock (NFHS Rule 9-13) carried.

Ice Hockey – Statewide Warm Up Protocol

- Scott Stuart, Ice Hockey State Coordinator, presented the Ice Hockey Committee’s proposal for a mandatory statewide warm-up protocol for the purpose of standardizing and making more efficient the procedures leading into games, effective the 2018-2019 season. Currently there is a “suggested” protocol in place and it is interpreted differently from Section to Section and rink to rink. As we move from 15-minute periods to 17-minute periods next season we need to standardize and make this procedure more efficient.

A motion to approve in Ice Hockey a mandatory statewide warm-up protocol for the purpose of standardizing and making more efficient the procedures leading into games carried.

(Section 1: 4 No)

Waiver of Representation Rule

A motion to approve the following reduction in the required number of contests carried.

- Wrestling Dual Meet Championships from 6 to 0 in Section I

Pizzarelli/Walentuk

Ryan/Graczyk

Carbine/Schmandt

Ferry/Ryan

Mullins/Heller
**FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS**

A motion to approve the following applications for NYSPHSAA Friend and Neighbor status **carried**. (Expiring August 2020)

**Heller/Schmandt**

### Section 1

- **EF International Academy**
  - 582 Columbus Avenue
  - Thornwood, NY 10594
  - Grades 9-12

- **German International School New York**
  - 50 Partridge Road
  - White Plains, NY 10605
  - Grades 7-12

- **St. Margaret School**
  - 34 N. Magnolia Street
  - Pearl River, NY 10965
  - Grades 7-8

### Section 2

- **The Montfort Academy**
  - 125 E. Birch Street
  - Mt. Vernon, NY 10552
  - 121 Grades 9-12

- **St. Mary’s St. Alphonsus Reg. Catholic School**
  - 10-12 Church Street
  - Glens Falls, NY 12839
  - Grades 7-8

- **Darrow School**
  - 110 Darrow Road
  - New Lebanon, NY
  - Grades 9-12
  - (Pending Section Approval at 9/12/18 AC meeting)

### Section 3

- **Waldorf School of Saratoga Springs**
  - 122 Regent Street
  - Saratoga Springs, NY 12866
  - Grades 7-12

- **Twin Tiers Christian Academy**
  - 1811 North Chemung Road
  - Breesport, NY 14816
  - Grades 7-12

- **Rochester Christian School**
  - 260 Embury Road
  - Rochester, NY 14625
  - Grades 7-8

### Section 4

- **Urban Choice Charter School**
  - 545 Humboldt Street
  - Rochester, NY 14610
  - Grades 7-8

- **Elmwood Franklin School**
  - 104 New Amsterdam Avenue
  - Buffalo, NY 14216
  - Grades 7-8

- **New Life Christian School**
  - PO Box 102, 102 W. Forest Ave.
  - Olean, NY 14760
  - Grades 7-12

### Section 5

- **St. Mary’s School for the Deaf**
  - 2253 Main Street
  - Buffalo, NY 14214
  - Grades 7-12

- **Archbishop Walsh/Southern Tier Catholic School**
  - 208 North 24th Street
  - Olean, NY 14760
  - Grades 7-12

### Section 6

- **West Seneca Christian School**
  - 511 Union Road
  - West Seneca, NY 14224
  - Grades 7-12

- **Archbishop Walsh/Southern Tier Catholic School**
  - 53 Gibson Road
  - Goshen, NY 10924
  - Grades 7-12

- **West Point Middle School**
  - 705 Barry Road
  - West Point, NY 12996
  - Grades 7-8

**DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS**

Revision of Championship Philosophy to Allow Six Classes

- Kathy Hoyt, Section V Executive Director, presented a proposal for consideration of revision to the classifications to allow six classifications for sports with more than 500 schools participating at the NYSPHSAA Championships effective the 2019-2020 school year.
Based on the current NYSPHSAA Championship Philosophy, the following formulas are used:

**Championship Formulas – Team Sports** (currently applies to Volleyball, Basketball, Soccer, Lacrosse, Field Hockey, Softball, Football, Baseball, Ice Hockey and Cheerleading)

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**Combination Team/Individual Sports** (currently applies to Cross Country, Skiing, Bowling, Wrestling (Oct. 2016), Girls Golf (Oct. 2016) and Rifle)

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Cost associated with increasing some state championships by one class (officials, awards, etc.)

Will be a Discussion Item at the October Executive committee meeting with input from the CAC.

**Classification Readjustment/Equity**

Matt Walentuk, Section VII Executive Director, presented a proposal for consideration to have the NYSPHSAA office readjust BEDS numbers of schools based on a recommendation from a Section Executive Director that fit into the following categories:

- When a school is closing or splitting into multiple schools due to NYSED receivership or similar status.
- When a school closes, and a large influx of students enroll in a nearby school(s).
- When a school experiences a significant decrease in enrollment due to loss of industry or other unique circumstance.

To allow for statewide equity to attempt to have as many schools participating in their appropriate classification. With the change in when BEDS classifications projecting two years out, this allows a way for schools to play in their appropriate classification.

Several times schools have competed in and/or won NYSPHSAA championships in classifications that did not match their current class size. Section VII expressed concern at the May 4, 2018 Executive Committee meeting.

The current BEDS formula projects two years out uses the sum of grades 9, 10 and the average of 9/10. NYSPHSAA will have the ability to gather current information from the schools that may be in this unique situation and place them in the appropriate classifications.

**Review of NFHS/NCAA/USA Rules Survey Data**

A survey has been administered at the direction of the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee to gain feedback on the sport playing rules used in the sports of Girls Basketball, Girls Volleyball, Boys Volleyball and Softball. The deadline for the survey to be completed was July 17th.

Survey results will be provided at the Central Committee meeting. This will be one of three topics discussed during the Cracker Barrel meetings on Wednesday, July 25.

As of July 12th, the following responses were received to the various surveys: Girls Basketball (NCAA Rules) 389 responses; Girls & Boys Volleyball (NCAA Rules) 376 responses; Softball (USA Rules) 332 responses; Officials 1123 responses.

Links to the minutes of the October 12, 2017 Executive Committee meeting, February 2, 2018 Executive Committee meeting and the May 4, 2018 Executive Committee meeting relating to this topic were included in the report.

**Wheelchair Track and Field Athletes**

Tom Wells, Boys Track & Field State Coordinator, presented a proposal to have a standard scoring procedure for
all wheelchair athletes participating in NYSPHSAA regular season and post season Outdoor Track and Field competitions effective Spring 2019.

- A committee was formed consisting of the Boys and Girls Track and Field State Coordinators, the NYSPHSAA office staff, the athletic directors and coaches from the two schools and the families of the two athletes to develop the proposal.
- The NYSPHSAA office staff surveyed all the state associations to inquire on any current procedures and practices utilized within their state. PA has had a procedure in place that has worked well for them for over 10 years. The committee had a lengthy discussion on all the possible options and agreed to model this proposal after the PIAA procedure. The committee feels that this will be fair to all students and teams competing in the sport of Track and Field. The NYSPHSAA Officers approved this proposal as a one-year pilot for the 2018 Outdoor Track & Field season.
- This proposal was discussed at the May 4, 2018 Executive Committee and was requested to be a discussion item at the Central Committee meeting to afford the Track & Field Committees to provide input at their Fall meetings.
- Will be an Action Item at the October Executive Committee meeting.

School Safety and Emergency Management

- Tim Mullins, Section XI Male Athletic Representative, presented the proposal for consideration of the NYSPHSAA endorsing a NYSAAA resolution related to LTC 631 course, Athletic Administration: Emergency Management of Interscholastic Athletic Events. This course is a part of the nationally regarded professional development program created specifically for Athletic Administrators and offered by the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA). It will be offered through webinars on Monday, October 29 and Monday, November 5.
- The course will provide an overview of how to mitigate/prevent, prepare for and manage emergencies during interscholastic athletic events. The course will highlight venue and event safety, security and emergency management issues. The course will provide guidelines for creating an emergency team, assessing the venues for risks and needs, developing and implementing emergency management plans and debriefing after an incident.

Football – Modification to the Participation Standard

- Gary Van Derzee, Football State Coordinator, presented the Football Committee’s proposal for consideration for a football player to be allowed to participate in both the junior varsity and varsity contests within the same week. The stipulation is that during one of the contests, the athlete would have a ten (10) play limit. During the other contest, the athlete would be free of any restriction on plays.
- In many areas, schools are facing declining roster sizes in their football programs due to decreasing enrollments and safety concerns surrounding the game of football. This has led to postponements and/or forfeits at either level. This proposal could possibly eliminate those concerns while at the same time protect our athletes. If a team has only 16-20 players dressed for a game, it is likely that some of those players never come off the field. This proposal could increase the roster size at any given game allowing players to receive a much needed rest during the contest providing a safer environment for all.
- Will be an Action Item at the October Executive Committee meeting.

Best Practices for Athletic Training Services

- Todd Nelson, Assistant Director, presented the Safety Committee’s proposal for consideration to add the following language to the NYSPHSAA recommendations in the NYSPHSAA Handbook, “NYSPHSAA supports member schools having full-time athletic training coverage or access for their interscholastic programs to minimize risks to their student-athletes.”
- The NYSPHSAA Strategic Plan contained a goal of increasing athletic training services to all member schools. The NYSPHSAA Safety Committee formed a sub-committee to look at three areas, (1) benefits of athletic training services, (2) obstacles of providing athletic training services, and (3) ways to provide athletic training services. We all share the goal to minimize risk to student athletes participating in our athletic programs and Certified Athletic Trainers are imperative to meeting this goal.
- This recommendation will be taken back to the Safety Committee meeting in September with the concerns from the Cracker Barrel session and the Central Committee regarding the language.
• A revised recommendation will be a Discussion Item at the October Executive Committee meeting with a possible vote at the February meeting.

• Tom McGuire, Executive Director of Pupil Benefits Plan, stated they are happy to see the movement towards Athletic Trainers. He knows there are mixed emotions regarding this because of the added financial burden to a school but feels it is very valuable to have someone onsite to evaluate an injured student-athlete and provide direction and guidance on what they should do. If there is anything he can do to help, please contact him.

SED Age and Duration of Competition - Unified Sports

• Todd Nelson, Assistant Director, presented a proposal for consideration to support a revised age requirement within NYSED Regulations for Unified Sports.

• With the expansion, popularity and benefits of Unified Sports many of our schools have raised a concern that students that have participated in the Unified Sports program are no longer eligible to participate due to the SED Age and Duration of Competition rule. The Unified Sports Committee formed a sub-committee to make a proposal to grant a waiver of the Age and Duration of Competition rule. The recommendation would follow the following parameters to grant a waiver:
  1. Identification of the student with a classification as alternately assessed students (a student not receiving a regents or local diploma).
  2. The data that would be collected for the review panel. APP fitness test would be given, and the scores would be compared to the fitness levels in the Mixed Competition regulations.
  3. Review panel would consist of: School Medical Director, Athletic Director, Special Education Director, Physical Education Teacher, and a Unified Sport Coach.
  4. Approval by the Review Panel.

Federation Boys Tennis Championships

• Robert Zayas, Executive Director, presented the Boys Tennis Committee’s proposal for consideration to revise the format of the NYSPHSAA/NYS Federation Boys Tennis Championships effective Spring 2019.

• The rationale for this proposal is to offer an equitable, healthy and safe NYSFSSAA Boys Tennis Federation State Championship for all participating associations to include NYSPHSAA, PSAL, NYSAISAA, and CHSAA. This opportunity would allow for all four association champions in both singles and doubles to commit to compete in an organized championship event that which is not scheduled concurrently with any of the named associations’ championships.

• It is suggested that the Boys Tennis Federation Championship be scheduled for week #49 of the scholastic calendar, as the NYSPHSAA Boys Tennis State Championship and other association championships are scheduled on or before week #48. This schedule adheres to the USTA Regulations for tournament participation of sanctioned events and would also allow all competitors appropriate rest periods between championship events.

• This proposal must provide each of the four associations the opportunity to appoint an association coordinator to participate in tournament responsibilities, such as to complete a tournament draw or round robin format based on the number of participating associations to give all competitors equal contests, to structure the rules and guidelines of competition not limited to scoring, coaching, officiating, etc., keep and report results, secure a venue, athletic trainers, provide first aid/AED and awareness of emergency procedures for the benefit of all in attendance.

• This proposal originated from the 2017 NYSPHSAA Boys Tennis Committee and the 2018 Boys Tennis Committees after many concerns were raised of the current format and schedule.

• The budgetary impact of this proposal would include additional travel and food expenses to those athletes and coaches traveling to the Federation Championship on the scheduled day of competition. In past Federation Championships, the budgetary impact of tennis balls, court time, awards, officials and athletic trainers are consistent per hour and would not impose additional costs than what is currently projected. The Federation Championship does not impose a lodging expense to competitors traveling great distances, as competition can be completed in one day with indoor courts available in case of inclement weather.

• Will be an Action Item at the October Executive Committee meeting.
Softball – Move Softball State Championship to Week #50

• Cathy Allen, Softball State Coordinator, presented the Softball Committee’s proposal for consideration to move the 2019 Softball Championships to Week #50 which would be June 15, 2019.
• This would allow the leagues and Sections to have an additional week to get League games and Sectionals completed. With the poor weather, teams have been forced to play a season in about three weeks. The 2018-19 calendar allows the state tournament to be pushed back a week. Moving to week #50 also moves the tournament away from the annual Americade Motorcycle Weekend, which drives hotel prices very high and rooms are at a premium. At this time, no hotel or venue contracts have been signed yet for week #49 of 2019. Furthermore, the current venue has indicated they could host the State Tournament on week #50 instead of week #49.
• Robert Zayas stated in the past he has received many calls from the media and legislators regarding conflicts with prom in the Spring and cautioned if we move the championships from Week #49 to Week #50, we must be prepared for school conflicts and then we must be prepared to tell our member schools that as a membership, we decided moving to Week #50 would be the best option.

A motion to move the NYSPHSAA Softball Championships from Week #49 to Week #50 for 2019 only **carried.**

(The votes by Section were: Section 1: 4 Abstentions; Section 2: 4 Abstentions; Section 3: 4 Yes; Section 4: 4 Yes; Section 5: 4 No; Section 6: 4 Yes; Section 7: 4 Yes; Section 8: 4 Yes; Section 9: 3 Yes; Section 10: 4 No; Section 11: 4 Abstentions. Officers: 2 Yes, 1 No. 25 Yes/9 No/12 Abstentions).

Softball – Standardized Regional Play Only Thursday to Monday Prior to State Tournament

• Cathy Allen, Softball State Coordinator, presented the Softball Committee’s proposal for Regionals to be scheduled Thursday through Monday only, prior to the State Tournament effective the 2019 season.
• Setting a schedule of certain days for regional contests to be completed would help maintain a fair and equitable schedule. This would allow for the same play and rest periods for teams heading to Regionals and coming out of Regionals across the state and additionally keep Sections accountable in maintaining similar schedules (to other Sections).
• Will be an Action Item at the October Executive Committee meeting.

Wrestling – Scheduling of New Matches After Week #28

• Marty Sherman, Wrestling State Coordinator, presented the Wrestling Committee’s proposal for no new matches may be scheduled after Weekn#28 unless they are a make-up for a cancelled match, effective the 2018-2019 season.
• Schools were scheduling matches at the end of the year to get wrestlers weigh-ins but not actually wrestling. This does not follow the spirit of the 50% rule.
• Will be an Action Item at the October Executive Committee meeting.

Wrestling – Pound Allowance for Sectional Tournaments due to School Closings

• Marty Sherman, Wrestling State Coordinator, presented the Wrestling Committee’s proposal to allow a pound allowance for all wrestlers competing in a Sectional tournament when schools are closed due to a weather emergency, effective the 2018-2019 season.
• This procedure is currently used throughout the entire regular season and the Wrestling Committee feels that the procedure should continue for Sectional tournaments.
• Will be an Action Item at the October Executive Committee meeting.

Wrestling – Extension of the Appeal Timeline

• Marty Sherman, Wrestling State Coordinator, presented the Wrestling Committee’s proposal when a school is closed due to a weather emergency on the 3rd day of the appeal timeline, the wrestler will be given one extra day to appeal their original weight assessment, effective the 2018-2019 season.
• Currently the 3-day appeal timeline is strictly enforced and does not allow any deviation for school closings due to weather emergencies.
• Will be an Action Item at the October Executive Committee meeting.
Wrestling – Updated Skin Infection Form

- Todd Nelson, Assistant Director, presented the Wrestling Committee and Wrestling Advisory Committee’s proposal to update the current Wrestling Skin Infection form to include the editorial changes made by the NFHS Sports Medicine Advisory Committee (SMAC).
- The NFHS SMAC annually reviews the form and makes recommended changes to the form to reflect current best practices when dealing with skin infections. NYSPHSAA has typically adopted these changes and updates the form.

A motion to approve updating the current Wrestling Skin Infection form to include the editorial changes made by the NFHS SMAC carried. Pizzarelli/Bjork

Bowling – Fully Adopt USBC Rules for Competition Statewide

- Mike O’Connell, Boys Bowling State Coordinator, withdrew the Discussion Item so the Bowling Committees could discuss more.


- The Technical Handbook has not been approved in several years. It was necessary for the Committee to revise the document this summer, then request approval. The revisions are reflected in the 6th edition of the Handbook and is the official technical rulebook member gymnastics schools should follow.

A motion to approve to adopt the 6th Edition of the NYSPHSAA Gymnastics Handbook carried. Pizzarelli/Carboine

COMBINING OF SCHOOLS

The following combining school teams have been approved by the respective leagues and sections for the 2018-2019 school years, and are presented for your information. (Eligibility Standard #6)

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Mt. Vernon & Bronxville
Albert Leonard & Isaac Young

Croton, Peekskill & Hendrick Hudson
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Clarkstown North & Clarkstown South

Walter Panas, Lakeland, Putnam Valley & Mahopac
Pleasantville, Westlake, Briarcliff, Valhalla, Byram Hills & Mt. Pleasant
Bronxville & New Rochelle
JJE, RCK & Orchard View

Edgemont, Ardsley, Hastings, Irvington & Dobbs Ferry
Somers & Yorktown
Clark Academy & Greenburgh Academy
John Jay CR & North Salem
Bronxville & New Rochelle
Briarcliff & Byram Hills

Putnam Valley, Lakeland, Walter Panas, Haldane & Hendrick Hudson
Brewster & Yorktown
Putnam Valley & Lakeland CSD
Pleasantville, Keio, Hastings, Valhalla, Briarcliff & Westlake
Rye Neck, Harrison, Blind Brook, Port Chester & Rye
Bronxville, Eastchester, Tuckahoe & Edgemont
Somers & North Salem
Harrison, Blind Brook, Rye Neck & Port Chester
Putnam Valley & Haldane

Byram Hills, Briarcliff, Valhalla & Mt. Pleasant
Putnam Valley, Garrison & Haldane
North Salem & John Jay CR
Westlake & Valhalla
Putnam Valley, Lakeland CSD & Walter Panas
Somers, Croton, Hendrick Hudson, Yorktown & Briarcliff
John Jay CR & Fox Lane
Tuckahoe & Bronxville

Field Hockey (Mod.)
Football
Football (Mod.)
B/G Soccer (Mod.)
G. Volleyball (Mod.)
B. Lacrosse (Mod.)
Football (V, Mod.)
Football (V, JV)
Football (V, JV)
G. Volleyball (V)
B/G Cross Country (Mod.)
Cheerleading (Mod.)
B/G Lacrosse (Mod.)
B/G Track/Field (Mod.)
B. Swimming
B. Swimming
Fencing
B. Bowling
G. Golf
B. Swimming
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B. Swimming
Gymnastics
B/G Lacrosse
B/G Bowling
Ice Hockey
Ice Hockey
Ice Hockey (Mod.)
Ice Hockey (V, Mod.)
Ice Hockey (V, Mod.)
Ice Hockey (V, Mod.)
Ice Hockey (V, Mod.)
Wrestling
Indoor Track
Wrestling
Wrestling (Mod.)
Wrestling (Mod.)
Wrestling (V, Mod.)
Gymnastics
Gymnastics
B. Bowling
Softball
Garrison & Haldane
  Softball (V, Mod.)
  Baseball (V, Mod.)
Briarcliff & Pocantico
  Softball (Mod.)
Tuckahoe & Eastchester
  G. Lacrosse
Pleasantville & Pocantico
  B/G Lacrosse (Mod.)
Briarcliff & Keio
  G. Golf
JJEF & RCK
  G. Golf
Byram Hills & Fox Lane
  B/G Golf
Putnam Valley & Peekskill
Mount Vernon, Thornton HS, Mandela HS, Pennington, Graham,
  B. Turner MS & Davis MS
  All Sports

Batavia, LeRoy, Pembroke, Byron Bergen, Alexander & Elba
  Gymnastics
Penfield & Webster
  Gymnastics
Finney & Northstar
  Football
Bishop Kearney & True North Rochester Prep Charter
  Football
Bishop Kearney & Archangel
  G. Soccer
Byron Bergen & Cal Mum
  Fall Cheer
  Football
  B/G Cross Country
  B. Soccer
  B. Volleyball
York & Pavilion

Perry & Mt. Morris
  Football
  Fall Cheer
  G. Soccer
  B. Soccer
  Football
  B/G Cross Country
  B. Volleyball
  G. Volleyball

Byron Bergen & Elba
  B. Soccer
Oakfield Alabama & Elba
  Football
  B/G Cross Country
  G. Soccer
  G. Volleyball

Letchworth & Warsaw
  Football
  B. Soccer
ER & Gananda
  Football
  B/G Cross Country
  Football (JV)
Trumansburg, South Seneca & Romulus
  Football (Mod.)
Canisteo-Greenwood & Jasper-Troupsburg
  B/G Cross Country
Canisteo-Greenwood, Jasper-Troupsburg & Andover
  G. Soccer
Lyons & Clyde Savannah
  G. Volleyball
Penfield & HFL
  B. Volleyball
  G. Golf
Victor & HFL
  G. Swim/Dive
Victor & Bloomfield
  B/G Cross Country
Bloomfield & Naples
  B. Volleyball
  G. Soccer
Medina & Lyndonville
  B. Volleyball
  G. Swim/Dive
  G. Volleyball
NRW & Red Creek
  G. Volleyball
  G. Volleyball
Keshequa & Mt. Morris
  B/G Cross Country
Belfast & Friendship
  G. Volleyball
Hammondsport & Prattsburg
  G. Volleyball
  G. Tennis
Bath Haverling & Canisteo Greenwood
Williamson & Sodus
Webster Thomas & Webster Schroeder
- B. Volleyball
- B/G Tennis
- B/G Alpine Ski
- B/G Nordic Ski
- B/G Swim/Dive
- B. Volleyball
- G. Golf

Pittsford Mendon & Pittsford Sutherland
- Football
- G. Golf
- Cheer
- B/G Swim/Dive
- Alpine Ski
- Ice Hockey
- Wrestling
- B/G Lacrosse

Greece Arcadia, Greece Athena, Greece Odyssey & Greece Olympia
- B/G Swim/Dive
- Wrestling
- Ice Hockey
- B/G Lacrosse

Greece Arcadia & Greece Olympia
- B/G Tennis

Greece Odyssey & Greece Olympia
- Football
- Fall Cheer
- Winter Cheer

Greece Athena & Greece Odyssey
- B. Tennis
- G. Volleyball (V, JV, Mod.)
- B/G Tennis (V, JV, Mod.)
- B/G Soccer (V, JV, Mod.)
- B/G Cross Country (V, Mod.)
- B. Golf (V, JV)
- G. Golf (V)
- B/G Swim/Dive (V, Mod.)
- B/G Bowling (V)
- B/G Basketball (V, JV, Mod.)
- Baseball (JV, Mod.)
- Softball (V, JV, Mod.)
- B/G Track & Field (V, JV, Mod.)

The Harley School & Allendale Columbia
- B/G Soccer
- B/G Cross Country
- B/G Volleyball
- B/G Basketball
- Wrestling
- Cheerleading
- B/G Alpine Ski
- Baseball
- Softball
- B/G Track & Field
- Golf

Arkport & Canaseraga

East & WOI
- Leadership, Vanguard & NE
- Wilson & Rochester Early College
- Football
- Football
- Football
- B. Soccer
- G. Volleyball
- G. Tennis
Edison, SOTA & School w/o Walls  
Edison, Vanguard, School w/o Walls, Monroe & Leadership  
SOTA & NE  
East, Wilson, SOTA, Rochester Early College, Monroe, Vanguard, NE & WOIS  
School w/o Walls & Edison  
Wilson, SOTA & Rochester Early College  
Vanguard & Leadership  
Edison, School w/o Walls, Monroe & Leadership NE & Leadership  
Monroe, Wilson & Rochester Early College  
Edison & School w/o Walls  
Edison, SOTA & School w/o Walls  
East & SOTA  
Wilson, WOIS & Rochester Early College  
9  Liberty & Sullivan West  
Kingston & John A. Coleman  
Warwick & S.S. Seward  
Chester & Tuxedo  
Livingston Manor & Roscoe/Downsville  
Taconic Hills (9) & Germantown (2)  

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**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).

**GROUP MEETINGS REPORTS**

**Group One** – Chris Ceruti

**Sport Season Length and Dates**
- All agree change is difficult. Will impact not just the AD’s but the coaches, officials and schools.
- Fall season starts too early – impacts summer/family
- Winter season is too long
- Spring season is too early – Because of the weather issues, should start later which will allow them to end later
- The big concern was with the Spring season, schools are questioning to stay in the Spring State Tournaments.

**Athletic Trainer Coverage**
- Nice to have
- Share Athletic Trainers among school districts through BOCES/COSER
• Depending where you are located in the state, there is a shortage of athletic trainers.
• Can be a financial burden on schools

Use of NFHS Rules in all Available Sports
• Change is not easy.
• When Title IX came into existence, there were no rules for women sport. The NCAA and ASA rules were developed and have been in existence for a long time. The NFHS rules followed years later.
• Why change what works?
• Are we preparing student-athletes for the next level?
• It would be a major impact on officials. Officials don’t want change.
• Will continue to be a conversation.

Group 2 – Tim Mullins

Sport Season Length and Dates
• Are we discussing this because there is a glitch in the calendar for 2018-2019?
• Should find out the issues. Put together a calendar with contests, holidays, work, participation and explore the options.
• By starting too early, are we not allowing kids to have other opportunities?
• Will shortening the season or a later start date help?
• Want to support and encourage multi-sport athletes.

Athletic Trainer Coverage
• Let Renee work on the language. Instead of us making a recommendation, develop a position paper to support the ideas of the Association.
• They struggled with the word “recommendation” as opposed to “access”.
• Is/could this be an unfunded mandate?
• There is a shortage of Athletic Trainers. Colleges have cut the Athletic Trainer programs.
• An option to investigate would be as a BOCES shared service.
• Important to keep the conversation going with Superintendents.

Use of NFHS Rules in all Available Sports
• If it’s not broken, don’t change it.
• Group felt the data from the officials and coaches provides the feeling/direction they want to go.
• The resonating theme with some of the comments of the coaches was that NCAA rules were preparing athletes for the next level. As a Lacrosse Chair, his concern is are we not preparing our boys lacrosse athletes for the collegiate level because they’re following NFHS rules. It’s a philosophy NYSPHSAA will have to take on as to what do we want our vision to be.

Group 3 – Terry Heller

Sport Season Length and Dates
• Create an Ad Hoc Committee to explore options.
• Possibly work backwards from the end of the year, especially next year when there is a late graduation.
• Regarding to Robert’s 10-year goal, think about adding back the games lost 10 years ago to combat the private schools and the AAU programs that have 25 to 30 baseball games.
• Easter vacation – Certain Leagues/Sections prohibit league games during the break and it causes a problem in Spring sports.

Athletic Trainer Coverage
• Is it a mandate or is it access?
• Cost prohibitive – number of trainers vs. supply and demand. Cost will go up when they realize there are very few trainers available.
• School districts are cutting teachers and programs and now they need to add an Athletic Trainer? It’s not going to sit well with school districts.

Use of NFHS Rules in all Available Sports
• In a perfect world, we would use one set of rules.
• Trust coaches to know their game. Respect the folks in the trenches with the caveat being there is a lot of coaching turnovers and a small number of coaches are running the show.
• Consistency factor – coaches will adjust to whatever we do.
• Perception – when there are separate rules, come officials can’t handle it.

**Group 4 – Marisa Fallacaro**

**Sport Season Length and Dates**
- The group focused on the Spring season.
- Felt the Spring season needed to be moved back.
- We are doing a disservice to our athletes by forcing them to play in bad weather.
- Because driven by NYC and the assessment calendar, we need to be more flexible in how we schedule games based on the regents.
- Look at Regents week in June, have Regionals and Semis on the same day the week before Regents and have the Finals on the Saturday between Regents week.

**Athletic Trainer Coverage**
- Struggle with the word “recommendation”. Felt it would make schools more liable.
- Many areas don’t have access to trainers.
- Trainers can help with rehab services, preventative care and monitoring student-athletes.
- Many Sections are already working with BOCES/COSER. Have BOCES give a presentation at the local Superintendent meeting on the benefits of a trainer.

**Use of NFHS Rules in all Available Sports**
- Why are we looking at this? Are the rules we are using hurting the athletes? If it’s not broke, don’t change it.
- A small number of states do not use NFHS rules.
- Concerned with losing officials if we change. There is already a shortage.
- Waivers are creating discussion.

**Section Executive Directors – Carl Normandin**

**Sport Season Length and Dates**
- Needs to be discussed and evaluated.
- Looked at two concepts:
  - Base number of weeks on maximum number of contests (i.e., Fall 16, Winter 20, Spring 16)
  - Utilizing dates of:
    - Fall: 3rd Monday of August using corresponding NYSPhSAA Week #
    - Winter: 1st week after Thanksgiving using corresponding NYSPhSAA Week #
    - Spring: Last Monday in March using corresponding NYSPhSAA Week #
  - This would address Football Championships on Thanksgiving.
- Why does winter need to be 22 weeks for a 20-game season?
- Down time between seasons would be good for the student-athletes (i.e., overuse injuries, academics, time for other student activities could be planned vs. the overlap of seasons).

**Athletic Trainer Coverage**
- Access to an Athletic Trainer would be helpful for schools at their discretion.
- Not in favor of mandating full coverage.
- The smaller Class C and D schools may not need coverage.

**Use of NFHS Rules in all Available Sports**
- There seems to be a common theme from the survey results by some that the NCAA and USA rulebooks help prepare our athletes for the next level of “play”.
- Not everyone even knows what rulebook governs their own sport.
- These comments/beliefs may not be reflective of the NYSPhSAA Philosophy, “NYSPhSAA does not prepare students for the next level of competition but for the next level of life.”
- NFHS rules are designed and attended specifically for our HS athletes. If there are specific rules that can better the game from the NCAA or USA handbooks, then they could be adopted as addendum to the NFHS rulebooks.
• We would recommend a deadline of 1 year for potential implementation of the NFHS rulebooks and addendums. Of note, NY & Mass. are the only 2 states NOT using the NFHS rulebooks in Volleyball & Softball and we are the only state NOT using the NFHS rulebook in Basketball.

• We would be very interested in the in legal or insurance coverage ramifications for NOT using the NFHS rulebooks.

• In effort to move this along and possibility end this debate and concern, we would like to see a referendum vote per our constitution. This would truly provide an opportunity for all stakeholders to have a vote on the subject matter.

• We also may want to add a constitutional change as emerging sports come on board.

• All Sports must adopt the NFHS rulebook. Addendums/waivers may be granted with approval of the Executive or Central Committee of NYSPHSAA. If the NFHS does not produce a rulebook for a sport, then the Sport Coordinator and his/her committee can make an alternative recommendation.

DISCUSSION ON GROUP MEETING REPORTS
Use of NFHS Rules in all Available Sports

• Greg Ransom – Believes a constitutional change is the only way to go or discussion on this issue will never end. Let the Superintendents, Principals and other representatives of school districts have a vote on this. A high school organization should be playing by high school rules. Why are we playing with rules designated for college?

• Eileen Troy – We are a membership driven organization. The Central Committee members should reflect the view of their membership. The people in the field that coach our athletes support the rules that are in place. We have effectively excluded our Sport Coordinators from our meetings and it is important they have input on this issue also. We keep putting the issue to rest. She stated she has participated in Softball and girls Basketball for many years and it is the belief of the grass roots membership that this issue is top down driven. If we are truly membership driven, all our membership needs to be on board.

• Tim Lincoln, Girls Basketball State Coordinator – Agrees with Eileen that we are a membership driven organization and the membership has spoken with regards to coaches and officials. In his survey, 95% of the coaches and officials were in favor of staying with NCAA rules. In Robert’s survey, both coaches and officials were in favor of staying with NCAA. If we change to NFHS rules, will we lose quality officials that also officiate at the college level? Is it in the best interest of the athletes? NCAA rules were overwhelmingly supported by the coaches in this survey and the one he conducted last year. Coaches have the closest, objective views of what is in the best interest of our athletes. This is the 4th time in 8 years Girls Basketball has been broached on this issue and they are tired of revisiting it.

• Cathy Allen, Softball State Coordinator – USA is the leading organization in Softball rules in the world. They are the experts in rule development and equipment specifications such as bat standards and testing. These are the rules that are used in summer and recreation leagues in the off-season. They are age appropriate rules for high school level participants. NFHS rules would have the game become more pitcher dominated with bunt rule interpretation and pitchers’ delivery. Many taking the survey felt the NFHS rules would allow them to use metal cleats and change the run rule. These are NYS waivers and have nothing to do with Federation or USA rules. Many wanted the “Keep Federation”. This is something that as a committee they need to do a better job of communications with schools. It’s very concerning that many coaches do not know what rules we play by.

• Peggy Seese, Girls Volleyball Assistant State Coordinator – There were an overwhelming number of coaches and officials who wanted to stay with NCAA rules. Concerned with losing officials if we went to NFHS rules. Going to NFHS rules would cause concerns with net and line violations. Drop ball on a serve delays game can be abused and being able to play with less than 6 players after the start is a safety concern. It would be hard for all to learn new rules. NCAA rules keeps the game moving and keeps the safety of players in mind.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

President Jim Osborne thanked the staff, officers and Central Committee for their support during his last 2 years as President.
A motion to approve adjournment of the July 24-25, 2018 Central Committee meeting at 2:00 PM on Wednesday, July 25, 2018 carried.

Wolfe/Bauerlein

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

Robert Zayas
Executive Director

2018-2019 Meetings
Executive Committee
Tuesday, October 16, 2018 – Saratoga Embassy Suites
Friday, February 1, 2019 – Saratoga Embassy Suites
Friday, May 3, 2019 – Saratoga Embassy Suites

Central Committee
July 30-31, 2019 – Turning Stone Resort, Verona, NY – Section III