New York State Public High School Athletic Association

SYNOPSIS OF ACTIONS
July 29, 2020 CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING
Via Video Conference

ACTION ITEMS

1. P4 Approved the Agenda of the July 29, 2020 Central Committee meeting.

2. P4 Approved the May 27, 2020 Executive Committee meeting minutes.

3. P11 Approved to add “Option b” to the prescribed penalty for exceeding the maximum number of contests with the additional wording of “regular season”.

4. P19 Approved to modify the NYSPHSAA Player Sportsmanship Standard.

5. P20 Approved to expand the current Officials/Coaches Appreciation Day to include all three seasons.

6. P21 Approved to only present NYSPHSAA awards during NYSPHSAA State Championship awards ceremonies.

7. P21-22 Approved as Friend and Neighbors (expiring August 2022): St. Margaret School (I), Darrow School (2), St. Mary’s Institute (2), Waldorf School of Saratoga Springs (2), Faith Fellowship Christian School (III), Twin Tiers Christian Academy (IV), St. Paul Lutheran School (V), Elmwood Franklin School (VI), Archbishop Walsh HS/Southern Tier Catholic School (VI), New Life Christian School (VI), St. Mary’s School for the Deaf (VI).

8. P22 Approved as a New Member: Academy Charter School of Uniondale (VIII).


11. P25 Defeated Rule 9.2.4.3 be waived in Girls and Boys Volleyball.

12. P26 Approved Albany Capital Center (2) as the host of the 2021-2023 NYSPHSAA Boys Volleyball State Championships.

13. P26 Approved Cool Insuring Arena, Glens Falls (2) as the host of the 2021-2023 NYSPHSAA Girls Volleyball State Championships.

14. P26 Approved to revise Rule #4.22 (Game Clock) in Field Hockey.

15. P26 Defeated a motion to table defensive players in Field Hockey be allowed to wear a face mask on penalty corners (with certain protocols).

16. P26 Approved for defensive players in Field Hockey be allowed to wear a face mask on penalty corners (with certain protocols).

17. P27 Approved to allow a football player to participate in both the JV and Varsity football games for his school without violating the nights rest rule and maximum number of contests with two restrictive requirements.

18. P30 Approved a two-year pilot program in Wrestling utilizing 13 wrestling weight classes.

19. P30 Approved to update the Wrestling portion of the NYSPHSAA Handbook with recommendations.

20. P30 Approved to adopt 17-minute periods (currently 15 minutes) and adjust penalty times from 1.5 minor, 4 major and 7.5 misconduct to 2 minute minor, 5 minute major and 10 minute misconducts.

21. P31 Approved to adopt a 2 referee, 1 linesman officiating system for all regional and State Final Four Games in Boys Ice Hockey.

22. P31 Approved to clarify the current language in the NYSPHSAA Handbook under 21.08 #5 in Boys and Girls Indoor Track.

23. P31 Approved to amend Bowling Rule #5.01 in the NYSPHSAA Handbook to adopt USBC Playing Rules #2 and #8 and #5.07 Waivers of USBC Rules.
24. P31 Approved to advance the 2020 state tournament at-large rotation to the spring 2021 season for Boys Tennis.
25. P32 Approved to adopt modifications to the current Pitch Count in Baseball at the varsity level.
26. P33 Approved adjournment.
The Central Committee was called to order by President Paul Harrica at 9:00 AM on Wednesday, July 29, 2020. Executive Director Robert Zayas introduced members of the Central Committee and took attendance as follows:

**Officers**
- President – Paul Harrica
- First Vice President – Julie Bergman
- Second Vice President – Russell Bartlett
- Past President – James Osborne

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

**Section Representatives**

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

Section II: Christopher Culnan (Proxy for Kathy Ryan (ATH-G)); Matthew Ronca (ATH-B); Mark Brooks (PRIN); Ryan Sherman (CSO)

Section III: Monica Tooley (ATH-G); Christopher Doroschenko (ATH-B); John Rathbun, Proxy in the afternoon); Paul Gasparini (PRIN); Tim Ryan (CSO)

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

Section V: Kim Henshaw (ATH-G); Thomas Schmandt (ATH-B); David Pullen (PRIN); Kathy Hoyt (Proxy for Robert Molisani (CSO))

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

Section VII: Patricia Ryan-Curry (ATH-G); Mike Graney (Proxy for John McDonald (CSO)); Josh Harrica (ATH-B); Timothy Farrell (PRIN)

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); Kenneth Hauck (PRIN); Thomas Bongiovi (CSO)

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

Section XI: Debra Ferry (ATH-G); Todd Galluscio (ATH-B); Nicolas DeCillis (Proxy for Patti Trombetta (PRIN)); Michael Radday (CSO)

**Section Executive Directors**

Todd Santabarbara (I)  Kathy Hoyt (V)  Gregory Ransom (IX)
Ed Dopp (2)  Timm Slade (VI)  Carl Normandin (X)
John Rathbun (III)  Matthew Walentuk (VII)  Thomas Combs (XI)
Ben Nelson (IV)  Patrick Pizzarelli (VIII)
Standing Committees
Jim Rose, Modified Committee Co-Coordinator
Patrick Pizzarelli, Handbook Committee Chair

Ex-Officio & Consultants
Alan Mallanda, Executive Director-NYSAAA
James Wright, Associate Executive Director-NYSAAA
Brett Banker, President-NYSAAA
Darryl Daily, SED
Ron Whitcomb, NYS Council of Administrators

Guests
Laurel Hay, NYSPHSAA Intern
Tim McCarthy, NYSPHSAA Intern
Rise Van Iderstine (2)
Tamela Ray, Past President (III)
Trent Aman, Treasurer (III)
Pete Bleiberg, Assistant Director (XI)
Donal Buckley, NYSCHSAA

Sport Coordinators
Eileen Shultis, Girls Bowling State Coordinator
Jennifer Simmons, Cheerleading State Coordinator
Bev Hooper, Field Hockey State Coordinator
Gary VanDerzee, Football State Coordinator
Marbry Gansle, Girls Gymnastics State Coordinator
Scott Stuart, Boys Ice Hockey State Coordinator
Selina DeCicco, Boys Tennis State Coordinator
Dan Doherty, Girls Track and Field State Coordinator
Patti Perone, Girls volleyball State Coordinator
Peggy Seese, Girls Volleyball Asst. State Coordinator
Marty Sherman, Wrestling State Coordinator

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
A motion to approve the Agenda of the July 29, 2020 Central Committee Meeting carried. Bjork/Gasparini

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
A motion to approve the May 27, 2020 Executive Committee Meeting minutes as written carried. Peterson/Sherman

ORAL AND PRINTED REPORTS WERE PRESENTED BY ASSOCIATION OFFICERS AND STAFF

President Paul Harrica
- Welcomed everyone.
- Reported on the three NYSPHSAA COVID-19 Task Force meetings that took place. Stated a recommendation from the committee, officers and staff moved forward to delay the start of the Fall season to September 21st with a possible scenario of a condensed season model if the Fall season does not happen as we wait for the governor to announce his recommendations and guidelines.
- Reported the officers and staff recommended to postpone an in-person Central Committee meeting and use ZOOM.
• Reported the Class of 2020 Hall of Fame Induction ceremony was postponed until 2021 at which time both the Classes of 2020 and 2021 will be inducted.

1st Vice President Julie Bergman
• Welcomed everyone.
• Thanked everyone for their contributions to various committee meetings and their patience as we work with technology.
• Stated she is excited to be assuming the Presidency of the Association and looks forward to working with everyone.

2nd Vice President Russell Bartlett
• Welcomed everyone.
• Thanked Jim Osborne for his 8 years as an officer of the Association.
• Thanked Paul for his leadership.
• Congratulated Julie on her Presidency.

Past President James Osborne
• Thanked the NYSPHSAA staff for their hard work and dedication.
• Thanked Paul for his leadership especially during the last few months.
• Congratulated Julie on her Presidency and Russell for moving up to the 1st Vice President position.
• Congratulated Tim Mullins on becoming 2nd Vice President of the Association.

Executive Director Dr. Robert Zayas
2020-2021 Interscholastic Seasons
• Commended the Section Executive Directors for their work over the last five months to address the needs of the students in their sections.
• Gave an update on the status of the 2020-2021 interscholastic sports seasons. Because of the rapidly developing situation and anticipated state official guidance, it is challenging to predict how the interscholastic sports seasons will be impacted at this time.
• Stated the recurring theme from the general public on social media is why haven’t we started interscholastic sports? Why can’t we begin as other states have? The reason is NYS Department of Health provided guidance on July 13th that stated, “interscholastic athletics is not permitted until additional guidance is given”. A definitive timeline has not been given as to when we can anticipate that additional guidance. He had hoped when the governor made his final determination the beginning of August on the reopening of schools, that he would have included some mention of interscholastic sports and when they could begin but that is still in discussion.
• If given permission, fall sports will start on September 21st. If there is an interruption or further delay that sports cannot start on September 21st, then we could move forward with the condensed season model. He reported there has been much discussion and criticism regarding the condensed season model and understands and agrees with the concerns that have been expressed but he wants everyone to realize the dates released are tentative. He stated moving forward with this school year, we need to be flexible and willing to revise, amend and modify.
• As information is released and updated, it is posted on the NYSPHSAA website and social media platforms.

COVID-19 Response
• In March, the NYSPHSAA was forced to cancel the remaining winter state championships and ultimately the spring state championships as the COVID-19 crisis impacted schools and interscholastic athletics. A list of what steps the Association has taken to proactively address the COVID-19 crisis while awaiting guidance from state officials on the reopening of schools was provided.

NYSPHSAA Office Reopening
• The NYSPHSAA staff is returning to the office after working remotely work since mid-March. The phased reopening will limit staff to no more than 50%, with the goal of a full staff return in early to mid-August. All staff are required to wear a face covering when not in their office and limit contact with other staff members. Social
distancing & disinfectant signage, hand sanitizer, face coverings have all been added to the NYSPHSAA office to promote a healthy work environment.

**NFHS Field Hockey Goggle Rule**

- In response to longstanding concerns regarding the wearing of goggles in high school field hockey, the NFHS Board of Directors approved a change in the eyewear rule that will take effect with the upcoming 2020 season. NYSPHSAA was informed via press release from the NFHS that Rule 1-6-5 in the NFHS Field Hockey Rules Book, which currently states that “All field players shall wear eye protection that met the ASTM standard for field hockey (2713) at the time of manufacture,” will now state that “Goggles may be worn by all field hockey players.”
- The NYSPHSAA Field Hockey Committee is in support of the amended NFHS Rule. The NYSPHSAA Field Hockey Committee presented an emergency action item at the Central Committee meeting to address the use of face masks on penalty corners.

**Assistant Director Joe Altieri**

**Sport Committees/Other Meetings**

- Was the liaison to or participated in the following phone or video conference calls: Tennis Team Championship Sub-Committee, Field Hockey goggles discussion, Boys Volleyball, Girls Volleyball, Cheer, Site visit for Girls Tennis at Sportime Club, Return to Play Webinar presented by Warren County, Impact of COVID presented by Albany CVB, COVID-19 Task Force, NYS Federation, NFHS National Virtual Meeting Workshops.
- Minutes of each sport committee meeting have been provided to the Officers, CAC and Section Executive Directors.
- The Annual Sport Coordinators & Tournament Directors Meeting will be held via video conference on August 12th at 10
- Bid review meetings were held for Boys & Girls Volleyball. Approval will be requested for state championship sites for these sports.

**Championship Advisory Committee**

- CAC conducted a video conference call on June 24, 2020. The minutes were included in the meeting packet.

**Championship Administration**

- Typically, this is the time when championship hotels are negotiated and contracted for all state championships. Due to the unknown schedule we have this upcoming school year, the contracting of hotels and venues has been put on hold for winter and spring events. The fall events were booked prior to the pandemic. Communication will go out immediately if/when there are changes.
- All hotels and venues for the 2020 winter and spring events were cancelled in a timely manner with no fees incurred.
- A copy of NYSPHSAA Championship dates and sites through 2024 was included in the meeting packet.

**Championship Awards Initiatives Update**

- We have shipped “Participation” medals to schools that had teams and athletes in the sport of bowling and ice hockey who did not get to complete the postseason.
- We are currently working to package and ship medals to schools who had boys and girls basketball teams deserving this recognition. When the initiative is complete, we will have shipped approximately 2,200 medals to athletes in these four sports.

**Status of 2020 NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame Induction**

- Joe reported he and Robert initially consulted with the NFHS on how they were handling the cancellation of the 2020 Hall of Fame Induction ceremony and at first were going to delay NYSPHSAA’s until 2021 and induct one class. However, after Joe, Robert and Paul met, it was decided the Class of 2020 Induction will now take place in 2021 with the Class of 2021 so there will be two classes inducted.

**Internship Program**

- A special thank you to Laurel Hay, a student at SUNY Oneonta and graduate of Maple Hill High School (Section 2), and Tim McCarthy, a student at Maryville College and graduate of Shenendehowa High School (Section 2), who completed their summer internships in our office. They did an outstanding job considering all the challenges and circumstances.
Assistant Director Todd Nelson

Unified Sports
- The NYSPHSAA Unified Committee met in June and discussed many topics. As with all Spring sports, the Unified athletes and partners were not able to compete in Unified Basketball. Everyone on the committee shared the sentiment of how much the closure of schools in the Spring effected all students and the students with disabilities.
- Nate Johnson and his team from Special Olympics are planning a Unified “Re-Launch” event for the fall. The event would be a virtual event and be held for all Sections on different dates. The focus of the event will be to bring the Youth Activation Committee at the local school district back together and start planning activities for the school year.
- There was some discussion of Sections expanding the Unified Sports offering into the Fall season but because of the current health crisis, those plans have been put on hold. Sections are planning on continuing to offer Bowling and Basketball this school year, if permitted.
- The Committee also discussed NYSPHSAA and SONY support of “culminating events”. Currently NYSPHSAA and SONY provide participation medals and plaques for all students and schools that participate in culminating events. This practice does not follow NYSPHSAA or SONY’s philosophy of providing participation medals and plaques. NYSPHSAA and SONY recognize athletes and schools based on authentic and credible interscholastic events, such as tournaments and meets. Some sections hold culminating tournaments based on dividing teams on ability into groups of 4 and other sections hold a single game between two schools based on ability. Neither NYSPHSAA nor SONY want to take the choice away from the Sections, but we do want to only provide medals and plaques to the Sections that hold credible tournaments. No final decision was made. Discussion will continue.

2021-2022 School Enrollment Numbers
- NYSPHSAA has been informed that the final 2019-2020 BEDS information will be available in September 2020. The NYSPHSAA staff will compile the information for all member schools and provide each Section Executive Director a preliminary report. Once the Section Executive Directors have approved the report, the final recommendation for the school enrollment numbers for the 2021-2022 school year will be presented to the Executive Committee at the October meeting.
- Please be reminded that we currently use the formula of 9th grade + 10th grade + an average of 9th/10th grade. Once the numbers are approved by the Executive Committee, they are final unless there was a clerical error made.

Sanctioning
- Reported he participated in a Sanctioning forum at the NFHS Virtual Summer meeting. With the current health crisis, there is a lot of uncertainty regarding large national events and if they will be conducted or allowed by individual states. Currently the NFHS is proceeding with the normal sanctioning process.
- Schools are reminded that if they do intend to travel outside of NY or host an event that has schools from other states, they will need to follow the correct sanctioning procedures. He expects a change in the number of events that our schools host and attend out of state.
- Any questions, please feel free to contact the NYSPHSAA office.

Professional Development
- Please visit NFHSLearn.com for some outstanding courses for professional development.

Assistant Director Kristen Jadin

Scholar Athlete Program
- The Spring Scholar-Athlete program was cancelled due to spring sports being cancelled.
- The Winter Scholar-Athlete submission was extended due to a website malfunction. A new list has been posted to the NYSPHSAA website.
- 606 schools participated in the Winter Scholar-Athlete program. A total of 2,665 Scholar-Athlete teams were awarded. 32,538 Scholar-Athlete individuals were also awarded.
- Overall, the Scholar-Athlete program is the most popular NYSPHSAA program. 77% of our membership participated.
• Distribution of pins is to be determined until there is further guidance as to whether schools will open in the fall. If necessary, we can revert back to the shipment of pins and certificates.

School of Distinction/Excellence
• The applications for the School of Distinction and School of Excellence were due on June 30th.
• As of July 8th, there were 139 School of Excellence applications and 56 School of Distinctions applications. Due to COVID-19, some applications are still being submitted due to the inability to attain signatures.
• A press release was sent out announcing the 2019-2020 School of Distinction and School of Excellence Award winners.

Participation Survey
• 25 schools have not submitted the survey. She is working with the Section Executive Directors to help contact the schools. The goal is to receive 100% to receive the most accurate data possible.
• Spring 2019 numbers were used in submissions.
• She hopes to have the Participation Survey data analysis released in late August.

Special Programs
• **Community Service Challenge.** For the 2019-2020 school year, 17,427 student-athletes participated in 439 community service projects, totaling 91,513 hours volunteered. In addition, $329,444 was raise for charitable causes. Thank you to our partners TeamUp4Community for the hosting platform.
• **Sportsmanship Promotion Survey.** 348 schools submitted the survey. From those 348, each section chose their plaque award winners (48 total). She congratulated Columbia High School (Section 2), Lisbon Central School (Section X) and Center Moriches High School (Section XI) who were selected as the banner award winners.
• **Hazing Prevention.** She is currently in discussion with Alivetek, Inc. to offer the same course for free once again throughout the 2020-2021 school year. Alivetek, Inc. is also planning on offering NYSPHSAA schools discounted pricing for the individual course if schools are interested.

Spalding Ball Contract
• NYSPHSAA is in its final year of the first 5-year contract (Fall 2016 – Spring 2021). The 3-year extension will begin in Fall 2021.

SAAC Selections
• A listing of the 2020-2021 SAAC representatives for each Section was included in the meeting packet.

**Director of Finance Lisa Hand**

Balance Sheet
• Reported a cash balance of $487,750, which included the Paycheck Protection Program loan of $150,000, as of June 30, 2020.
• Investments are valued at $4,047,380 which is a decrease in market value of $271,000 from 12/31/19.
• Other Receivables of $111,332 includes $20,000 due from CP Sportswear, $57,500 from the American Diary and $12,390 from the GTSC.
• Capitalized lease costs of $22,011 represent lease commission and legal fees incurred to secure our tenants who moved in May 1st. These costs are amortized over the term of the lease.
• Deferred Dues Revenue of $43,264 represents dues income received to date for the 2020-2021 school year.
• Excess revenues over expenses as of 6/30/20 are $390,492 which does include the Paycheck Protection Program loan of $150,000, showing as miscellaneous income.

Income Statement

Revenues
• Investments have earned $56,150 which is under budget by $113,000. NYSPHSAA sold some underperforming investments for losses of $53,000.
• Miscellaneous revenue includes a Paycheck Protection Program loan of $150,000.
• Championships have netted a profit of approximately $220,000. This figure is $300,000 underbudget due to the cancellation of Championships and reduced souvenir sales revenues.
Expenditures
- Occupancy is overbudget by $49,000 due to budgeting for a tenant in the space for 2019-2020 and incurring some fit-up costs.
- Office expense is underbudget by $20,000 due to staff working from home.
- Marketing expense under budget by $20,000 due to cancellation of championships.
- Executive and Central Committee expenses underbudget by $80,000.
- All other committee meetings and Federation travel underbudget by $45,000.
- Championship Transport is underbudget by $67,000.

Market value of Investments have increased by $23,487 since 8/31/2019.

Other
- Lisa reported the 2020-2021 dues are coming in at a slow pace.
- Robert asked about the status of our current Reserve Balance. Lisa stated there is approximately $3 million which will help to cover any deficits next year due to COVID.
- Robert stated the Association is in a very solid financial position.

Director of Communications Chris Watson
COVID-19 Web Page
- A COVID-19 page on NYSPHSAA.org has been created and launched. This page is the home to all the latest press releases, guidelines, and information from NYSPHSAA related to COVID-19. Media requests have been constant since schools closed. We can now direct general media questions to the new web page for information on the crisis.
- Requested if any media reaches out looking for comment or thoughts to direct them to him or Robert.

#NYSPHSAASeniorSalute
- At the end of June, we teamed with NYSCOPBA for a Senior Salute geared to NYSPHSAA Spring Sport Seniors. People shared photos on social media to honor seniors who did not get to participate in their final season. We used these photos in a senior tribute video released on our YouTube channel. The Senior Salute video can be found at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oJMBMiPI8t0.
- Reported there has been approximately 4,000 views.
- We also partnered with the American Dairy Association North East for a senior shoutout.

Media Video Conferences
- Following both meetings of the NYSPHSAA COVID-19 Task Force, participate in he and Robert participated in a Zoom conference call with members of the media across the state to answer questions and provide the latest information related to the crisis, reopening of schools and summer workout guidance. We have found this format to be very beneficial to not only disseminate information to the media, but to also conduct multiple interviews at once rather than a day dedicated to media requests from across the state.

Badges and Lanyards
- We are in the process of designing the yearlong badges we use at all NYSPHSAA Championships with Bag Tags. No order will be finalized until we know what the winter and spring sports season will look like. This is a decision to save money should we need to adjust our championship season for the 2020-21 seasons.

Director of Foundation & Marketing Chris Joyce
Sponsorships
- Spring/summer elements of the sponsorship make-good packages have been fulfilled to make up for the lost spring season. Some elements have been rolled forward into the 2020-21 school year.
- Thanked all our sponsors and partners for their flexibility and understanding during this unprecedented time.
- Reported we are in the final stages of having TPG hire their general manager to work out of our office. Teall Properties Group will be managing our sponsorships going forward. He has been attending meetings to introduce them to our existing partners and has been providing feedback on prospective new partners. He will continue to be the liaison to TPG.
• NYS GTSC grant contract has been signed for the 2020-21 school year. Programming may be adjusted depending on social distancing recommendations. A virtual program is being created that can be used in place of school assemblies and gatherings. More information will be sent out regarding what the virtual program will look like.

Ticketing
• Gave an update on the GoFan/Huddle ticketing partnership.
  • GoFan/Huddle was impacted severely by the COVID crisis and have asked us to restructure. Instead of a rights fee, they are proposing a revenue share which would include on-site credit card sales, regular season sales as well as online ticketing. He is working with the Sections on the details and what the future will look like. Will have an update at the October Executive Committee meeting.
  • Digital ticketing is expected to become more prevalent in the event management industry going forward. Possible capacity limitations and the desire to move towards contact-less entry will likely make digital ticketing a big part of new procedures.

Marketing
• Championship marketing for 2020-21 will be revised to involve more organic marketing tactics in an effort to reduce costs.
• Plan to explore strategic partnerships with media outlets for additional exposure throughout the year.
• A folder is being created on the NYSPHSAA Dropbox account that contains all the championship logos. Permissions will be granted to all Section Executive Directors and Sport Coordinators to access the files as needed. Future logos will be added to the Dropbox at the conclusion of each season.
• An FAQ sheet will be included in the Dropbox folder with “dos and don’ts” of using the NYSPHSAA logos.

Foundation
• Reported the Foundation Steering Committee held its final meeting on July 21.
• They are now preparing to select their Board of Directors which will have 2 classes: a Section Class and a General Class. The Section Class will include one representative from each Section. The General Class will include major donors and people with special skill sets/backgrounds such as financial managers, lawyers. This class will be limited to 10 members so that the membership always has the majority on the Board.
• Administrator documents are finalized and will be filed in the coming weeks. The Foundation hopes to be established by fall and begin fundraising before the holidays.

Counselor Renee James
• Reported on a couple of favorable decisions we received
• Reported the OCR complaint involving the Bona Fide Student Rule has been settled. The Department of Education will be issuing more formal guidance related to the Bona Fide Student 504 plan.
• Reported on a request for extended eligibility from a Section 2 lacrosse athlete. The Commissioner of Education dismissed the case based on procedural grounds and the merits.
• A letter has been sent to the NYSED Privacy Officer to confirm directory information which includes name, address, height and weight of students as it’s listed in FERPA (Federal Education Rights & Privacy Act) is allowed to be public unless parents specifically opt-out in writing. She is also working with InBody and InTrack Wrestling to make sure they are compliant with 2D in terms of their privacy protection of information.
• Reported on two decisions that were pending before the Commissioner of Education. The first case was discontinued by the legal aid society representing the student and the second case was dismissed by the Commissioner.
• Stated she is following the Connecticut case regarding two transgender females winning events at the Connecticut State High School Track & Field championships.

SECTIONAL CONCERNS

Section I: Presented a proposal to add “Option b” to the prescribed penalty for exceeding the maximum number of contests to the following:

“c. If an individual or team exceeds the maximum number of contests permitted, the penalty is team ineligibility from the date of violation for the rest of the season. In the sports of wrestling, cross country, indoor track & outdoor track, swimming & diving, and bowling, when an individual exceeds the maximum number of contests, only the individual would
no longer be eligible for that season. When an athlete exceeds the maximcarried um number of contests the level in which the student-athlete participated as an ineligible competitor will be affected.

Any member school that has exceeded the maximum number of contests has the option to utilize the existing penalty outlined above (c) or may elect to suspend the head coach from all team related functions and activities (including, but not limited to, practices, scrimmages, conditioning/weight training, film sessions, and games) from the date of the violation for the remainder of the season and forfeit additional regular season contests. The use of this option must be submitted to the Section Executive Director and State Executive Director in writing from the Superintendent of Schools or Headmaster self-reporting the violation prior to the next game/contest being played.”

A motion to approve to add “Option b” to the prescribed penalty for exceeding the maximum number of contests with the additional wording of “regular season” carried.  Dullea/Ferry
(The votes by section were: Section I: 4 Yes; Section 2: 4 Yes; Section III: 4 No; Section IV: 4 Yes; Section V: 4 Yes; Section VI: 4 Yes; Section VII: 4 Yes; Section VIII: 4 No; Section IX: 4 No; Section X: 4 Yes; Section XI: 4 Yes; Officers: 3 No. 32 Yes/15 No)

Suggested when voting on a State Sport Chair position, a small bio on them be included in the nomination process.

Section 2: Voiced a concern with the challenges and legal issues that may be associated with the condensed season model (ie., overlapping of seasons, Regents, private school graduations in May; can student-athletes participate beyond graduation) and would like some guidance on the ability for more flexibility in the length of the seasons and the potential to go longer than the end of June.

Also has a concern with extended eligibility issues if there is another loss of season or no season.

Section III: Requested the use of the “COHORT” numbers for NYSPHSAA classifications instead of the grade level numbers we now use. Please bring back to sections for discussion. This will be a Discussion Item at the October Executive Committee meeting.

They also had a concern with the calculation process for the School of Excellence and School of Distinction awards, specifically with the combined teams. Robert stated this had been discussed by the SADC who has also expressed concerns with the calculations of combined schools. This will be a Discussion Item at the October Executive Committee meeting.

Section IV: No concerns

Section V: No concerns

Section VI: Requested the inclusion of “no racial slurs” be added to the sportsmanship pledge. This will be added to the Sportsmanship Committee’s Fall meeting and then as a Discussion Item at the October Executive Committee meeting.

They are seeking clarification on what is allowed by our school sponsored sports over the summer. Robert stated we do not have anything other than a June 24th email from the governor’s office that stated schools are still prohibited from hosting or operating any sport or recreation activities until further notice. That was the last guidance from the governor’s office. Robert followed up with an email asking for a more definitive verification of what they meant and is still waiting for a response. At this point in time, his advice to member schools is they cannot host or operate any sport or recreation activities on their campus and off campus is left up to the discretion of the schools based upon the guidance that the governor’s office and the Department of Health have given for camps and youth sports recreation activities. Robert will resend the June 26th email.

Section VII: No concerns
Section VII: Voiced a concern with the condensed season model. Would like it left up to the sections to decide how long their seasons will be.

Section IX: No concerns

Section X: No concerns

Section XI: No concerns

REPORTS FROM EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

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

CORONA VIRUS (COVID 19) INFORMATION
(As of 6-30-2020- Note that this information may constantly be updated and/or amended based on any new information that comes available...)

See:
• COVID 19 information: http://www.nysed.gov/coronavirus
• NYSED News and Notes: http://www.nysed.gov/
• Feeling anxiety amid a global pandemic is normal and natural for everyone. As the adults, it’s critical that we take care of our own mental and physical health, and that will help us to better support our young people. NYSED has compiled numerous resources offering guidance for self-care as well as strategies for talking about COVID-19 honestly and effectively with young people. See: Resources for Mental Health and Talking to Young People About COVID-19.
• COVID 19 Continuity of Learning Information: http://www.nysed.gov/edtech/guidance-continuity-learning
• Digital Content Resources: http://www.nysed.gov/edtech/digital-content-resources
• PBS Learning material: https://ny.pbslearningmedia.org/subjects/health-and-physical-education/#.XpXWBqhKg2w
• NYSAHPERD Resources: https://www.nysahperd.org/content/hpeathome/hpeathome.cfm
• SHAPE Resources: https://www.shapeamerica.org/covid19-resources.aspx
• SHAPE Re-entry K-12 School Considerations Information: https://www.shapeamerica.org/advocacy/Reentry/K-12_School_Re-entry_Considerations.aspx
• CDC Re-entry information: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/schools-faq.html
• Task Force Meetings: https://myemail.constantcontact.com/News---Notes--Regional-School-Reopening-Task-Force-Meetings.html?soid=1110847617454&aid=y_JeHij_W5A
• Required Hands Only CPR-2020 graduating seniors exempt during COVID 19 Crisis: See: Section 100.2(c)(11) of Commissioner’s Regulations Hands Only CPR requirement exemption for graduating seniors due to the COVID-19 Crisis

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES
• New York State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (NYSAHPERD) Conference (March 8-11, 2021) in Verona, New York- See website: http://www.nysahperd.org/content/professional-development/nys-ahperd-conference.cfm
• New York State Council of Administrators Conference (March 8-11, 2021) in Verona, New York-See website: https://www.nysahperd.org/content/professional-development/Council-of-Administrators-Annual-Conference.cfm
• Society for Health and Physical Education of America (SHAPE), National Conference, Salt Lake City, Utah (April 13-17, 2021)- See website: http://www.shapeamerica.org/
• New York State Athletic Administrators Association (NYSAAA) Leadership Training Program and Certification Program- See website: http://nysaaa.org/contact-us

NYSAAA and NYSAHPERD are both approved for CTLE credit.

GOOD NEWS! NEW YORK STATE PHYSICAL EDUCATION LEARNING STANDARDS HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE NYSED BOR (March 2, 2018)

- Collaboration between NYSAHPERD and multiple stakeholders with SED.
- The NYS Physical Education Learning Standards were approved unanimously by the NYSED BOR on March 2, 2020.

NYS PHYSICAL EDUCATION LEARNING STANDARDS (2020) IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE (*Note they are moving forward with timeline process and activities.)

- Phase I: Raise Awareness (Fall 2020-Fall 2021) – Training on the new standards; awareness of the rollout timeline; statewide collaboration with the BOCES, school districts, professional organizations, and higher education.
- Phase II: Build Capacity (Fall 2021-Fall 2022) – Guidance for local programs and curriculum development and additional standards, resources, and training.
- Phase III: Full Implementation (Fall 2023) – First full year of new standards implemented in the classroom.

I CAN DO IT! A PHYSICAL ACTIVITY PROGRAM FOR K-12 STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES (2019-2020)

- The I Can Do It! Program (ICDI), released through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, (Administration for Community Living), in partnership with the U.S. Department of Education, is a voluntary school-based physical activity program designed to provide access, facilitate, and encourage opportunities for students with disabilities to be physically active for 60 minutes a day. This can be accomplished by accumulating the 60 minutes through physical education, adapted physical education, recess, classroom physical activity breaks, active transport to and from school, and extracurricular activities, including a variety of club and sport activities.

- For additional information, or to get started, please contact Dr. Jayne Greenberg, Program Manager, at Jayne.Greenberg@hhs.gov, or 202 768-3557.

RESIDENTIAL FACILITY OR HOME OPERATED OR SUPERVISED BY ANY STATE AGENCY PROGRAM PHYSICAL EDUCATION CREDIT AMENDMENT (January 2020)

- The Board of Regents adopted regulatory changes in Section 100.5 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of education impacting the Physical Education for a diploma and transfer credits for students earning credit in a residential facility or home operated or supervised by any state agency educational program pursuant to Sections 112 and 3202(7) of the Education Law and parts 116 and 118 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education. (January 30, 2020)


- Numerous meetings with leaders and staff from the New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS), the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS), the Division of Corrections and Community Services (DOCCS), and non-secure and secure detention facilities were held.

- Concerned issues raised was the failure of school districts to award credit for schoolwork completed by students while detained, placed, or incarcerated.

- Due to the Civil Service titles and the unique needs and nature of the education programs offered by juvenile and criminal justice system facilities, students receive extensive physical education, but the classes are taught by recreational specialists, who may or may not be certified physical education teachers. When the students transfer back to high school, they find themselves severely under credited in physical education, notwithstanding the fact that they have spent hours in physical education classes in these facilities.

- Revision to §100.5(d)(5) of Commissioner’s Regulations provides these students with the same exemption currently provided to students transferring from another state and students of military families, who transfer into a registered New York State high school from another state, to allow such students to be exempt from the required two units of credit requirement in physical education to meet the diploma requirements. Instead, such
students shall be required to enroll in physical education courses every semester they are in a registered New York State high school and shall earn 1/4 unit of credit for each semester of physical education.

- Amendment allows students who have earned the required number of credits in physical education to meet the diploma requirements but may need more than eight semesters to graduate due to other course or assessment deficiencies, to be permitted to stop enrolling in physical education courses. Students often need to return beyond their senior year to make up a failed course or attend preparatory sessions to pass failed assessments, and the current regulation requires these students to enroll in physical education courses for those semesters as well, even though they have met the required number of diploma credits for graduation. The proposed amendment will eliminate this requirement.

UNIFIED SPORTS “Inclusive Athletic Activities” EXTENDED ELIGIBILITY

- Emergency rule became effective December 10, 2019.
- Because “unified sports” is actually a trademarked name, the emergency rule will amend the program name to “inclusive athletic activities.” More notably, this amendment also establishes an exemption from the age and four-year limitations on participation in inclusive athletic activities. The amendment also relieves students from the requirement of undergoing a physical evaluation that includes an assessment of physical development and maturity.
- Under the new rule, the exemption may apply where the superintendent or chief executive officer of the school determines that: (1) the student is a bona fide student of the high school and has not yet graduated; (2) the student is otherwise qualified to compete; and (3) the student underwent a health examination by the director of school services who determined that the student’s participation will not present safety or health concerns.

COACHING UPDATES (Amendments due to COVID 19)

- Amendment to the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education relating to eligibility for participation in interschool competition and inclusive athletic activities for students who have Section 504 or ADA plans. (June 2020)
  - The Board has adopted by emergency action a change to the bona fide student regulation.
  - The regulation, as written, has been interpreted by schools and athletic associations, etc., as precluding consideration of a request for an accommodation on behalf of an otherwise qualified student with a disability who is not registered in the equivalent of three regular courses as a result of his or her education plan approved under section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 or the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
  - The amendment makes it clear that the regulation should not be interpreted as barring consideration of such accommodation requests in accordance with federal law.

- COVID -19 Update: First Aid and CPR/AED Certification Flexibility for Coaches. (June 2020)

- COVID -19 Update: Theory and Techniques of Coaching (Sport Specific) Course Internship Experience Flexibility

- COVID-19 Update: Professional Coaching License Amendment
  - Background: Section 135.4 is amended to not require temporary coaching candidates of extracurricular interscholastic sports, who held a temporary coaching certificate for the winter 2019-2020 and/or spring 2020 sports seasons, to have received an evaluation by the principal or athletic director for the winter 2019-2020 and/or spring 2020 sport seasons for professional coaching certification due to school closures during the COVID-19 crisis. Currently, these candidates are required to receive a satisfactory evaluation by the principal or athletic director for each of the preceding three years that they coached in the sport for which a professional coaching certificate is sought.

APPROVED COACHING COURSE LIST (Updated February 2020)

- The list was updated February 2020.

GUIDELINES FOR COACHING (Updated January 2018)
QUALITY PHYSICAL EDUCATION PLAN REMINDER

- Is your district plan current with the new NYS Physical Education Learning Standards and regulations? Is your plan frequently updated to ensure high-quality programs are being offered? 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.
- See CR 135.4: https://govt.westlaw.com/nycrr/Document/i365b6ed1c22211dd29d8bee567fca9f?viewType=FullText&originContext=documenttoc&transitionType=CategoryPageItem&contextData=(sc.Default)

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/lawssrch.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.
  - See link: http://www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/health/

- SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL LEARNING GUIDELINES (BOE- Presentation May 2018)
  - Introducing New Guidance and Resources for Social Emotional Learning | BR (D) 1
  - 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.
  See: https://donatelifeny.org/high-school-education/

• DEVELOPMENT OF RESOURCES FOR SEPSIS
  SED worked collaboratively with organizations that promote sepsis to provide model exemplar lesson plans and best practice instructional resources for school districts. See: https://rorystauntonfoundationforsepsis.org/education-modules/

• 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 RESUSCITATION (“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

• TICK 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.

• Letter to Schools from Commissioners of the New York State Department of Health and Education Department to raise awareness and educate on the dangers of e-cigarettes. (January 02, 2019)
  Evidence-based E-Cigarettes and Vaping Webinar, and an E-Cigarettes Learning Page are available at the NYS Center for School Health, a contracted technical assistance resource center for the NYSED, with additionally resources located at the NYSDOH Get the Facts Website.

Robert asked Darryl to take back to SED the concerns expressed at the Central Committee meeting and the importance of getting interscholastic sport coaches back working with our student-athletes as soon as possible.

Deb Ferry, Section XI inquired if we do not have sports in the fall or next year, is there a way SED can extend for another year the temporary coaching licenses for individuals who have already applied and paid for them.

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Health Education Website: http://www.nysed.gov/curriculum-instruction/health-education
NYS Athletic Administrators Association – Alan Mallanda, Executive Director

Conference
- The annual conference will be held March 16-19, 2021 at the Saratoga Hilton in Saratoga Springs, NY. The entire 2020 conference program will be implemented in 2021 with some tweaking in scheduling due to change in St. Patrick’s Day.
- All awards planned for 2020 will be delayed and presented at the 2021 conference, except for the NIAAA student scholar-athlete essay recipients and the Chapter membership commendations.
- Nominations are now being taken for the 2022 Hall of Fame Induction, as well as the 2022 Wall of Honor. All forms and criteria are downloadable from their website.
- LTI courses are being offered throughout the year though live webinars and regional venues being taught by their own NY instructors and offered through Zoom. Check the schedules with Dr. Wright and online.

Representative/Executive Boards
- There is a vacancy on their Representative Board for a Membership Chair. There is also a vacancy for a Chapter 9 Representative.
- A new committee has been added to the Representative Board. The Mentoring Committee is designed to work with new or early year athletic administrators. They are looking for a Chair for this committee to work with all their Chapters.
- The NYSAAA Executive Board will be planning a process to develop a five-year Strategic Plan over the next year.

New Sponsors
- They have 3 new sponsors:
  - Mascot Media – will be publishing their newsletter
  - Hometown Ticketing – will be working with their conference program format
  - Dynamite Sports – providing seminars for students, parents and coaches regarding college recruitments and admissions. They will also be providing free of charge to every member athletic administrator, an eligibility calculator for their district.

Membership
- The new NYSAAA Membership year began July 1st. All members are urged to renew immediately so as not to lose valuable benefits which include: life insurance and a $2M liability insurance, the IAA Quarterly newsletter and other benefits from NIAAA, the NYSAAA benefits which includes a free NCAA Eligibility Calculator to any member AD, free college recruiting seminars for students, parents or coaches of member AD’s school. See their website for details.

Newsletter
- The new NYSAAA newsletter was published and sent out the end of June to all members and other recipients. It can also be accessed on their website. There are many valuable articles written by their AD’s, as well as guests. Several in June were related to Covid-19 and the pandemic/shutdown, written by Gary Stevens, CMAA of Maine. We continue to encourage Athletic Administrators to submit articles for publication to Alan Mallanda, CMAA. Deadlines for 2020-21 publications are: August 21st, October 15th, January 15th, and May 15th.

Other
- Thanked Robert for sending the Roadmap to Reopening Interscholastic Athletics, a guide for athletic administrators that has been very helpful. It appears on their website homepage and has been sent to every member within their association.
- The NYSAAA is pleased to partner with the NYSPHSAA in helping to work through all the challenges of restarting and re-establishing school based interscholastic athletic programs in New York State.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

Compensation Committee
- President Harrica reported the committee did not meet due to the COVID outbreak and there was no increase in the salary or benefits of the NYSPHSAA Executive Director.

Budget/Audit Committee. Julie Bergman, Chairperson
- No report
Championship Advisory Committee – Greg Ransom, Chairperson

- The Committee met on Wednesday, June 24, 2020 via conference call. Minutes from the meeting were included in the meeting packet.

Action Items

- The committee supported the following proposals to be presented for action at the July 2020 Central Committee meeting:
  - Boys Tennis - At-Large Rotation Advance 2020 to 2021
  - B/G Bowling – Adopt USBC Rules
  - Ice Hockey – 2 and 1 Officiating System
- The committee did not support the following proposal to be presented for action at the July 2019 Central Committee meeting:
  - Ice Hockey - 17 Minute Periods

Discussion Items

- The following items were introduced for discussion at their June CAC meeting and will be presented for action at the September CAC meeting then at the October Executive Committee meeting:
  - B/G Tennis Team Championships
  - Wrestling Automatic Qualifier Procedure
  - Cheer – Make Pilot permanent for State Tournament
  - Cheer – Modify Scoresheets
  - Cheer – Plan Game Day Cheer for Fall 2021

For Review/Input, Championship Site Selections

- The CAC voted to support the committee and staff in choosing the following Championship Site selection:
  - Girls Volleyball – Cool Insuring Arena, Glens Falls (2) for 2021-2023
  - Boys Volleyball – Capital Center, Albany (2) for 2021-2023

Informational

- B/G Tennis Change of Designation - Greg/Joe explained that due to girls and boys tennis proposing a team championship, it was necessary to request a change in designation from “individual” to “individual/team” to the Championship Philosophy Committee. The Championship Philosophy Committee approved the designation change to an individual/team at their July 8, 2020 meeting.
- MVP, All-Star, All-State Awards at Tournaments (not sponsored by NYSPHSAA) – Executive Director Robert Zayas explained the proposal and that it would be an Action Item at the Central Committee meeting. Kristen Jadin is going to provide the Philosophy Committee a grid of what awards are given at each tournament.

Future Meetings

- Wednesday, September 16, 2020 at 10:00 AM via teleconference.
- Friday, January 8, 2021 at 10:00 AM via teleconference.

Handbook Committee – Patrick Pizzarelli, Chairperson

Sportsmanship Rule-Player “at the same level”

- A proposal from the Handbook Committee to modify the NYSPHSAA Player Sportsmanship Standard to read: “1. Any member of a squad disqualified by a sport official for unsportsmanlike conduct, including taunting, or for a flagrant foul shall not participate in that sport, until after the next previously scheduled contest at the same level with a member school or in NYSPHSAA tournament play.”
- Currently the Sportsmanship standard for players states: “1. Any member of a squad disqualified by a sport official for unsportsmanlike conduct, including taunting, or for a flagrant foul shall not participate in that sport in the next previously scheduled contest with a member school or in NYSPHSAA tournament play. In individual sports, a multi-day contest is considered a contest. The contest in which the athlete was disqualified must count in the total maximum number of contests permitted. Disqualifications from one season carry over to the next season of participation. (See definitions section)”
- This language does not specify the disqualified student must sit out until the next contest is played “at the same level” prior to their participation resuming.
- Effective Fall 2020
A motion to approve to modify the NYSPHSAA Player Sportsmanship Standard to read: “1. Any member of a squad disqualified by a sport official for unsportsmanlike conduct, including taunting, or for a flagrant foul shall not participate in that sport, until after the next previously scheduled contest at the same level with a member school or in NYSPHSAA tournament play.” carried.

Ferry/Henshaw

Student-Athlete Development Committee (SADC) – Kristen Jadin, Assistant Director

- No report.

Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. Kristen Jadin, Assistant Director

- The committee met on Sunday, June 7, 2020 via teleconference.

Topics discussed:

- **NYSPHSAA COVID-19 Task Force.** Robert explained how the NYSPHSAA COVID-19 Task Force was formed and what their purpose is. Two SAAC members had the opportunity to listen in on a task force meeting and saw that the Association is fighting for them.

- **Spring Community Service Challenge.** The committee chose Smithtown High School – West Football team as the winner of the Spring Community Service Challenge.

- **Extension of NYSPHSAA Officials and Coaches Appreciation Day.** Kristen explained the proposal to extend Officials & Coaches Appreciation Days. She stated the Sportsmanship requested support from the SAAC for the proposal. All members of the committee supported the extension.

- **NFHS National Student Leadership Summit.** The Summit will take place online this year. Kristen would like all juniors to “attend” and will share the registration information with the juniors when she receives it.

- **New York State Leadership Conference/SAAC Summit.** The NYS Leadership Conference was postponed due to the COVID-19 crisis. The SAAC Summit is tentatively scheduled as an in-person summit and will also take place online.

- **Thank you, Seniors.** Kristen thanked all the seniors for their service on the committee stating they had a great impact on the association and will be missed.

Future meeting dates:

- Sunday, September 20 @ 4pm Friday
- (SUMMIT) November 27 - Sunday, November 29 OR Friday, December 4 - Sunday, December 6 - Times TBD
- Sunday, December 6 @ 4pm
- Sunday, February 28 @ 4pm
- Sunday, June 6 @ 4pm

Sportsmanship Committee – Todd Nelson, Assistant Director & Kristen Jadin, Assistant Director

**Stay In The Game Award**

- Todd recognized the top 5 sections who had the highest percentage of schools that did not have any disqualifications of coaches or players during the 2019-2020 school year: Section VIII: 45.61%; Section 2: 2.12%; Section IV: 64%; Section 7: 73.07% and the winner Section X: 75%.

**Officials/Coaches Appreciation Days**

- Todd presented the Sportsmanship Committee’s proposal to expand the current Officials/Coaches Appreciation Day to include all three seasons during the year. The following weeks will be designated for Appreciation Days. The Sportsmanship Committee is recommending a 3-day range (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday).
  
  **Fall:**
  - Officials Appreciation Days – Week #12
  - Coaches Appreciation Days – Week #14

  **Winter:**
  - Officials Appreciation Days – Week #23
  - Coaches Appreciation Days – Week #28

  **Spring:**
  - Officials Appreciation Days – Week #43
  - Coaches Appreciation Days – Week #46

- The current Officials/Coaches Appreciation Days have been a huge success this past year. Many coaches and officials only work in one season and we are missing those individuals if they are not in the current season we are holding these appreciation days. By moving to all three seasons we can recognize all coaches and all officials
during the school year. The 3-day window allows for flexibility to schools to recognize both the coaches and officials at home contests.

- **Budgetary Impact:** Dependent on the extent the schools recognize the coaches and officials. No impact on the NYSPHSAA Budget due to social media campaign.
- **Effective Start Date:** 2020-2021 School Year

A **motion to approve** to expand the current Officials/Coaches Appreciation Day to include all three seasons during the year with the following weeks designated for Appreciation Days **carried.**

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**Retention of Officials**

- Stated as an Association, administrators, and sections, we need to hold individuals (coaches, players, and spectators) accountable for their behavior at athletic events. The officials’ biggest concern is being yelled at or mistreated.

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

**NYSPHSAA Lightning and Thunder Policy**

- Reported Weatherbug has changed. It is more of a website advertisement. According to Earth Networks, who provides Weatherbug with their information, Weatherbug’s Spark technology that we wanted to use was not as accurate as we would like and has agreed to present another option at the next Safety Committee meeting. Therefore, the motion to amend the NYSPHSAA Lightning and Thunder Policy was tabled.
- This will be an Action Item at the October Executive Committee meeting.

**Concussion Management**

- Stated he has been working with the Brain Injury Association of New York State (BIANYS) on their concussion initiative over the past year and a half. It was finalized during the past school year was brought to the New York State legislature where it received a sponsor in the Senate and Assembly. Unfortunately, due to the COVID crisis, it was put on hold but will be brought back again during the January legislative session. It is anticipated the sponsors will continue to move it forward.
- Reported one of the updates to the Concussion Management Law will be schools will be required to have a Return to Play/Return to Learn protocol which our schools have. Schools will also be required to have Concussion Management Teams that will be required to meet and update their concussion management policies, making sure they are the most up-to-date standards. He stated one of our partners, ezSCRN, can help the concussion management teams as the data obtained by their app can be an invaluable tool when it comes to traumatic brain injuries. As an aside, the ezSCRN app was also supported by the COVID Task Force when it comes to COVID screening, communication, tracking/tracing, and reporting.

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

- Reported there had been no meeting due to COVID.
- Reported the committee had finished reviewing the modifications to get modified sports more aligned with high school sports. They are now looking at each section to review what modifications they have done.
- Reported he has been hearing many concerns regarding school districts cutting modified sports because of COVID. He asked schools to review the scrimmage regulations in modified sports as a way of saving money rather than cutting modified programs.
**Officials Coordinating Federation** – Todd Nelson, Assistant Director
- Reported the OCF Liaison Committee met twice regarding school-based officials and will be presenting a proposal to the OCF at their October meeting. If approved, will then bring the recommendation to the Executive Committee as a Discussion Item at their October meeting.

**SPORT COMMITTEE REPORTS**
- All committee reports were distributed via email prior to the Central Committee meeting.
- There were no questions or concerns.

**GENERAL ACTION ITEMS**

**MVP Recognition, All-State, All-Tournament Awards**
- Dr. Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director, presented a proposal to only present NYSPHSAA awards during NYSPHSAA State Championship awards ceremonies.
- Overtime non-NYSPHSAA awards (MVP recognition, All-State and All-Tournament selection, sportsmanship, etc.) have become part of the NYSPHSAA State Championship awards ceremonies but are not supported nor endorsed by NYSPHSAA. These awards are presented by various organizations and groups (i.e. coaches association, officials association, etc.). Non-NYSPHSAA awards create lack of consistency and equity issues amongst all championships, while also delaying the presentation of the NYSPHSAA state championship medals, champion shirts and plaques.
- There were no concerns from CAC.
- The Championship Philosophy supported the proposal 9-2-1.
- Effective Start Date: Fall 2020

A motion to approve to only present NYSPHSAA awards during NYSPHSAA State Championship awards ceremonies carried. Murphy/Fallacaro-Dougherty

(The votes by Section were: Section I: 4 Yes; Section 2: 4 No; Section III: 4 Yes; Section IV: 4 No; Section V: 2 Yes/2 No; Section VI: 3 Yes/1 No; Section VII: 4 Yes; Section VIII: 4 Yes; Section IX: 4 No; Section X: 4 Yes; Section XI: 4 Yes; Officers: 3 Yes. 32 Yes/15 No.)

**Waiver of Representation Rule**
- None

**FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS**

**Friends and Neighbors/New Members**
A motion to approve the following applications for NYSPHSAA Friend and Neighbor and New Member status carried. (Friends & Neighbor status expires August 2022)

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NYSPHSAA Sport Coordinator Approval
A motion to approve the following NYSPHSAA Sport Coordinators for a five-year term, effective September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2025 carried. Marbry Gansle, Girls Cross Country & Girls Gymnastics State Coordinator; Bob Underwood, Girls Skiing State Coordinator; Dennis O’Brien, Boys Skiing State Coordinator

NYSPHSAA Officials Contracts
A motion to approve the 2020-2022 NYSPHSAA Officials Contracts carried.

SPORTS ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

FALL

Discussion Items

Boys and Girls Tennis – Adopt a Team State Championship
- Selina DeCicco, Boys Tennis State Coordinator, presented the Boys and Girls Tennis Committees proposal to adopt the NYSPHSAA Girls and Boys Tennis State Team Championship in addition to the state (individual) championship format already in place. The team championship shall consist of NYSPHSAA Section Teams to compete in two separate regional division championships, Division I (school enrollment of 600 and above) and Division II (school enrollment of 599 and below). Regional champions shall qualify for the NYSPHSAA Tennis State Team Championship scheduled as a one-day championship.
- The current championship format of the NYSPHSAA Boys and Girls Tennis State Championships consists of 96 individuals who are NYSPHSAA Section participants, from NYSPHSAA member schools only, who place 1st-3rd in singles or doubles including a rotation of additional participants filling the byes. This represents approximately 1.6% and 1.5% participation for girls and boys in the championship event, falling short of the minimum participation standard of 5%.
- Establishing a NYSPHSAA Tennis State Team Championship, and keeping the individual championship, will provide equity among NYSPHSAA sports because it will increase opportunities for tennis athletes. There are more than 12,000 athletes who participate in high school tennis in NYS each year. As research shows, when linked to
participation in HS sports, increased opportunities provide academic success, less discipline problems, better
school attendance, and increased college scholarships with the team experience. The proposed championship
would increase that experience to 4.3% for girls and 4.1% for boys teams and would more closely meet the 5%
participation standard.

- The proposed team format will greatly increase the participation rates at both the state championship and
sectional level and will be more equitable in providing the same opportunities to NYSFHSAA tennis student-
athletes as those afforded to other NYSFHSAA student-athletes.

- Currently, 35 states (out of 41 surveyed) across the country have traditional team championships with 4 of those
states counting points of the individuals participating, not using a true team format.

Budgetary Impacts

- **Current Budget-NYSFHSAA Girls and Boys Individual Tennis Championships:**
  - NYSFHSAA currently budgets championship items for 96 athletes at each of the NYSFHSAA Girls and Boys
    Individual Tennis Championship. Items include 96 certificates; badges & lanyards for participants, coaches, section
    coordinators, officials and tournament staff; 24 medal awards (1st - 8th place for Girls) and 15 medal
    awards (1st – 4th place for Boys and 1st place for Boys Consolation Singles and Doubles); 3 champion shirts
    each for Girls and Boys singles and doubles champions; sportsmanship shirts (9-Girls, 10-Boys); officiating
    fees; sport coordinator expenses; venue fees; tennis balls.
  - NYSFHSAA Sections currently budget for sectional medals/awards for individual competition, sectional team
    competition (determined by section), section sport coordinator expenses for sectional and state
    competition, officiating at sectional events, and venue fees for sectional competition, if any.
  - NYSFHSAA High Schools currently budget for regular & post season expenses of athletes and coaches which
    includes uniforms, equipment, league, section and state event transportation, lodging (currently
    $119.00/night per person), meals, if needed for the 3-day state championship event.

- **Proposed Budget-NYSFHSAA Girls and Boys Tennis Team Championships:**
  - The proposed Team Championship for Girls and Boys Tennis, scheduled separately, will have a budgetary
    impact for NYSFHSAA. NYSFHSAA will be required to budget for a final four Tennis Team Championship.
    Sections shall be authorized a maximum of 15 participants in Division I and 12 participants in Division 2 per
    team. Budget items in a 2-division championship: 108 certificates, badges & lanyards; additional badges &
    lanyards for coaches, section coordinators, officials, and other tournament staff, 54 total medal awards (1st
    – 2nd place), 27 champion shirts (1st place only), 2 champion boards/brackets, 8 sportsmanship shirts (1
    athlete per semi-finalist team), 8 plaques (champions, finalists, semi-finalists), officiating fees, sport
    coordinator expenses, venue fees, tennis balls.
  - NYSFHSAA Sections will have a budgetary impact for Sectional medals/awards for teams which qualify for
    regional competition (as determined by section), sport coordinator expenses for sectional, regional and state
    competition, officiating at sectional events, sectional/regional venue fees (determined by section).
  - NYSFHSAA high schools will have a budgetary impact for teams qualifying to compete in Sectional, Regional
    or State Team Championship contests. This budget may include team transportation expenses for
    intersectional, regional and state contests, expenses for meals and team lodging traveling to the state venue
    for a one-day championship (lodging is approximately $119.00/night per person). Regions with more than
    two sections will be scheduled for more than one regional contest which would be scheduled during the
    week.

- **Qualifiers & Format of Team Championship:**
  - Each section will qualify two teams, Division I (enrollment of 600 and above) and Division II (enrollment of
    599 and below). Division I and Division II champions from each section shall advance to the regional
    championship. Regional champions shall compete in their division at the state championship. All Sectional
    team participants are expected to submit a Commitment to Compete document in order to compete. Each
    girls Division 1 regional and state team contest shall consist of 11 participants using a lineup of 3 singles/4
    doubles. Each girls Division 2 regional and state team contest shall consist of 7 participants using a lineup of
    3 singles/2 doubles. Each boys Division 1 regional and state team contest shall consist of 10 participants
    using a lineup of 4 singles/3 doubles. Each boys Division 2 regional and state team contest shall consist of 7
    participants using a lineup of 3 singles/2 doubles. All lineups are based on ethical rules (no stacking) in
    addition to current NYSFHSAA guidelines and Friend at Court rules & regulations. Schools competing at the
state team championship must submit their rosters and all results of Sectional and Regional contests to the State Coordinator before the semifinals.

- **Regional/Final Four Team Competition and Schedules:**
  - Regional and State competition schedules and contests will be determined by the NYSPHSAA Tennis Committees.
  - For girls, Week #17 will continue to be designated for the NYSPHSAA Girls Tennis State (Individual) Championship. The Saturday of Week #18 shall be designated for the NYSPHSAA Girls Tennis Team State Semis & Finals. The Saturday of Week #16 shall be designated for the NYSPHSAA Girls Team Regional Finals.
  - For boys, Week #48 will continue to be designated for the NYSPHSAA Boys Tennis State (Individual) Championship. The Saturday of Week #49 shall be designated for the NYSPHSAA Boys Tennis Team State Semis & Finals. The Saturday of Week #47 shall be designated for the NYSPHSAA Boys Tennis Team Regional Finals.
  - All Regional and State contests will be supervised by NYSPHSAA Sectional Committee member(s) and USTA officials. Changes may be necessary in case of inclement weather.

- **Proposed Regions for 2021-2022:**
  - North Sections: II, III, VII*, (X**)  South Sections: VIII, XI
  - West Sections: V, VI  East Sections: I, IV, IX

- **Venues:**
  - Regional and Final Four venues for the NYSPHSAA Girls and Boys Tennis Team State Championships will be determined by the NYSPHSAA Girls and Boys Tennis Sectional Committees, respectively. The Final Four of the NYSPHSAA Girls and Boys Tennis Team State Championships will be completed in two rounds for Girls and Boys Divisions 1 and 2. For Division 1, there will be a total of 42 matches in 6 contests. For Division 2, there will be a total of 30 matches in 6 contests. Semi-final round winners will advance to the finals. Rest periods for singles and doubles matches will be followed according to USTA Regulations when multiple matches are scheduled on the same day.

- **Scoring:**
  - Regular Scoring (best 2 of 3 Tie-Break Sets using a 7-point Tie-Break game played when the score reaches 6-6 in any set) shall be used for each contest. The Tournament Committee may opt to use modified scoring. In case of inclement weather, a 10-point Match Tie-Break game will be played in lieu of a 3rd set. Contest winners in Division 1 shall be teams accumulating a minimum of 4 of the 7 matches while contest winners in Division 2 shall be teams accumulating a minimum of 3 of 5 matches. Order of play shall be 1st, 2nd and 3rd singles, etc. followed by 1st and 2nd doubles, etc.

- **Awards:**
  - Certificates for Regionals, Semi-Finalists and Finals will be distributed. Championship t-shirts and 1st Place medals will be awarded to team champions in each division and 2nd place medals will be awarded to the finalists. Team plaques will be awarded to team champions, finalists and semi-finalists in each division. Sportmanship shirts will be awarded to one athlete from each Regional Championship Team. NYSPHSAA will also provide State Championship Final Four Bracket Boards and Champion boards to the winners.

- **Effective Start Date:**
  - Fall 2021-Girls/Spring 2022-Boys.
  - The NYSPHSAA Girls and Boys Tennis State Team Championships shall be scheduled one week following the individual state championship using the 7-year calendar (week #17 and week #48, respectively). The proposed schedule is as follows: Girls: Team Regional Finals-Sat. of Week #16; Team Semis & Finals-Sat. of Week #18; *Individual Championships Week #17  Boys: Team Regional Finals-Sat. of Week #47; Team Semis & Finals-Sat. of Week #49; *Individual Championships Week #48.
  - The Championship Advisory Committee will vote on a recommendation at their September meeting.
- The Championship Philosophy Committee supported the change of designation from individual to team/individual.
- Take back to Sections for discussion. Will be a Discussion, possible Action Item at the October Executive Committee meeting.

**Boys Volleyball – Allow the use of 2 Libero Players**
- The NYSPHSAA Boys Volleyball Committee is seeking approval to add a NYSPHSAA rule to the handbook under 23.08 to allow teams to use 2 liberos during a match with the following stipulations:
  1. The team must designate at the beginning of the match if they are using 2 liberos. The team can only use those two designated players as liberos for the entire match. Teams will follow the NCAA rules when using one libero.
  2. Only one libero can serve during the set.
  3. Only one libero may be on the court at any time.
  4. The libero may be designated as a captain.
  5. The replacement player may replace and be replaced by either libero.
  6. The acting libero can only be replaced by the player whom he replaced (for that position) or by the second libero.
  7. If one libero cannot continue to play due to injury or illness the team will play the rest of the match with one libero. If the remaining libero cannot continue to play due to injury or illness the libero may be replaced.
  8. If one libero is disqualified due to unsportsmanlike behavior the team will continue the set without the use of any liberos. The second libero may be used in the subsequent sets.

- The use of two liberos is a modification in NCAA Men’s Volleyball and by USA Volleyball. The use of two liberos allows the opportunity for more players to participate during the match.
- The Boys Volleyball Committee voted unanimously in favor of this recommendation.
- Effective Start Date: Fall 2020 season.
- Will be an Action Item at the October Executive Committee meeting.

**Action Items**

**Girls and Boys Volleyball – Requesting Rule 9.2.4.3 to be Waived**
- Patti Perone presented the Girls and Boys Volleyball Committees proposal for Rule 9.2.4.3 be waived.
- The current rule in the NCAA rules book (pg. 36) reads: “The players then proceed in a counterclockwise direction along the sideline and directly to their new bench areas. Team members off the court change team benches immediately.”
- The requested change would read: “The players on the court will proceed to their current bench, collect their belongings and then proceed to their new bench areas immediately. Team members off the court change team benches immediately.”
- To allow the players to bring their own water bottles and other personal belongings to their new bench. Currently, the players on the bench gather all players’ items prior to changing courts and the players on the court are required to proceed to their new bench immediately.
- The Girls and Boys Volleyball Committee voted unanimously in favor of this proposal during their committee video calls in May 2020.
- Effective Start Date: Fall 2020 season.

A **motion to approve** Rule 9.2.4.3 be waived in Girls and Boys Volleyball was **defeated**. Pizzarelli/Fallacaro-Dougherty

(The votes by section: Section I: 4 Yes; Section 2: 4 No; Section III: 4 No; Section IV: 4 Yes; Section V: 4 No; Section VI: 4 No; Section VII: 4 No; Section VIII: 4 Yes; Section IX: 4 No; Section X: 4 No; Section XI: 4 No; Officers: 3 No. 12 Yes/35 No.)
Boys Volleyball Championship Site

A motion to approve Albany Capital Center (2) as the host of the 2021-2023 NYSPHSAA Boys Volleyball State Championships carried.

Girls Volleyball Championship Site

A motion to approve Cool Insuring Arena, Glens Falls (2) as the host of the 2021-2023 NYSPHSAA Girls Volleyball State Championships carried.

Field Hockey – Rule #4.22 – The Game Clock Shall Continue to run when a 5-Goal Differential is Scored

A motion to approve to revise Rule 4.22 to read, “The game clock shall continue to run when a 5-goal differential is scored.” carried.

Field Hockey – Allow Defensive Players to Wear Face Masks on Penalty Corners Only

- Bev Hooper, Field Hockey State Coordinator, presented the Field Hockey Committee's proposal recommending defensive players be allowed to wear a face mask on penalty corners only with the following protocols:
  
  1. The mask must be smooth, single color or a metal grill which follows the contour of the face.
  2. The defensive player may wear the mask for the duration of the penalty corner including the immediate taking of the free hit awarded after the penalty corner.
  3. Face masks are stored behind the defending goal cage. The masks must be put on within 20 seconds of the referee signaling the penalty corner.
  4. The face masks must be removed and tossed over the end line or sideline after the penalty corner.
  5. Players are not allowed to participate in any general field play or progress forward on any attack with a face mask on.

  **NOTE:** Players must not take advantage of the protective equipment to conduct themselves that will increase risk to other players.

- The wearing of the face masks minimizes risk to defenders during penalty corners. The NFHS interpretation allows State Associations to approve the use of face masks during penalty corners. NYSPHSAA expects the NFHS to include the use of face masks in the 2021 NFHS Field Hockey Rulebook.
- Notes: In a survey sent to coaches, officials, athletic directors, and NYSPHSAA Committee Members the results were 218 in support of the use of face mask, 24 against the use of face masks, 36 didn’t have an opinion, and 33 were 50/50 on the use of face masks.
- Budgetary Impact: The cost of the face mask if chosen to be worn.
- Effective Start Date: Fall 2020

A motion was made for defensive players in Field Hockey be allowed to wear a face mask on penalty corners (with certain protocols.)

A motion to table defensive players in Field Hockey be allowed to wear a face mask on penalty corners (with certain protocols) was defeated.

(Fallacaro-Dougherty/Greene)

(Bauerlein/Ceruti)

(The votes by Section: Section I: 4 Yes; Section 2: 4 No; Section III: 4 No; Section IV: 4 No; Section V: 4 Yes; Section VI: 4 No; Section VII: 4 Yes; Section VIII: 4 Yes; Section IX: 4 No; Section X: 4 Yes; Section XI: 4 No; Officers: 3 No. 20 Yes/27 No.)

A motion to approve for defensive players in Field Hockey be allowed to wear a face mask on penalty corners (with certain protocols) carried.

(Fallacaro-Dougherty/Greene)

(The votes by Section: Section I: 4 No; Section 2: 4 Yes; Section III: 4 Yes; Section IV: 4 Yes; Section V: 4 Yes; Section VI: 4 Yes; Section VII: 4 Yes; Section VIII: 4 Yes; Section IX: 4 Yes; Section X: 4 Yes; Section XI: 4 Yes; Officers: 3 Yes. 43 Yes/4 No.)

Football – Revised Modification to Proposal on the Participation Standard and the Required Nights Rest

- Gary VanDerzee, Football State Coordinator, presented the Football Committee’s proposal to allow a football player to participate in both the JV and Varsity football games for his school without violating the nights rest rule
and maximum number of contests. Two restrictive requirements must be met, (1) the player participates in 10 or less plays on one of the two contests AND (2) there be a TWO NIGHT rest period between the two contests.

• Currently, a player can play in a contest and after two-nights rest be eligible to participate in a scrimmage, limited to 90 plays and other essential modifications. With the same two night rest period, this would allow for a JV player to play up to 10 plays in the Varsity contest and then still allow him and his JV teammates to play a game under normal game conditions and rules.

• The committee feels this is a safer alternative to the current rule which allows unlimited varsity plays followed by two nights rest and up to 90 plays in the JV scrimmage where the modifications does not address the LIVE contact.

• Coaches/AD’s will be required to track plays on the attached tracking sheet and submit a roster indicating which kids are JV players that may be participating in the JV contest.

• The committee also feels that with the current state of declining numbers, this proposal will allow those JV players to play games, with a winner and a loser (which is what kids want to do), as opposed to a scrimmage with restrictions that don’t address contact, but limit the competitive nature of the contest, as well as the opportunity for players to develop in all three phases of the game including special teams. In turn, the committee feels that this proposal may help keep younger players in the small school programs and may even help draw more young men to participate in the game of football.

• This proposal was modified from its original form based on concerns and feedback from the Safety Committee. The change is for TWO-NIGHT rest in line with the current scrimmage rule and addresses the issue that concussion symptoms may not appear for a 24-hour period. The ten-play limit allows for the player to participate in an actual contest after the two nights rest and not just a scrimmage. For those programs who will have less than 16 JV players available based on the ten-play limit in this proposal, the scrimmage after two-nights rest with the 90-play limit and other restrictions, will still apply.

• Unanimously supported by the NYSPHSAA Football Committee. The committee also felt this was an important step towards saving Junior Varsity football, especially at (but not restricted to) the smaller schools. It should also be noted here that this proposal is contingent on Section and League/Classification approval. The NYSPHSAA Safety Committee supported this proposal with a vote of 11-0. The only concern they raised was the tracking of these players.

• Effective Start Date: Fall 2020.

A motion to approve to allow a football player to participate in both the JV and Varsity football games for his school without violating the nights rest rule and maximum number of contests with two restrictive requirements, (1) the player participates in 10 or less plays on one of the two contests AND (2) there be a two night rest period between the two contests carried. (Sections IV: 4 No; Section IX: 4 No; Officers: 3 No. 36 Yes/11 No.)

WINTER

Discussion Items

Girls Gymnastics – Adjust Value Parts for Uneven Bars

• Marbry Gansle, Girls Gymnastics State Coordinator, presented the Girls Gymnastics Committee’s proposal to add additional value parts for the Uneven Bars to the current NYSPHSAA Technical Handbook.
  1. Pull over mount
  2. Under Swing dismount off low bar
  3. Swing ½ Turn dismount off high bar

• The committee would like these value parts added to the Technical Handbook (official rulebook) so that the beginner gymnast can receive credit for additional value parts on the uneven bars. These skills are currently being performed with no value part credit.

• The Committee voted unanimously in favor of this recommendation.

• Effective Start Date: Winter 2020-2021 season

• Will be an Action Item at the October Executive Committee meeting.
Competitive Cheerleading – Make permanent the pilot for a structure, training and scoring of the NYSPHSAA State Championship

- Jennifer Simmons, Cheer State Coordinator, presented the Cheer Committee’s proposal to permanently adopt the 2018 pilot that established a structure, training and scoring format for the NYSPHSAA State Championship.
- The two-year pilot proved to be successful and has helped the sport of Cheerleading progress in the right direction. This pilot provided a structure and a functioning format for the sport moving forward. It detailed format, training and scoring for the NYSPHSAA Championship in addition to providing the committee the use of Varsity Cheer as a consultant to help navigate the ever-changing rules of the Sport. Another benefit was a consistent set of trainings for both coaches and judges in the approved scoresheets used at the State competition.
- Extending the pilot would allow us to continue to work in a structured environment and use our Varsity Cheer consultants for additional trainings and advice on this sport. Continuation of the pilot would also allow the Committee to work on the second portion of the pilot of Game Day Cheer in an organized fashion.
- Budgetary Impact: No change comparing the two pilot years. Currently, the budgetary impact is the continued support of the trainings which is split between all Sections. The training cost is minimal, and Sections have been budgeting for that fee for the last several years.
- The Cheer Committee voted unanimously in favor of this proposal at its May 2020 video call. There were no concerns from the CAC.
- Effective Start Date: 2020-2021 season.
- This will be an Action Item at the October Executive Committee meeting.

Competitive Cheerleading – Modify Scoring Areas on the State Scoresheet

- Jennifer Simmons, Cheer State Coordinator, presented the Cheer Committee’s proposal to make slight modifications to the scoring areas of the State Scoresheet. The total points will not change however some are allocated to different areas.
- Two areas have been a concern and problematic from both the coaches and judges standpoint. This feedback was evaluated and addressed by simply making two slight adjustments to the scoresheet. The adjustments address jumps, which were an issue the past two years. The adjustments also address the amount of points for the cheer portion of the routine. The concern was that the cheer portion was too high, and a style preference could eliminate a team if scored on the extreme. The points removed from these two areas were then placed on execution. This resulted in two positive benefits; safety surrounding stunting and proper progression of skills being highlighted; and programs would not have to have super-elite skills to score well.
- Based on feedback from coaches and judges, the NYSPHSAA Cheer Committee discussed this at the May 2020 video meeting.
- The original proposal was a joint effort of all Sectional Cheerleading Representatives. The subcommittee of the Cheerleading Committee has been collecting feedback over the last two seasons concerning the original work. The sub-committee met with Varsity Cheer consultants, reviewed the current scoresheet, and addressed the two main areas of concern noted. The changes were presented to the entire Cheerleading Committee and subsequently supported.
- The NYSPHSAA Cheer Committee voted unanimously in favor of this proposal at its May 2020 video call. There are no concerns from the CAC.
- Effective Start Date: 2020-2021 season.
- Will be an Action Item at the October Executive Committee meeting.

Cheerleading – Plan Game Day Cheer for Fall 2021

- Jennifer Simmons, Cheer State Coordinator, presented the Cheer Committee’s proposal to implement Game Day Cheer in the fall of 2021 held during week #17 on the NYSPHSAA calendar (originally proposed to implement in fall 2020).
- Initially, Game Day Cheer was going to be introduced at the state level in the fall of 2020. There would be regional competitions in the East and West, similar to how Competitive Cheerleading was originally introduced at the state level. Currently, Sections have the ability to run Game Day competitions on their own. However, due to the impact of COVID-19 and the uncertainty of fall sports, the committee felt it would be best if we waited...
another year to introduce a state progression. This would also allow for more training of coaches and judges in this area as well as provide time for programs to determine what this fall will look like.

- The Cheer Committee discussed this initially in May 2019 and was hopeful to implement in Fall 2020, but determined at the May 2020 video meeting, it was necessary to delay implementation.
- The Committee voted unanimously in favor of this proposal at its May 2020 video call. There were no concerns from CAC.
- Effective Start Date: Fall 2021.
- Will be an Action Item at the October Executive Committee meeting.

Boys Ice Hockey – Committee Annually Approve Regional Sites
- Scott Stuart, Boys Ice Hockey State Coordinator, presented the Boys Ice Hockey Committee’s proposal to be permitted to annually approve sites to host regional contests each year. The list of proposed regional sites would be generated by the Boys Ice Hockey Committee and presented to the Executive Committee every October (following their September committee meeting) for approval.
- Over the past several years there has been concerns and issues raised about the selection of regional sites. Among the issues are the size of venues not being large enough to hold spectators and venues lacking key amenities necessary for hosting a regional contest that the committee feels are critical in hosting regionals. Schools from the host section would prefer to play in their home arena or rink, which is permitted for regional contests. Section Coordinators have discussed numerous specifications that are necessary and acceptable to host. Each coordinator plans to provide a list of arenas and rinks that would be suitable to host a regional contest within their section, then the committee would discuss it.
- The committee voted unanimously in favor of this proposal.
- Budgetary Impact: It may increase rental cost to a Section if they cannot use a host school site.
- Effective Start Date: 2020-2021 season.
- This will be an Action Item at the October Executive Committee meeting.

Wrestling – Implement Automatic Qualifier Procedure for State Tournament
- Marty Sherman, Wrestling State Coordinator, presented the Wrestling Committee’s proposal of a two-year pilot program to change from the current At-Large Procedure for the NYSPHSAA Wrestling Championship to an Automatic Qualifying Procedure. Additional information outlining the Automatic Qualifier Procedure was included in the meeting packet.
- The current At-Large procedure used to complete the brackets is very cumbersome and time consuming. The process is based on student athletes obtaining championship points so that they can be invited to participate in the Wrestling Championship if they did not win their Sectional Championship. The points are obtained by win-loss record, past Sectional and State place finishes, whom they beat during the season and where they finished during the current Sectional Championship.
- The current system creates an atmosphere where wrestlers tend to “chase” points and avoid matches that may hurt them at the end of the season. The Sectional Coordinators are responsible for collecting and submitting all this information for the wrestlers in their Sections. The Automatic Qualifier would eliminate the point system and award invitation in the State Championship based on the outcome of the Sectional Championship. Each Section would send their Section Champion to the State Tournament (no change). The rest of the bracket would be filled by the 2nd and 3rd place finishers in the Section Championship.
- Budgetary Impact: If the “13 weight class” proposal is approved at the July Central Committee meeting, this proposal would increase the number of students participating in the State Championship to 6.3%. Currently, the participation rate is 5.3%.
- If the “13 weight class” proposal is not approved at the July Central Committee meeting, the Wrestling Committee has a similar proposal for using the Automatic Qualifier based on 15 weight classes. The NYSPHSAA Wrestling Committee voted 9-1-1 to move forward with this recommendation.
- Effective Start Date: 2020-2021 season.
- This will be an Action Item at the October Executive Committee meeting.
Action Items

Wrestling – 13 NYSPHSAA Weight Classes
(The votes by Section: Section I: 4 No; Section 2: 4 Yes; Section III: 4 Yes; Section IV: 4 No; Section V: 4 Yes; Section VI: 4 No; Section VII: 4 Yes; Section VIII: 4 Yes; Section IX: 4 No; Section X: 4 Yes; Section XI: 4 Yes; Officers: 3 No. 28 Yes/19 No.)

Wrestling – Update Wrestling Portion of the NYSPHSAA Handbook
- Marty Sherman, Wrestling State Coordinator, presented the Wrestling Committee’s proposal to update the Wrestling portion of the NYSPHSAA Handbook with the following recommendations:
  1. Waiver of NFHS rule 7-4-2, in tournaments only, straps may be taken down outside of the wrestling.
  3. Schools may only attend a maximum of (2) two-day tournaments if the format of the tournament is not an individual bracketed tournament.
  4. A wrestler who enters a 2-day tournament is a participant of that tournament until the conclusion of that tournament.
  5. Exhibition matches will not count toward a wrestler’s win/loss record. Sections may count the win/loss results of exhibition matches for Sectional tournaments only.
  6. Remove the restriction on the limit of multi-school meets. Currently limited to 4 per season.
  7. Restrict the one-pound allowance for back-to-back events to level of competition. JV to/for JV and Varsity to/for Varsity.
  8. Multi-school meets can be attached to dual meets on the same day at the same site.
  9. Wrestling coaching staffs may not conduct the honor weigh-ins. Another school personnel member must conduct the weigh-ins.
  10. On school days only, JV tournaments may use honor weigh-ins as the official weigh-in for the tournament.
  11. NFHS waiver of Rule 4-5. Wrestlers are not allowed a one-pound allowance for meets or tournaments following a Sunday or school holiday.
  12. The one-pound allowance may only be activated for merged teams if the schools are not allowed to practice.
  13. Once the Sectional Individual Tournament starts, no wrestler can use a dual meet or tournament toward wins/losses or the 50% rule.
  14. Teams who obtain permission from their Section Chairman to conduct two dual meets on the same day for make-ups, may use the weigh-in from the first dual meet for the weigh in for the second dual meet.
  15. Any student that has two or more exhibition matches associated with a tournament must count that tournament as one of their 6 allowable tournaments during the year.

- The NYSPHSAA Wrestling Committee has produced the “Wrestling Program Booklet” to help guide coaches in NYS on different situations and expectations. Unfortunately, the Wrestling Committee has approved certain items that have not received approval from the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee. The committee wants to ensure the NYSPHSAA Staff can support the recommendations of the Wrestling Committee.
- Effective Start Date: Winter 2020-2021 season.
A motion to approve to update the Wrestling portion of the NYSPHSAA Handbook with recommendations carried. Farrell/Mackin

Boys Ice Hockey – Adopt 17-Minute Periods
A motion to approve to adopt 17-minute periods (currently 15 minutes) and adjust penalty times from 1.5 minor, 4 major and 7.5 misconduct to 2 minute minor, 5 minute major and 10 minute misconducts carried. Bongino/Pullen
Boys Ice Hockey – Adopt 2 Referee, 1 Linesman Officiating System
A motion to approve to adopt a 2 referee, 1 linesman officiating system for all regional and State Final Four games carried. J. Harrica/Murphy
(The votes by Section: Section I: 4 Yes; section 2: 4 Yes; Section III: 4 Yes; Section IV: 4 Abstentions; Section V: 4 Yes; Section VI: 4 Yes; Section VII: 4 No; Section VIII: 2 Yes/2 No; Section IX: 4 Yes; Section X: 4 Yes; Section XI: 4 Yes; Officers: 3 Yes. 39 Yes/6 No/4 Abstentions.)

B/G Indoor Track – Allow a Maximum of One Relay Per School at State Meet if Standards Are Met
A motion to approve to clarify the current language in the NYSPHSAA Handbook under 21.08 #5 to read “Sections are allowed to bring a second relay team in the 4x200, 4x400 and the 4x800 provided the second team meets the qualifying standard. The second team cannot come from the same school as the first team”. carried. Pizzarelli/Rathbun
(The votes by Section: Section I: 4 No; Section 2: 4 Yes; Section III: 4 Yes; Section IV: 4 Yes; Section V: 4 Yes; Section VI: 4 Yes; Section VII: 4 Yes; Section VIII: 4 No; Section IX: 4 Yes; Section X: 4 Yes; Section XI: 4 Yes; Officers: 3 Yes. 37 Yes/6 No/4 Abstentions.)

Boys and Girls Bowling – Adopt USBC Playing Rules #2 and #8; Add Rule 5.07 with Specific Waivers
A motion to approve to amend Bowling Rule #5.01 in the NYSPHSAA Handbook to adopt USBC Playing Rules (Chapter No. 2 “General Playing Rules” and Chapter No. 8 “Equipment Specifications” Only) and #5.07 Waivers of USBC Rules below carried. Tooley/Hoyt

5.07 Waivers of USBC Rules:
- Chapter 2-Rule 3- Modified Formats (not applicable)
- Chapter 2-Rule 4d- Special Considerations to Deliver the Ball – substitute “league board of directors or tournament management” with “NYSPHSAA office”
- Chapter 2-Rule 4e- Tournament Average Relief- (not applicable)
- Chapter 2-Rule 11- Forfeit-Delay of Game: Append to read “at the discretion of the NYSPHSAA authorized officials” Chapter 2-Rule 13- Parental Consent (not applicable)
- Chapter 2-Rule 14- Supplemental Fees (not applicable)
- Chapter 2-Rule 15- Gambling (NYSPHSAA rules supersede)
- Chapter 2-Rule 16- Member (not applicable)
- Chapter 2-Rule 17- Grounds for Disciplinary Action (NYSPHSAA rules supersede)

SPRING

Action Items

Boys Tennis – Advance 2020 At-Large Rotation to 2021
- Joe Altieri, Assistant Director, presented the NYSPHSAA proposal to advance the 2020 state tournament at-large rotation to the spring 2021 season for boys tennis.
- Due to the coronavirus cancelling said event in 2020, the state tournament at-large rotation did not materialize. Approval of this proposal would allow for sections to keep their turn in the rotation.
- The 2020 at-large rotation would have been: Section 5,6 for singles and Section 7, 8 for doubles.
- The CAC voted unanimously in favor of the proposal.
- Effective Start Date: June 2021.
A motion to approve to advance the 2020 state tournament at-large rotation to the spring 2021 season for boys tennis carried. Luther/Ceruti
Baseball – Adoption of Pitch Count Modification

A motion to approve to adopt the following modifications to the current Pitch Count rule in Baseball at the varsity level carried.  

Murphy/Fallacaro-Dougherty

March:
- 76-85 (4 Nights Rest)
- 46-75 (3 Nights Rest)
- 31-45 (2 Nights Rest)
- 1-30 (1 Nights Rest)

April:
- 96-105 (4 Nights Rest)
- 66-95 (3 Nights Rest)
- 31-65 (2 Nights Rest)
- 1-30 (1 Nights Rest)

May:
- 103-125 (4 Nights Rest)
- 72-102 (3 Nights Rest)
- 41-71 (2 Nights Rest)
- 1-40 (1 Nights Rest)

COMBINING OF SCHOOLS
The following combining school teams have been approved by the respective leagues and sections for the 2020 school year and are presented for your information. (Eligibility Standard #6)
- None reported at this time.

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).
- None reported at this time.

CONSULTANTS

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 twenty-three New York State sports. Those coaches selected for the NYSPHSAA Coach of the Year Awards become eligible for the National Federation of High Schools Section I Coach of the Year Awards. If selected as the NFHS Section I Coach of the Year, they become eligible for the NFHS National Coach of the Year award for their sport.
- During the 2019-2020 school year, NYSPHSAA Sport Coordinators, Executive directors, Athletic Directors and Past Presidents were contacted for nominations. Criteria for this award include but are not limited to years of coaching, they must have coached during the award year or have been retired no more than one year, win/loss records, participation in league/sectional committees, and being a positive role model within their school and communities. If any member of the Central Committee would like to make a nomination or express a concern regarding a 2019-2020 nominee, please contact him.
- He congratulated all the 2019-2020 NFHS Coach of the Year Award recipients. A list of the NYSPHSAA Coaches of the Year for the 2019-2020 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 2020. Regional/National awards will be selected in January 2021.
- 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, for the 2019-2020 awards, all sports have received nominations and are being recommended for approval. However, if someone would like to make a nomination for the 2020-2021 NFHS Coach of the Year Awards program, please send the coaches name and school to him at rwoodruf42@aol.com
• Todd Nelson, NYSPHSAA Assistant Director, thanked Ron for his many years of work with this program.

**NYS Council of Administrators** – Ron Whitcomb, President

• Reported the COA has been in contact with Darryl Daily, the Associate in Health and Physical Education at the State Education Department about the opening of schools and the impact on health and physical education. As information has developed, communications to the COA membership as well as the general membership is ongoing.
• Reported their annual State meeting will be held virtually on Wednesday, September 30th, Thursday, October 1st and Friday, October 2nd. There will be two sessions each day from 10:00-10:55 AM and from 11:00-11:55 AM. The focus of this conference is to help directors navigate through the ever-changing environment that teachers will be presented with in the new school year.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

• Robert presented outgoing Past President Jim Osborne with a plaque in recognition of his 8 years as an officer for the Association. He welcomed Tim Mullins from Section VIII who will begin his officer rotation on September 1st as 2nd Vice President.
• Paul thanked the Executive and Central Committee members, the staff, sport coordinators and the other officers for their support during his last 2 years as President. He then passed the gavel to Julie, wishing her the best of luck as she becomes President of the Association on September 1st.

**A motion to approve** adjournment of the July 2020 Central Committee meeting at 1:00 PM on Wednesday, July 29, 2020 **carried.** J. Harrica/Ceruti

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Robert Zayas
Executive Director

**Future Executive/Central Committee Meetings**

*October 21, 2020* – Saratoga Springs Embassy Suites  
*February 3, 2021* – Saratoga Springs Embassy Suites  
*May 5, 2021* – Saratoga Springs Embassy Suites  
*July 27-28, 2021* – World Resort Catskills, Monticello