New York State Public High School Athletic Association

SYNOPSIS OF ACTIONS
July 30-31, 2019 CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING
Turning Stone Resort, Verona, NY

ACTION ITEMS

1. P4 Approved the Agenda of the July 30-31, 2019 Central Committee meeting.
2. P4 Approved the May 2, 2019 Executive Committee meeting minutes.
3. P18 Approved to enter Executive Session.
4. P18 Approved ending Executive Session.
5. P18 Approved the Compensation Committee’s report.
6. P20 Approved to add Unified Basketball and Unified Bowling as sports to the Scholar-Athlete program.
7. P21 Approved creating a NYSPHSAA Officials Appreciation Day on the Wednesday of Week #13.
8. P21 Approved to revise Modified Soccer rules.
9. P22 Approved to revise Modified Football rules.
10. P22 Approved to revise Modified Boys Lacrosse.
11. P22 Approved to revise Modified Cross Country rules.
12. P22 Approved to increase the number of double headers allowed in Modified Softball from two to three.
13. P23 Approved to add to the Handbook “It is recommended that there be a minimum of six meets scheduled for Modified Track and Field.”
14. P23 Approved to reduce the minimum nights rest from 2 nights to 1 night in Modified Boys and Girls Volleyball.
15. P23 Approved to increase the maximum number of points a student can wrestle during the week from 3 to 4 in Modified Wrestling.
16. P23 Approved to allow more than two all-around competitors compete in a meet in Modified Gymnastics.
17. P23 Approved to amend the NYSPHSAA appeal procedures for an increased fee and unanimous decision by the panel.
18. P24 Approved creating a NYSPHSAA Foundation.
19. P24 Approved the following reductions in the required number of contests: Wrestling Dual Meet from 6 to 0 in Section I; Girls Golf from 6 to 4 in Section 2.
20. P24 Approved Sport Coordinators appointments/reappointments for a five-year term, effective September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2024.
21. P24 Approved as Friend & Neighbors (expiring August 2021): Mt. Pleasant Cottage UFSD (I), Gardner Dickinson School (2), The King’s School (2), Rochester School for the Deaf (V), St. Mary’s School (V), Central Baptist Christian Church (VI), Christian Central Academy (VI), Northern Chautauqua Catholic School (VI), St. Therese Academy (X), Hayground School (XI).
22. P25 Approved as New Members: OnTech Charter High School (III), Boquet Valley CSD (VII)
23. P26 Approved the new Football Classification Cut-Off numbers for the 2020 and 2021 seasons.
24. P26 Defeated for Football players to serve the suspension for violating the NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Rule by being ineligible to participate for 4 full consecutive quarters (players only).
25. P26 Approved to establish combined practice requirements for all NYSPHSAA member schools in Football.
26. P27 Approved to institute a penalty for practicing on courts at the Girls Tennis Championships during the tournament.
27. P27 Approved to revise pool play tie breaking procedures for the Boys Volleyball Championships for a two-year experiment.
28. P27 Tabled the Girls Volleyball Regional rotation for the 2019 and 2020 postseasons for further review.
29. P27 Approved to take off the table establishing a regional rotation for the 2019 and 2020 postseasons in Girls Volleyball.
30. P27 Approved to continue with the regional rotation currently in place (as found on page 90 in the meeting packet) for the 2019 and 2020 postseasons in Girls Volleyball.
31. P29 Defeated for Ice Hockey to abide by the NFHS Ice Hockey Rules for time periods (17 minutes) and penalties (2/5 & 10 minutes) to begin with the 2019-2020 season with a recalculation of postseason (Regional, Semifinals and Finals) fees for Ice Hockey officials on November 1, 2019.
32. P29 Defeated Nassau County Aquatic Center (VIII) as the host of the 2021, 2022 and 2023 NYSPHSAA Boys Swimming and Diving State Championships.
33. P29 Approved Ithaca College (IV) as the host of the 2021, 2022 and 2023 NYSPHSAA Boys Swimming and Diving State Championships.
34. P29 Approved Kenmore West High School (VI) as the host of the 2021 NYSPHSAA Girls Gymnastics State Championships.
35. P31 Tabled the Robert Trent Jones Golf Course at Cornell University (IV) as the host of the 2020 NYSPHSAA Boys Golf State Championship on Week #47 for further review & discussion by the Central Committee.
36. P31 Approved to take off the table the Robert Trent Jones Golf Course at Cornell University (IV) as the host of the 2020 NYSPHSAA Boys Golf State Championship on Week #47.
37. P31 Defeated the Robert Trent Jones Golf Course at Cornell University (IV) as the host of the 2020 NYSPHSAA Boys Golf State Championship on Week #47.
38. P39 Defeated to increase the maximum number of games/contests with restrictions on the number of scrimmages.
39. P39 Defeated to revise the prescribed penalty for exceeding the maximum number of games/contests.
40. P40 Approved to permit students (grades 7, 8, 9 & 10) who are ineligible as per the NYSPHSAA Transfer Rule to practice and participate at the sub-varsity level during their period of ineligibility; noncorresponding transferring students in grades 11 and 12 who are ineligible as per the Transfer Rule, would be limited to practice only.
41. P40 Approved adjournment.
NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

Turning Stone Resort, Verona, NY                          July 30-31, 2019

The Central Committee was called to order by President Paul Harrica at 1:30 PM on Tuesday, July 30, 2019. 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

**Past Presidents**
- Stephen Broadwell
- Karen Lopez
- Patrick Pizzarelli
- Eileen Troy
- Mark J. Ward

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

**Section Representatives**
- Section I: James Mackin (PRIN), Karen Peterson (ATH-G); John Bauerlein (ATH-B); Michael Cring, Proxy for Andrew Irvin (CSO)
- Section II: Kathy Ryan (ATH-G); Christopher Culnan, Proxy for Boys Athletic Rep; Mark Brooks (PRIN); Joseph Sapienza, Proxy for Ryan Sherman (CSO)
- Section III: Monica Tooley (ATH-G); Michael Carboine (ATH-B); John Rathbun, Proxy for Paul Gasparini (PRIN); Tim Ryan (CSO)
- Section IV: Patti Murphy (ATH-G); Christopher Durdon (ATH-B); Terry Heller (PRIN); Gordon Daniels (CSO)
- Section V: Kim Henshaw (ATH-G); Thomas Schmandt (ATH-B); David Pullen (PRIN); Kathy Hoyt, Proxy for Joseph Englebert (CSO)
- Section VI: Marisa Fallacaro (ATH-G); James Graczyk (ATH-B); Adam Stoltman, Proxy for Jeff Rabey (CSO); James Spanbauer (PRIN)
- Section VII: Patricia Ryan-Curry (ATH-G); C. Joseph Staves (ATH-B); Matthew Walentuk, Proxy for John McDonald (CSO); Josh Harrica, Proxy for 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); Gregory Ransom, Proxy for CSO Rep
- Section X: Lori Brewer (ATH-G); James Cruikshank (CSO); Anthony Bjork (ATH-B); Eric Luther (PRIN)
- Section XI: Debra Ferry (ATH-G); Timothy Mullins (ATH-B); Patti Trombetta (PRIN); Michael Radday (CSO)

**Section Executive Directors**
- Todd Santabarbara (I)
- Ed Dopp (2)
- John Rathbun (III)
- Ben Nelson (IV)
- Kathy Hoyt (V)
- Timm Slade (VI)
- Matthew Walentuk (VII)
- Patrick Pizzarelli (VIII)
- Gregory Ransom (IX)
- Carl Normandin (X)
- Thomas Combs (XI)
Section Presidents
Karen Peterson (I), Joseph Sapienza (2), Mark Wilson (X)

Section Treasurers
Jackie Meyer (V), James Osborne (IX)

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

Ex-Officio & Consultants
James Wright, Associate Executive Director-NYSAAA
Brett Banker, President-NYSAAA
Tom McGuire, Executive Director-Pupil Benefits Plan
Darryl Daily, SED (Tuesday)
Ron Woodruff, NYS Coaches Association (Wednesday)

Guests
Matthew Stein, 2nd Vice President (2)
Rise Van Iderstine (2)
Wayne Aman, Vice President (IV)
Mike Andrew (IV)
Margaret Tremblay (IV)
Ed Stores, Retired Executive Director (V)
Shaun Jefferes, Coord. of Communications & Marketing (V)
Joe Sposato (V)
John Moriello, NYS Sports Writers Association

Sport Coordinators
Gary VanDerzee, Football State Coordinator (Tuesday)
Mike Andrew, B. soccer State Coordinator
Cathy Allen, Softball State Coordinator (Tuesday)
Marty Sherman, Wrestling State Coordinator (Tuesday)

Via phone:
Scott Stuart, Boys Ice Hockey State Coordinator
Chris Horgan, Girls Tennis State Coordinator
Peter Hugo, B. Swim/Dive State Coordinator
John Coletta, Boys Volleyball State Coordinator
Patti Perone, Girls Volleyball State Coordinator

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
A motion to approve the Agenda of the July 30-31, 2019 Central Committee Meeting carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
A motion to approve the May 2, 2019 Executive Committee Meeting minutes as written carried.

ORAL AND PRINTED REPORTS WERE PRESENTED BY ASSOCIATION OFFICERS AND STAFF

President Paul Harrica
- Welcomed everyone
- Congratulated Hall of Fame Inductees Eileen Troy (2) and Jim Wolfe (IX) who were in attendance at the Central Committee meeting.
• Congratulated the Recognition Honorees and thanked them for their years of service.

• Thanked the staff of the Association for their hard work and dedication.

• Thanked the sport chair people, committees, and volunteers who make the championships a great experience for our student-athletes.

• Thanked the Officers for their help in making his first year a successful year.

• Thanked the Section Executive Directors for their commitment not only to their Sections but also to student-athletes across the state.

• Reported he had attended the NFHS 100th anniversary in July and Tracy Fuch’s, from New York State, induction into the NFHS Hall of Fame.

• Congratulated Robert on his appointments to 3 NFHS committees.

• Through a Power Point presentation, he and Executive Director Zayas reviewed the accomplishments and highlights of the Association during the 2018-2019 school year.

• Highlights included the following:
  • Continued Revenue Share program.
  • Continued attendance by the staff at over 80% of Section Athletic Council meetings.
  • Successfully opposed the Home School legislation for the 7th year.
    • Robert introduced Kevin Banes, our Government Affairs Lobbyist, and thanked him for all his efforts in preventing the home school legislation from moving forward. Kevin reported this issue will not be going away as there is still much interest by the bill sponsors and the chairs. He stated we will need to do much discussing, educating and strategizing over the next few months to keep the bill from advancing.
  • Unified Athletics – continue to see growth. Kevin Banes has worked with Special Olympics of NY, lobbying on their behalf and was able to secure about $200,000 in the New York State budget specifically for unified athletics. All 11 Sections are now participating in unified athletic programs. There are 165 unified basketball teams and 46 unified bowling teams. Thanked and recognized Todd for his work with this program.
  • NFHS Network – First year has been completed. More of our championship events have been highlighted and promoted at no cost to our membership.
  • Cheerleading
  • Wheelchair Athletes at Track/Field. At the 2018 October Executive Committee meeting, it was approved to create criteria to give these student-athletes the opportunity to participate, score and advance to post season events.
  • Transfer Rule – new language added to assist in the consistent implementation, rule enforcement and interpretation.
  • Mental Health Awareness week approved for Week #44.
  • Athletic Trainer – In October 2018, the Executive Committee approved the recommendation that NYSPHSAA schools have full time access or coverage of an Athletic Trainer.
  • Practice Requirements – now a standardized practice requirement for all sports, from Varsity to Modified, to have 6 practices to represent their school except for football, gymnastics, wrestling and baseball who will require 10 practices to represent their school.
  • Playing rules – NFHS vs. NCAA – at the February 2019 Executive Committee meeting it was approved to remain with the non-NFHS playing rules we’ve been playing in girls basketball (NCAA), boys volleyball (NCAA) and softball (USA Softball).
  • Representation Rule – at the February 2019 Executive Committee meeting, the rule was revised to give girls the opportunity to participate through Mixed Competition on a boys team while also participating in regular season girls events and still be eligible for the boys team.
  • Season Lengths – Effective Fall 2020, the revised season length will be Spring from Week 7 to 8, Winter from Week #19 to 20 and Spring from Week #36 to 37. All championship weeks will remain the same except for football which will be moved to Week #22.
  • Tracy Fuchs, head Field Hockey coach at Northwestern University and Class of 2018 NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame Inductee was inducted into the Class of 2019 NFHS Hall of Fame in late June.
Sportsmanship is an Exception – These signs promoting sportsmanship will be handed out to each school at the Fall AD Workshops.
Continued with the NYSPHSAA Championship logos which were created for consistency and equity. Unveiled the 2019-2020 championship logos.

1st Vice President Julie Bergman
- Welcomed everyone.
- Attended the baseball championships in the Spring.
- Attended the NFHS centennial meeting in Indianapolis. Found that all the states shared many similar concerns.
- Thanked and appreciates all who work tirelessly on our committees, ie. Handbook Committee, Transfer Committee, making sure our student-athletes have the best opportunities possible.
- Listened in on the SAAC phone conference meeting and was amazed and impressed at the talent the student-athletes have, from their participation in the conversation, the questions they asked to how they processed the information is a credit to their schools and coaches. They were confident, well-spoken and thoughtful. She hopes the Sections give them the recognition they deserve and the opportunity to speak in their Sections.

2nd Vice President Russell Bartlett
- Congratulated and thanked those recognized at the luncheon for their years of service.
- Stated as he finishes his first year as an officer, it is hard to make people understand the amount of volunteer hours that are put in to make the Association run smoothly. It makes him proud to be a part of it.

Past President James Osborne
- Echoed the statements made by the other officers.
- Congratulated the Section and Spring Sport Chairs who just concluded a great championship season.
- Thanked the volunteers for their tireless efforts to make the championships a great experience for our student-athletes.
- Thanked the Association staff for their hard work and dedication.
- Congratulated all who are retiring.
- Congratulated the Class of 2019 Hall of Fame inductees.
- Thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve.

Executive Director Robert Zayas

Home School Legislation
- For the past six years, legislation has been proposed to allow homeschooled students the opportunity to participate on interscholastic athletic teams in their home school district. The New York State Public High School Athletic Association has continued to oppose this legislation for a number of reasons outlined in a detailed memo in opposition distributed throughout the state. If adopted, the bill would have adversely impacted the balance of interscholastic competition and those students who already participate on their school teams.
- As a result of effective lobbying efforts and a tremendous amount of outreach, the legislation did not get voted upon and was not passed during the 2019 Legislative session.

Transgender Guidelines & Competitive Equity
- This is an issue of growing concern.
- Recently two transgender females won events at the Connecticut State High School Track & Field Championships. Connecticut and New York are two of 17 states that allow transgender high school athletes to compete without restrictions, according to Transathlete.com, which tracks state policies in high school sports across the country. Seven states have restrictions that make it difficult for transgender athletes to compete while in school (i.e. requiring athletes to compete under the gender on their birth certificate; allowing them to participate only after going through sex-reassignment procedures; hormone therapies). The other states either have no policy or handle the issue on a case-by-case basis.
- There is growing concern nationally that while focusing on the goal of equality, competitive equity is in jeopardy.
• He has discussed the issue with the Section Executive Directors and recently met with the State Education Department legal counsel to discuss the Association’s concerns. A meeting has also been scheduled in early August with the New York State Attorney General’s office.

• The NCAA does have a Transgender Policy as do three other states which states if you are a transgender female, born biological male and identify as a female, they have to undergo hormone suppression treatment for a period of one year before they are provided eligibility on the female team. This addresses competitive equity.

National Committees
• Reported he will be serving on three national committees.
  • **NFHS Constitution Review Task Force** - He will represent Section I of the United States on a task force formed by the NFHS Board of Directors to review the NFHS Constitution.
  • **NFHS Sports Medicine Advisory Committee** - He will begin a four-year term this Fall representing Section I and 4 of the United States, on the NFHS Sports Medicine Advisory Committee (SMAC). The mission of the SMAC is to provide information, vision, and guidance to the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS), while emphasizing the health and safety of students participating in interscholastic sports and activities. The SMAC meets three times annually; twice in Indianapolis and once via teleconference.
  • **National Football Advocacy Coalition** – He will join ten other Executive Directors on a National Football Advocacy Coalition to bring attention to the positive aspects of the game of football and find new and innovative ways to promote the benefits of interscholastic football. He recently met with the CEO of USA Football who is passionate and optimistic about programs being implemented at the youth levels to increase participation throughout the country.

Fall Athletic Director Workshops
• The 2019 Fall Athletic Directors workshops will be held throughout the 11 Sections starting in late August. These workshops are mandatory for all Athletic Directors. Eligibility standards, NYSED Regulations, review of recently revised rules and an overview of the NYSPHSAA Handbook are covered during the two-hour workshop. A schedule of the workshops was included in the meeting packet.

**Assistant Director Joe Altieri**

Sport Committees/Other Meetings
• Was the NYSPHSAA liaison or representative for the following committees since the May Executive Committee meeting: Boys Golf, Baseball, Girls Lacrosse, Track, Boys Lacrosse, Boys Tennis, Wrestling, Boys Volleyball, Football, Boys & Girls Swimming, Cheer, Gymnastics, Girls Ice Hockey, NYS Federation and the NFHS Summer Meeting.

• Minutes of each sport committee meeting have been provided to the Officers, CAC and Section Executive Directors.

• A championship site visit to Deerfield CC (new site) was made for Girl Golf.

• The Annual Sport Coordinators & Tournament Directors Meeting will be held on August 14th at 10 AM at the Capital Center, Albany.

• Bid meetings were held for Gymnastics, Boys Golf and Boys Swimming.

• Approval will be requested for state championships sites for Boys Swimming and Diving, Girls Gymnastics and Boys Golf.

• An updated copy of the NYSPHSAA Championship Date & Sites was included in the meeting packet.

Championship Administration
• Not all Spring championship revenues and expenses had been submitted or finalized at the time the meeting packet was sent out, therefore no analysis was provided.

• He reviewed highlights of several spring championships:
  • **Baseball** – Record attendance of 4,240; 3rd year of two-day tournament
  • **Girls Golf** – Awarded School State Champions for the 2nd year; 11 additional golfers competed; Deerfield CC in Section V hosted for the first time
  • **Softball** – Celebrated 35th anniversary of state tournament; Record 20-inning state semifinal game played
  • **Boys Tennis** – 1st year using At Large format to fill byes
  • **Boys Lacrosse** – Attendance over 3,000 for 2nd straight year in Finals; 3rd year of a four-class tournament
- **Girls Lacrosse** – Celebrated 25th anniversary of state tournament
- **Outdoor Track** – Several wheelchair events were conducted (100, 200, 400, 1500, 1800, 3200, shot put); first race between two wheelchair participants was conducted (100)
- An updated year-to-date attendance report was included in the meeting packet.
- Online ticket sales continue to rise for the 11th straight year. It was our 3rd year using gofan.co (a Huddle platform).

**NFHS Network/Broadcasting**
- We had a successful spring season with the NFHS Network streaming our events.
- This spring the Network broadcast boys lacrosse, girls lacrosse, baseball, and track.

**Branding/Marketing**
- Branding at NYSPHSAA State Championships and marketing continued at events with various methods of signage in addition to a strong digital campaign on Google and social media to promote girls and boys lacrosse prior to their events.
- He noted after he and Chris Joyce presented on Digital Marketing at the NFHS Summer Meeting in Indianapolis, they learned NYSPHSAA is the only state currently engaging in digital advertising to promote its events.

**Hall of Fame Banquet & Ceremonies**
- The 17th NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame Class was inducted on July 31st.
- He thanked In It To Win It Productions for producing the video tributes.
- He thanked the staff for their hard work and assistance in creating a great “show” for our induction ceremony.

**Summer Semester Interns**
- He thanked Antony Mantova of St. John Fisher College and Alberto Cannistraci of Sage College in Albany for their hard work during their summer internship with us.

**Assistant Director Todd Nelson**

**2020-2021 School Enrollment Numbers**
- Reminded the NYSPHSAA office will be receiving the final 2018-2019 BEDS numbers from SED in September. The office staff will compile the numbers by Section and send a draft report to the Section Executive Directors prior to the final report being sent to the Executive Committee in October.
- This will be year two of the new formula being used to calculate the School Enrollment numbers. The current formula is 9th grade plus 10th grade plus an average of 9th and 10th grade. We have found that the new formula did make a difference in many of our member schools. Most school’s enrollment numbers were higher using the new formula.
- Please note that the 2020-2021 school enrollment numbers are based on the final numbers for the 2018-2019 school year and not on the October 2019 BEDS day. Please make sure your member schools are aware of this as there has been some confusion.

**Unified Sports**
- We are entering our 7th school year of Unified Sports.
- Once again, Unified Bowling will be offered in the winter and Unified Basketball will be offered in the spring. A few Sections are having serious discussion to expand into the fall season.
- Section 5 will be offering Unified Bowling in the fall this year.
- Other sports being discussed are cross country and golf.
- It is anticipated that close to 200 schools will be participating in Unified Basketball this coming school year and over 60 schools will be participating in Unified Bowling.
- Unified Sports has seen a tremendous amount of growth over the years and we could not have done it without the great partners we have in Special Olympics New York.
- Reported he and Robert have met with SED Legal Counsel regarding the waiver of the Age & Duration of Competition regulation as it pertains to Unified athletes. Special Olympics NY has provided them with the definition of inclusive sports. SED is considering making a recommendation to the Board of Regents to add to Part 135.4 regulation.

**NYSPHSAA Strategic Plan – Overuse Injuries and Specialization**
- The NYSPHSAA Safety Committee has formed a sub-committee to address this topic and develop a
position statement that may go into the NYSPHSAA Handbook. The sub-committee has looked at research and data from a variety of sources and will make a final presentation to the Safety Committee in the Fall. A recommendation may be presented to the Executive Committee in October for discussion and a possible vote in January.

- The NYSPHSAA staff has also had a conversation with NFHSlearn about developing a course that can be viewed by administrators, coaches, parents, and athletes on overuse injuries and specialization. We are hopeful that in the near future, a course will be completed by the NFHS as a resource not only to NYS but to all 50 states.

Sanctioning
- Reminded all member schools that if they are traveling out of the state for an interscholastic contest, they need to complete a notice of entry on the NYSPHSAA website unless it is a single game.
- If they are hosting a contest or tournament, they need to complete the proper sanctioning form and send it to the NYSPHSAA office.
- Please contact him with any questions.

Assistant Director Kristen Jadin

Scholar Athlete Program
- 578 schools participated in the Spring. A total of 2,511 Scholar-Athlete teams were awarded. 39,909 Scholar-Athlete individuals were also awarded.
- The number of teams increased by 156 (6.62%) and the number of individuals increased by 1,875 (4.93%) compared to Spring 2018.
- Compared to the 2017-2018 school year, the total number of teams for the year increased by 6.29%
- (from 8064 to 8571). In addition, the total number of individuals increased by 3.59% (from 115,586 to 119,733).
- Overall, the Scholar-Athlete program is the most popular NYSPHSAA program and continues to grow each year.
- Pins to be distributed at the AD Workshops based on the previous year’s numbers.

School of Distinction/Excellence
- The applications for the School of Distinction and School of Excellence were due on June 30th. The deadline is the same each year.
- With more schools learning about and attaining the School of Excellence, there was an increase in the number of applications. 35 schools earned the School of Distinction Award, an increase of 5 schools compared to the 2017-2018 school year. 135 schools earned the School of Excellence Award, an increase of 19 schools compared to the 2017-2018 school year.
- A press release was sent out announcing the 2018-2019 School of Distinction and School of Excellence Award winners.

Special Programs
- Mental Health Awareness Week - The main goal of the initiative was to encourage schools to provide training to non-healthcare professionals (i.e. Athletic Directors and Coaches). The suggested training by NYSPHSAA was the NFHS Student Mental Health and Suicide Prevention course. During the month of April, 125 people ordered the course and 90 completed it. In May, 140 people ordered the course and 112 completed the course. We hope to increase the number next year.
- Coaches Appreciation Day – The 2nd Annual Coaches Appreciation Day was a success and widely participated in throughout the state. Many schools participated with our online campaign and shared their acts of “thanks” throughout the day.
- Community Service Challenge – There were 275 community service projects submitted, with 13,580 participants, 158,691 hours donated, and $426,939 raised. There were 27 times the number of submissions this year compared to last year.
- Hazing Prevention – The Hazing Prevention course will once again be offered to all NYSPHSAA member schools, free of charge. The training kit provided includes a Facilitator’s Guide, multimedia presentation, and certificate of completion. To register, visit https://nysphsaa.prevent.zone/.
- Sportsmanship Promotion – 45 plaque award winners were selected by the individual sections. From those selections, 2 banner award winners were chosen; Columbia High School (2) and Arlington High School (1).

Participation Survey
- Participation Survey data analysis will be released in late August.
• Only 3 schools have not submitted the survey. I am working with the Section Executive Directors to help contact the schools. The goal is to receive 100% in order to receive the most accurate data possible.

**Spalding Ball Contract**
• NYSPHSAA is entering its 4th year of its 5-year contract with Spalding. The distribution of sectional, regional, and state balls has been streamlined and the process continues to improve each year.

**Championship Information**
• Awards - Currently in the process of establishing a consistent ordering and payment procedure in collaboration with all state sport coordinators.
• Legislative Communications - All legislators were notified of team champions within their district. Many legislators recognize those teams with a resolution.
• Championship Operations Packets will continue to be utilized during the 2019-2020 school year.

**SAAC Selections**
• A listing of the 2019-2020 SAAC representatives for each Section was included in the meeting packet.

**Director of Finance Lisa Hand**

**Balance Sheet**
• Reported a cash balance of $339,686 as of June 30, 2019.
• Reported other receivables of $151,000 includes 3rd installment of $100,000 due from CP Sportswear.
• Reported Accounts Payable balance of $90,570 is from Spring Championships.
• Reported as of June 30, 2019, we have excess revenue over expenses of $345,437.

**Income Statement**
• Reviewed the Statement of Activities highlighting the following:
  • Revenues
    • Investments have earned approximately $102,000 for the 10 months ended June 30, 2019.
    • Excess revenues over expenses for the period were reported as $345,000.
    • Has since received the June investments statements and reported an additional $20,000 in Investment income, an unrealized gain of $55,000 which gives us excess revenue for the period of $500,000.
    • Championship net profits at the end of July after receiving additional invoices were $484,000.
    • The 2017-2018 school year championship profits were $540,000. Once CP Sportswear reconciles souvenir sales for 2018-2019 and we receive the additional revenue per our contract, the 2018-2019 championship profits should be in line with prior years.
    • Attendance for the Spring was down 4.44%. Overall, attendance for the year was down 2.5%. The new $10 ticket price at the door helped with revenues.
  • Expenditures
    • Occupancy is overbudget by $20,000 due to no tenant. The contract with the current real estate broker expires in September and we will be hiring a new firm.
    • Meetings and travel overbudget by $10,000.
    • Marketing expense is overbudget by $18,000 due to receiving $10,000 worth of digital marketing invoices for 2017-2018 championships in the current year.
    • Championship Transport is over budget by $36,000.

**Director of Communications Chris Watson**

**Social Media Outreach**
• Since the last Central Committee meeting, our social media following has increased by the following numbers:
  • Twitter
    • Gained 4,600 new followers (up 21% from last July)
    • We have 27,200 Twitter followers.
    • More than California and comparable to Florida, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin
  • Instagram
    • Gained 2,300 new followers in last two years (up 130% in two years)
• We have 4,091 Instagram followers
• More than Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Connecticut and South Carolina combined
• Comparable to North Carolina, California and Indiana
• YouTube
  • In the last year our Captains Club videos were viewed over 2,900 times.
  • We continue to promote championships, instructional videos and more on the YouTube page

NFHS Network
• We just completed year one with the NFHS Network to stream our state championship events. Some numbers to highlight:
  • Spring 2019
    • A total of 38,872 people viewed NYSPHSAA events live on the network
    • Our most viewed spring events were Boys Lacrosse regionals, semis and finals.
    • Multiple games with more than 2,000 views.
    • Top game Class B Boys Lax Semifinal John Jay vs. Manhasset (2,110)
  • 2018-19 Season
    • A total of 357,899 people viewed NYSPHSAA events live on the network
    • Three events drew over 10,000 viewers
    • Top events: Glens Falls/Lowville BBB Class B Championship (13,950)
                  Individual Wrestling Championships-Day 2, Mat 1 (12,834)
                  Glens Falls/O’Hara BBB Class B Federation Champ. (11,155)
    • Our top 16 events all featured Glens Falls or Individual Wrestling Championships

State Records
• State records are continuously updated on nysphsaa.org. Encourage schools to review the current state records to see if they have a student-athlete or coach who may qualify. Also encouraged schools to see if a streak or record is still “active” as there are some that might be retired or inactive.
• It is important to get the most accurate information when it comes to records because this is the information that will be listed in the state championship programs.
• The state record reporting form can be found on nysphsaa.org in the Resources section.

Captains Club
• The Association is always looking for story ideas to feature in future episodes of the Captains Club. If you have an inspiring or motivating story from your school or section, please let us know. Email Chris Watson at cwatson@nysphsaa.org.

Director of Sales & Marketing Chris Joyce

Sponsorships
• The following were contributing partners for the spring championships: BSN Sports, M-F Athletics, USTA Eastern, US Marines.
• NYSIR has agreed to continue their sponsorship of the Heads Up Football program and will cover the cost of training for our member coaches. Please encourage schools to participate. For more information, contact Todd Nelson.
• The Holiday Inn Hotels of Upstate New York has expanded their brand portfolio and been renamed the IHG Hotels of Upstate New York. This should provide more opportunities for our member schools to secure affordable rates across the state for championships and team travel.
• Partnership with the NYS Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee has been renewed as a grant program for the 2019-2020 school year. The grant provides additional resources and opportunities for schools to get involved, including coach education, driving simulators, guest speakers, and more. All costs are covered through the grant. Contact the NYSPHSAA office for more information.
• Renewal discussions are in progress with CSEA.

Ticketing
• Online sales at NYSPHSAA Championships were up nearly 70% over last year.
• 10 of 11 sections offered online tickets during the 2018-19 school year. Over 57,000 tickets sold statewide.
• Any sections not currently using GoFan please contact Chris during the year so we can discuss an implementation plan.
• Paper ticket order has been placed and is on schedule for delivery to the sections the week of August 19.

Championship Marketing
• Digital marketing campaigns were run for Boys and Girls Lacrosse
  • Facebook: 168,886 impressions, 3,689 clicks, 2.18% CTR, 641 “likes”
  • Google Network: 265,152 impressions, 828 clicks, .31% CTR
• Overall in 2018-19, digital marketing campaigns were highly successful
  • Google Network: 1,128,757 impressions, 2,619 clicks, over 64 days of brand and event exposure
  • Facebook: 645,343 impressions, 10,452 clicks
  • YouTube: 283,422 impressions, 124,798 views, 247 clicks
• Fall marketing campaigns will be run for boys soccer, girls soccer, field hockey, and football
• Plan to explore Instagram marketing for 2019-2020 Championships
• 2019-20 logos are finalized and will be sent to sport coordinator and host sections
• Logo concepts for 2020-21 and 2021-22 are in progress with the goal of having them available a year in advance of each championship

Counselor Renee James
• Reported she and Robert attended the NFHS Legal Summit in Indianapolis and did a presentation on Temporary Restraining Orders.
• Reviewed cases we are awaiting decisions on.
• Stated she is following the Connecticut case regarding two transgender females winning events at the Connecticut State High School Track & Field championships closely.
• Reported she is still waiting to hear back from the NYSED Office of Counsel on the implementation of Transgender Guidelines. The NCAA does have guidelines that were put together by doctors and a huge number of people who have studied the issue with much input and thinks this is the fair way to go and hopes to get SED on board.

SECTIONAL CONCERNS

Section I: no concerns
Section II: no concerns
Section III: no concerns
Section IV: no concerns

Section V: Had a concern with the Spalding NOCSAE stamp on baseballs not being available to their vendors until April. Robert has followed up with our Spalding contact and the NOCSAE stamped baseballs will be available in August 2019. He also asked schools to check their shipments when they arrive to make sure the stamp is on the baseballs.

Section VI: no concerns
Section VII: no concerns
Section VIII: no concerns
Section IX: no concerns
Section X: no concerns

Section XI: Would like discussion to continue at the State level on the implementation of the shot clock in girls lacrosse. Todd noted the topic was brought up at the NFHS meeting in June. Chris Joyce, who attended the NFHS meeting, stated the feeling from the NFHS committee is it is not a big enough problem across the United States as most states do not have girls lacrosse or are just implementing girls lacrosse. They feel the shot clock would be a detriment to new girls lacrosse programs so at the national level, they are not going to be implementing a shot clock anytime soon.
REPORTS FROM EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

State Education Department – Darryl Daily

- Thanked the Association for all we do for student-athletes in New York State.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- New York State Athletic Administrators Association (NYSAAA) Leadership Training Program and Certification Program. See website: http://nysaaa.org/contact-us
- Note: NYSAAA, NYSAHPERD are approved for NYSED CTLE credit.

NEW YORK STATE LEARNING STANDARDS REVIEW PROCESS FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION HAS BEGUN (2018-2019)

- Collaborating with NYSAHPERD- Kicked off at SED on August 6-7, 2018. Multiple meetings were held throughout 2018-2019. Next steps: Public comment- Fall 2019, complete introduction and finalize standards with outcomes. Reviewed National and NYS Learning Standards and Outcomes for NYS. Process and review team included multiple diverse representatives; (SED, ELA’s, BOCES, NYSAHPERD, COA, NYSBAA, NYSUT and SAANYS, K-12 and Higher Education Institutions across the state). Follow up will include professional development to the field Summer/Fall 2020.

CONTENT ADVISORY PANEL (CAP) for PHYSICAL EDUCATION Content Advisory Panel (CAP) for Physical Education

- The Content Advisory Panel for Physical Education is now being established. The Panel will function in an advisory capacity to the Office of Curriculum & Instruction and the Department, providing written and verbal feedback on suggested resources, policies, and implementation strategies.
- Members are appointed for a one-year term by the New York State Education Department. The panel will represent a variety of constituents; including elementary, middle level, and high school teachers, school administrators, and curriculum specialists.
- CAP will hold three meetings each school year in Albany. Members will serve without compensation, but their reasonable and necessary expenses for attending the meetings will be reimbursed. IE: hotel at the state rate, meals, and mileage/train.
- Applications for CAP membership are now currently being accepted. Individuals interested in becoming a CAP member should send a cover letter and resume by July 30th to: Darryl L. Daily, Associate in Instructional Services- Physical Education, New York State Education Department, Office of Curriculum and Instruction, 89 Washington Avenue, 860 EBA, Albany, New York 12234.

MOST RECENT NYS PHYSICAL EDUCATION AUDITS AND COMPLIANCE CHECKLIST THAT WAS USED BY THE NYS COMPTROLLER’S OFFICE (2018-2019)

- Key Recommendations from Audits:
  - Develop and institute a PE program to ensure that:
    - Students receive the minimum required amount of PE.
    - The PE plan addresses all requirements in the Commissioner’s regulations.
• Please contact Darryl Daily at Darryl.Daily@nysed.gov for a (draft) compliance checklist so you can prepare for any future potential audits by the NYS Comptroller’s Office.

NYSED PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHER TEST DEVELOPMENT REVIEWER OPPORTUNITY
• The New York State Education Department (NYSED) is seeking educators to participate in test development activities for the New York State Teacher Certification Examinations (NYSTCE) Content Specialty Tests (CSTs) in Early Childhood Education (birth to grade 2 – Math and ELA), Literacy (grades K-12), English to Speakers of Other Languages (grades K-12), Physical Education (grades K-12) and English Language Arts (grades 5-12). These certification exams have already been revised. The activity this fall is to validate items for an item bank expansions based on the current frameworks.
• NYSED is looking for New York State educators who hold permanent or professional certification in New York State and are practicing teachers in these areas, supervising programs in these areas, or New York State educator preparation faculty who are preparing teachers to practice in the field.
• Qualified educators with expertise in the teaching or supervising these programs, including those with experience with ELL and SWD populations, as well as educator preparation faculty who are preparing these teachers, are encouraged to apply.
• The NYSED invites all educator and educator stake holders to nominate highly qualified educators at http://research.net/s/NYSTPNominate or provide me with a list of nominees, subject area, and contact information. If you use the nomination portal, please add the certification area in the additional comment section. Please be sure your nominations are received by July 31, 2019. Please ask all nominees to complete our online application located at https://www.research.net/s/NYSTPRecruit. These activities are tentatively scheduled for the week of December 9, 2019.
• All NYSTCE exams are developed in accordance with national industry and professional standards for educational testing. If you have any questions or concerns about the NYSTCE committee work or the development process, please feel free to contact Anne Hartjen (anne.hartjen@nysed.gov) or Emily Bryans (emily.bryans@nysed.gov).
• Anne S. Hartjen, Supervisor in Education Programs, New York State Education Department, Office of State Assessment, 760 EBA, 89 Washington Avenue, Albany, New York 12234, (518) 474-1087 phone, (518) 486-5765 fax.

UNIFIED SPORTS EXTENDED ELIGIBILITY (Request and review 2018-TBD)
• The Department has been requested by NYSPHSAA to review the eligibility rule for Unified Sports.
• There is continued collaboration between NYSPHSAA and SED with this initiative.
• More information to follow.

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR CERTIFICATION (Request and review 2018-TBD)
• Upper management has given the go ahead for the Office of Teaching Initiatives to begin developing license procedures around the National Certification requirements and regulations around it.
• There is continued collaboration between NYSAAA and SED on this initiative. More information to follow.

APPROVED COACHING COURSE LIST FOR FA/CPR/AED (Updated February 2019)
• The list has been updated on February 2019.

CONCUSSION MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES UPDATED (June 2018)
• The New York State Education Department Guidelines for Concussion Management in Schools have been revised to reflect the current recommendations on managing concussions. Previous guidance was that students must be completely symptom free to return to activities. Now there is emerging research suggesting that some symptoms may be acceptable during return to activities. The updated guidelines now reflect this practice along with emphasizing that schools follow guidance of the student’s health care provider on what symptoms are acceptable for return to activities.
• A gradual return to physical activity typically is done by progressing a student through levels of activity that increase in duration and/or intensity. Gradual return to activity should occur with the introduction of a new activity level every 24 hours. If any post-concussion symptoms return, the student should stop the activity and drop back to the previous level of activity. Current research suggests that some level of symptoms with activity is acceptable. Therefore, schools will need to follow provider orders on return to activities. Students should be
monitored by district staff daily following each progressive level of physical activity, for any return of signs and symptoms of concussion. A gradual progression should be followed based on the private healthcare provider’s or other specialist’s orders and recommendations.

- **Please note:** No such pupil shall resume athletic activity until the pupil has been symptom free for not less than twenty-four hours and has been evaluated by and received written and signed authorization from a licensed physician; and for extra class athletic activities, has received clearance from the medical director to participate in such activity. [8NYCRR 136.5 (d)]

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

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

- Revisions to commissioner’s regulations 136.1-135.3 go into effect 7/1/18.
- Grade levels for health examinations and required screenings have been revised.
- New guidelines are available for Health Examination, Vision Screening, Hearing Screening, and Scoliosis Screening. Due to changes in screening requirements it is important that school health personnel review the new guidelines.
  - Please Note- Schools districts **should** continue to accept ANY health exam form received as NYSED and medical providers’ organizations continue to partner to revise the NYS Required Health Exam Form and develop an electronic record compatible version.
  - School districts **SHOULD NOT REQUIRE** health care providers to use a particular form. District should accept any health exam form received.
  - School districts can choose to use the NYS Health Exam Form currently on the NYSCSH/NYSED website. The fact that the form is not required should be communicated when it is shared.
  - NYSED will notify school districts when the new revised NYS Required Health Exam Form is ready for use and when it will be required.
  - Questions may be directed to the Office of Student Support Services, at 518-486-6090, or studentsupportservices@nysed.gov.

**NEW INITIATIVES TO COMBAT SUBSTANCE ABUSE AMONG SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN AND STUDENT ATHLETES (2018)**

- Heroin and opioid use continue to grow at an alarming rate. Recent studies have shown that the percentages of high school students in New York State who have reported using heroin or who have injected an illegal drug have more than doubled from 2005 to 2015.
- Another recent concern with the Department of Health (DOH) is use of Fentanyl among youth.
- Education and healthcare leaders can increase awareness by talking about underage drinking, substance use disorders, addiction, warning signs, and how to access help. These materials provide guidance on how to have those conversations.
- NYSED partnered with the New York State Health Department and the New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services to provide the [New York State Addiction and Substance Use Disorder Educational Resource](http://www.health.ny.gov/health_info/prevent/treat/substance_abuse/index.cfm).
- A Free Flash Drive Educational Resource was developed through the New York State Department of Health, specifically to assist you in reaching your students and their families in combating this epidemic. This tool provides readily accessible and striking sample presentations, videos and discussion guides on how to engage students that may be dealing with sports-related injuries and pain relief involving opioid prescriptions or self-treatment with opioid medications. We know how our athletes look up to physical education teachers, athletic directors and coaches to guide them, so please order a flash drive.
- The New York State Addiction and Substance Use Disorder Educational Resource is available free on a flash drive that may be ordered by sending an email to: B0019W@health.ny.gov (email address contains zeros), or by mailing your request to: PUBLICATIONS NYSDOH Distribution Center P.O. Box 343 Guilderland, New York 12084. Materials sent to addresses within New York State are provided free of charge. Quantities may be limited. Please include the name of your school, company, or facility; physical address; name and email address of contact
person; and the following description and order number: New York State Addiction and Substance Use Disorder Educational Resource - Pub.# 12029. (Flash drives cannot be mailed to post office boxes).

GUIDELINES FOR COACHING (FIRST AID/CPR/AED) (Updated February 2018)

GUIDANCE FOR PROVIDING EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES TO ADDRESS SUBSTANCE ABUSE (June 2019)

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

SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL LEARNING GUIDELINES (BOE- Presentation May 2018)
- Introducing New Guidance and Resources for Social Emotional Learning
- Supplemental Presentation:
  - Social Emotional Learning - Essentials for Learning, Essentials for Life.

HIV/AIDS GUIDANCE DOCUMENT (Pending approval Fall 2019)
- Document will provide a curriculum framework to assist local school districts to develop quality instructional HIV/AIDS Prevention Education Programs, in alignment with Commissioner’s Regulations (CR’s) §135.3.
- More information to come

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 additional resources located at the NYSDOH Get the Facts Website.

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

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

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

TIC AND LYME DISEASE LEGISLATION (Summer 2016)
- NYSED and Department of Conservation collaborated on instructional tools and materials for school districts to advance and promote education awareness on tick identification and protection.

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Physical Education Web Site: http://www.nysed.gov/curriculum-instruction/physical-education/
Health Education Website: http://www.nysed.gov/curriculum-instruction/health-education

Pupil Benefits Plan – Tom McGuire, Executive Director
- Stated there are surveys going around between school administrators trying to compare rates from school to school on a per student basis. These comparisons are not comparable as family and individual plans (i.e. Blue Shield, MVP, Capital District Physicians Health Plan) are community rated coverage and student accident rates are experienced rated based on utilization (hospital and physician costs), geography, size of school and enrollment. He stated the best way to analyze, if a member, or don’t belong to Pupil Benefits Plan, is to call him.
- Stated people are saying how competitive student accident insurance market is getting. He stated it is and it isn’t. The same number of companies are supplying student accident insurance. What is driving the competitiveness is the number of brokers who have entered the market and are selling to school districts.
- Reported they just completed their renewal season. He stated they lost a few schools but also gained quite a few.
- Thanked the Association for their support.
NYS Athletic Administrators Association – Jim Wright, Associate Executive Director/Brett Banker, President

Conference

- The annual conference will be held the week of March 16-20, 2020 at the Saratoga Hilton.
- There will be 4 General Sessions, 12 breakout sessions and 8 LTI courses.
- LTI courses will be offered on Monday evening, all day Tuesday and Wednesday morning.
- The keynote speaker on Wednesday morning will be Dotti Pepper, retired LPGA golfer with 17 championships/2 majors.
- The conference luncheon and Hall of Fame ceremony will be held Wednesday and the Awards Banquet will be Thursday evening.
- The conference will conclude on Friday morning with an all-conference breakfast, a General Session and the annual meeting to follow.

Athletic Director Certification

- It is the only non-certified position held by an education in New York State. It is a major agenda item for SED and will be moving forward.

Aspiring Athletic Director Program

- The Aspiring Athletic Director program that was started in Section XI this past year will be rolled out to the rest of the state through their Chapter Reps and Section Executive Directors in the coming weeks.
- Found the program to be very successful. Of the 19 aspiring athletic directors who took the course, 2 received jobs. Feel this format could be used for mentoring new athletic directors as well as those aspiring to be athletic directors.

Professional Development

- 250 athletic directors in New York State have taken the LTI631 (Emergency Event Management) course. Hoping to make it a mandatory course for certification as an athletic administrator.
- Long Island University is entering a contract with the NIAAA to offer LTI courses in their Sport Management Program for those aspiring to be an athletic director.
- New York State is the #1 state in the country to offer online courses and continues to lead the rest of the country in membership with an 18% increase in membership.

Other

- Thanked the NYSPHSAA and Dr. Robert Zayas, CAA and the entire NYSPHSAA staff for their continued support and partnership.

A motion to approve to enter into Executive Session at 11:49 AM, Wednesday, July 31, 2019 for the Compensation Committee to review the comparables for the NYSPHSAA Executive Director’s compensation carried. Carboine/Ceruti
A motion to approve to end the Executive Session at 12:00 PM on Wednesday, July 31, 2019 carried. Ceruti/Mullins

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

Budget/Audit Committee – Paul Harrica, President

- Approved the 2019-2020 budget at the May 2019 Executive Committee meeting.
- There was no increase in dues or ticket prices.

Compensation Committee – Michael Carboine, Chairperson

- Reported the committee relies very heavily on Renee James and wanted to thank her for everything she does for the committee.
- The committee met February 1, 2019 to review the reasonableness of the proposed compensation of NYSPHSAA Executive Director, Dr. Robert Zayas. The Committee referenced 990’s from Illinois, Massachusetts and Connecticut
- The Committee respectfully submits that based on its review of the comparable data, Dr. Zayas’s duties and job performance, compensation for the NYSPHSAA Executive Director is reasonable.
A motion to approve the Compensation Committee’s report carried. Daniels/T. Ryan
Championship Advisory Committee – Greg Ransom, Chairperson

- The Committee met on Thursday, June 20, 2019 via conference call. Minutes from the meeting were included in the meeting packet.

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:
  - Wrestling – eliminate the 99lb Class for all Dual Meets
  - Wrestling waiver for 5-bout NFHS Rule in Postseason
  - Wrestling – conduct one NYSFHSAA/Federation Tournament
  - Boys Soccer – New Regional Rotation

Action Items

- The committee supported the following proposals to be presented for action at the July 2019 Central Committee meeting:
  - Girls Tennis Practice Penalty
  - Football Classification Cut-Off Numbers for 2020-2021
  - Boys Volleyball State Tournament Tie-Breaker Rule
  - Girls Volleyball Regional Rotation

- 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

For Review/Input, Championship Site Selections

- The CAC voted to support the committee and staff in choosing the following Championship Site selection:
  - **Gymnastics** – Kenmore West High School (VI) for 2021.

- The CAC voted to support the staff in choosing the following Championship Site selection:
  - **Boys Swimming** – Nassau Aquatic Center (VIII) for 2021, 2022, 2023

- The CAC made no recommendation on the following Championship Site Selection:
  - **Boys Golf** – Cornell (IV) for 2020

Next Meeting

- The next meeting of the CAC is scheduled for Wednesday, September 18, 2019 at 10:00 AM at the NYSFHSAA Office.

Handbook Committee – Patrick Pizzarelli, Chairperson

- No Report

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

- The SADC March meeting minutes was included in the meeting packet which referenced adding Unified Basketball and Unified Bowling to the Scholar-Athlete program.

- Kristen presented the SADC’s proposal for discussion to add Unified Basketball and Unified Bowling as sports to the NYSFHSAA Scholar-Athlete Program effective the 2019-2020 school year. As an official high school program of NYSFHSAA, the Unified teams should be recognized in the Scholar-Athlete program if they meet the same criteria as other interscholastic programs in the school.

Discussion:

- Section 2 voiced several concerns:
  - How would it be determined how unified athletes meet the grade 90 threshold as they have students who are life skilled students who work in a school or community-based program and receive a “Pass” for their grade.
  - They have other students who get two classes with actual grades and then another group of grades as “Pass/Fail” or some other type of credit.
  - They feel unified basketball and unified bowling are very positive programs but adding them to the Scholar/Athlete program will present a challenge as the students would need to meet the grade 90 threshold.
• Section 9 voiced several concerns also:
  • In addition to the same concerns as Section 2, some of their students are only in school for certain
    hours, some for parts of the season and some for the whole season.
  • Asked if there was a way to come up with different terminology or criteria for unified athletes to qualify.

A motion to approve to add Unified Basketball and Unified Bowling as sports to the Scholar-Athlete program carried.

Mullins/Cruikshank

(The votes by Section were: Section 1: 4 Abstentions; Section 2: 4 No; Section 3: 4 No; Section 4: 4 Yes; Section 5: 4
Yes; Section 6: 4 Yes; Section 7: 4 Yes; Section 8: 4 No; Section 9: 3 No; Section 10: 4 Yes; Section 11: 4 Yes. Officers: 3
Yes, 27 Yes/15 No/4 Abstentions).

• Hazing Prevention Course – Only 47 schools have utilized the Hazing Prevention Course. Of the 240 individual
  users enrolled, only 70 have completed the course. After discussion, instead of continuing to pay $5,000 to keep
  the course, the consensus was to use alternate resources provided by the NFHS for free.

• Captains Club – It was asked if the student leadership guide could be added as a slide at the end of Captains Club
  episodes. Kristen will work with Chris Watson on this.

Future Items/Meetings
• Monday, September 16, 2019 @ 10:00 am
• Section SAAC
• Multisport Athlete Award
• NYSPHSAA Leadership Conference

Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. Kristen Jadin, Assistant Director

• The committee met on Sunday, June 9, 2019 via teleconference.

• Status Updates:
  • Mental Health Awareness Week had great participation from the membership. Would like more
    participation from the SAAC next year.
  • Kristen and 4 SAAC members attended the NFHS Student Leadership Summit in July in Indianapolis.

• Topics discussed:
  • Exceeding Maximum Number of Contests – Robert explained the exceeding maximum number of contests
    proposed rule change and referenced the Lake George Girls Volleyball team. The consensus of the
    committee was that the students should not be penalized and anyway to avoid this would be positive.
  • Transfer Rule – Robert explained the Transfer Rule and the Transfer Rule proposals. After some discussion,
    the consensus of the group was to allow students to practice.
  • Community Service Challenge Selections: The SAAC reviewed the spring applications and selected Hewlett
    High School (Section VIII) as the winner.
  • School of Distinction/Excellence - Kristen explained the requirements for the School of Distinction and
    Excellence. Currently, if one team is merged with another school (and they are not the host school), that
    team must have been recognized for a Scholar-Athlete Team Award, despite the number of students on the
    team. After some discussion, the consensus was that the schools should not be penalized, especially if they
    are not the host school and only one or two kids are on the team. The consensus was to change this and use
    the number of students from their school as the “team.”
  • Feedback from 2-year members - Jacob stated he believes the committee needs to focus on making
    student-athletes aware SAAC exists. Additionally, each section should focus on creating a SAAC within their
    section to help with communication and influence by student-athletes. Kristen thanked the seniors for their
    service and wished them good luck in their future endeavors.

• 2019-2020 Focus
  • Connection with SADC members and section
  • New York State Leadership Conference
  • Encouraging multisport participation
  • Executive Committee Meeting attendance

• Future meeting dates:
  • Sunday, September 22, 2019 @ 4pm
• Friday, November 29, 2019 – Sunday, December 1, 2019 – SAAC Summit
• Sunday, December 8, 2019 @ 4pm
• Sunday, March 1, 2020 @ 4pm
• Sunday, June 7, 2020 @ 4pm

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

- Todd presented the committee’s proposal to create a NYSPHSAA Officials Appreciation Day on the Wednesday of Week #13 each year.
- Officials are an important component of the interscholastic program. They have a very difficult job and are sometimes the object of abuse and ridicule. The Sportsmanship Committee would like NYSPHSAA to recognize and thank them for their efforts and dedication to our student athletes. Our member schools acknowledge the difficulty of recruiting and retaining officials.
- NYSPHSAA would use the same model as the NYSPHSAA Coaches Appreciation Day in May. Schools would be encouraged to also participate at the local level. NYSPHSAA will provide ideas schools can use at the local level.
- Discussion from the Section Executive Directors was, if this proposal passed, to look at expanding this to different seasons, having it each season or rotating the season and the week. Will be an agenda item on the next Sportsmanship Committee meeting.

**A motion to approve** creating a NYSPHSAA Officials Appreciation Day on the Wednesday of Week #13 each year effective the 2019-2020 school year carried. Staves/Ceruti

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

- Todd introduced Paul Bailey, President and CEO of Total Concussion Management who gave a power point presentation on the use of their app which allows information on a suspected head injury to be collected and stored in a secure location and can then be share when a student-athletes either goes to the emergency room their primary care physician or the schools doctor or nurse. Another beneficial part of this app is communication which the safety Committee feels has been lacking. A school will be able to notify whoever they want immediately so that the circle of care can begin immediately.
- The Total Concussion Management app will be promoted at the mandatory AD workshops in the fall.

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

- The committee was asked to look at moving modified rules and standards closer to mirroring high school rules and presented the following proposals for approval:

**Modified Boys and Girls Soccer**

**A motion to approve** the following changes/additions/deletions to Boys and Girls Modified Soccer in the Handbook, effective Fall 2019 carried:

1. Under Game Rules, eliminate #2 and follow the NFHS rule and play two 40-minute halves.
2. Edit Game Rule #5 to allow one timeout per half.
3. Remove the prohibition of slide tackles, overhead scissor kicks, and flip throw-ins.
4. Modify Game Rule #12 to state “exemption from the uniform requirements of a numbered goalie jersey and white home uniforms.”

(The votes by Section were: Section 1: 4 Yes; Section 2: 4 Yes; Section 3: 3 Yes/1 No; Section 4: 4 Yes; Section 5: 4 Yes; Section 7: 4 Yes; Section 8: 4 Yes; Section 9: 3 No; Section 10: 4 Yes; Section 11: 4 Yes. Officers 1 Yes/2 No. 40 Yes/6 No.)

- These recommendations are intended to play the game of soccer that is closer to the High School level.
- The uniform exemption will not force schools to number goalie jerseys or buy new home uniforms. The time increase could affect official’s contracts at the section level.
- Sections can be more restrictive and continue to play quarters. The 4-quarter extended time period for soccer is currently 18-minute quarters which equates to 36-minute halves.
Modified Football
A motion to approve the following changes/additions to Modified Football effective Fall 2019 carried: Tooley/Murphy
1. Remove the Administration and test sections of the modified handbook. These sections of the handbook are only in the football and boys lacrosse sections of the handbook and are not needed.
2. Game rule #2 to allow gap alignment in 4-5-6-man fronts. Current rule requires players to be head up alignment. Gap alignment would move closer to what is allowed at the HS level.
3. Change the early season practice requirements to 2 days of helmets, 3 days of helmet and shoulder pads and 5 days of full equipment and full contact. With the change in the minimum number of practices required to 10 the current practices are broken down to 3-5-2. The Modified Committee feels that the proposed change will better prepare the players for full contact. The proposed change mirrors the HS requirement.
4. Remove game condition #2 under 8-man football regarding the field size. The current language follows the NFHS rule book for the size of the field. The HS rule allows the Sections/leagues to waive the NFHS rules so that schools can play on a regulation 11-man field.

Modified Boys Lacrosse
A motion to approve the following changes/additions/deletions will be made to the Boys Lacrosse Section of the Modified Handbook effective Spring 2020 carried: Ferry/Tooley
1. Remove the administration section.
2. All of the bullet points under “Equipment” will be removed except the uniform and helmet regulation.
3. Change the length of quarters from 9 minutes to 10 minutes per quarter including overtime.
4. Under Game Conditions eliminate #3, #6, #7, and number #8.
5. Replace #10 with “substitutes are permitted whenever the ball goes out of bounds. Substitution during live play shall be on the fly.”
6. Edit #11, “When a goalie gets a penalty, the in-home player may serve the penalty.”
7. Add, “A goal will be disallowed after the horn sounds to indicate the end of the period.”

- Many of these rules are already covered in the NFHS rulebook and will move Boys Modified Lacrosse closer to the High School level.
- For the change in period lengths, the Sections can be more restrictive, and the recommendations is less that the 4-quarter extended play of 11 minutes per quarter.

Modified Cross Country
A motion to approve the following changes to Modified Cross Country effective Fall 2019 carried: Tooley/Bjork
1. Decrease the nights rest from 3 nights to 2 nights. We are seeing an increase in the number of teams and competitions for Modified Cross Country. In many cases the Modified team is impacted by availability of courses and or the availability of the coaching staff, which are often shared by the upper level programs. Due to the availability issues Thursday is becoming the best date for Modified XC meets. At the same time, we are seeing an increase in the opportunities for Modified Invitationals, which are usually held on Saturday’s. The current three (3) night’s rest rule will not allow a runner to compete on Thursday and then again on Saturday.
2. Add “It is recommended that there be a minimum standard of 6 meets scheduled for Modified Cross Country”. The Modified Committee feels that this recommendation will help ensure students will get an adequate number of meets during the season. It was reported that some schools were scheduling less than six meets during the season.
- The Safety Committee had no issue with reducing the nights from 3 to 2.

Modified Softball
A motion to approve to increase the number of doubleheaders allowed in modified softball from two to three effective Spring 2020 carried. Mullins/Carboine
- This would allow more flexibility for rescheduled games during the Spring season.
Modified Track and Field
A motion to approve to add to the handbook “It is recommended that there be a minimum of six meets scheduled for modified track and field.” effective Spring 2020 carried. Walentuk/Murphy

- This would encourage schools to schedule a minimum of 6 meets for modified track and field. It was reported that some schools have less than 6 meets during the season.
- If schools chose to schedule more meets, there could be an increase in cost.

Modified Boys and Girls Volleyball
A motion to approve to reduce the minimum nights rest in boys and girls volleyball from 2 nights to 1 night effective Fall 2019 carried. Ceruti/Staves

- Since Volleyball is not as strenuous as other sports, the need for 2 nights rest is not necessary.

Modified Wrestling
A motion to approve to increase the maximum number of points a student can wrestle during the week from 3 to 4 effective Winter 2019 carried. Henshaw/Fallacaro

- This will allow students to wrestle more times during the week.
- A student could attend two multi school meets during the week or an invitational and wrestle multiple times at each event.

Modified Gymnastics
A motion to approve to allow more than two all-around competitors compete in a meet effective Fall 2019 carried. (Section 4: 4 Abstentions; Section 7: 1 Abstention) Ceruti/Ferry

- This will increase participation and follow the high school rules.

Officials Coordinating Federation – Todd Nelson, Assistant Director
No Report

WRITTEN REPORTS RECEIVED BY THE FOLLOWING SPORT COMMITTEES & DISTRIBUTED VIA E-MAIL:
Fall Sports
- Football, B/G Cross Country, B/G Soccer, G. Gymnastics, G. Swimming & Diving, Field Hockey, B/G Volleyball, G. Tennis

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

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

GENERAL ACTION ITEMS

Appeal Procedures and Fees
- Jim Osborne, Past President and current chair of the NYSPHSAA Appeal Panel, presented a proposal to amend the NYSPHSAA appeal procedures to an increased filing fee of $500 and require a unanimous decision by the panel to overturn a Section’s decision.

A motion to approve to amend the NYSPHSAA appeal procedures to an increased filing fee of $500 and require a unanimous decision by the panel to overturn a Section’s decision carried. Mullins/Murphy
Creation of a NYSPHSAA Foundation

- Chris Joyce, NYSPHSAA Director of Sales & Marketing, presented a proposal to start a NYSPHSAA Foundation. A committee will be created by presidential appointment to discuss the formation, structure, and operation of the NYSPHSAA Foundation. Creation of a NYSPHSAA Foundation would provide our membership with additional funding opportunities. Exploration of a foundation or endowment fund was outlined in the 2017-2021 Strategic Plan. NYSPHSAA would contribute one lump sum to establish the foundation fund. If managed properly, no further contributions would be required but would be permitted if deemed appropriate. Sponsors and community partners would also be leveraged for contributions. Additional spending may be done at discretion of the foundation committee. Of the 36 state associations who responded to our survey, 15 currently have a foundation. The foundation would be established in the 2020-2021 school year and begin awarding grants in the following year.

A motion to approve creating a NYSPHSAA Foundation carried. Ferry/Carboine

Waiver of Representation Rule

A motion to approve the following reductions in the required number of contests carried. Mullins/Bauerlein

- Wrestling Dual Meet Championships from 6 to 0 in Section I
- Girls Golf from 6 to 4 in Section 2

NYSPHSAA Sport Coordinator Approval

A motion to approve the following Sport Coordinators for a five-year term, effective September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2024 carried. Ceruti/Ryan-Curry
Charles Wiltse, Boys Cross Country Coordinator; Jamie Harter, Girls Golf Coordinator; Jim Wright, Softball Coordinator; Diane Hickes-Hughes, Girls Swimming & Diving Coordinator; Patrick Ryan, Girls Swimming & Diving Assistant Coordinator

Friends and Neighbors/New Members

A motion to approve the following applications for NYSPHSAA Friend and Neighbor and New Member status carried. Ferry/Tooley
(Friends & Neighbor status expires August 2021)

FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

Section I
Mt. Pleasant Cottage UFSD
1075 Broadway
Pleasantville, NY 10570
Grades 7-12

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

Section II
The King’s School
PO Box 200
Lake Luzerne, NY 12846
Grades 7-12
(Pending AC approval on 9/18)

Section V
Rochester School for the Deaf
1545 St. Paul Street
Rochester, NY 14621
Grades 7-12

Section V
St. Mary’s School
16 Gibson Street
Canandaigua, NY 14424
Grades 7-8

Section VI
Central Baptist Christian Church
12045 Old Olean Rd., PO Box 599
Yorkshire, NY 14173
Grades 7-12

Section VI
Christian Central Academy
39 Academy Street
Williamsville, NY 14221
Grades 7-12

Section X
St. Therese Academy
68 County Rte 55, PO Box 128
Nicholville, NY 12965
Grades 7-8

Friends and Neighbors

- Mt. Pleasant Cottage UFSD
- Gardner Dickinson School
- The King’s School
- Rochester School for the Deaf
- St. Mary’s School
- Central Baptist Christian Church
- Christian Central Academy
- St. Therese Academy
Sports Action/Discussion Items

FALL

Discussion Items

Boys/Girls Swimming and Diving – Number of Judges Required to Qualify for the State Championship in a 11-Dive Dual Meet

- Peter Hugo, Boys Swimming and Diving State Coordinator presented the Boys and Girls Swimming and Diving Committees proposal that in an 11-Dive Dual Meet there must be a minimum of 5 judges in order for the scores to qualify the athlete for the State Championship.
- This allows the high and low scores to be dropped and the middle three scores to be used for qualifying for the State Championship. This is the current process for all 11 Dive Championship events.
- If schools chose to do an 11-dive dual meet AND wanted the scores to count toward qualifying for the State Championship, there would be a cost to add two more judges to the meet.
- Schools have the choice to either have a 6-dive dual meet or an 11-dive dual meet. An athlete cannot qualify for the State Championship with a 6-dive dual meet.
- Effective start date: 2019-2020 school year.
- Will be an Action Item at the October Executive Committee meeting.

Boys Soccer – New 6-Year Regional Rotation 2020-2025

- Mike Andrew, Boys Soccer State Coordinator, presented the Boys Soccer Committee’s proposal seeking approval of a new regional rotation for six years beginning in the fall of 2020 and ending with the 2025 fall soccer season.
- Approval of this proposal would allow them to extend the previous six-year rotation with no significant change for the next six years. In the past, they have adjusted and corrected any and all problems as they have arisen, generally caused by the occasional typo.
- The committee voted unanimously in favor of this proposal during their winter meeting.
- Will be an Action Item at the October Executive Committee meeting.

Action Items

Football – New Classification Cut-Off Numbers for the 2020 and 2021 Seasons

- Gary VanDervee, Football State Coordinator, presented the Football Committee’s proposal to change the Football Classification Cut-Off numbers to the following:

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With more and more schools opting to play 8-man football, the number of schools playing 11-man Class D football is shrinking. This proposal is necessary to balance out the remaining 11-man football schools.

CAC unanimously voted in favor of the proposal.

Effective date: Fall 2020 for a two-year period.

A motion to approve the new Football Classification Cut-Off numbers for the 2020 and 2021 seasons carried.

Football – NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Rules, Serving 4 Consecutive Quarters

Gary VanDerzee, Football State Coordinator, presented the Football Committee’s proposal for football players to serve the suspension for violating the NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Rule by being ineligible to participate for 4 full consecutive quarters (players only).

The current penalty of the next regularly scheduled game for violation of the NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Rule is the same for all athletes regardless of the sport and the maximum number of games allowed during the season. Football plays 7 or 8 games during the regular season. The committee feels that a 1 game suspension for a football player is more punitive as compared to all other sports.

The NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Committee voted 7-2 to support the proposal with the understanding that Sections can be more restrictive in terms of the type of penalties that will be allowed to fall under this proposal and that Sections can always increase the amount of the penalty for the player depending on the situation. The penalty for a 2nd and 3rd disqualification would remain as currently written in the handbook.

A motion to approve for football players to serve the suspension for violating the NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Rule by being ineligible to participate for 4 full consecutive quarters (players only) was defeated. Murphy/Tooley

Football – Combined Practice

Gary VanDerzee, Football State Coordinator, presented the Football Committee’s proposal to establish combined practice requirements for all NYSPHSAA member schools. Requirements will include:

1. Coaches will instruct their own players.
2. “Live Contact” is permitted but not required.
3. Athletes/Teams may not participate in a combined practice until the first 5 days of practice have been completed.
4. Drills may not exceed more than seven (7) players from each team.

Many schools have moved away from scrimmaging other teams and are using combined practices to have their first team drill against another school’s first team and the same for the second team. Schools with low number of participants can also benefit from using a combined practice with another school. NYSPHSAA has allowed these combined practices along as they have followed the scrimmage restrictions and practice regulations. This proposal better defines the combined practice.

All NYSPHSAA “contact limitation” regulation will be followed starting with Day 13 of the season.

Effective start date: Fall 2019

A motion to approve in Football to establish combined practice requirements for all NYSPHSAA member schools carried.

Girls Tennis – Penalty for Violating Practice Rule at State Tournament

Chris Horgan, Girls Tennis State Coordinator, presented the Girls Tennis committee’s proposal to apply the sanction of disqualification from the state tournament to any competitor who violates the "no practice rule" at the tournament venue on any day of the state tournament competition.

This would allow for a fair level of competition for all competitors since indoor venues do not have enough courts to accommodate practice time for all the tournament players prior to match starting times. This would hold any violators accountable through the sanction of disqualification from the tournament, and all players will know that there is a definite consequence for violating the tournament "no practice” rule. Previously, schools were on
a first come, first served basis in scheduling and paying for court time at the host venue. When the courts were all booked, it left many athletes without practice time.

- The Committee voted unanimously in favor of this proposal at their January meeting.
- Effective start date: Fall 2019.

A motion to approve to apply the sanction of disqualification from the state tournament to any competitor who violates the "no practice rule" at the tournament venue on any day of the state tournament competition carried.

Boys Volleyball – Revise Tie-Breaker in Championship Pool Play

- John Coletta, NYSPHSAA Boys Volleyball State Coordinator, presented the Boys Volleyball Committee’s proposal seeking a revision to their tie-breaker format for a two-year experiment. Pool play will continue to be two sets, however if there is a tie, both teams would play in a tie-breaking game.
  - If the two teams who tied for second were playing against one another for the last pool pay game, they would immediately play the third game to 25 pts. This would eliminate the warm-up time of starting a new match.
  - If at the end of pool play the tie took place between two teams and one of them was the bye (off team), a full warm up time would be given.
  - If there is a three-way tie:
    1. Point differential shall be used to determine first place team.
    2. One 25-point tie breaker game used to determine 2nd place team advancing.
- The tie breaker was being played in pool play just in case of a tie. In October 2017, the committee had its original tie-breaker proposal approved for 2018 but following the state tournament, they revisited the format and decided to adjust it. This proposal mirrors the 2016 tie-breaker.
- For each tie, there will be one added officials game fee. In 2015, there were three ties, one in D1 and two in D2. In 2016, there was one tie in D1. In 2017, there was a three-way tie in D2
- The Boys Volleyball Committee unanimously agreed to this proposal at their recent meeting.
- Effective start date: November 2019.

A motion to approve to revise the pool play tie breaking procedures for the Boys Volleyball Championships for a two-year experiment carried.

Girls Volleyball – Regional Rotation for 2019 and 2020

- Patti Perone, NYSPHSAA Girls Volleyball State Coordinator, presented the Girls Volleyball Committee’s proposal to establish a regional rotation for the 2019 and 2020 postseasons. The Committee is attempting to even out the regions as best they can and to ensure a more equitable distribution of teams competing for the semifinals and finals of the NYSPHSAA Tournament. With the change in regions, some Sections and Schools could see an increase in travel costs.
- The committee voted unanimously in favor of this proposal during their meeting. The CAC unanimously voted in favor of the proposal.

A motion was made to approve to establish a regional rotation for the 2019 and 2020 postseasons. Ransom/Durdon
A motion to table establishing a regional rotation for the 2019 and 2020 postseasons for further review carried.

A motion to approve to take off the table establishing a regional rotation for the 2019 and 2020 postseasons in Girls Volleyball carried.

A motion to approve to continue with the regional rotation currently in place for the 2019 and 2020 postseasons in Girls Volleyball carried.

(The votes by Section were:  Section 1:  4 Yes; Section 2:  4 Yes; Section 3:  4 Yes; Section 4:  4 No; Section 5:  4 Yes; Section 6:  4 Yes; Section 7:  4 Yes; Section 8:  4 Yes; Section 9:  3 Yes; Section 10:  4 Yes; Section 11:  4 Yes. Officers:  3 Yes.  42 Yes/4 No.)
**WINTER**

**Discussion Items**

**Wrestling – Eliminate 99lb. Weight Class in Dual Meets, Tournaments and State Championships**

- Marty Sherman, Wrestling State Coordinator, presented the Wrestling Committee’s proposal to eliminate the 99lb weight class for all Dual Meet and Dual Meet Tournaments, including the Dual Meet State Championship. This will be a 2-year experiment effective Winter 2020-2021.
- Each year there are a considerable number of forfeits in dual meet events because one team or neither team has a 99lb competitor. This proposal will address the lack of competitors in this weight class and forfeits that have become frequent in dual meets.
- The Wrestling Committee voted unanimously in favor of this proposal.
- Marty will get the data on the number of upper classmen wrestling at 99lbs and share it with the Section Executive Directors for discussion in their Sections.
- Will be an Action Item at the October Executive Committee meeting.

**Wrestling – Conduct One NYSPHSAA/Federation Wrestling Tournament**

- Marty Sherman, Wrestling State Coordinator, presented the Wrestling Committee’s proposal to conduct the NYSPHSAA/Federation Wrestling Tournament as one tournament effective Winter 2019-2020. In this proposal, eight places in all weight classes would be recognized with medals.
- Presently, the event is considered two tournaments in one. Administrators, coaches and athletes feel strongly that this feels like one tournament and have expressed this to the Wrestling Committee. Approval of this proposal would create just one tournament for all competitors and eliminate confusion in the awards presentation which now is two presentations for each weight class.
- The rationale for increasing awarding eight places is because we currently wrestleback to eight places in several weight classes to accommodate the Federation tournament. It would be consistent and uniform to recognize eight places for all weight classes in this new proposal.
- Both the NYSPHSAA and Federations will share in the cost of the medals. A new medal would be designed with recognition of all four associations participating in the event.
- The Wrestling Committee voted unanimously in favor of this proposal.
- Will be an Action Item at the October Executive Committee meeting.

**Wrestling – Waiver for Five-Bout NFHS Rule in Postseason**

- Marty Sherman, Wrestling State Coordinator, presented the Wrestling Committee’s proposal for a waiver for the NFHS five-bout rule in the postseason effective Winter 2019-2020. This would allow competitors to wrestle in a sixth bout during individual postseason tournaments.
- Currently, sections are conducting two-day tournaments to determine placements of wrestlers. This proposal would eliminate a two-day tournament and allow sections to conduct only a one-day tournament, thus saving a significant amount of money on officials, venue rental, travel and more. Furthermore, a wrestler has the potential to compete for a maximum of 30 minutes in a dual meet tournament. This proposal would allow for potentially just two additional minutes of wrestling.
- This would be a significant savings to sections and schools on officials, venue rental, travel, and more.
- The Wrestling Committee voted unanimously in favor of this proposal. This proposal will go to Safety Committee in the fall of 2019.
- Will be an Action Item at the October Executive Committee meeting.

**Wrestling – Use of Inbody Scale for the NYSPHSAA Weight Certification Program**

- Marty Sherman, Wrestling State Coordinator, presented the Wrestling and Wrestling Advisory Committees proposal to require all Sections to use the InBody Scale for the NYSPHSAA Wrestling Weight Certification Program effective the 2020-2021 season.
- To provide a consistent method of measurement for all wrestlers in NYS. The current form of measurement of skin folds is subject to the assessor ability and consistency of taking these measurements. The InBody scale would eliminate the inconsistencies in the current process.
• Each Section would have to provide an InBody Scale at each Centralized Assessment Sites. The current cost of the Scale is $1500.00.
• The Wrestling Committee, Wrestling Advisory Committee, and Section Executive Directors took part in a presentation by the NWCA on the use and function of the InBody Scale.
• Will be an Action Item at the October Executive Committee meeting.

**Action Items**

**Boys Ice Hockey – Increase Time Periods to 17 Minutes**

- Scott Stuart, Boys Ice Hockey State Coordinator, presented the Boys Ice Hockey Committee’s proposal for Ice Hockey to abide by the NFHS Ice Hockey Rules for time periods (**17 minutes**) and penalties (**2/5 & 10 minutes**) to begin with the 2019-2020 season with a recalculation of postseason (Regionals, Semifinals and Finals) fees for Ice Hockey officials on November 1, 2019. **Note: A recalculation of postseason fees for ALL officials is scheduled to occur prior to the 2020-2021 school year.**

- In July 2017, the NYSPHSAA Central Committee approved an increase from 15-minute periods to 17-minute periods to begin with the 2018-2019 season. The proposal included the following: "**Section Official contracts may have to be adjusted due to the increase in the periods.**" During the Fall 2018, the Ice Hockey Officials Association sought an increase in postseason fees as a result of the increased time. The NYSPHSAA Championship Advisory Committee (CAC) did not recommend any increase in postseason fees, since fees are recalculated every three years. The Officials grieved the NYSPHSAA and received a favorable decision from Fact Finding for a 13% increase in postseason fees. To resolve this matter, Dr. Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director, attempted to have the postseason fees recalculated in January 2019. Unfortunately, the Ice Hockey Officials Association were not supportive of this proposal. As a result, the Executive Committee approved a return to 15-minute periods for the 2019 post season with the support of Dr. Zayas.

- This proposal clearly states the recalculation of post-season fees for Ice Hockey prior to the 2020 postseason in recognition of the increased time from 15-minute periods to 17-minutes.

- Section Official contracts “may” have to be adjusted as a result of the increased time (15-minutes to 17-minutes); some Sections have already adjusted their fees as a result of the increased time. Sections have the ability to be more restrictive and can continue to play 15-minute periods.

- CAC defeated the proposal, 6-4.

**A motion for Ice Hockey to abide by the NFHS Ice Hockey Rules for time periods (**17 minutes**) and penalties (**2/5 & 10 minutes**) to begin with the 2019-2020 season with a recalculation of postseason (Regionals, Semifinals and Finals) fees for Ice Hockey officials on November 1, 2019 was defeated.**

(Fallacaro/Cruikshank)

(The votes by Section were:  Section 1:  4 No; Section 2:  4 Yes; Section 3:  4 No; Section 4:  4 Abstentions; Section 5:  4 Yes; Section 6:  4 Yes; Section 7:  4 No; Section 8:  4 Abstentions; Section 9:  3 No; Section 10:  4 Yes; Section 11:  4 Abstentions. Officers:  3 No. 16 Yes/18 No/12 Abstentions.)

**Boys Swimming Championship Site**

**A motion to approve** Nassau County Aquatic Center (Section VIII) as the host of the 2021, 2022 and 2023 NYSPHSAA Boys Swimming and Diving State Championships was **defeated.**

(Mullins/Ceruti)  
(The votes by Section were:  Section 1:  4 No; Section 2:  4 No; Section 3:  4 No; Section 4:  4 No; Section 5:  4 No; Section 6:  4 No; Section 7:  4 No; Section 8:  4 Yes; Section 9:  3 No; Section 10:  4 No; Section 11:  4 Yes. Officers:  3 No. 8 Yes/38 No.)

**A motion to approve** Ithaca College (Section IV) as the host of the 2021, 2022 and 2023 NYSPHSAA Boys Swimming and Diving State Championships **carried.**

(Fallacaro/Cring)  
(The votes by section were:  Section 1:  4 Yes; Section 2:  4 Yes; Section 3:  4 Yes; Section 4:  4 Yes; Section 5:  4 Yes; Section 6:  4 Yes; Section 7:  4 Yes; Section 8:  4 No; Section 9:  3 Yes; Section 10:  4 Yes; Section 11:  4 No. Officers: 3 Yes. 38 Yes/8 No.)

**Gymnastics Championship Site**

**A motion to approve** Kenmore West High School (Section VI) as the host of the 2021 NYSPHSAA Girls Gymnastics State Championships **carried.**

(Ferry/Staves)
SPRING

Discussion Items

Softball – Elimination of the Existing Waiver Banning Metal Cleats
• Paul Harrica, NYSPHSAA President, presented the Softball Committee’s proposal to eliminate the waiver banning metal cleats for High School Softball players.
• After much discussion, it is evident that more coaches and administrators feel that the rules held by the NFHS and USA Softball permitting the use of metal cleats should be followed, and that there is not sufficient data to prove that molded cleats offer a safer option. The committee recommends maintaining the waiver for Modified Softball.
• It was brought to the committee’s attention in 2018 that an Office of Civil Rights complaint had been filed by a travel coach in western New York. The committee, at that time, voted to continue with the waiver pending surveys of coaches and administrators in their specific sections. Upon returning to the table in June 2019, the committee was informed that there was a viable complaint and that the OCR was taking aggressive action against the NYSPHSAA. Again, after a heated debate, the committee shared their individual survey results and subsequently voted unanimously to void the waiver and recommend the use of metal cleats at the High School level only and to continue to accept the waiver on metal cleats for Modified Softball.
• There is no perceived budgetary impact to the NYSPHSAA, Sections or schools. The purchase of metal cleats is the choice and responsibility of the parent or guardian.
• Will be an Action Item at the October Executive Committee meeting.

Softball – Elimination of International Tie Breaker Rule for Regional Contests
• Paul Harrica, NYSPHSAA President, presented the Softball Committee’s proposal to eliminate the International Tie Breaker Rule for all Regional contests permanently starting with the 2020 season. This was previously a two-year experiment for the 2018 and 2019 spring seasons.
• The same International Tie Breaker Rule waiver is in place for State Semifinals and Finals. This proposal would be extended to Regional play while allowing Sections to keep it in their Sectional championships. Despite the one outlier this season (20 innings), there is no way to assume that the ITR would have ended the game earlier, therefore, Section chairs would be directed to allow sufficient time to complete contests, anticipating extended games. (recommend 2 ½ to 3 hours).
• The ITR was instituted to halt the pitcher-dominated games in the 1980’s and was done at a time where the pitching rubber was at 40’ and the equipment limited ball flight and EVO. With the move to a 43’ mound and the addition of composite bats, the game has changed dramatically, and the offense is in the forefront. In fact, a mercy rule was been added in recent years to control games that get out of hand on one side. Therefore, the game should be played as it was meant to be without adding artificial offense.
• The Softball Committee unanimously voted in favor of this proposal.
• Will be on the CAC agenda at their Fall meeting.
• Will be an Action Item at the October Executive Committee meeting.

Baseball – Adopt Game Ending Procedure Run Rule
• Al Roy, Baseball State Coordinator, presented the Baseball Committee’s proposal seeking approval for State adoption, with section & league approval, a game ending procedure run rule. This run rule was in place for a two-year experiment and would continue as stated that the game will end when there is a run differential of 10 runs after 5 innings (or 4 ½ if the home team is winning).
• Currently, NYSPHSAA hasn’t permanently adopted a game ending procedure. The NFHS rule, Section 2 Article 4 states ...“by mutual agreement of the opposing coaches and the umpire-in-chief, any remaining play may be shortened, or the game terminated.” The game ending run rule procedure being proposed will provide consistency when a game can end. This run rule will save on pitch counts and the number of pitchers that are used in games when there is a lack of competitiveness. A run rule will improve the quality of high school baseball.
• At the Baseball Committee meeting held on June 14, 2019 the rule was discussed and voted 9-2 in favor of keeping it.
• Will be an Action Item at the October Executive Committee meeting.

**Action Items**

**Boys Golf Championship Site**
A motion was made to approve the Robert Trent Jones Golf Course at Cornell University (Section IV) as the host of the 2020 NYSPHSAA Boys Golf State Championship on Week #47 (not in alignment with the current approved week).

**Mullins/Durdon**

A **motion to table** the Robert Trent Jones Golf Course at Cornell University (Section IV) as the host of the 2020 NYSPHSAA Boys Golf State Championship on Week #47 for further review and discussion by the Central Committee **carried**.

**Peterson/Ferry**

A **motion to approve** take off the table the Robert Trent Jones Golf Course at Cornell University (Section IV) as the host of the 2020 NYSPHSAA Boys Golf State Championship on Week #47 **carried**.

**Walentuk/Peterson**

A **motion to approve** the Robert Trent Jones Golf Course at Cornell University (Section IV) as the host of the 2020 NYSPHSAA Boys Golf State Championship on Week #47 (not in alignment with the current approved week) was **defeated**.

**Durdon/Hoyt**

(The votes by Section were: Section 1: 4 Yes; Section 2: 4 Yes; Section 3: 4 No; Section 4: 4 Yes; Section 5: 4 Yes; Section 6: 4 No; Section 7: 4 No; Section 8: 4 No; Section 9: 3 Yes; Section 10: 4 No; Section 11: 4 No. Officers: 3 Yes. 22 Yes/24 No.)

• The RFP for the Boys Golf Championship site selection as per the standard calendar that was approved by the Executive Committee will be sent out again.

**COMBINING OF SCHOOLS**
The following combining school teams have been approved by the respective leagues and sections for the 2019-2020 school years and are presented for your information. (Eligibility Standard #6)

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South Seneca & Romulus

Sodus & Williamson

Lyndonville & Medina

York & Pavilion

Victor & HFL
Belfast & Genesee Valley
Hammondsport & Prattsburg
Warsaw & Letchworth

Byron Bergen & Elba
Midlakes & Red Jacket
Lyons & Clyde Savannah
Bloomfield & Naples
Bishop Kearney & Arch Angel

Northstar Christian & Destiny Christian
ER & Gananda
Marcus Whitman & Bloomfield
Rochester Prep, BK & RACS
Northstar & CG Finney
Canisteo Greenwood, Jasper Troupsburg, Batavia, LeRoy, Pembroke, Elba, Byron Bergen & Alexander
Webster Schroder, Webster Thomas & Penfield
Gates Chili, Eastridge, Wayne & Wheatland Chili
Keshequa & Dansville
Pittsford Mendon & Sutherland

Webster Thomas & Webster Schroder

Greece Olympia & Greece Odyssey
Arcadia, Athena, Olympia & Odyssey

Greece Arcadia & Greece Olympia
Greece Odyssey & Greece Olympia

Cheer
B. Soccer
Football

B. Volleyball
G. Tennis

B. Volleyball
G. Soccer

B. Volleyball
B. Soccer
B/G Cross Country

Football
G. Golf
G. Volleyball

G. Volleyball
B. Soccer

Football
B. Soccer

B/G Cross Country
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B/G Cross Country
G. Soccer

G. Soccer (JV)
Football
Football
Football
Football *8 man

Gymnastics
Gymnastics
Ice Hockey
Wrestling
Football
B/G Swim/Dive
G. Golf
Gymnastics
Cheer
Ice Hockey
Wrestling
Alpine Ski
B/G Lacrosse
G. Golf
B. Volleyball
B/G Swim/Dive
Nordic Ski
Alpine Ski

Football
B/G Swim/Dive
Wrestling
Ice Hockey
B/G Lacrosse
B/G Tennis
G. Volleyball
Arkport & Canasarega

Cheer
Bowling
Baseball
Track/Field
B/G Soccer
B/G Cross Country
B/G Volleyball
B/G Basketball
Wrestling
Cheer
B/G Alpine Ski
Baseball
Softball
B/G Track/Field
Golf

Harley School & Allendale Columbia

G. Volleyball
B/G Tennis
B/G Soccer
B/G Golf
B/G Cross Country
B/G Bowling
B/G Swim/Dive
B/G Basketball
Baseball
Softball
B/G Track/Field
Golf

East & WOI

Football
B. Soccer
G. Volleyball
G. Tennis
Football
G. Tennis

Wilson & Rochester Early College

Football
B. Soccer

Edison, SOTA & School w/o Walls

Football
B. Soccer

Monroe, Vanguard, Int. Arts & North East (Douglass Campus)
Edison, Vanguard, Int. Arts, School w/o Walls, Monroe & Leadership SOTA & NE
SOTA, East, Wilson, Roch. Early College, Monroe, Vanguard, NE, WOIS, School w/o Walls & Edison
Franklin (Vanguard & IAT), Leadership, Monroe, NE & East
Monroe, Wilson & Roch. Early College
Edison & School w/o Walls
WOIS, East, Wilson, SOTA, Roch. Early College, Monroe, Vanguard, IAT, NE, School w/o Walls & Edison
Wilson, WOIS & Roch. Early College
Edison, SWW & SOTA

G. Soccer
B/G Cross Country
B/G Cross Country
B. Volleyball
B/G Volleyball
G. Swim/Dive
Cheer
Cheer

Fredonia & Westfield

B/G Cross Country (V, JV, 7/8)
B/G Indoor Track (V)

Medina & Lyndonville

B/G Cross Country (V)
B/G Swimming (V)

Silver Creek & Forestville

B/G Cross Country (V)
West Seneca West & West Seneca East

Fredonia, Forestville & Silver Creek
Westfield & Brocton
Allegany-Limestone, Olean & Portville
Lockport & Niagara Falls
Amherst, Clarence & Sweet Home
Frontier, Lake Shore & Orchard Park
Kenmore East, Kenmore West & Grand Island
Lancaster, Depew & Iroquois
Starpoint, Niagara Wheatfield, North Tonawanda & Lewiston-Porter
West Seneca West, Hamburg, West Seneca East & Eden
Williamsville South, Williamsville East & Williamsville North

Dunkirk & Silver Creek
Falconer, Cassadaga Valley, Maple Grove & Frewsburg
Springville & West Valley

Kenmore East & Kenmore West

Dunkirk, Westfield & Brocton
Eden & Gowanda
Frewsburg & Southwestern
Olean, Allegany-Limestone & Franklinville
Panama, Maple Grove & Chautauqua Lake
Chautauqua Lake, Westfield, Panama & Clymer
East Aurora & Holland
Falconer & Cassadaga Valley
Franklinville & Cuba-Rushford
Olean & Allegany-Limestone
Royalton-Hartland & Barker
Williamsville North & Williamsville East

Saugerties & John Coleman Catholic

Pine Plains & Rhinebeck
Livingston Manor, Roscoe & Downsville
Red Hook & Germantown

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).

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**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 New York State Coaches. Those coaches selected for the NYSPHSAA Coach of the Year Awards become eligible for the National Federation of High Schools Region I and National Federation Coach of the Year Awards. Region I of the National Federation is made up of schools within Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Vermont, New Hampshire, New Jersey and Maine.

- During the school year, NYS Sport Coordinators, Section Executive Directors, Athletic Directors and past recipients are contacted for nominations. This request for nominations is done mainly at the end of each sport season, but any varsity coach can be nominated at any time. Criteria includes years of coaching, win-lose records, participation in league/sectional committees and being a positive role model within their school and community.

- A list of the NYSPHSAA Coaches of the Year for the 2018-2019 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 2019. Regional/National awards will be selected in January 2020.

- He thanked the Sport Coordinators, Athletic Directors and coaches who have made recommendations for these awards.

- He thanked Robert Zayas and Todd Nelson for their help in making the program possible.

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

- Pat Pizzarelli, Executive Director of Section VIII, thanked Ron for his many years of work.

**GROUP MEETINGS REPORTS**

**Section Executive Directors** – Carl Normandin

**Increase in the maximum number of games**

- Mixed reaction – no definite decision
- Rationales for not increasing games: just reduced the number of weeks for participation across the board for all seasons; schools having difficult time now getting all the contests in
- Rationale for increasing games: in some leagues, the only games they can play are league games based on the number of schools participating in their league, so they won’t have a non-league opportunity.
- Discriminating restrictions, felt it was more optics and wouldn’t necessarily have an impact
- It would be an increase in activities that our schools are operating with the utilization of unified sports, an increase in the classes of competition and an increase in athletes participating in championships

**Prescribed penalty for exceeding the maximum number of contests/games**

- Will continue to defend the rule but do realize it’s not fair to kids.
- Should be less concerned about the fee portion and utilize the forfeiture of games, suspension of coach by imposing a probationary period or a letter of sanction from the Section.
Permitting practice and/or sub-varsity eligibility for students who transfer without a corresponding change of address
  • No major objections.
  • If proposal is approved, would like to see it implemented for Fall 2019 and not in the middle of a season to eliminate confusion.
  • It would be a positive step to address some of the unique transfer situations in keeping kids first and foremost while still maintaining recording data.

Ways the NYSPHSAA staff can better serve the membership
  • Hotels have become a real issue in all sports. Possibly have NYSPHSAA reserving all rooms for individual team sport coordinators for state championships vs what we currently have that some do, and some don’t.
  • Possibility of the Association having an Ad Hoc Committee to hear all transfer and extended eligibility appeals.

Chief School Officers – Tim Ryan
Increase in the maximum number of games
  • Majority not in favor – would be difficult at this time.
  • Concern with the shortage of officials – tough finding officials for games that are currently scheduled.
  • With the addition of Cheer and Unified sports, feel that overall the athletic budgets have not benefitted from the cuts.
  • Questioned where did the original number of contests come from?

Prescribed penalty for exceeding the maximum number of contests/games
  • Consensus was don’t punish the kids. Would like a mechanism for extenuating circumstances that would allow the kids to go on and play.
  • Felt the financial consequence was not the right way to go – inequitable when looking at a school district with a large budget vs. school districts with small budgets.
  • Ultimately it is the coach’s responsibility to keep track of the number of contests – consequence should be directed toward the coach (i.e. not continuing to coach during the postseason).

Permitting practice and/or sub-varsity eligibility for students who transfer without a corresponding change of address
  • Felt the current Transfer Rule is pretty solid.
  • Would like consistency between Varsity and JV levels. Felt the residency issues are so mucky, it creates opportunities for the championships. (i.e. a JV player who was a transfer and eligible to play, who by the time they got to postseason, the coach may have forgotten they were a transfer student and pulled them up to play varsity during the postseason – the school was then disqualified.)

Ways the NYSPHSAA staff can better serve the membership
  • The group was happy with the NYSPHSAA.
  • Like the expansion of social media.
  • Like that the staff attends the Section Athletic Council meetings.
  • Advocacy regarding the home school legislation has been great.
  • Great support in new initiatives. Would like for the Association to continue to build relationships with other advocacy groups (i.e. Superintendents and School Boards).

Principals/Section Presidents – Patti Trombetta
Increase in the maximum number of games
  • Group was split as well.
  • Those in favor supported the increase in games in lieu of scrimmages.
  • If we don’t increase games, the children will look to outside leagues.
  • Felt the games should be increased all the way through Modified.
  • Those opposed had a concern with overuse and injury and choosing between school and travel.
  • Concern with the lack of officials
  • Concern with shortening of season and getting all the games in.

Prescribed penalty for exceeding the maximum number of contests/games
  • In favor of suspension of the coach and not punishing the players.
  • Mixed feeling on paying the fine – most not in favor of it. Questioned if a district doesn’t pay the fine, then
what?
• Possibly take a tiered approach – steps in discipline with infractions.
Permitting practice and/or sub-varsity eligibility for students who transfer without a corresponding change of address
• Rule is written for people trying to manipulate the system – many transfers are transient students and you want them involved.
• Overall everyone wanted kids to be able to play.
Ways the NYSPHSAA staff can better serve the membership
• Everyone was very appreciative of all the support they receive.

Athletic Representatives – Mike Bongino
Increase in the maximum number of games
• Concern with shortening the seasons but want to increase games – will be difficult to fit games in the time frame.
• Concerns with injuries in practice because of the shortened seasons.
• Concerns with the lack of officials.
• Concerns with athletes going to a private school so they can play more games.
Prescribed penalty for exceeding the maximum number of contests/games
• The system is not broken!
• Believe in accountability – they attend mandatory AD meetings and have coach’s meeting every season so they should know.
• Explore ways for consequences to the coach and athletic director.
• Regarding unique situations, potentially suspend the coach but feel no penalty should impact the kids.
• Not in favor of the financial aspect. Superintendents have a problem paying a fine with public school money.
Permitting practice and/or sub-varsity eligibility for students who transfer without a corresponding change of address
• Concept is good but needs to be more defined to make sure a coach doesn’t play a student accidentally.
• Concerns from a couple of Sections will private schools try to recruit our athletes as this rule does not pertain to private schools.
Ways the NYSPHSAA staff can better serve the membership
• Group feels the Association is very supportive.
• Feels marketing is outstanding.
• Would like to see more coach development opportunities. They know there are online courses but maybe look at in-person courses.
• Find a quicker way to approve Coaching Certification. The SED process is slow and difficult.
• First Aid/CPR online courses to get coaches certified would be helpful.

Past President/Treasurers – Mark Ward
Increase in the maximum number of games
• Support returning to the original numbers allowed prior to 2009 but, know it’s something that will not happen right away if at all.
Prescribed penalty for exceeding the maximum number of contests/games
• Support the additional options such as suspending the coach. Felt the coach is not the only one at fault; the athletic director also plays a role in this.
• Not sure about fining the school districts. It would bring attention to the violation.
• Clarification on “Forfeiting” needs to be stated clearly. Does it mean games played beyond those allowed...“If they have additional contests beyond the maximum number, they would forfeit games beyond the number allowed. Teams can still participate in postseason play.”
Permitting practice and/or sub-varsity eligibility for students who transfer without a corresponding change of address
• Support the change that allows students to participate at a sub-varsity level. Would save on hearings.
• Questioned why isn’t 11th grade included in the change? There are times when an 11th grader is on the JV team in some schools.
Ways the NYSPHSAA staff can better serve the membership
• Felt the specialization of staff has enhanced the Association. Now have “go-to” people that are knowledgeable
in their certain areas.

- Questioned what new options should the Association be looking for in sports to generate more revenue? (i.e. e-games, trap shooting)

**DISCUSSION/ACTION ON GROUP MEETING REPORTS**

- Paul Harrica, NYSPHSAA President, presented NYSCOSS Athletic Committee’s proposal to increase the maximum number of games/contests by one, with increased restrictions on the current number of scrimmages allowed effective the 2020-2021 school year.
- In 2009 and as a result of the national financial crisis, the New York State Public High School Athletic Association attempted to assist school districts across the state in reducing their expenditures by way of decreasing the number of contests for each sport.
- Subsequently, the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee supported the reduction of the maximum number of contests permitted during the regular season. Sports with 24 contests (baseball, softball, volleyball, bowling, ice hockey) were reduced to 20, sports with 20 contests (tennis, basketball, golf) were reduced to 16 and sports with 18 contests (cross country, soccer, field hockey, swimming, gymnastics, indoor track and field, skiing, lacrosse, track and field) were reduced to 16. Wrestling was reduced to 20 points. Football was reduced from 10 to 9. The 9th game was permitted, with section approval, for teams who did not qualify for sectional play. For the teams involved in the sectional tournament the maximum number of contests was 10. For the sections involved in the state championship three additional games were permitted for a total of 13 games for the season: 1 game for regionals, 1 game for semifinals, and 1 game for championships. Originally, this was to be effective for just the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 school years, however this practice has continued, other than for basketball and football, which had their games reinstated to 20 contests.
- Since 2010 NYSPHSAA has added Unified Sports, Wrestling Dual Meet Championships and Competitive Cheerleading, along with the additional classifications for lacrosse (3 to 4 classes), bowling (1 to 2 divisions) and golf (additional team championship). Furthermore, NYSPHAA has allowed for more participants at the championships in both outdoor and indoor track and field, wrestling and boys and girls swimming and diving.
- After almost nine years of the contest reductions, schools have not realized the amount of savings that was originally advertised. Although the original concept of assisting schools was noble and served as an opportunity for districts to promote and preserve other programs, at the same time schools have added more scrimmages and tournaments, which cost as much, if not more for teams to participate.
- Most recently, the NYSPHAA Modified Committee recommended changes to the Modified program, which could include an increase in the maximum number of games for Modified sports, but not yet return the contests lost for both junior varsity and varsity levels.
- This proposal originated at the annual fall meeting of the NYSCOSS Athletic Committee held on Monday, September 24, 2018. The agenda item of “Increased Contest Opportunities” was discussed by the superintendent representatives in attendance, along with Dr. Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA’s Executive Director. As a result of the discussions, it was clearly articulated that the NYSCOSS Athletic Committee supported the conversations and processes to bring the contests back to the pre 2009-2010 school year levels. At a subsequent meeting of the NYSCOSS Athletic Committee held on Sunday, March 3, 2019, the agenda again included the item of “Increased Contest Opportunities”. After much discussion, the NYSCOSS Athletic Committee officially supported the following, “To be able to plan effectively for the change, support for a plus one game/contest for the 2020-21 season, with restrictions on the amount of scrimmages allowed and then re-evaluate for the 2021-2022 season.”
- He pointed out that NYSPHSAA has a supportive resource in the NYSCOSS Athletic Committee and that the Committee is willing to assist in any way to promote and support the critical conversations that will ultimately support student-athletes.
- At a minimum, district athletic budgets would be impacted for additional transportation, supervision and officiating costs.
- He noted at the March 20, 2019 Section VI Athletic Council Meeting, Section VI overwhelmingly supported the action item to approve an increase in the maximum number of games/contests by one, with increased restrictions on the current number of scrimmages allowed and encouraged other the NYSPHAA Sections to do the same.
• Effective start date would be the 2020-2021 school year.  

**A motion to approve** to increase the maximum number of games/contests with restrictions on the number of scrimmages was **defeated**.  

(The votes by Section were:  Section 1:  4 No; Section 2:  4 Yes; Section 3:  4 No; Section 4:  4 Yes; Section 5:  4 Yes; Section 6:  4 Yes; Section 7:  4 Yes; Section 8:  4 No; Section 9:  3 No; Section 10:  4 No; Section 11:  4 No. Officers:  3 No. 20 Yes/26 No.)

**Penalty for Exceeding Maximum Number of Contests**

• Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director, presented a proposal from the Section Executive Directors and the Handbook Committee 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 maximum 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 the date of the violation for the remainder of the season, forfeiture of additional contests and also accept a fine in the amount of $1000 to be paid from the school district to the NYSPHSAA office prior to participation in the post season. Money will be allocated to the Student-Athlete Advisory Council."

• The restrictive nature of the NYSPHSAA rule to declare the entire team or the individual athlete ineligible for the remainder of the season penalizes the student-athletes and not the individual most responsible for the rule (i.e. the head coach).

• Effective start date would be Fall 2019.  

**A motion to approve** to revise the prescribed penalty for exceeding the maximum number of games/contests was **defeated**.  

(The votes by Section were:  Section 1:  4 No; Section 2:  4 Yes; Section 3:  4 No; Section 4:  4 Yes; Section 5:  4 Yes; Section 6:  4 Yes; Section 7:  4 Yes; Section 8:  4 No; Section 9:  3 No; Section 10:  4 No; Section 11:  4 No. Officers:  3 No. 20 Yes/26 No.)

**Ineligible Students to Practice/Participate at Sub-Varsity**

• Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director, presented a proposal to permit students (grades 7, 8, 9, & 10) who are ineligible as per the NYSPHSAA Transfer Rule to practice and participate at the sub-varsity level during their period of ineligibility; noncorresponding transferring students in grades 11 and 12 who are ineligible as per the Transfer Rule, would be limited to practice only.

• Currently, students who are ineligible are not permitted to practice nor participate at the sub-varsity level during their period of ineligibility. If students who were ineligible as per the NYSPHSAA Transfer Rule (i.e. transfer without a corresponding change of address) were allowed to practice and/or participate at the sub-varsity level, this would help the student integrate into the school setting and could reduce the number of appeals and lawsuits, while having no impact upon other school’s opportunity to compete for a Section or State title.

• The NYSPHSAA Transfer Committee supported this proposal on April 1, 2019; Sections 8 and 11 opposed.

• The NYSPHSAA Handbook Committee supported discussion on this proposal at their April 3, 2019 meeting.

• A proposal for “practice only” was discussed at the May 2017 Executive Committee and ultimately not approved at the July 2017 Central Committee meeting.

• Effective start date would be August 1, 3019.
A motion to approve to permit students (grades 7, 8, 9, & 10) who are ineligible as per the NYSPHSAA Transfer Rule to practice and participate at the sub-varsity level during their period of ineligibility; noncorresponding transferring students in grades 11 and 12 who are ineligible as per the Transfer Rule, would be limited to practice only carried.  Tooley/Murphy (The votes by Section were:  Section 1:  4 Yes; Section 2:  4 Yes; Section 3:  4 Yes; Section 4:  4 Yes; Section 5:  4 No; Section 6:  4 Yes; Section 7:  4 Yes; Section 8:  4 Yes; Section 9:  3 No; Section 10:  4 Yes; Section 11:  4 No.  Officers:  3 Yes. 35 Yes/11 No.)

Ineligible Students to Practice/Participate
- The proposal was withdrawn due to the Ineligible Students to Practice/Participate at Sub-Varsity proposal being passed.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

IHG Hotels of Upstate New York
- Chris Joyce, Director of Sales and Marketing, introduced Frankie Yaple, Sales Chair on the Executive Committee and Regional Sales Director, and Michael Doran, Executive Director, Branch Management, LLC for IHG Hotels of Upstate New York (formerly Holiday Inn Upstate NY) who spoke on what they can offer our schools and how they can help with travel. They stated they are looking forward to our relationship.

Arbiter Sports
- Executive Director Robert Zayas introduced Spencer Evans from Arbiter Sports who gave a short presentation on the new features being offered by their company. Robert also thanked Arbiter for sponsoring the Hall of Fame Reception.

A motion to approve adjournment of the July 30-31, 2019 Central Committee meeting at 1:30 PM on Wednesday, July 31, 2019 carried.  Ferry/Ceruti

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Robert Zayas
Executive Director

Future Executive/Central Committee Meetings

October 10, 2019 – Saratoga Springs Embassy Suites
February 7, 2020 – Saratoga Springs Embassy Suites
May 7, 2020 – Saratoga Springs Embassy Suites
July 28-29, 2020 – High Peaks Resort, Lake Placid

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

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