SYNOPSIS OF ACTIONS
October 22, 2015 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Hilton Garden Inn, Troy, NY

ACTION ITEMS

1. P4  Approved the agenda of the October 22, 2015 Executive Committee meeting.
2. P4  Approved July 28-29, 2015 Central Committee meeting minutes.
3. P4  Approved the "Proxy" language to be added to the Handbook.
5. P14 Approved to maintain ticket prices for the 2016-2017 Championships.
7. P17 Approved in Softball all adult base coaches would be required to wear a hard shell protective helmet while on the first and third baselines during the game starting with the 2016 season.
8. P18 Approved editing Modified Wrestling Game Conditions #1b. and #6.b regarding the number of modified wrestling matches.
9. P18 Approved editing Modified Wrestling Game Condition #6.c regarding a sudden victory overtime period shall be permitted in modified wrestling with section/league approval.
10. P19 Approved with section/league approval, modified wrestlers shall have the option of wearing an alternative to the traditional singlet.
11. P19 Approved Tom Fitzpatrick (Section 8) as the Modified Tennis Chairman.
13. P20 Approved Bethpage State Park (Yellow Course) Golf Course as the site of the 2016, 2017 and 2018 NYSHPHSA Girls Golf Championship.
15. P20 Defeated Glens Falls Civic Center as the site of the 2017, 2018 and 2019 NYSHPHSA Boys Basketball Championships.
16. P20 Approved revisions to the NYSHPHSA State Championship bidding process including Boys Basketball, Outdoor Track & Field and any other future state championships.
17. P21 Approved NYSPHSAA requiring all of its private/parochial schools to comply with all coaching certification requirements as outlined in the Commissioner’s Part 135.4 effective July 1, 2016.

18. P21 Approved reconvening the Championship Philosophy Committee to review the concept of 6 classes in football and to take back to the Football Committee to review the numbers in five classes.

19. P21 Approved the Boys and Girls Lacrosse season be extended from Week #48 to Week #49, with the State Championships on Week #49.

20. P21 Approved to move the Girls Golf Championships from Week #49 to Week #48.

21. P21 Approved the 2015-2016 NYSPHSAA Boys’ Swimming and Diving Qualifying Championship Meet Standards.

22. P22 Approved the NYSPHSAA Athlete Gift Policy for State Championship Events to begin with the 2016-2017 school year.

23. P22 Postponed the Cheerleading judges fee structure.

24. P22 Approved the NYSPHSAA Scoring Rubrics and Composite Score Sheet.

25. P22 Defeated increasing the maximum number of games from 20 to 22 in Ice Hockey.

26. P22 Approved extending the Boys Volleyball libero uniform waiver through the 2018 Boys Volleyball season.

27. P22 Approved reductions in the required number of contests for Girls and Boys Indoor Track & Field from 6 to 4 in Sections 1, 2, 3, 9; Girls and Boys Skiing from 6 to 4 in sections 1, 2, 3, 6, 9; Girls and Boys Indoor Track from 6 to 3 in Section 7; Girls and Boys Skiing from 6 to 3 in Section 7; Gymnastics from 6 to 5 in Section 5; Gymnastics from 6 to 4 in Section 9.

28. P23 Approved the revisions to the Wrestling Skin Infection form.

29. P23 Approved the following as Friend and Neighbor status: Horace Mann School (1), New York School for the Deaf (1), Grapeville Christian School (2), Rochester School for the Deaf (5), St. Mary’s School (5), Christian Central Academy (6), Adirondack Christian School (7), Upton Lake Christian School (9).


31. P31 Approved adjournment.

ACTION ITEMS FOR JANUARY
Heat Index and Wind Chill Procedures
NYSPHSAA Cheerleading Judges Fee Structure
Boys/Girls Lacrosse – 4 Classifications
NYSPHSAA Baseball Championship – 2 Day Format
Student-Athlete Development Committee
Student-Athlete Advisory Committee
Practice Session Rule Revision

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS
Single Soccer Official
Officer Rotation – Female Athletic Representative
NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Hilton Garden Inn, Troy, NY
October 22, 2015

The Executive Committee meeting was called to order by President Steve Broadwell at 9:00AM on Thursday, October 22, 2015. Executive Director Robert Zayas introduced the officers and staff present and performed roll call to ascertain a quorum.

**Officers & Staff**
- President Stephen Broadwell
- First Vice President James Osborne
- Second Vice President Paul Harrica
- Past President Eileen Troy
- Executive Director Robert Zayas
- Assistant Director Todd Nelson
- Assistant Director Joseph Altieri
- Dir. of Communications Joseph Agostinelli
- Special Programs Coordinator Kristen Jadin
- Treasurer Lisa Arnold
- Counsel Renee James
- Secretary Sandra Schanck

**Past Presidents**
- Karen Lopez
- Patrick Pizzarelli
- James Tolle

**Section Representatives**
- Section 1: Karen Peterson, James Mackin
- Section 2: Kathy Ryan, Ed Dopp
- Section 3: Monica Tooley, Michael Carboine
- Section 4: Julie Bergman, Christopher Durdon
- Section 5: Kimberly Henshaw, Craig Veley
- Section 6: Marisa Fallacaro, James Graczyk
- Section 7: Patricia Ryan-Curry, Joseph Staves
- Section 8: Christine Ceruti, John Piropato
- Section 9: Roberta Greene, James Wolfe
- Section 10: Lori Brewer, Carl Normandin (proxy for James Cruikshank)
- Section 11: Debra Ferry (Don Webster, proxy in PM), Timothy Mullins

**Section Ex. Directors**
- Jennifer Simmons (1), Wayne Bertrand (2), John Rathbun (3), Ben Nelson (4), Ed Stores (5), Timm Slade (6), Karen Lopez (7), Nina Van Erk (8), Greg Ransom (9), Carl Normandin (10), Don Webster (11)
Ex-Officio
James Wright, Ed.d., CMAA, President-NYSAAA
Darryl Daily, SED
James Rose, Modified Co-Coordinator

Sport Coordinators
Scott Stuart, Ice Hockey State Coordinator
Gary Van Derzee, Football State Coordinator
James Amen, Boys Lacrosse State Coordinator
Jacquie Gow, Girls Lacrosse State Coordinator (via phone)
Michele Ziegler, Cheerleading State Coordinator (via phone)

Guests
Tyler Mochrie, NYSPHSA Intern
John Paulsen, NYSPHSA Intern
Terry Heller (4)
Lloyd Mott (2)
Doug Kenyon (2)
Rise’ Van Iderstine, Administrative Assistant (2)

A motion to approve the agenda of the October 22, 2015 Executive Committee meeting carried. Ceruti/Mullins

A motion to approve the July 28-29, 2015 Central Committee Meeting minutes as written carried. Bergman/Carboine

ORAL AND PRINTED REPORTS WERE PRESENTED BY ASSOCIATION OFFICERS AND STAFF

President Steve Broadwell
- A discussion regarding if proxies could go into Executive Session was brought up at the Central Committee meeting. Renee researched this and found that we did not have language in our Constitution to allow our Section Executive Directors to serve as proxies.
- Presented a proposal to revise our by-laws to include language regarding “Proxy” be added to the Handbook.

A motion to approve the following “Proxy” language to be added to the Handbook carried:

“32. Proxies-In addition to the individuals designated to act as proxies in Article III Section (1) (g) and Article V Section (1) of the NYSPHSA Constitution a member who is not able to attend a Central or Executive Committee meeting may designate the Section Executive Director of that Section to act as a proxy.” Carboine/Henshaw

(Section 2 opposed)
1st Vice President Jim Osborne
- He and Robert met with the American Dairy Association to talk about their sponsorship/partnership with the Association.
- Attended a meeting regarding the 2016 summer meeting location.
- Attended the Boys Basketball Committee meeting.
- Thanked the Executive Committee for their service and volunteerism.
- Looking forward to the Fall Championships.
- Thanked everyone for being given the opportunity to serve.

2nd Vice President Paul Harrica
- Welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Past President Eileen Troy
- Had a very good time at Bob Stulmaker’s retirement party and thanked him for his contributions to the Association.

Executive Director Robert Zayas
Athletic Director Workshops
- Eleven Section Eligibility workshops were conducted between August 24 and October 1.
- Some of the major topics covered were: Coaching Certification alternative pathway, NYSED Regulations, NYSED APP, NYSED Mixed Competition, NYSPHSAA Transfer Rule, Representation Rule, Spalding Ball Adoption, Standard Calendar of Weeks, Cheerleading rubrics.

NYS Federation Affiliate Membership
- The NYSPHSAA is currently assisting three other New York State associations (PSAL, CHSAA, AIS) apply for affiliate membership through the NFHS.
- The affiliate membership status will officially recognize them within the NFHS, however NYSPHSAA will continue to provide all interstate sanctioning on behalf of the associations as per the NFHS Constitution.

PSAL Anticipated To Seek Approval for NYSPHSAA Girls Tennis Championships
- It is anticipated the PSAL will make a proposal to the NYS Federation and the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee (January 29, 2016 meeting) for approval to play in the NYSPHSAA Girls Tennis Championships beginning with the 2016 Championships.

Athletic Council Staff Attendance
- The NYSPHSAA staff is committed to attending Section Athletic Council meetings during the 2015-2016 school year and are presently scheduled to attend 75% of the athletic council meetings scheduled.
- All Section Executive Directors have been notified as to what staff member is scheduled to attend their meeting.

Recommendations of Revisions to NYSPHSAA Bid Process
- A letter dated October 6, 2015 explaining the recommendation from Robert and the Officers of the Association as it pertains to revising the NYSPHSAA Bid Process was included in the meeting packet.
• Terry Heller, Section 4, read a position paper from Section 4 on the proposed revisions to the bidding process.
• Doug Kenyon and Lloyd Mott, both of Section 2, also spoke on the proposed revisions to the bidding process.
• Following a lengthy discussion about the bid process and proposed revisions, a motion made by Section 4 for the Executive Committee to review the three original Boys Basketball bids for 2017 – 2019 submitted on or before the RFP “due date” (8/28/15) without any changes or modifications and accept the clearly best bid that was submitted by Section IV was withdrawn. Bergman/Carboine

NFHS Award
• Congratulated Nina Van Erk, Executive Director of Section 8 and former Executive Director of the NYSPHSAA, who has been selected to receive the NFHS Citation Award.

Assistant Director Todd Nelson

Unified Sports
• We are entering our third year of the NYSPHSAA/SONY Unified Sports Program. We started with 12 schools in Section 2 two years ago and this year will have over 70 schools offering a Unified Sports program to their student athletes. We will have programs in Sections 2, 5, 6, 8/11 and 9.
• Schools offering the program in the first year will be given financial assistance of up to $2,000. Schools in the second year will be given assistance up to $1,000. Third year schools will hopefully have the program budgeted solely by the school. Assistance will be offered as needed and available.
• Section 2 will be expanding their Unified Program to the sport of bowling this winter season.
• We are looking for other sections to start planning for the 2016-2017 school year. If a league or section wants to offer a pilot program for the 2016-2017 school year, contact Todd.

School Enrollment Numbers
• We will receive the BEDS numbers from SED the second week in January.
• The NYSPHSAA office staff will compile the school enrollment numbers for each section and send it to the Section Executive Directors who will verify the numbers and schools. A final report will be produced for final approval by the Executive Committee at the January meeting.
• Please be reminded that once the numbers are approved, the only changes that will be made will be due to clerical errors.
• Once the school enrollment numbers are approved, they will be in effect for the 2016-2017 school year.

Competitive Cheerleading Championship
• The NYSPHSAA will be hosting the first ever Competitive Cheerleading Championship at the SRC Arena at OCC in Section 3 on March 5, 2016.
• Teams will have to qualify in order to participate in this Championship.
• We will be competing in 5 divisions/classes. There will be a Division I (small and large class), Division II (small and large class) and a Co-Ed Division.
• Sections have the option of sending their winner of each division/class or the top 10% of each division/class.
• We expect to have 55 to 65 teams competing in a preliminary round and the top 5 teams from each division class competing in the finals.
• Any school hosting or co-hosting a cheerleading event must use NYS Certified Judges.

Sanctioning
• A reminder to all of our schools that if they are attending an event outside of New York, they have to complete a “Notice of Entry” form on our website.
• Schools that are participating in single games only have to verify that the school they are playing is a member approved school.
• If one of our schools is hosting an event, they must complete the hosting form on our website.
• For any further questions or concerns, please contact Todd Nelson.

Assistant Director Joe Altieri

Sport Committees
• Since September 1st, he has been the NYSPHSAA liaison to the following sport committees: Cross Country, Indoor Track, Outdoor Track, Girls Basketball, Boys Basketball, Girls Golf, Softball, Rifle, Wrestling, Ice Hockey.
• Noteworthy non-action items from the meetings include: Ice Hockey will propose new classification cut-off numbers and will explore three classifications; Outdoor Track & Field bids for 2017 & 2019 have been rescheduled for December 8th when Track Committee meets; Wrestling is exploring a dual meet championship; Girls Golf-if volunteers are secured at Bethpage, coaches will be able to coach green to tee.
• Committee meeting minutes are now being disseminated to all the Section Executive Directors & CAC.

Championships
• All Fall Championship budgets have been secured in addition to all venue and hotel contracts.
• Tickets are now on sale for all Fall Championships through TicketLeap.com.
• With the approval of the Budget/Audit Committee, an experiment has been implemented for Boys Soccer at Middletown to charge $8 online using TicketLeap and $10 on site for walk-up customers. At Cross Country there will be a $5 admission charge at Monroe-Woodbury.
• A verbal commitment has been secured for a two-year “presenting” level sponsorship for Girls Volleyball from Nfinity as the official shoe sponsor of our championships. The event will be named the Girls Volleyball Championships presented by Nfinity.

Championship Dates and Sites
• An up-to-date copy of the 2015-2016 Championship Dates & Sites was included in the meeting packet as well as future championship dates and sites through 2020.
• NOTE: The Rifle Regional has been scheduled for February 27th at West Point.

Branding
• Branding at NYSPHSAA State Championships will include traditional signage similar to the last two years including the installation of banners, decals, banner ups, flagging, pylons and goal post wraps at events.
• This year we will implement branded hotel keys at selected state championship hotels as a new initiative.
Fall Intern
- John Paulsen, a senior at the University of Albany and graduate of Ellenville High School (Section 9), has joined our office for a part-time internship. He is a former All-League basketball and soccer standout. He will assist with marketing and tournament organization three days per week this semester.

Director of Communications Joe Agostinelli
Website
- A survey will be drafted to distribute to Athletic Directors, fans, student-athletes and booster club parents to help create the next design of the NYSPHSAA website, which will take place over the Summer of 2016. Targeting those who use the website the most, and the ways in which they use the website will help us in the layout and design of specific areas that target each other.
- Other than the Homepage, the most viewed pages were: Classifications, Wrestling Championships News and Videos Page (Results Page), Wrestling homepage and Championship Dates/Sites.

Social Media/Mobile App
- Social media continues to grow in followers from the previous year.
- As of September 28, the NYSPHSAA Facebook page currently has 3,512 likes. Facebook continues to primarily serve as our digital photo album of NYSPHSAA Championships, along with additional photos and videos that are sent in by member schools and fans.
- Twitter currently has 9,384 followers.
- YouTube has surpassed the 100,000 views mark, and now has 218 subscribers with our videos being viewed 100,079 times.
- NYSPHSAA also utilizes Instagram during State Championships.
- The Mobile App continues to be promoted through our social media, the championship calendar has been updated through the year, and contests utilizing the mobile app will be used during Fall Championships.
- We are looking to add the use of Perioscope during the Fall Championships which would allow for snippets of live video to be published.

Live Scoring
- After consulting with us at the end of the 2014-2015 school year, MaxPreps has expanded their capabilities for live scoring and NYSPHSAA will explore the expansion of live scoring to additional tournaments this season.
- The availability of additional personnel is being looked into for live scoring of boys and girls volleyball finals and the boys and girls soccer finals.

Overtime Sports
- Overtime Sports received a makeover at the beginning of this school year.
- Video is now being used for stories, similar to what is seen on a broadcast news program.
- Joe is also seeking story ideas from different sections to feature more student-athletes, programs, coaches and member schools.
• MaxPreps continues to contribute 2-3 articles per month which are included in the Overtime Sports section.

Media Relations
• The media relations survey that was conducted over the summer has concluded. Joe will be working with tournament media contacts on ways to address concerns that have been raised through the survey.
• Media organizations had until September 30 to request media credentials for the 2015-2016 NYSPHSAA Championships. Those credentials have been distributed to approved members of the media.
• Tournament media directors will receive a list of individuals who requested credentials but were not approved.
• Media members who submit requests the week leading up to the tournament, and are approved, will receive a temporary media pass. These will be color coded per season and will be filled in by the tournament media director/check-in table. They will be valid for only the day on the pass.

NYSPHSAA News
• In September, he took over the duties of the publication and distribution of the NYSPHSAA News.
• Athletic Directors are receiving this directly through their MaxPreps messenger service.
• He is looking at a couple of different software providers to enhance the design and distribution of the NYSPHSAA News.

Souvenir Badges
• Souvenir badges for Fall Championships are in the process of being delivered to coordinators.
• The NCAA has continued to offset some of the cost of the badges through their sponsorship and are featured on the back of each badge.

Fall Intern
• He introduced his fall intern, Tyler Mochrie, who is a senior at SUNY Cortland.
• Tyler will assist with development and posting of website content, social media, media relations, along with coverage of NYSPHSAA Fall Championships. He will also aide in live scoring throughout the Fall Championships.

Special Programs Coordinator Kristen Jadin

Past Experience
• Gave a brief overview of her past experiences.

Meeting Attendance
• Reported on the committee meetings she had attended.

Responsibilities to Date
• Athletic Director Directory – compiling a database that includes all NYSPHSAA Athletic Directors.
• Helping sport coordinators order/fulfill current ball adoption agreements. Also, preparing for Spalding Ball Adoption in 2016-2017.
• Legislative Communications – preparing letters to be sent to Legislators informing them of our championships.
Restructuring educational programs offered by NYSPHSAA.
Ordering and distributing Sportsmanship plaques.
Promotion of Battle of the Fans and Community Service competitions.

Treasurer Lisa Arnold

Balance sheet
- Reported we have a solid cash position and are able to meet all our current liabilities.
- Under "Other Receivables", CP Sportswear owes us $66,178 for profit made in excess of $165,000 which was in the contract we signed with them.
- The Prepaid Expense of $40,000 was due to paying for the Scholar/Athlete pins in advance.
- The Inventory amount is large due to ImPact testing we now offer schools.
- Under Land, Building and Equipment, the amount includes $26,000 for our share with the Joint Venture of the new parking lot at our building.

Income Statement
Revenues
- Investment income was $58,000 better than expected.
- Championship revenue exceeded our expectations partially due to the CP Sportswear contract.
- Under Miscellaneous, a loan given to the NFHS many years ago was repaid.

Expenditures
- Occupancy expenses were over budget due to increased costs and trying to build up cash in the Joint Venture because our building is going to need a new roof.

Programs & Committees
- NY Good Sports is over budget due to the increase in the cost of the Sportsmanship t-shirts because of a new design and more shirts were ordered.

Net Income (Loss)
- Unrealized gain on investments showed a loss of $105,000 on the market value of our investments due to the market decrease from last year.

Overall, the financial health of the Association is good. We continue to build our net assets to cover the Post-Retirement Health Benefit and two years of our operating expenses.

Legal Counsel Renee James
- Gave an update on the Transfer Rule lawsuit in State Court brought by the Albany Academies.
- Reported on three cases before the Commissioner of Education. Two of the cases involved the Mixed Competition regulation where the Superintendent and District’s Review Panel approved the requests for participation of two boys for the girls’ field hockey team but the Section denied the request. The third case was brought by the parents of a student seeking a waiver of the Transfer Rule on the basis of the health and safety provision under the undue hardship guidelines. The receiving school did not apply for a waiver on behalf of the student on the basis that there was not sufficient documentation. An appeal was brought against NYSPHSAA on the basis the student did not have the opportunity to be heard under NYSPHSAA rules.
Reported on a recent case with the Pennsylvania Athletic Association where their lacrosse officials were a recommended bargaining unit and the PIAA was determined to be an employer and required to negotiate it as its own union. She noted that Pennsylvania has a very different set up in how they deal with officials. They run the officials organization, set forth the officials constitution, the officials pay dues to the PIAA and the PIAA Executive Director controls the discipline of officials. She feels New York is in a good position as we have our own officials association and our officials are independent subcontractors not employees of the association.

SECTION CONCERNS

Section I asked if a coach in a school district had knowledge of an athlete who played on a club team as well as a school team and played two games in a day, one while participating on the club team and one while participating on the school team, are we risking a liability? This will be added to the agenda of the Safety Committee.

Section 2 reported they are discussing the Representation Rule as it pertains to Football. They play 3 games out of 7 due to their play-off structure but believe the original intent was 3 games out of 9. They are working with the Section Football representative.

Section V inquired if there was a Code of Ethics for Sport Committees. If anyone has suggestions, send them to Joe Altieri.

Section VI
- Requested moving the start date for the sports of Baseball and Softball from 3/7/16 to 3/1/16. This request was defeated at the July 2015 Central Committee meeting. No motion was brought forward at this meeting.
- They presented a letter from Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Ellicottville Central School on a unique transfer situation his school is involved in. Due to decreased enrollment, safety and the inability to field competitive teams, an area school district requested Ellicottville to accept their student-athletes into their programs. The issue is that any student from this school that wants to transfer to Ellicottville without a corresponding address must sit out a year in any sport they competed in. He is suggesting a seventh exception be added to the Transfer Rule that provides a one-time exemption to any student-athlete seeking to transfer when the when the schools involved have a complete sports merger. Robert stated the Transfer Committee met on October 21, 2015 and there was no support for this proposal. Jim Graczyk made a motion to add a seventh exception to the Transfer Rule. There was no second.

Section VII voiced a concern with the need to be more supportive and respect decisions made by the Executive Committee regardless of how it affects a particular Section.

REPORTS FROM EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

State Education Department. Darryl Daily
- Announced Mary Ellen Elia was the new Education Commissioner.
Professional Development Opportunities

- NYS Athletic Administrators Association (NYSSAA) Annual Conference (March 16-18, 2016) in Saratoga Springs. Website: www.nysaaa.org/conference/program-information
- NYS Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (NYSHAPE). Conference (November 18-21, 2015) in Verona, NY. Website: www.nyshapecd.org/content/professional-development/nys-ahperd-conference.cfm
- American alliance for Health, Physical Education, Dance and Recreation AAHPERD-now called “SHAPE”. National Conference (April 5-9, 2016) in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Website: www.aahperd.org/whatwedo/convention/

Athletic Placement Process for Interscholastic Athletic Programs (formerly Selection Classification Program)(New-Fall 2015)

- Effective: Fall Season 2015

Coaching Courses

- NFHS (NYS specific) Coaching course pathway is now approved by NYSED as an alternative pathway. It is not a replacement but another alternative for coaches to complete the required course work.
- NOTE: If already in previous NYSED Coaching Course track, you need to stay with it.
- See NFHS process:

- Please make sure your certificates are updated. Check with Darryl Daily, Associate in Physical Education, if a new template is needed.
- Please send in yearly evaluations to Darryl Daily at SED via email: Darryl.daily@nysed.gov.
- If interested in becoming a provider for traditional NYSED coaching Courses, please contact NYSED at (518) 474-5922.
Transgender Guidance Document

- Transgender and Gender-Nonconforming-Students Guidance Document Board of Regents approved July 20, 2015:
  - www.p12.nysed.gov/dignityact/

Dignity for all Students Act (Mandatory DASA 6 hour training)

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

Concussion Courses

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

Quality Physical Education Plan Reminder

- Keep plan current.
- Update plan frequently to ensure high-quality programs are being offered.
- Make sure your plan is aligned with the current regulations and/or National and NYS Standards. Recommend updating a minimum of 7 years.
- For technical assistance or specific questions, contact Darryl Daily at ddaily@mail.nysed.gov.
- Physical Education Plans must be filed both at the local level and at the Department. They can be sent as a hard copy or as an emailed attachment to the Department. Email format is preferred.
Important Related Items

- **School Health Education** - A letter from the Department of Health and the State Education Department regarding the Heroine and Opioids epidemic was sent to various organizations to give schools access to resources to help address the issue. The problem of heroin and opioid abuse continues to grow at alarming rates both in New York State and throughout the nation. To learn more about heroin and opioid abuse and the publications and resources available, go to [www.combatteroin.ny.gov](http://www.combatteroin.ny.gov). A toolkit is being developed by OASAS, DOH and NYSED for schools to use in the future.


- NOTE: American Red Cross and the American Heart Association recommended and/or proposed “Hands Only” CPR instruction and/or American Red Cross Citizen CPR, AED instruction-knowledge based component, 30 minutes and no certification needed for instructor or student. If a district wants to do more, they can.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

**Budget and Audit Committee.** Jim Osborne, 1st Vice President

- The committee met on Monday, September 14, 2015 via teleconference.
- Robert discussed the NYSPHSAA Revenue Share Program.
- Renee James discussed with the Section Executive Directors at their meeting on September 28th the need to have a conflict of interest policy in their Sections.
- The committee discussed the past practice of NYSPHSAA billing back the cost of ski lift tickets and golf practice rounds. Robert explained no other “competition” time is billed back to the Sections for other championships (i.e. ice hockey, indoor track & field, outdoor track & field, etc.). The committee unanimously voted for NYSPHSAA to pay for ski lift tickets in the future for the “competition” at the State Ski Championships (Alpine and Nordic). Practice times/fees will be looked at in future bids.

A **motion to approve** for NYSPHSAA to pay ski lift tickets for the Skiing Championship “competition” (Alpine and Nordic) beginning in 2017 **carried.**

- Lisa Arnold reviewed the insurance cost for our general liability coverage, which includes Sections and regular season coverage. Sections will see a slight decrease in premium for the 2015-2016 school year because the expiration date is changing to September 1 from September 22; all policies will be 21 days short of annual.

A **motion to approve** the membership dues for 2016-2017 by using the formula of $810 per school and $0.86 per student above 300, based upon the 2015-2016 school enrollment numbers **carried.**

A **motion to approve** maintaining ticket prices for the 2016-2017 Championships **carried.**

- The committee approved piloting a higher ticket price onsite at the 2015 Boys Soccer Championships in Middletown. They approved $8 online and $10 onsite.
• Robert reviewed the current corporate sponsors of the Association and then potential the association has to work with a Sports Entertainment group in the future.
• Because of the parking situation at Monroe Woodbury High School, an admission price of $5 per person instead of $10 per car will be charged at the gate for Cross Country.
• Robert informed the committee some state championship venues have surcharges per ticket.
• The next meeting of the Budget/Audit Committee is scheduled for January 28, 2016 at 3:00 PM.

**Championship Advisory Committee.** Assistant Director Joe Altieri presented the report.

• The committee met on Wednesday, September 30, 2015 via teleconference.
• The terms of four members of the committee expires this year. All indicated they intend to continue and will accept a new five year term.
• The committee supported the following proposals to be presented for action at the October 2015 Executive Committee meeting:
  • **Football Classification – 6 Classes.** Proposal presented by Gary Van Derzee, Football State Coordinator.
  • **Girls/Boys Lacrosse – 4 Classes.** Proposals presented by Jacquie Gow, Girls Lacrosse State Coordinator and Jim Amen, Boys Lacrosse State Coordinator.
  • **Girls/Boys Lacrosse – Move Championships to Week #49 to begin in 2017.** Proposal presented by Executive Director Robert Zayas with Jacquie Gow and Jim Amen’s input.
  • **Baseball Tournament – 2 day format.** Proposal presented by Ed Dopp, Baseball State Coordinator and Al Roy, Baseball Assistant State Coordinator.
  • **Boys Swimming Qualifying Standards.** Background information was provided by Joe Altieri who indicated the proposal slipped through the cracks and was not approved in July with the girls standards. Peter Hugo, Boys Swimming State Coordinator presented additional information on the proposal.
  • **Cheerleading – Fee & Structure of Judges.** Background information and proposal were presented by Todd Nelson. A motion by Rathbun/Andrew to pay $137 plus mileage carried.
  • **Athlete Gifts.** Proposal was presented by Executive Director Robert Zayas.
  • **Girls Golf – Move Championships to Week #48.** Assistant Director Joe Altieri presented the Girls Golf Committee’s proposal.
  • The committee will be requesting approval for Bethpage State Park (Yellow Course) Golf Course (8) as the site of the 2016, 2017 and 2018 NYSPHSAA Girls Golf Championships.
  • The committee will be requesting approval for the Glens Falls Civic Center (2) as the site of the 2017, 2018, 2019 NYSPHSAA Boys Basketball State Championships.
  • The committee will be requesting approval for Hudson Valley Community College (2) as the site of the 2017, 2018, 2019 Girls Basketball State Championships.
  • The committee will be requesting approval for Ocean Breeze Complex as the site of the 2017, 2018, 2019 Indoor Track Championships.

**Updates**

• **2017 & 2019 Girls/Boys Outdoor Track Championships.** Bid presentations postponed until December 8, 2015. Five bids have been submitted.
• **Bowling.** The sport committee opted not to present a proposal for two divisions.
• **Softball.** The sport committee defeated the proposal to set a deadline to complete all Sectional games.
• It was agreed and suggested to meet once per year face-to-face, preferably in the morning.

**Future Items for Discussion**
• PSAL participating in Girls Tennis Championships
• Ice Hockey Classification numbers
• Site selection bidding process and current bids

**Next Meeting**
• The next meeting of the CAC is scheduled for Friday, December 18, 2015 – 9 AM conference call or 10 AM face-to-face.

**Handbook Committee.** Patrick Pizzarelli, Coordinator
• The committee met on September 23, 2015 via teleconference.
• Reviewed the June 22, 2015 Handbook Committee meeting report.
• The committee supported Section IX’s proposal to require coaching certification for all NYSPHSAA member schools. The committee approved the proposal with the addition that all NYSPHSAA member schools must comply with coaching certification requirements no later than July 1, 2016.
• Students moving from a contact sport to a contact sport are not currently permitted to carry over any conditioning practices. The Handbook Committee recommended revising Rule 22 “Practice Sessions” to: *Athletes who switch from one sport to another are permitted to count conditioning practices toward their new sport as follows (excluding bowling, golf and rifle).*

**Future Meeting Dates**
• Friday, December 18, 2015 at 9:00 AM
• Wednesday, April 6, 2016 at 9:00 AM
• Wednesday, June 22, 2016 at 9:00 AM

**Life of An Athlete Committee.** Kristen Jadin
• The committee met on Monday, September 21, 2015 via teleconference.

**Discussion Items**
• Summer Leadership Conference attendance in Indianapolis and New England
• What do students want to learn from leadership?
• Discussed the use of an interactive website to provide resources to student-athletes, parents, coaches, administrators.
• Discussed ways for the Life of an Athlete program to come to life such as creating a Student Athlete Advisory Committee, hosting an in-state Leadership Conference, and the use of online materials.
• Need to advertise Leadership Conferences much earlier in order to get 2 students from each section.
• Kristen will be an active member for NYSPHSAA and promote using social media and other platforms.

**Action Items**
• Implement a Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) for the 2015-2016 school year.
• Implement a Student Athlete Development Committee
• Plan our own in-state leadership conference for the 2017-2018 school year.

Next Meeting
• The next Meeting is scheduled for March 17, 2016.

Safety Committee. Assistant Director Todd Nelson

Concussion Management Update
• There are no new concussion management protocols, with an emphasis on the return to learn protocols which NYSPHSAA has been discussing for several years.
• Utica National is sponsoring a concussion management webinar for the NYS School Boards Association.
• NYSPHSAA is in the second year of a three year agreement with ImPact. Benefits of this agreement include price, ordering amounts, and carry over to the following year. The committee would like to explore how to help schools read the results of a post-injury test. Currently NYSPHSAA schools are not purchasing tests to the anticipated amount; the preferred pricing is contingent upon schools buying tests.

Cheerleading Rubrics, Composite Score Sheet and Deduction Sheet
• Michele Ziegler did a short presentation on the work the Cheerleading Committee has done over the past 6 months to update the rubric, deduction and score sheet. She explained the emphasis on risk minimization and execution.
• The committee approved the rubrics, score sheet and deduction sheet with Sections 8 and 11 still wanting the Cheerleading Committee to have a higher point value on execution over difficulty. The Cheerleading Committee will discuss this in the Spring.

Wrestling Skin Infection Form
• A revised skin infection form was presented to the Safety Committee. The Committee raised some concerns that the school health office was left out of the process when dealing with skin infections. Karen Hollowood stated the school health office must be included in the initial process and the school medical director has to give final approval for the student to participate. New language will be drafted to address the school health office. With the changes, the skin form was approved.

Modified Recommendations
• The Safety Committee voted to approve the Modified Committee recommendation to increase the maximum number of matches at the modified level from 3 to 4.

Softball Helmets for Adult Base Coaches
• The Safety Committee continues to support the recommendation to mandate adult base coaches to wear a hard shell helmet.

A motion to approve starting with the 2016 season, all adult base coaches in Softball would be required to wear a hard shell protective helmet while on the first and third baselines during the game carried.  
Mullins/Staves
(Sections 9 & 10 opposed)
• The Safety Committee would also like the Softball Committee to discuss mandating the use of face masks for the pitcher and the corner infielders.
Heat Index and Wind Chill Procedures

- For the past 4 years, NYSPHSAA has required the use of the AccuWeather RealFeel temperature when deciding if a game and/or practice must be postponed. This past Fall it was brought to our attention that due to some changes with AccuWeather, schools were not receiving accurate and reliable RealFeel temperatures. The NYSPHSAA office staff contacted AccuWeather and spoke to them directly. A meeting with AccuWeather is being scheduled to discuss the need for our Association to receive reliable and accurate data from them. It was also suggested to contact WeatherBug to see if they are an option. Once the meetings with AccuWeather and WeatherBug take place, the Safety Committee will meet to make a potential adjustment to the current process. Any recommended changes will be presented to the Executive Committee in January.

Section Concerns

- Section 6 inquired about information regarding Riddel sensor product for Football helmets. This new technology is being studied at the college level and is expensive at the present time. NYSPHSAA will continue to monitor the technology and keep our schools up to date.

Other

- Reported a father from Section 11 whose son passed away last year while playing football, is working with Section 11 in promoting the dangers of helmet to helmet contact. He made a presentation to the Section 11 Safety Committee on a program that would have officials read a statement before a football game regarding the dangers of contact. Section 11 is looking to expand this program to all sports. NYSPHSAA would like to explore the program also. Mr. Cutinella has been invited to the next Safety Committee meeting to give a short presentation. He will also be presenting at the NYSPAAA Conference in March.

Next Meeting

- The Safety Committee will meet in December to discuss the Heat Index and Wind Chill Procedures.
- The Spring meeting is scheduled for April 5, 2016 at 9:30 AM via Teleconference.

Modified Committee. Jim Rose, Co-Coordinator

- A synopsis of the October 2, 2015 meeting was included in the meeting packet.

Action Items

A motion to approve Modified Wrestling Game Conditions #1. b and #6. b shall be edited carried. Mullins/Durdon

It shall read: “1. b) 2 Point meets are any competition where a wrestler or wrestlers compete in 3 or 4 bouts.
6 b.) If a contestant competes in two, three or four bouts per contest, the time periods will be either: (1) Three 1 minute periods, or (2) 1st Period: 1 minute; 2nd and 3rd Periods: 1 ½ minutes.”

A motion to approve Modified Wrestling Game Condition #6. c shall be edited carried. Carboine/Staves

It shall read: “6. c) With section/league approval, a sudden victory overtime period shall be permitted in modified wrestling. The method of overtime must be determined at the
onset of the event. Wrestlers may start in the standing position or in the ‘Referees Criteria’ based on the NFHS wrestling rulebook for sudden victory. The overtime period shall not exceed 30 seconds.”

A motion to approve, with section/league approval, modified wrestlers shall have the option of wearing an alternative to the traditional singlet carried. Options may include a form-fitting compression shirt and compression shorts, or a form-fitting compression shirt under the school uniform singlet. Normandin/Tooley

A motion to approve Tom Fitzpatrick (Section VIII) as the Modified Tennis Chairman carried. Brewer/Carboine

Modified Football Pilot Program
- Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 9 are participating in the second year of the modified football pilot program during the Fall 2015 season.
- Steve Nolan, modified football coordinator, will gather the final results of the surveys from the sections participating in the pilot program.
- The committee will then determine if they will adopt the football pilot program at their Spring 2016 meeting.

Modified Sport Coordinators
- There is still a need for a Girls Gymnastics Modified Sports Coordinator as well as a Modified Cheerleading Coordinator.

Sportsmanship Committee. Assistant Director Todd Nelson
- Stated Kristen Jadin will be taking over the Sportsmanship programs.
- President Steve Broadwell acknowledged Todd’s article in the High School Today magazine regarding New York State Sportsmanship programs.

Section Concerns
Artificial Noisemakers
- A Section brought up a concern regarding artificial noisemakers at sporting events.
- Currently the only rule NYSPHSAA has is artificial noisemakers are not allowed at the Boys and Girls Basketball State Championships.
- Many Sections have a rule that does not allow artificial noisemakers at any of their sporting events.
- The Sportsmanship Committee will discuss this at their Spring meeting to see if it should be a uniform rule for all sports.

Battle of the Fans
- Asked schools to continue to promote this program. It has been a successful program and he would like to see more schools involved.
- Kristen designed a poster that was sent to all schools to help promote the program.
Officials Coordinating Federation. Assistant Director Todd Nelson

- The OCF meeting was held on Wednesday, October 21, 2015.
- The OCF and Liaison Committee are looking at proposing potential legislation regarding protection of officials due to assault at sporting events.
- A Section had a concern regarding the selection of wrestling officials for the State Championship. Officials initiate the process and applications for officials to be recommended for state championships. The concern was that they would also like the opportunity to recommend individuals they felt should be considered. There is a committee involved in making the recommendations but ultimately our Wrestling Committee makes the final decision on who the officials will be.
- A Section had a concern regarding the certification of officials stating the current process is very cumbersome. Streamlining the process is being looked at. The NFHS has a very good officiating certification process.

GENERAL ACTION ITEMS

Indoor Track & Field Facility
A motion to approve Ocean Breeze Athlete Complex as the site of the 2017, 2018 and 2019 NYSPHSAA Girls and Boys Indoor Track & Field Championships carried. Mullins/Staves
(Section 2 opposed)

Girls Golf Championship Course
A motion to approve Bethpage State Park (Yellow Course) Golf Course as the site of the 2016, 2017 and 2018 NYSPHSAA Girls Golf Championships carried. Carboine/Mullins
(Section 2 opposed)

Girls Basketball Facility
A motion to approve Hudson Valley Community College as the site of the 2017, 2018 and 2019 NYSPHSAA Girls Basketball Championships carried. Ryan-Curry/Piropato

Boys Basketball Facility
A motion to approve Glens Falls Civic Center as the site of the 2017, 2018 and 2019 NYSPHSAA Boys Basketball State Championships was defeated. Ryan-Curry/Dopp
(The votes by Section were: Section 1: 2 no; Section 2: 2 yes; Section 3: 2 no; Section 4: 2 no; Section 5: 2 no; Section 6: 2 no; Section 7: 2 yes; Section 8: 2 yes; Section 9: 2 yes; Section 10: 2 no; Section 11: 2 no. 8 Yes/14 No.)

Revised Bid Process
- A copy of the revised bidding process was included in the meeting packet. It was amended to require sealed bids that are not opened until the Sport Committee/Staff meets to examine bids and make recommendations. Also the revised bidding procedure eliminates the in-person presentations but does require having an individual or individuals available via teleconference to answer any question(s) the Sports Committee/Staff may have on the day of the Sport Committee meeting.
A motion to approve revisions to the NYSPHSAA State Championship bidding process including Boys Basketball, Outdoor Track & Field and any other future state championship carried. Staves/Fallacaro (Section 4 opposed)

Certification of Private/Parochial School /Coaches
A motion to approve NYSPHSAA requiring all of its private/parochial schools to comply with all coaching certification requirements as outlined in the Commissioner’s Regulations Part 135.4 effective July 1, 2016 carried. Bergman/Staves

Football 6 Classifications
- Gary VanDerzee presented the Football Committee’s recommendation to offer 6 Classifications for the 2016 season. The classifications would be AAA, AA, A, B, C and D. The cut-off numbers would be: Class AAA: 1100-up; Class AA: 740-1099; Class A: 455-739; Class B: 340-454; Class C: 225-339 and Class D: 224-down. The rationale for this change is based on the inequities in the current 5 Class system when it comes to the differential in school populations from which to draw our athletes from.

A motion to approve reconvening the Championship Philosophy Committee to review the concept of 6 classes in Football and to take back to the Football Committee to review the numbers in five classes carried. Greene/Mullins

The first meeting of the Championship Philosophy Committee will be December 3. Jim Osborne will be Chairperson. Each Section is asked to send Robert Zayas a representative to serve on this committee.

Boys & Girls Lacrosse – Extend the Season to 14 Weeks
- Jim Amen, Boys Lacrosse State Coordinator and Jacquie Gow, Girls Lacrosse State Coordinator presented their committee’s recommendation to extend the boys and girls lacrosse season from week #48 to week #49 due to weather, short season due to holidays and safety reasons.

A motion to approve the Boys & Girls Lacrosse season be extended from week #48 to week #49, with the State Championships on week #49 carried. Mullins/Ceruti
(The votes by Section were: Section 1: 2 yes; Section 2: 2 yes; Section 3: 2 no; Section 4: 2 yes; Section 5: 2 yes; Section 6: 2 abstentions; Section 7: 2 yes; Section 8: 1 yes; Section 9: 2 yes; Section 10: 2 no; Section 11: 2 yes. 15 Yes/4 No.)

Girls Golf Championships – Week #48
- Assistant Director Joe Altieri presented the Girls Golf Committee’s recommendation to move the Girls Golf Championships from Week #49 to Week #48. The rationale used was SUNY Delhi was not available on the earlier week in the past, the Girls Golf Committee would like to align with the Boys Golf Championships and the committee would like to move the championships further away from the regents.

A motion to approve to move the Girls Golf Championships from Week #49 to Week #48 carried. Carboine/Ryan-Curry

Boys Swimming & Diving Qualifying Standards
A motion to approve the 2015-2016 NYSPHSAA Boys’ Swimming and Diving Qualifying Championship Meet Standards carried. Greene/Graczyk
Athlete Participation Gifts
A motion to approve the NYSPHSAA Athlete Gift Policy for State Championship Events to begin with the 2016-2017 school year carried. Ryan-Curry/Carboine

- Every championship participating athlete would continue to receive NYSPHSAA branded lanyard and souvenir badge specific to the championship event.
- Every “state championship team/individual” would receive a non-specific Championship t-shirt honoring their accomplishment as a “NYSPHSAA State Champion”.
- The Association would no longer accept donations for participation gifts for student-athletes.

NYSPHSAA Cheerleading Judges Structure and Fee
- The Championship Advisory Committee presented a proposal to establish the structure and fee for the judges working the NYSPHSAA Cheerleading Championship. The NYSPHSAA Cheerleading Committee is recommending 12 judges that will make up two separate 6 panel judges. The CAC is recommending a fee of $137.00 for the day.
A motion to approve the Cheerleading judges fee structure was postponed. The proposal was referred back to the CAC to gather additional data from the Sections. Greene/Normandin

NYSPHSAA Competitive Cheerleading Rubric and Composite Score Sheet
- Michele Ziegler, Cheerleading State Coordinator, gave an update on the scoring rubric and composite score sheet the judges will be using at the cheerleading competitions.
A motion to approve to accept the NYSPHSAA Scoring Rubrics and Composite Score Sheet carried. (Section 11 opposed) Graczyk/Normandin

Ice Hockey Maximum Game Limits
- Scott Stuart, Ice Hockey State Coordinator, presented Section 6 and the Ice Hockey Committee’s recommendation to increase the maximum number of games in Boys Ice Hockey from 20 to 22.
A motion to approve increasing the maximum number of games in the sport of Boys Ice Hockey from 20 to 22 was defeated. Ryan/Fallacaro
(The votes by Section were: Section 1: 2 no; Section 2: 2 yes; Section 3: 2 no; Section 4: 2 no; Section 5: 2 no; Section 6: 2 yes; Section 7: 2 no; Section 8: 2 no; Section 9: 2 yes; Section 10: 2 no; Section 11: 2 no. 16 No/6 Yes.)

Boys Volleyball Uniform Waiver
A motion to approve extending the Boys Volleyball libero uniform waiver through the 2018 Boys Volleyball season carried. Ryan-Curry/Henshaw

Waiver of Representation Rule
A motion to approve the following reductions in the required number of contests carried. Peterson/Carboine

- Girls & Boys Indoor Track & Field from 6 to 4 in Sections 1,2,3, 9
- Girls & Boys Skiing from 6 to 4 in Sections 1, 2, 3, 6, 9
• Girls & Boys Indoor Track & Field from 6 to 3 in Section 7
• Girls & Boys Skiing from 6 to 3 in Section 7
• Gymnastics from 6 to 5 in Section 5
• Gymnastics from 6 to 4 in Section 9

**Wrestling Skin Infection Form**
• Assistant Director Todd Nelson presented the revisions to be made to the current Wrestling Skin Infection form. The NFHS made minor revisions to the NFHS Wrestling Skin Infection form which we have to adopt. The Wrestling and Safety Committees also recommended revisions to include the school health office in the process. The Executive Committee changed the word from should to must, then passed the motion.

A **motion to approve** the revisions to the Wrestling Skin Infection form **carried.**  
Mullins/Ceruti

**Friend and Neighbor**
A **motion to approve** the following applications for NYSPHSA Friend and Neighbor status **carried.**  
(Expire August 2017).

**Section 1**
Horace Mann School
231 West 246th Street
Bronx, NY 10471
Grades 7-12

**Section 1**
New York School for the Deaf
555 Knollwood Road
White Plains, NY 10520
Grades 7-12

**Section 2**
Grapeville Christian School
2416 County Rte. 26
Climax, NY 12042
Grades 7-12

**Section 5**
Rochester School for the Deaf
1545 St. Paul Street
Rochester, NY 14621
Grades 7-12

**Section 5**
St. Mary’s School
16 Gibson Street
Canandaigua, NY 14424
Grades 7-8

**Section 6**
Christian Central Academy
39 Academy Street
Williamsville, NY 14221
Grades 7-12

**Section 7**
Adirondack Christian School
6065 Route 86
Wilmington, NY 12997
Grades 7-12

**Section 9**
Upton Lake Christian School
PO Box 63
Clinton Corners, NY 12514
Grades 7-12

**New Member**
A **motion to approve** the following applications for NYSPHSA Membership status **carried.**

**Ryan/Brewer**

**Section 5**
Finger Lakes Christian School
2291 Route 89
Seneca Falls, NY 13148
Grades 7-12

**Section 5**
St. Francis-St. Stephen School
17 Elmwood Avenue
Geneva, NY 14456
Grades 7-8

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DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

Boys & Girls Lacrosse 4 Classifications

- Jim Amen, Boys Lacrosse State Coordinator presented the proposal to allow Boys & Girls Lacrosse to offer a 4th Classification for the NYSPHSAA Boys & Girls Lacrosse Championships effective for the 2017 season. The classes will be A, B, C, D.
- Based on NYSPHSAA Championship Philosophy adopted by the Executive Committee, a sport with more than 300 programs is allowed to offer 4 classifications for the NYSPHSAA Championship. Currently there are 331 Boys Lacrosse programs and 302 Girls Lacrosse programs in our association.
- It would impact the budget in that the added class would add an extra game at the Section finals, regional finals, NYSPHSAA semifinals and finals. With the added game, expenses would be increased for facilities, workers, officials and awards but the increased revenue from the added game would help off-set the expenses.
- If this recommendation is approved at the January Executive Committee meeting, the Boys & Girls Lacrosse Committees will review the classification cut-off numbers and present a recommendation at the May Executive Committee meeting.

NYSPHSAA Baseball Championships – 2 day format

- Ed Dopp, Baseball State Coordinator presented the Baseball Committee’s proposal of a two day format for the Baseball Championships.
- It is the committee’s position that a two day format would be highly beneficial to the quality of play in championship games, offer greater safety to our student athletes, allow for weather flexibility and potentially provide greater publicity and revenue possibilities as compared to the current one day format.
- A two day tournament will improve the quality of play in the championship round. Rested players will produce a higher quality of baseball currently being seen in the semifinal round.
- The two day format would be consistent and in better alignment with the regional schedule.
- Nineteen of twenty-four team sports play one contest per day in NYSPHSAA championship tournaments – both boys and girls.
- Currently statewide very few teams play doubleheaders during the regular season. This would be alleviated with a move to the two day alignment.
- A two day tournament would provide better options in the event of inclement weather. The tournament could revert to the current one day format if need be.
- A two day tournament would put teams on even footing for the championship round. Both teams would be equally rested and hydrated rather than the possibility of one team being rested and hydrated while the other has a short turnaround time.
- Utilizing a Friday/Saturday format, with Sunday being a rain date, only requires student athletes to miss one day of classes.
- The championship day format would provide for increased opportunities for broadcasting coverage, souvenir sales, increased gates all of which could increase revenue.
- The proposal, a two year experiment for the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 school years, will be recommended for approval at the January Executive Committee meeting.
Student-Athlete Development Committee (SADC)

- Kristen Jadin, Special Programs Coordinator, presented a proposal to create a Student-Athlete Development Committee that encompasses all student-athlete programming at NYSPHSAA including Life of an Athlete (chemical health), Scholar Athlete, Community Service, Leadership and Sportsmanship, etc. Each Section will have a representative on the committee.
- The committee would allow for consistency and growth for the special programs offered by the Association. Their role would be to find ways to support and empower student-athletes through programming.
- The goal of the SADC is to create opportunities for student-athletes at the high school level to learn about leadership, sportsmanship, chemical health, life skills, etc.
- The committee will create and revitalize current programming to recognize student-athlete success, in addition to creating new programming, to prepare student-athletes for the next level of life.

Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC)

- Kristen Jadin, Special Programs Coordinator, presented a proposal to create a Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) to begin in the Spring of 2016.
- Initially the committee will be comprised of the 13 student-athletes who attended the 2015 New England Student Leadership Conference (NESLC), the 2 students who attended the 2015 NFHS Student Leadership Conference, and the 5 student-athletes from the Summer 2014 NESLC who have not graduated, totaling 20 student-athletes. After the spring, each Section will recommend 1 male and 1 female (1 rising junior and 1 rising senior) for SAAC. These individuals should be able to attend the NESLC (2017) and the YSAAA conference (2017).
- Student-athlete input is imperative in the attempt to create student-athlete programming. SAAC gives the student-athlete a voice within the Association allowing them to provide feedback and suggestions on a variety of subjects.

Practice Session Rule Revision

- Assistant Director Todd Nelson presented for future approval, revisions to Rule 22 “Practice Sessions” as follows: Athletes who switch from one sport to another contact/collision or limited contact/impact sport to a strenuous/noncontact or non-strenuous/non-contact sport are permitted to count conditioning practices toward their new sport as follows (excluding bowling, golf and rifle).
- Currently, NYSPHSAA does not allow student-athletes to carry over practices when going from a “contact” sport to a “contact” sport other than in our State Championships. This revision will create consistency for all students and sports.
- The Handbook Committee supports this proposal.

Combining of Schools

The following combining school teams have been approved by the respective leagues and sections for the 2015-2016 school year, and are presented for your information. (Eligibility Standard #6)
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Jefferson & Stamford
Oxford & GMU
South Kortright & Andes

Unatego & Franklin
Unatego & Sidney
Union Springs & Port Byron

Watkins Glen & Odessa-Montour

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Silver Creek & Forestville
Heim, Mill, Transit & Casey Middle Schools
Brocton & Westfield
West Valley & Ellicottville

Frewsburg, Pine Valley & Southwestern
Cassadaga & Falconer

West Valley, Olean & Ellicottville
Lyndonville & Medina

Add Saranac to Plattsburgh/Seton merger
Add Moriah to Saranac & Peru merger
Saranac Lake & Tupper Lake

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Sachem School District

G. Volleyball (V, JV, Mod.)
B/G Soccer (Mod.)
Football (Mod.)
B. Golf (V)
B/G Soccer (V, Mod.)
B. Basketball (V, JV, Mod.)
Baseball (V, Mod.)
Softball (V, Mod.)
Football (V, JV, Mod.)
Wrestling (Mod.)
B/G Cross Country (V, Mod.)
B/G Cross Country (V, Mod.)
Field Hockey (V, JV, Mod.)
Football (V, Mod.)
B/G Soccer (V, JV, Mod.)
Football (V, Mod.)

B/G Track & Field (V, Mod.)
B/G Swim (Mod.)
B/G Bowling (V)
Wrestling (V, Mod.)
B/G Basketball (V)
Softball (V)
Baseball (V)
B. Swim (V)
Wrestling
B/G Track
Alpine Skiing
B/G Track (V, Mod.)

Football (V)
B. Ice Hockey
Nordic Ski

B/G Bowling
B. Swimming
B. Golf (Spring)
G. Golf
B. Tennis

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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**REPORTS FROM CONSULTANTS**

**NYS Athletic Administrators Association.** Jim Wright, President

**GENERAL**

- No increase in this year’s conference fees, however hotel rates will increase by $5.00 to $133 per night per contract with the Saratoga Hilton and remain the same through 2017.
• Exploring several new companies that handle online registration. Once implemented, all membership, conference and exhibitor registration will have to use online registration. The target date is July 1, 2016.

• The annual conference is scheduled for March 15–18, 2016 at the Saratoga Hilton on Saratoga Springs. Six to eight LTI Courses will be offered on Wednesday. The first General Session will begin at 5:00 pm followed by a two hour Exhibit Hall Festival.

• The conference planning team in Chapter 11, headed up by President Jim Wright, CMAA and Tim Mullins, CMAA, is in the initial stages of program planning and securing national speakers and workshop presenters.

• Presentations of 11 chapter awards and three special awards will take place at the Roy O’Neill Awards Banquet.

• The Dave Martens Award Luncheon will feature their third Hall of Fame induction as well as the annual Apple Appreciation Awards. Inductees will be announced in November. Nominations are now being taken for the 2017 class. Information and forms are available on their website. Postmark deadline is December 1, 2015.

• The Sparky Rector Drop In Center has moved into the exhibit hall for two days. The association is also transitioning to a virtual Sparky Rector Drop In Center on their website. It is active now but they are looking for items in digital format to post. Anything of interest to share with other AD’s should be emailed to Alan Mallanda or Liam Frawley, CMAA, and they will place it on for all to use.

BOARD NEWS AND ACTIONS
• They are very pleased the new pathway for coaching certification in New York State using the NFHS Coaching Certification Program designed specifically for New York has been implemented and is now in effect for all coaches. Thanked Robert Zayas, CAA, Executive Director of NYSPHSAA and Darryl Daily, NYSED for their leadership. Also recognized and thanked the ad hoc committee from the NYSSAA, led by Liam Frawley, CMAA, for the work they did in getting everything together to bring to the Commissioner and Board of Regents.

• The association is seeking a new Professional Development Chair to replace Liam Frawley, CMAA, who has moved into the Vice President position.

• At its spring meeting, the Executive Board appointed three new committee chairs and co-chairs. They are: Peter Shambo, CMAA (5) as Certification Co-Chair with Patrick Pizzarelli, CAA (8); Kevin O’Reilly, CAA (11) as Chair of Resolutions & Legislation; Bob Stulmaker, CAA (2) as Retired AD’s Co-Chair with Joel Wilson, CAA (4).

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
• Any Chapters/Sections desiring to offer LTI Courses in their section or region should contact Steve Young, CAA (1) or Josh Lacy, CAA (5).

• The CAA exam will be offered again at the conference on Friday morning, March 18th at 8:00 AM. In addition, there are two other dates for the CAA exam to be given: October 19th at the
Saratoga Hilton at 1:00 PM and June 20th at the NYSPHSAA Office in Latham at 1:00 PM. Anyone planning in taking the exam must pre-qualify through the NIAAA office. Requirements and costs are posted on the NIAAA website.

- The NYSAAA Handbook for Athletic Administrators is now in a digital format and can be found under “Professional Development” on the website. It is a live document which means it changes continuously by linking to various other documents and sites.

**MEMBERSHIP**

- Once again, the NYSAAA has the highest professional membership in the nation with 654 members, but membership has dropped this year. Mike Murray, CAA (5) is their new membership chair and will be targeting chapters to increase their membership.

- Membership dues remain the same for the sixth straight year. Dual membership in both the NYSAA and NIAAA is still $150 for active athletic administrators.

**WEBSITE/NEWSLETTER**

- Athletic Administrators are encouraged to visit the NYSAAA website regularly to keep up on the latest information and association news. Information changes regularly. Links are provided between the NYSPHSAA and NYSAAA as well as other professional associations on each of their respective websites.

- The next newsletter is going to be released in late November. Past issues can also be found on the website.

- Their NYSAAA Hall of Fame for athletic administrators is posted on their website. It will continue to be maintained and updated as a “virtual” Hall of Fame.

**NIAAA/NFHS**

- The NIAAA/NFHS Annual Athletic Directors Conference is scheduled for Orlando, Florida on December 12-15, 2015 at the Marriott World Center. Future sights include Nashville, TN; Phoenix, AZ; San Antonio, TX; and Tampa, FL.

- Six LTI courses are being offered this fall as webinars by the NIAAA. Information may be found on their website and the NYSAAA website as to courses, dates, times and requirements. This has proven to be a very popular way of picking up LTI courses in the comfort and convenience of one’s home at times available to each attendee. Two nights of two hours each completes each course. More courses will be offered in the spring.

- Section 1 of the NIAA continues to host a Summer Institute for Athletic Administrators and their families at the Ocean Edge Resort in Brewster, MA on Cape Cod. Next year’s date is June 26-29, 2016. Information and applications can be found on their website.

- The NIAAA recently released a document explaining all the benefits derived from membership. New York is a dual member state so the membership with NYSAAA includes membership in the NIAAA and all its benefits. The NIAAA also released a video explaining all the professional development benefits reasons to be a member of this organization. Go to the following YouTube link: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ldPC3BZoedo&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ldPC3BZoedo&feature=youtu.be).
NYS Council of Administrators. Jim Rose, Past President.

- Their annual conference will be held November 18, 2015 at Turning Stone.
- To register, go to the NYSAHPERD website and click on the Council of Administrators tab. This will bring you to both the COA Conference and the NYSAHPERD Conference.

For the Good of the Order

- The Championship Philosophy Committee will meet on December 3, 2015. Anyone who is interested in representing their Section on this committee, please contact Robert Zayas.

A motion to approve adjournment of the October 2015 Executive Committee meeting on Thursday, October 22, 2015 at 3:00 PM carried. Dopp/Brewer

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Zayas
Executive Director