New York State Public High School Athletic Association

SYNOPSIS OF ACTIONS
February 2, 2018 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Hilton Garden Inn, Troy, NY

ACTION ITEMS

1. P3 Approved the agenda for the February 2, 2018 Executive Committee Meeting.
2. P3 Approved the October 12, 2017 Executive Committee Meeting minutes.
3. P11 Approved the report from the Compensation Committee.
4. P12 Approved the required minimum time between contests for all modified softball players, including Pitchers from two (2) nights to one (1) night.
5. P13 Approved for the sports of B/G soccer, B/G basketball, baseball/softball the proposed change to five (5) classification cut-off numbers.
6. P14 Approved the school enrollment numbers for the 2018-2019 school year using grades 9, 10 and 11.
7. P14 Approved the placement of Utica Academy of Science in the Center State Conference for a two (2) year period. At the end of the two (2) years, the placement determination will be remanded to Section III for continuation of the placement or a new Conference placement.
8. P14 Approved the Albany Times Union Center (2) as the site of the 2019-2021 NYSPHSAA Wrestling State Championships.
9. P14 Approved the Harbor Center, Buffalo, (VI) as the site of the 2019-2021 NYSPHSAA Ice Hockey State Championships.
10. P14 Approved Gore Mountain (2) as the site of the 2019 Skiing State Championship, Bristol Mountain (V) as the site of the 2020 State Championship and White Face Mountain and Mt. Van Hoevenberg (VII) as the site of the 2021 NYSPHSAA Skiing State Championships.
14. P15 Approved the regional rotation in Baseball in the Southeast Region in Class D if Section XI does not participate in the Regional/State Tournament.
15. P15 Approved with Section/League approval, a game ending procedure run rule in Baseball as a two-year pilot program at the high school level.
16. P15 Approved the following reductions in the required number of contests: Indoor Track 6 to 4 in Sections 1,5 and 6; Indoor Track 6 to 3 in Sections 3, 4, 9 and 10; Skiing from 6 to 4 in Section 6; Skiing from 6 to 3 in Sections 1, 4 and 9; Gymnastics from 6 to 3 in Section 9.
17. P15 Approved as Friends & Neighbors (expiring August 2019): Ives School/Lincoln Hall (I) and Hayground School (XI).
18. P16 Approved with Section/League approval to allow the ability of modified scoring in the regular season for girls golf.
19. P17 Approved to revise NYSPHSAA Golf rule 11.08.02 (Championship Golf) to remove markers being able to point out rulings.
20. P17 Approved taking back to the Sections the Baseball Tournament Regional Tiebreaker System for a vote in May.
21. P21 Approved adjournment at 1:32 pm.
The Executive Committee meeting was called to order by President James Osborne at 9:00 AM on Friday, February 2, 2018. Executive Director Robert Zayas introduced the officers and staff present and performed roll call to ascertain a quorum.

**Officers & Staff**
- President James Osborne
- First Vice President Paul Harrica
- Second Vice President Julie Bergman
- Past President Stephen Broadwell
- Executive Director Robert Zayas
- Assistant Director Todd Nelson
- Assistant Director Joseph Altieri
- Dir. of Communications Christopher Watson
- Dir. of Sales & Marketing Christopher Joyce
- Dir. of Special Programs Kristen Jadin
- Dir. of Finance Lisa Hand
- Counsel Renee James
- Secretary Rise Van Iderstine

**Past Presidents**
- Kathy Faber
- Patrick Pizzarelli
- Eileen Troy

**Section Representatives**
- Section I: Karen Peterson, Jennifer Simmons (proxy for James Mackin)
- Section 2: Kathleen Ryan, Drew Santandera
- Section III: Monica Tooley, Michel Carboine
- Section IV: Patti Murphy, Ben Nelson (proxy for Christopher Durdon)
- Section V: Kimberly Henshaw, Thomas Schmandt
- Section VI: Marisa Fallacaro, Timm Slade (proxy for James Graczyk)
- Section VII: Patricia Ryan-Curry, C. Joseph Staves
- Section VIII: Christine Ceruti; Michael Bongino
- Section IX: Roberta Greene, James Wolfe
- Section X: Lori Brewer, James Cruikshank
- Section XI: Debra Ferry, Timothy Mullins

**Section Executive Directors**
- Jennifer Simmons, (I), Ed Dopp (II), John Rathbun (III), Ben Nelson (IV), Kathy Hoyt (V), Timm Slade (VI), Matthew Walentuk (VII), Patrick Pizzarelli (VIII), Gregory Ransom (IX), Carl Normandin (X), Tom Combs (XI)

**Standing Committees & Ex-Officios**
- Alan Malanda, Ex. Director-NYSAAA
- Jim Wright, Associate Ex. Director-NYSAAA
- Scott Sugar, President-NYSAAA
- Greg Warren, President-NYSCOA
- Jim Rose, Modified Co-Coordinator

**Sport Coordinators**
- Al Roy, Baseball State Coordinator
- Tim Lincoln, G. Basketball State Coordinator
- Patti Perone, G. Volleyball State Coordinator
A motion to approve the agenda of the February 2, 2018 Executive Committee meeting carried. **Ceruti/Mullins**

President Osborne thanked Risë for filling in for Sandy who had emergency gall bladder surgery on Tuesday.

A motion to approve the October 12, 2017 Executive Committee Meeting minutes as written carried. **Ceruti/Carbone**

**ORAL AND PRINTED REPORTS WERE PRESENTED BY ASSOCIATION OFFICERS AND STAFF**

**President James Osborne**
- Attended Compensation Committee meetings, Legal Seminars, Budget & Audit, Student Advisory Summit, the first ever Wrestling Dual Championships and numerous Fall NYSPHSAA Championships.
- Announced the members of the Oversight Committee and the appointment of Susan Beloff as Chair of the Committee.
- Thanked the hundreds of volunteers, especially the sport committee chairs and members.

**1st Vice President Paul Harrica**
- Echoed Jim in thanking all the volunteers and sport committees.

**2nd Vice President Julie Bergman**
- Attended several of the Fall NYSPHSAA Championships.
- Thanked all the volunteers, sport coordinators and sport committees.

**Past President Steve Broadwell**
- Announced the approval of Russell Bartlett, Principal at Tupper Lake (Section X), as the next 2nd Vice President of NYSPHSAA.

**Executive Director Robert Zayas**
Robert asked that a moment of silence be observed in memory of Dr. Jim Tolle. Dr. Tolle passed away on December 27th at the age of 80. Jim was a Past President of NYSPHSAA, a key leader and supporter of student athletics. He was also a Superintendent in Section VIII.

**Handbook Sport Committee Review**
- The NYSPHSAA staff has dedicated time during all sport committee meetings to review the rules and regulations for all sports contained in the NYSPHSAA Handbook.
- As the sport committees have not reviewed the rules in some time, this review has led to great discussion and examination of the rules for which each sport plays.
- The rules should either be in the governing body rules (i.e. NFHS, NCAA, ASA, etc.) or the NYSPHSAA Handbook.
- At the completion of the 2017-2018 school year, all sport committees will have reviewed their rules and the NYSPHSAA Handbook will be 100% accurate.

**Emerging Sports**
- Robert would like to begin discussions regarding criteria that “could” be utilized in identifying emerging sports as currently our association does not have a defined process to label a sport as an “emerging” sport.
- In the last six months, the NYSPHSAA office has been contacted by table tennis, e-sports, weightlifting, ultimate frisbee and girls wrestling with interest in being recognized for interscholastic status.
- An example of the procedure used by the Missouri State High School Activities Association related to Emerging Activities was included in his report.
- Should we start thinking about identifying what an emerging sport is and recognizing certain sports as such?

**Modified Philosophy**
- At the April Modified Committee meeting, the committee will discuss feedback and input they have received from their Sections on the following five areas:
Consideration for extended playing time to mirror high school rules (to begin in 2018-2019 school year)
Consideration to have “option” for more games (to begin in 2018-2019 school year)
Consideration for “Modified” to be changed to “Middle School Athletics” (“Rebrand” program)
Consideration for re-formatting of online rules (include links to governing rules)
More emphasis on modified rules at annual Fall athletic director workshops

Staff
Kristen Jadin has been assuming more responsibilities. In May, a proposal will be brought forward as an Action Item to change her title to Assistant Director.

Assistant Director Joe Altieri
Sport Committees/Other Meetings
Since October 13th, he was the NYSPHSAA liaison for the following committees: baseball, softball, field hockey, girls tennis, boys tennis, wrestling, girls swimming/diving, cross country, girls lacrosse, NYS Federation and Section VIII Athletic Council meeting. Minutes of each sport committee have been emailed to the Officers, CAC and Executive Directors.

Championship Advisory Committee
The CAC conducted a conference call on December 15th. The report/minutes were included in the meeting packet.

Championship Administration
Fall championships netted a $192,065 profit thus far (down approximately $50,000) with a few bills still needed to be paid.
CP Sportswear is now in its second year of a three-year contract and reported a slight decline in revenue for Fall championships primarily due to weather.
Spectrum Sports will be streaming the wrestling dual meet finals, wrestling individual semifinals and finals, ice hockey semifinals and finals and the boys and girls basketball semifinals and finals.

Championship Dates and Sites
NYSPHSAA Championship dates and sites through 2021 were included in the meeting packet.

Branding/Marketing
Branding at NYSPHSAA State Championships will continue for all our winter events as well as a digital marketing campaign for four events. Using Google and Facebook display and video ads, he and Chris Joyce have worked together to execute an advertising campaign for wrestling, ice hockey, girls basketball and boys basketball paying for results based on clicks of our ads.
In the Fall, our events saw 147,000 impressions and 125,000 video clicks during a three-championship digital campaign.
Thanks to our Spectrum partnership, this winter we will have at least 500 free 30-second spots airing on TV to promote our events with no production costs.

NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame
The NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame deadline was January 21st. Twenty-two (22) nominations have been submitted. Decisions by our Screening and Selection Committees will be announced in May.

Spring Semester Interns
He welcomed Kirsten Kaminski and Chelsea Nielsen, both UAlbany students who have started their internship with us for the Spring semester. Kirsten is a Colonie HS (2) graduate and current track athlete at UAlbany. Chelsea is a graduate and former soccer captain at Rocky Point HS (XI).

Assistant Director Todd Nelson
NFHS Coaching Awards Program
Congratulations Ron Woodruff on an outstanding job working with our staff and the NFHS to recognize coaches in our association.
The NFHS Coaches Award Program recognizes coaches at the State, Region and National level.
The NFHS has notified us that our association has three coaches who have been recognized as National Coach of the Year. Congratulations to Thomas Gladd (Golf) from Voorheesville HS (2), Craig Phillips (Baseball) from Fort Plain HS (2) and Ann Naughton (Field Hockey) from Smithtown East HS (XI).
NYSPHSAA staff will work with the Sections to recognize all the State Regional and National award winners.

Unified Sports
NYSPHSAA has 32 teams offering Unified Bowling this winter. Teams are competing in two 2-person teams (one athlete and one partner) and one 4-person team (two athletes and two partners). Each school has 4 regular season matches and a culminating tournament consisting of an 8-person team (four athletes and 4 partners).
**Participating Sections are 2, III and VI.**
**NYSPhSAA will also have over 130 schools offering Unified Basketball this Spring.**
**We have schools in 10 out of 11 Sections.**

**Safety Committee**
- The Safety Committee is addressing the NYSPhSAA Strategic Plan regarding Athletic Training services.
- A sub-committee will be making a presentation which will include the benefits of athletic training services, the obstacles that schools face in providing those services and options to provide athletic training services to the entire Safety Committee in the Spring.
- The Safety Committee will then make a recommendation to the Executive Committee for the May meeting.

**Modified Committee**
- The Modified Committee has directed all the Modified Sport Coordinators to work with the HS Sport Committees and review all the modified playing rules to investigate if the rules are too restrictive in the development of the student-athletes for the high school level and to report back to the Modified Committee at the Spring meeting.
- There are no action items or discussion items scheduled for the next meeting on April 10, 2018.

**Director of Communications Chris Watson**

**SnapChat at Fall Championships**
- We began using SnapChat filters at our Fall 2017 State Championships, with the exception of the football finals at the Carrier Dome. These filters were met with overwhelming success.
- We used them at a total of 24 events or venues at the 11 NYSPhSAA State Championships. The filters were used 7,393 times and viewed 550,544 times.

**Captains Club Views**
- We continue to highlight the great work in our Sections and schools with the monthly video release of the Captains Club.
- A video released in November about Julie Ford from Cooperstown in Section III, was one of our most viewed videos ever. It was viewed over 700 times.
- The most recent video on Section X’s Leadership Kickoff was viewed nearly 400 times since its release in December.
- If you have a story idea, please contact him or Kristen.

**School Photographers**
- With the Winter Championships approaching, he reminded schools are permitted one “official” school photographer at team championships. That person must be approved by the school prior to arriving at the championship venue. Approval can come from the AD, Principal or Superintendent.
- Whomever is designated the team photographer cannot sell or distribute for free the photos from the State Championships (i.e. web page, CD’s, etc.). This is a violation of the MaxPreps contract.

**Director of Special Programs Kristen Jadin**

**Scholar-Athlete (Fall)**
- There were 3,373 Scholar-Athlete teams and 46,480 Scholar-Athlete individuals in Fall 2017.
- There was a 14.65% (431 more teams) and 9.27% (3,945 individuals) increase compared to Fall 2016.
- The Winter Scholar-Athlete submission opened on Monday, February 5th.

**Spalding**
- Spalding has entered into a licensing agreement with BSN Sports for the sports of soccer, volleyball, baseball and football. A letter from Spalding was included in the meeting packet.

**Community Service Challenge**
- The online application is now open.
- The deadline for submissions is May 1st.
- Section selections must be determined by June 1st to be considered for the state award.

**Captains Club**
- With the improvement of the program, more student-athlete stories are being featured which has significantly increased viewership.
- NYSPhSAA continues to pursue suggestions for inspirational stories featuring current NYSPhSAA student-athletes. Please contact her if you know of someone who would like to share their story.

**Hazing Prevention**
- She encouraged more schools to take advantage of the program.
The program includes a facilitator’s guide, multimedia presentation, discussion topics, optional assessments and Certificate of Completion at a cost of $100 per school for up to 50 facilitators (PO or a credit card accepted).

Instructional registration videos are available on the NYSPHSAA website.

**Sportsmanship**
- The first ever NYSPHSAA Coaches Appreciation Day is on Wednesday, May 16th (Week #46).
- The Sportsmanship Promotion Survey opens on Monday, February 12. The deadline for submissions is Monday, April 16.

**Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC)**
- Grace Wisocki - Representative from Section 2 gave the report. (pages 38-39)
- The SAAC Summit took place November 25th – November 26th. Thirteen students attended.
- The Summit included team building exercises, leadership activities, presentation from the NYSPHSAA staff and a presentation from Syracuse University’s SAAC President, Pat Casale (Men’s Soccer) and Student-Athlete Engagement/Project Coordinator, Mark Trumbo.
- The SAAC application for 2018-2019 will open in March. A listing of open positions was provided.

**Director of Sales and Marketing Chris Joyce**

**Sponsorships**
- Since October, proposals of $10,000 or presenting level were submitted to CAP COM Federal Credit Union, Spyder and Cliff Keen.
- Preliminary discussions have begun with Lyft to become our Official Rideshare Partner. We are hoping this will assist with parking issues at some of our events located in downtown areas as well as provide a new source of revenue.
- The Coaches Care program launched and had over 100 schools register. The NYS Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee was very pleased with the response and created another prize. There will now be a first prize drawing for $3,000 and a second prize drawing for $1,000. Coaches will need to have conversations with their student-athletes and complete a brief survey twice during their season in order for the school to be eligible for the prize drawing.
- The CSEA Excelsior Award was presented to Jerry Ireland pf Panama Central School (Section VI) at the Girls Volleyball Championships.

**Ticketing**
- Online sales through GoFan continues to grow. They were up 4.17% over last fall despite overall attendance being down.
- We are starting to collect data on unredeemed online tickets to measure additional benefit. Over 400 tickets were unredeemed in Fall 2017.
- Tickets are now on sale for all winter championships. Wrestling tickets are only available online at TicketMaster.com due to exclusive rights with the Times Union Center.
- Four (4) Sections are presently utilizing it and three (3) more potentially to use it.

**Marketing**
- Google Network and Facebook ads for soccer and football resulted in over 147,000 image impressions and over 125,000 video plays.
- Two-week marketing campaigns will launch for wrestling, ice hockey and girls and boys basketball this winter.

**Director of Finance Lisa Hand**

**Audit - Heather Lewis of Marvin & Company**
- One (1) copy of the report was provided to each Section.
- Received a “Clean Report”.

**Balance Sheet**
- As of 12/31/17, the Cash Balance is $670,957.
- Other receivables of $683,152 include $520,000 due from Spalding for the ball adoption.
- Impact tests inventory is approximately $68,000.
- Our current ratio which measures our liquidity is 48:1.
- As of 12/31/17 we have excess revenue over expenses of $1,532,704.

**Income Statement**

**Revenues**
- Investments continue to do well. They have earned $105,000 for the four (4) months ended 12/31/17 and have increased their market value by $39,000.
• Fall Championships netted a $192,065 profit, a decrease of approximately $52,000 from last fall. This was due to lower attendance.

Expenditures
• Expenses are in line with the budget for the first four (4) months of our fiscal year.
• Overall the financial health of the association is good.

Legal Counsel Renee James
• On February 1st we held a legal seminar for the Executive Directors.
• Section 4 - Federal Court Case update.
  o Involves a Federal Disabilities Act Section 504
  o Initially sued the Section and NYSPHSAA. After a conversation with the Judge they included SED.
  o They were seeking a preliminary injunction to waive the duration of competition rule.
  o We googled the student and found that he was “athlete of the week”. He is 6’7” and 195 lbs. He would most likely have an impact on the game.
  o The injunction was denied by the Judge. However, the family is going forward with the lawsuit.

SECTION CONCERNS

Section I raised a concern regarding the timing of the clarification of the Cheerleading Rubric. There is a process that should be followed.
• The judges raised a concern regarding body positioning and flexibility in terms of stunting. Teams that did the indicator received points and will continue to. Teams that weren’t showing that indicator were losing points and should not have been penalized.
• That vote was taken without input from the Sections.

Section III voiced a concern with the consistency of regional dates.
John Rathbun, Executive Director of Section III presented a proposal to consider a language change to the Representation Rule. He stated due to the lack of participation, expense or qualified coaches, many school districts only offer the opportunity for students to participate on one team for the sports of bowling, golf, rifle and skiing. When and if the Section offers separate Sectional competition during the same sport season, a female whose only other option was to compete during the regular season on the school’s boys team, if she met all eligibility standards, would be qualified to participate in the Sectional competition organized for females.

Proposed language change to the Representation Rule: “NOTE: Teams organized for one sex may only practice and compete against teams of that same sex. Furthermore, once an individual competes on a team for one sex during a regular season, he/she may not compete for or against a team organized for the other sex during that regular season. (Representation #26)

NOTE: for the sports of bowling, golf, rifle and skiing, when a school district doesn’t have a team designated for each singular sex, the Section Executive Director may grant a waiver of the Representation Standard for Sectional Competition when a student has met the qualification for participation in the current school year’s NYSPHSAA Championship event. The waiver request must be submitted to the Executive Director before the start of Sectional competition. The athlete must meet all eligibility standards to receive the waiver.”
• This will go to the Handbook Committee and will be a Discussion Item at the May meeting.

Concern with the changing of Regional times in several sports.
• Joe advised that the host Section has the authority to set the dates and times of the Regional contest. Those dates and times should be reported to our office. Some Sections take longer as they are dealing with college facilities and other issues. Joe will make this an agenda item for the sport coordinators meeting and then each sport committee meeting.

Section VIII voiced a concern with the current honor Wrestling Weigh In system. After discussing the system with their sectional coaches and members of the NYS Wrestling Committee, they strongly feel the state needs to look at doing away with the system used for morning weigh-ins. The honor weigh in system was implemented prior to the current weight certification system. Wrestlers were dropping weight excessively and there was a concern they were not concentrating on academics during the day. Now that there is a safer and more consistent certification process, students do not excessively
drop weight and the need for the pound allowance is less needed. Also, with the increase in the number of special need students that attend outside programs, it is impossible to weigh them in during the morning and creates an unfair situation as they must make scratch weight prior to the match. The reality is that many coaches do not follow the morning weigh in rules properly and this creates an uneven playing field. They feel the healthiest and fairest way would be to follow the NCAA’s use of a mat side weigh-in one hour prior to competition. This would ensure students who are dropping excessive weight will be less willing to do so as the recovery time is less and impacts performance.

- This will be forwarded to the Safety Committee.

They also voiced a concern with the Combining of Teams Graduated Scale and its impact on small schools. They stated the purpose was to give struggling programs with low numbers the opportunity to compete on a fair and competitive level. The change in the scale will defeat that purpose.

- Would like as a discussion item for May. Section VIII will prepare a proposed appeal process for discussion.

Section IX presented a proposal to allow Sections to play 8-Man Football with an alternate field dimension from NFHS Rules with Section/League approval. Sections that are starting 8-man football teams need the flexibility to alter the playing field dimensions so as not to incur additional expenses while getting their programs up and running. Schools moving to 8-man football already have permanent structures such as goal posts set in the ground and/or field markings. Giving Sections the ability to set their own dimensions would alleviate any issues with their current fields. This conforms to NFHS rules which allow alternate field dimensions in 8-man football with state association approval.

- This is going to the NYSPHSAA Football Committee for review and recommendation on March 27th.
- A recommendation will be presented at the May NYSPHSAA meeting.

REPORTS FROM EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

Pupil Benefits - Thomas McGuire
No Report

State Education Department - Darryl Daily

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- New York State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (NYSAHPERD) Conference (November 14-17, 2018) in Verona, New York- See website: http://www.nysahperd.org/content/professional-development/nys-ahperd-conference.cfm

- New York State Council of Administrators Conference (November 14-17, 2018) in Verona, New York-See website: https://www.nysahperd.org/content/professional-development/Council-of-Administrators-Annual-Conference.cfm


- New York State Athletic Administrators Association (NYSSAAA) Leadership Training Program and Certification Program- See website: http://nysaaa.org/contact-us


- NYSSAAA now approved for CTLE credit.

ESSA QUICK FACTS (From SHAPE – 2016)

- School health and physical education are identified as part of a student’s “well-rounded” education. Other subjects noted in the definition of well-rounded education include science, art, civics, history and geography, among others.

- The term “well-rounded education” replaces the term “core subjects” used in previous authorizations of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

- Subjects included in a well-rounded education are allowed the use of funds by states and school districts for Title I (low income schools) and Title II (professional development for teachers and principals).
School health, physical education and physical activity programs will have access to significant funding under Title IV of ESSA. Block grants will be distributed to states under the Safe and Healthy Students program.

Funding previously allocated to school districts through the Carol M. White Physical Education Program (PEP) from the U. S. Department of Education will no longer exist. The funding available in the block grants through Title IV will replace the PEP grant funding.

School districts will be able to access funding from Title I, Title II and Title IV through their state department of education. The process for accessing these funds is still being developed by Congress and the U. S. Department of Education.

Communication will follow as the U. S. Department of Education put in place the regulations and process for implementation of the funding for ESSA. This process will take place over the next six months to a year.

NYSED, headed by Assistant Commissioner Ira Schwartz, created a think tank with numerous stakeholders, including the NYSAHPERD. NYSED had initially set a goal to submit its ESSA State Plan by March 6, 2017. NYSED submitted their ESSA application on September 18, 2017.


New York Education Department Winter Regional Meetings public feedback were conducted between 3/9/17-3/18/17.

See:

Final Draft approved in January 2018- See (Pages 186-188) See below:

QUALITY PHYSICAL EDUCATION PLAN REMINDER
- Is your district plan current? Is your plan frequently updated to ensure high-quality programs are being offered? Is your plan aligned with the current regulations and/or National and NYS Standards? Recommend updating minimum of 7 years. With ESSA coming into effect this would be valuable to districts to justify funding. In addition, it would be useful when applying for grants.
- If you need technical assistance or have specific questions, contact Darryl Daily at darryl.daily@nysed.gov.
- According to Commissioner’s Regulation 135.4 -Physical Education Plans must be filed both at the local level and at the Department. Plans can be sent as a hard copy or as an e-mailed attachment to the Department. E-mail format is preferred.

Amendment of Section 100.5 and Addition of Section 100.20 to the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education to Implement the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children and Provisions Relating to Transfer Credits and Diploma Requirements for Physical Education. (BOR approved November 2017)


ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY amendments (BOR approved at June 2017 meeting)
- 13 K-8 School Districts and APP
- Duration of Competition

GUIDELINES FOR SPORT STANDARDS (Amended and posted January 2017)
- Competitive Cheerleading was added to the list–January 2017
- Note: 2 separate seasons (fall and winter) for competitive cheerleading. 15 weeks for fall competitive cheerleading season. 22 weeks for winter competitive cheerleading season.

COACHING COURSES
- NFHS (NYS Specific) Coaching course pathway (NYSED, NYSPHSAA and NYSAAA collaborated) was approved and added by NYSED as an alternative pathway on July 1, 2015. Not a replacement but another alternative for coaches to complete the required course work.
- Note: If already in previous NYSED Coaching Course track it is suggested that coaches stay with it.
• See NFHS process below:


• Note: As of January 2017, name of course for the NFHS Pathway, Creating a Safe and Respectful Environment was changed to Bullying, Hazing and Inappropriate Behaviors.
• Contact Associate in Physical Education, Darryl Daily if a new Coaching Course provider template is needed. Note: SED New templates include space for birth date and last 4 digits of Social Security number.
• Please send in yearly evaluations to Darryl Daily at NYSED (Send to darryl.daily@nysed.gov).
• If interested in becoming a provider for traditional and/or online NYSED Coaching Courses please contact NYSED at (518) 474-5922.

IMPORTANT REMINDER TO ALL PHYSICAL EDUCATION DIRECTORS/ATHLETIC DIRECTORS
• Make sure all of your coaches are certified and/or are in the process of completing their certification. Re-check to make sure they have all their requirements completed and license in hand in order to coach.

BEGINNING DISCUSSIONS OF STANDARDS REVIEW PROCESS FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION (Winter 2018)
• Early discussions, problem solve, stakeholders determination (NYSAHPHERD, etc., timeline, Crosswalk work for National and NYS Standards etc.)

NYSED DOCUMENTS CURRENTLY UNDER REVIEW FOR UPDATES
• Guidelines for Concussion Management in the School Setting (being updated)
• Guidelines for the Coaching Requirements (being updated)

IMPORTANT HEALTH EDUCATION RELATED ITEMS
• MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION LEGISLATION
  • Mental Health Education Legislation Chapter 390 of the Laws of 2016 amending Section 804 of Article 17 and states as of July 2018 all schools under the jurisdiction of the department will ensure their health education programs recognize the multiple dimensions of health by including mental health and the relation of physical and mental health so as to enhance student understanding, attitudes and behaviors that promote health, well-being and human dignity – http://public.leginfo.state.ny.us/lawssrch.cgi?NVLWO
  • SED & Mental Health Association of NYS are collaborating as a stakeholder task force to develop guidance resources to implement the new mental health law by 7/18.

• 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.
  • For updated Health Education Standards Supplemental Guidance Document

• DEVELOPMENT OF RESOURCES TO EDUCATE ON NEED TO ENCOURAGE ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION
  • Legislation (Summer 2016)-SED began working collaboratively with multiple organizations that promote organ and tissue donation to provide a toolkit that contains model exemplar lesson plans and best practice instructional resources on the importance and value of organ and tissue donation. Information will be shared as it becomes available. See: http://alliancefordonation.org/coming-soon-new-york-state-high-school-curriculum-organ-eye-and-tissue-donation
  • Please note-APRIL is National “DONATE LIFE” month.
DEVELOPMENT OF RESOURCES FOR SEPSIS

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

GAMBLING RESOURCES

- In recognition of Problem Gambling Awareness Month (April), the Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services released a tool kit in collaboration with the New York State Education Department (NYSED) to help identify early problem gambling habits in teens.
- According to OASIS, “The new comprehensive Toolkit can be used by school administrators, educators, pupil personnel services, parent-teacher associations, parents, and community groups to teach students and parents about preventing underage gambling.”
- See: https://www.oasas.ny.gov/gambling/SchoolDistrictResources.cfm

COMMISSIONER’S REGULATIONS TO REQUIRE INSTRUCTION IN CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION (“Hands Only” CPR) AND INSTRUCTION IN THE USE OF AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS

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

TIC AND LYME DISEASE LEGISLATION (Summer 2016)

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

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

Compensation Committee - Mike Carboine

- The Standing Committee is charged with reviewing and approving reasonableness of the salary of the Executive Director.
- The committee met on Friday, January 26th and again this morning.
- Reviewed salaries and benefits for Executive Directors in CT, PA, MA and CA.
- A copy of the report included in the packet.

A motion to approve the report that the compensation received by Robert Zayas is reasonable and comparable carried Staves/Ferry

Budget and Audit Committee. Paul Harrica, 1st Vice President

- Met February 1st.
- Reviewed the Audit Report.
- Inter-operations (Rental Property) - hoping to entice a new tenant.
- Membership Dues - which are frozen for next year
- Ticket Prices - Standard fee across the board of $10 at the door; $8 online.
  - Action Item for the May meeting.
- Transportation - $1.35 per mile for 2018-2019
- Reviewed the first draft of the budget.
- Next meeting on March 26th to finalize the budget and will be presented at the May meeting.
- Looked at manpower.

Championship Advisory Committee. Greg Ransom, Chair

- The committee met on Friday, December 15, 2017 via conference call.

Discussion Item

- The following item was introduced for discussion at the December CAC meeting and will be presented for action at the April CAC meeting then at the May Executive Committee meeting:
  - Girls Volleyball Regional Rotation – Peggy Seese, Girls Volleyball Assistant State Coordinator explained the proposal and rationale.

Action Items

- The committee supported the following proposals to be presented for action at the February 2018 Executive Committee meeting:
Girls Golf Revised Rule to Remove Markers – Jamie Harter, Girls Golf State Coordinator, explained the Girls Golf Committee’s proposal to revise Rule 11.08.02 to remove markers being able to point out rulings during State Tournament competition.

Baseball Adjust Regional Rotation - Al Roy, Baseball State Coordinator explained the proposal to adjust the regional rotations in Class D if Sections 1, 8 and 11 do not have a school qualify for Regional play. Sections 2 and 9 would then play each other and Sections 7 and 10 would play each other.

For Review/Input, Championship Site Selections
- The CAC expressed no concerns in choosing the following Championship Site selections:
  - B/G Alpine/Nordic Skiing – Gore/North Creek (2) for 2019, Bristol/Hollister (5) for 2020, Whiteface/Mt. Van Hoevenburg (7) for 2021.
  - Ice Hockey – HarborCenter (6) for 2019-2021.
  - Wrestling Individual Tournament – Times union Center (2) for 2019-2021.

Next Meeting
- The next meeting of the CAC is scheduled for Wednesday, April 4, 2018 at 11:00 AM in the NYSPHSAA Office.

Handbook Coordinator. Patrick Pizzarelli, Coordinator
- The Committee met on September 25, 2017 at 1:00 PM via teleconference.
- Future Meetings: Wednesday, April 4, 2018 at 9:00 AM; Wednesday, June 20, 2018 at 9:00 AM.

Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. Grace Wysocki, NYSPHSAA SAAC Member (Section 2)
- The Committee met on Sunday, December 10, 2017 via teleconference.

Status Updates
SAAC Summit
- The first ever SAAC Summit took place on November 25-26 at the Football Championships at the Carrier Dome. The summit included a variety of leadership activities and the history of the NYSPHSAA. They also heard from Pat Castle, President of Syracuse University’s SAAC and a Syracuse men’s soccer player, and Mark Trumbo, Syracuse Student-Athlete Engagement Coordinator. The SAAC was then presented at halftime during the Class B Football Championship Game at the Carrier Dome.
- Another summit will be planned for next year during the same weekend. Juniors are encouraged to save the date and are expected to help plan the event.

Items Discussion/Action Taken
- Starting a SAAC at the Section level. During the SAAC Summit, students showed interest in starting a SAAC in their Section. Kristen will share the master directories of Schools/Athletic Directors, Executive Directors, Student-Athlete Development Committee (SADC) and SAAC. She will also create a “How to Create a SAAC” document and share within the SAAC.
- Kristen asked if anyone was interested in presenting the SAAC Meeting Report and SAAC Summit Report at the February 2nd Executive Committee meeting to email her.
- Mental Health was a topic of discussion during the SAAC Summit. Kristen asked the SAAC to brainstorm ways we can reach out to student-athletes regarding the issue (i.e. a PSA, online program, etc.) for the next meeting.
- SportsYou will be used as a communication tool for the duration of the year
- NFHS NSLS Attendance – 17 students are more than 90% interested in attending.

Future Items
- Mental Health Initiative Ideas
- Progress on Section SAAC
- SAAC takeover of NYSPHSAA Social Media Accounts
- Community Service Challenge proposal
- Captains Club
- NFHS NSLS

Future Meetings
- Sunday, February 25, 2018 at 4:00 PM; Sunday, June 10, 2018 at 4:00 PM

Safety Committee. Todd Nelson, Assistant Director
- No Report
**Modified Committee.** James Rose, Modified Co-Coordinator

**Action Items**

A motion to approve to revise the required minimum time between contests for all softball players, including pitchers, shall be reduced from two (2) nights to one (1) night carried. Mullins/Slade

The Modified Sports Standards Chart for Interscholastic Competition will be edited for the softball pitcher.

**Future Meeting Dates**

- Spring: Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at 9:30 AM in the NYSPHSAA Office

**Officials Coordinating Federation.** Todd Nelson, Assistant Director

- No Report

**Sportsmanship Committee.** Kristen Jadin, Director of Special Programs

**Future Items**

- Sportsmanship Program Proposal
- Thursday, April 12, 2018 at 1:00 PM.

**GENERAL ACTION ITEMS**

**Proposed Change to the 5 Classification Cut-off Numbers**

- Carl Normandin, Section 10 Executive Director, presented a proposal for the sports of B/G Soccer, B/G Basketball & Baseball/Softball to use/implement the “variation sport method” for determining the 5-Class Sport Tournament Cut-off numbers.
- There still seems to be a discrepancy in the percentage of schools competing in certain classes. This will provide a more equitable distribution of schools among the 5 classes and will specifically address the competition range/spread for schools at the Class AA & Class D level of NYSPHSAA. He noted 2 Sections do not have any AA schools and 2-3 Sections do not have any Class D schools in B/G Soccer, B/G Basketball and Baseball/Softball.

A motion to approve for the sports of B/G Soccer, B/G Basketball and Baseball/Softball to use/implement the “variation sport method” for determining the 5 Class Sport Tournament Cut-Off numbers carried. (12-10) Mullins/Ryan-Curry

- Below is the Classification Breakdown Comparison of the 5-Class sports (B/G Soccer, B/G Basketball, Baseball/Softball):

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**SECTION 10 PROPOSED #’S**

(to be voted on at February Executive Committee Meeting)

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2018-2019 School Enrollment Numbers
Changes to the list:

- Section V -
  - Northstar Christian Academy - should be 104
- Section VIII
  - Oceanside Central - should be 1287
  - Massapequa - should be 1096
  - Great Neck South - should be 913
  - Great Neck North - should be 828
  - Valley Stream Central - should be 923
  - Locust Valley - should be 502
- There are seven (7) non-public schools that have not yet submitted their numbers. If the enrollment numbers that we presently have are approved, we will ask the officers to approve the seven (7) non-public schools numbers when they are received.

A motion to approve the school enrollment numbers for the 2018-2019 school year using grades 9, 10 and 11 carried.  
Carboine/Murphy

League Placement – Section III

- Robert Zayas, Executive Director, presented a proposal to approved league placement for Utica Academy of Sciences (III) as permitted within the NYSPhSAA Constitution-Article VI.1. Section III’s Athletic Council was not able to place Utica Academy Science into a league for the 2018-2019 school year. Utica Academy of Science has been playing independent since they were accepted as members of Section III. The NYSPhSAA Constitution (Article VI.1) states: “If the section athletic council is unable to provide for league affiliation, they shall refer the problem to the NYSPhSAA, Inc. Executive Committee within 30 days for actions.” Copies of documentation and correspondence from Section III and Section III Leagues was included in the meeting packet.

Motion: According to Art. VI, Section 1 of the NYSPhSAA Constitution, the Executive Committee has reviewed the information submitted by Section III and, based on the enrollment, location and level of competition place the Utica Academy of Science in the Center State Conference for a two (2) year period. At the end of the two (2) years, the placement determination will be remanded to Section III for continuation of the placement or a new Conference placement. Carried (20-0-2).  
Nelson/Peterson

Wrestling State Championship Site

A motion to approve the Albany Times Union Center (2) as the site of the 2019-2021 NYSPhSAA Wrestling State Championships carried.  
Mullins/Santandera

Ice Hockey Championship Site

A motion to approve the Harbor Center, Buffalo, (VI) as the site of the 2019-2021 NYSPhSAA Ice Hockey State Championships carried.  
Nelson/Ferry

Skiing State Championship Sites

A motion to approve Gore Mountain (2) as the site of the 2019 Skiing State Championship, Bristol Mountain (V) as the site of the 2020 Skiing State Championship and White Face Mountain and Mt. Van Hoevenberg (VII) as the site of the 2021 NYSPhSAA Skiing State Championship carried.  
Ryan-Curry/Murphy

Bowling State Championship Site

A motion to approve AMF Strike-N-Spare Lanes, Syracuse (III) as the site of the 2019 and 2020 NYSPhSAA Bowling State Championships carried.  
Nelson/Carboine

Cheerleading Championship Site

A motion to approve Rochester Institute of Technology-Gordon Field House (V) as the site of the 2019-2021 NYSPhSAA Cheerleading State Championships carried (20-2).  
Simmons/Henshaw
**Girls Golf Championship Site**

A motion to approve Deerfield Country Club, Rochester (V) as the site of the 2019-2021 NYSPHSAA Girls Golf State Championships carried. **Staves/Schmandt**

**Baseball-Adjust Regional Rotation When Byes Create a Direct Berth to State Final Four**

- Al Roy, Baseball State Coordinator presented the Baseball Committee’s proposal to adjust the regional rotations in the Southeast Region in Class D. This Region consists of Sections 1, 8, 9 and 11. Sections 1 and 8 do not have Class D schools. Sections 9 and 11 play each other. If Section 11 doesn’t have a team participating in Regionals, the rotation would not be fair. The change would be to adjust the alignments and have Sections 2 and 9 play each other and Sections 7 and 10 play each other. The State Baseball Committee would establish a date that Sections would need to inform the State Coordinator of their intent to participate in the Regionals and State Tournament. The date would be determined at the winter Baseball Committee meeting. With approval of this proposal, the regional schedule would be adjusted to prevent a team from advancing directly to the Final Four without playing a Regional game.

- If in May Section 11 doesn’t participate, Sections 2 and 9 would play, 7 and 10, 3 and 4, and 5 and 6 would play.

A motion to approve to adjust the regional rotations in Baseball in the Southeast Region in Class D (Sections 1, 8, 9 and 11) if Section 11 does not participate in Regional/State Tournament. The change would be to adjust the alignments and have Sections 2 and 9 play and Sections 7 and 10 play each other. This is a one-year proposal after which the rotation policy would be reviewed. **Carried.** **Mullins/Staves**

**Discussion:**

- If prior to Regional play it is determined that Section 11 doesn’t have a team participating, the proposed rotation would be used.
- Concern that we should have consistency for all sports.
- Joe explained that this is a one-year proposal.

**Baseball – Add Game-Ending Procedure Run Rule**

- Al Roy, Baseball State Coordinator, presented the Baseball Committee’s proposal of a game ending procedure Run Rule. The Run Rule would state that the game will end with a run differential of 10 runs after 5 innings or 4 ½ if the home team is winning. This would be a two-year pilot program at the high school level.
- Data would be collected over the two (2) years.
- If approved at the NYSPHSAA level, it would be used for Regionals and the NYSPHSAA Championships. Each Section will have the option to approve it for their Sectionals. Leagues would then have the option to use for the regular season.

A motion to approve with Section and League approval, a game ending procedure Run Rule in Baseball as a two-year pilot program at the high school level **carried.** (16-6) **Ryan/Fallacaro**

**Waiver of Representation Rule**

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

- Indoor Track & Field from 6 to 4 in Sections 1, 5 and 6
- Indoor Track & Field from 6 to 3 in Section 3, 4, 9 and 10
- Skiing from 6 to 4 in Section 6
- Skiing from 6 to 3 in Section 1, 4 and 9
- Gymnastics from 6 to 3 in Section 9

**Friends and Neighbor**

A motion to approve the following applications for NYSPHSAA Friend and Neighbor status **carried.** (Expire August 2019) **Ferry/Carboine**

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DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

SED Age and Duration of Competition – Unified Sports

- Todd Nelson, Assistant Director, presented a proposal to have NYSPHSAA staff meet with SED to consider allowing a waiver of the Age and Duration of Competition Rule based on the recommended process below.
- With the expansion, popularity and benefits of Unified Sports, many of our schools have raised a concern that a small group of students participating in the Unified Sports program are no longer eligible to participate due to the SED Age and Duration of Competition Rule. The Unified Sports Committee formed a sub-committee to create a proposal to grant a waiver of the Age and Duration of Competition Rule. The following parameters were recommended:
  - Identification of the student with disability that would qualify for the waiver.
  - The data that would be collected for the Review Panel. APP fitness test would be given, and the scores would be compared to the fitness levels in the Mixed Competition regulations.
  - Review Panel: School Medical Director, Athletic Director, Special Education Director, Physical Education Teacher and a Unified Sport Coach.
  - Approval by the Review Panel.

- Discuss in Sections.
- Action Item for May meeting.

Use of NCAA Basketball Rules for Girls Basketball compared to NFHS Basketball Rules

- At the October 2017 Executive Committee meeting, NYSPHSAA President Jim Osborne asked the Girls Basketball Committee to review and compare/contrast the NCAA Rules and NFHS Rules and come to the February Executive Committee with a recommendation or a rationale for staying with NCAA rules. He also directed the Section Executive Directors to discuss in their Sections.
- Tim Lincoln read a statement from the Girls Basketball Committee, pointing out differences between the NCAA and NFHS rules.
- A listing of the 2017-2018 major Basketball differences between NCAA Rules and NFHS Rules was included in the meeting packet.
- Discussion:
  - Can’t we request waivers of certain rules of the NFHS rules?
  - NFHS is for high school and NCAA is for college.
  - We should be using rules that are good for high school athletes.
  - All sports not using NFHS rules need to be looked at.
  - NCAA is going to a more technology game that our gyms can’t keep up with.
  - At what point does it become the use of neither but a blend of both?
  - We need a philosophy regarding the rules we are going to use as an association.
  - If it isn’t broke, don’t try to fix it.
  - Is our job to prepare our athletes for college? We are a high school association.
  - What rules do the AAU program use? NCAA
  - Most AAU coaches are also high school coaches. Maybe that skews their view on which rules to use.
  - Out of 547 coaches that responded to the poll, only 26 want to change to NFHS. That has to count for something. Our personal opinions need to be put aside.
  - This is not just girls basketball.
  - There is zero undermining financial benefit to the Association if we go to NFHS rules. In fact, the NFHS rule book is free on line and the NCAA is not.
  - Should principals and superintendents be involved in this discussion?

Motion to include this as a discussion item for the May meeting with a voting item at the summer meeting to go from NCAA rules to NFHS rules. (No vote entertained) Nelson/Staves
- Discussion:
  - If in May the body wishes to amend the motion, it could be done at that time.
  - Maybe we need to make the use of NFHS rules for all sports.
  - Concern that if we vote in July we will have 22 people at the table that have not been part of the discussion.
  - President Osborne stated that we don’t need a motion to put this on the agenda for the May meeting.
  - NFHS doesn’t write rules for all our sports.
Proposed Discussion Item for May Meeting

- Consideration of using NFHS rules for all sports that do not presently abide by NFHS rules for which NFHS provides a rulebook.
- Information needs to be provided to the Sections for discussion purposes.
- NYSPHSAA will send comparisons of the two (2) set of rules for all sports that does not abide by NFHS in sports that NFHS provides a rulebook. Also, the waivers that each sport would be requesting. Robert will work with the sport committees and send to all Executive Directors.

Girls Golf – Allow Sections/Leagues to Determine Method of Maximum Per Hole Scoring

- Jamie Harter, Girls Golf State Coordinator, presented the Girls Golf Committee’s proposal to allow Sections/Leagues to determine their method of maximum per hole scoring during competitions.
- Historically, each Section and League determines the best method of scoring. Some leagues play maximum of double par, some play maximum of 10 strokes per hole. This facilitates faster play and doesn’t discourage young players from shooting high scores.

Motion to allow with Section/League approval for the ability of modified scoring in the regular season for girls’ golf carried. 

Girls Golf – Revise Rule 11.08.02 to Remove Markers Being Able to Point Out Rulings

- Jamie Harter, Girls Golf State Coordinator, presented the Girls Golf Committee’s proposal to revise Rule 11.08.02 to remove markers being able to point out rulings during State Tournament competition.
- The revision of this rule became necessary after the Girls Golf Committee reviewed its rules. The committee realized the current rule is incorrect and needs to be removed from the NYSPHSAA Handbook. Rulings were inconsistently administered and incorrect at times. Markers will only tally strokes, players will be official score and seek ruling from officials.

Motion to revise NYSPHSAA Golf Rule 11.08.02 (Championship Golf) to remove markers being able to point out rulings carried.

Girls Volleyball – Approve Regional Rotation for 2018

- Peggy Seese, Girls Volleyball State Asst. Coordinator, presented the Girls Volleyball Committee’s proposal to approve the Regional rotation for 2018.
- Their current rotation ended in 2017. They follow a six-year rotation. The committee would like to only go with 2018 at this point to see how the new classification numbers will affect the Class D teams. This year in the Section 1, 9, 11 bracket, Section 9 received an automatic bid into the state tournament. They are trying to avoid automatic bid for any Section. If the new classification numbers alleviate this issue, they will go ahead and recommend this rotation for the next two years (2018 & 2019). If it does not, they would propose a different rotation beginning in 2019.
- Action Item at the May meeting.

Community Service Challenge Revisions

- Kristen Jadin, Director of Special Programs presented a proposal for the following revisions to the NYSPHSAA Community Service Challenge:
  - Utilize the TeamUp4Community Platform for submissions which provides ability to add video and pictures; data on the impact student-athletes and athletics are having on communities; ability for schools to share information; a platform producing an analytical document on community service.
  - Allow student-athletes, coaches and athletic directors to apply.
  - Add an option for specific teams to be recognized. Entire athletic departments will still be able to apply as well.
  - Sections will no longer need to determine a Section winner. The NYSPHSAA SAAC will determine the winner using a rubric.
  - A winner will be chosen each season (i.e. Fall, Winter, Spring). Teams do not necessarily need to be in their championship season to apply.
  - As a part of the Strategic Plan, the Director of Special Programs was charged with evaluating all programs being offered by NYSPHSAA.
  - When asked to evaluate the current Community Service Challenge program, the NYSPHSAA SAAC expressed concerns. The current program is geared toward only administration applying for the award. The SAAC requested
student-athletes be able to apply for their individual teams. These ideas were supported by SAAC and the SADC. The SAAC also anticipated an increase in ownership of service when specific teams can apply. Their goal is for more applications/participation.

- Notification to the Athletic Director will be added to the process.
- Action Item at the May meeting.

**NYSFHSAA Baseball Tournament Regional Tiebreaker System**

- Robert Zayas, Executive Director presented the proposal to add the NYSFHSAA Baseball Tournament regional tiebreaker system to the NYSFHSAA Handbook. The system has been in place since 2003.
- **Motion to approve** the NYSFHSAA Baseball Tournament regional tiebreaker system. (no vote) Peterson/Murphy
- **Motion to take back to the Sections to vote in May carried** Greene/Mullins

**Tennis Handbook**

- The proposal was withdrawn. The Tennis Committee will revise the proposal and submit in May.

**Cheerleading - John Rathbun and Todd Nelson**

- John and Todd visited a “Game Day” presentation in Texas.
- Jenn Simmons and Carl Normandin are going to observe one next weekend.
- This is drastically different to what we are presently doing.
- We need to constantly analyze what we are doing to avoid doing a disservice to our student athletes that are participating. We should always be looking at ways to improve.
- You are limited on the number of stunts and tumbling you can do. The back handspring you saw is the highest stunt you are allowed to do.
- It is broken down into three (3) different levels: Cheer, a Band Routine and a Fight Song.

**COMBINING OF SCHOOLS**

The following combining school teams have been approved by the respective leagues and sections for the 2017-2018 school year and are presented for your information. (Eligibility Standard #6)

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Pulaski & Altmar-Parish-Williamstown Wrestling (V, Mod.)
Holland Patent & Sauquoit Valley Wrestling (V, JV)
New Hartford & Sauquoit Valley Wrestling (Mod.)
Onondaga, Tully & LaFayette Wrestling (V, Mod.)
Cooperstown & Milford Wrestling (V, Mod.)
Jamesville-DeWitt & Fayetteville-Manlius Gymnastics (V)
Fayetteville-Manlius & Cazenovia Swim/Dive (V)
Watertown & Immaculate Heart Central Swim/Dive (V, Mod.)
Sherburne-Earlville & Hamilton Swim/Dive (V)
Pulaski & Sandy Creek Swim/Dive (V)
Cooperstown & Cherry Valley-Springfield Swim/Dive (V)
Auburn & Skaneateles Swim/Dive (V)
Oswego, Central Square & Hannibal G. Ice Hockey (V)
Christian Brothers Academy & Jamesville-DeWitt Ice Hockey (V)
Pulaski, Mexico, Altmar-Parish-Williamstown, Sandy Creek, South Jefferson & Sackets Harbor Ice Hockey (V)
Cortland & Homer Ice Hockey (V)
Fayetteville-Manlius & East Syracuse-Minoa Ice Hockey (V)
Proctor, VVS, Camden, Westmoreland, LF, Oneida, F-S, ND, HP, Oriskany & NYM Ice Hockey (V)
Corcoran, Westhill, All Syracuse City, J-E, LaFayette, F-P, Tully, Onondaga, Solvay & Marcellus Ice Hockey (V)
Immaculate Heart, Indian River, Watertown & General Brown Ice Hockey (V)
Cazenovia, Morrisville-Eaton, Mount Markham, Hamilton & Chittenango Ice Hockey (V)
Solvay & Lyncourt Indoor T/F (Mod.)
Onondaga & LaFayette Indoor T/F (V)
Syracuse City School District, Fowler & IT G. Basketball (V, JV)
Dolgeville & Carthage Alpine Ski (V)
Cato-Meridian & Red Creek G. Volleyball (JV)
Owen D. Young & Richfield Springs G. Volleyball (V, JV)
Auburn & St. Joseph’s All Winter Sports (Mod.)

4 Binghamton & Seton Catholic G. Soccer (V)
B/G Swimming (V, Mod.)
Wrestling (V, Mod.)
B. Tennis (V)
B/G Indoor Track (V)
Candor & Spencer Van-Etten B/G Bowling (V)
Wrestling (V, Mod.)
Elmira & Elmira-Notre Dame B. Swimming (V)
Ithaca City School & EAC Montessori School B/G Basketball (Mod.)
Wrestling (Mod.)
South Kortright & Andes B/G Basketball (V, JV, Mod.)
Baseball (V, Mod.)
Softball (V, Mod.)
Unatego & Unadilla Valley Wrestling (V)
Walton & Delaware Academy

6 Lake Shore & Silver Creek B. Lacrosse (V, JV, Mod.)

7 Saranac, Peru, Northern Adirondack, Moriah B. Ice Hockey (V)
AuSable Valley & Peru B. Swim (V)
Plattsburgh & Seton Catholic B. Swim (V)
B. Ice Hockey (V)
**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.** Scott Sugar, CAA, President and Dr. Jim Wright, CMAA, Associate Ex. Director Conference

- The annual conference is March 12-16, 2018 at the Saratoga Hilton in Saratoga Springs.
- Links to the online registration system for all members, conference attendees, LTI courses and exhibitors can be found on their website. This will be the only way available to register.
- On Tuesday, March 13th, four LTI Courses will be offered in the afternoon. The first General Session will begin at 5:00 PM followed by the two-hour Exhibit Hall Festival beginning at 6:30 PM. LTI Courses will also be offered on Wednesday and Thursday during the regular conference along with 16 breakout workshops.
- Presentation of 11 Chapter awards and three special awards will take place at the Roy O’Neill Awards Banquet on Wednesday evening.
- The Dave Martens Awards Luncheon will feature the annual Alan Mallanda Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony as well as their annual Apple Appreciation Awards. Hall of Fame inductees have been announced and are posted on their website. Nominations are now being accepted for the 2019 class. Information and forms are available on their website. Postmark deadline is January 31.
- The Sparky Rector Drop In Center will continue in the exhibit hall for two days. The virtual Sparky Rector Drop In Center is available on their website and is active now. They are seeking items to share in digital format. Anything of interest to share with other AD’s should be emailed to Greg Warren, CMAA, at New Paltz CSD in Chapter 9 who is their new Educational Initiatives Chair.

**NIAAA/NFHS**

- The NIAAA/NFHS Annual Athletic Directors Conference was held December 8-12, 2017, in Phoenix, AZ. Future sites include San Antonio, TX, National Harbor, MD and Tampa, FL.
- Section I of the NIAAA continues to host a Summer Institute for Athletic Administrators and their families at the Ocean Edge Resort in Brewster, MA. Athletic Administrators attending from New York and other New England
states can choose from over 15 LTI Courses offered with national faculty as well as the CAA prep course and exam.
Institute directors from New York are Peter Shambo, CMAA and Steve Young, CAA. Information and registration materials for next year’s institute will be available on their website soon.

- Glens Falls and the Queensbury Hotel have been approved by the National Executive Directors Association (of State AD associations) to host the 2018 summer summit of the association on July 22-25.

Certification for Athletic Administrators in New York State

- A PowerPoint presentation was given on the NYSAAA proposal to require a basic minimum certification for Athletic Administrators in New York State.
- The NYSAAA has met with State Education Department officials to begin the process of having State Education Department approval for the regulation change.
- Letters of endorsement for the proposal from Dr. Lee Green, Professor Emeritus at Baker University who taught Sports Law, Robert Gardner, NFHS Executive Director and Dr. Mike Blackburn, CMAA, NIAAA Executive Director were included in the meeting packet.


- New people coming into the organization and creating new positions.
- Working on our Professional Development program.
- Next meeting will be at the NYSAAA Conference in Saratoga.

A motion to approve adjournment of the February 2018 Executive Committee meeting on Friday, February 2, 2018 at 1:32 PM carried. Mullins/Murphy

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Zayas
Executive Director

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