**ACTION ITEMS**

1. P4 Approved the agenda for the February 1, 2019 Executive Committee Meeting.
2. P4 Approved the October 16, 2018 Executive Committee Meeting minutes.
3. P9 Approved to go into Executive Session.
4. P9 Approved to end Executive Session.
5. P14 Approved all Ice Hockey games return to three 15-minute periods and 1:30, 4:00 and 7:30 minute penalties for Regionals, State Semifinals and Finals.
7. P16 Approved revising the NYSPHSAA Transfer Rule by adding: “Note: a student’s Eligibility is determined by the situation/facts that exists at the time of registration.”
8. P16 Approved Week #44 as NYSPHSAA Mental Health Awareness Week.
9. P17 Approved to support NYSPHSAA schools have full-time access or coverage of a Certified Athletic Trainer.
11. P17 Approved as New Member status: Pathways Academy (VI) and The New Buffalo School of Culinary Arts & Hospitality Management (VI).
12. P17-18 Approved the following reductions in the required number of contests: Skiing from 6 to 3 in Section 4; Skiing from 6 to 4 in Sections 1 and 6; Skiing from 6 to 2 in Sections 2 and 5; Indoor Track and Field from 6 to 5 in Section 1; Indoor Track and Field from 6 to 4 in Section 10; Indoor Track and Field from 6 to 3 in Sections 4 and 7; Indoor Track and Field from 6 to 2 in Section 2; Cheer from 2 to 1 in Section 7.
13. P18 Defeated establishing criteria to allow six classifications for sports with more than 500 schools Participating at the NYSPHSAA Championships.
14. P18 Approved to address NYSED receivership or other similar NYSED situations when a school has an influx or reduction in enrollment.
15. P19 Approved to be determined by the Executive Committee on May 3rd for the use of NFHS Playing Rules when available.
16. P19 Approved to be determined by the Executive Committee on May 3rd for the use of NFHS Playing Rules when available. (all sports to be voted on collectively).
17. P19 Approved to revise and standardize the Practice Requirements for all sports.
19. P22 Approved Cool Insuring Arena, Glens Falls (2) as the site of the 2020, 2021 and 2022 NYSPHSAA Boys Basketball State Championships.
20. P22 Approved to adopt a new Boys Basketball Regional Rotation for 2019 to allow the Section VIII Class D Champion to participate in the state tournament.
22. P22 Approved Hudson Valley Community College (2) as the site for the 2020, 2021 and 2022 NYSPHSAA Girls Basketball State Championships.
23. P22 Approved revising the language addition to the NYSPHSAA Representation Rule for all individual sports.
24. P23 Approved to adopt a video replay protocol for Sectionals, Regionals and State Tournament games in Boys Ice Hockey.
25. P24 Approved the use of bipods in the sport of Rifle.
26. P24 Approved to adopt a Pitcher (P)/Designated Hitter (DH) Rule in Baseball.
27. P24 Approved Moriches Athletic Complex (XI) as the site of the 2020, 2021 and 2022 NYSPHSAA Softball State Championships.

28. P24 Approved SUNY Cortland (IV) as the site of the 2020, 2021 and 2022 NYSPHSAA Girls Lacrosse State Championships.

25. P28 Approved adjournment.
The Executive Committee meeting was called to order by President Paul Harrica at 9:00 AM on Friday, February 1, 2019. Kaitlyn Ginley, a Senior, and Jane Ginley, a Sophomore, from Saratoga High School sang the National Anthem. Executive Director Robert Zayas introduced the officers and staff present and performed roll call to ascertain a quorum.

**Officers & Staff**
- President Paul Harrica
- First Vice President Julie Bergman
- Second Vice President Russell Bartlett
- Past President James Osborne
- Executive Director Robert Zayas
- Assistant Director Todd Nelson
- Assistant Director Joe Altieri
- Assistant Director Kristen Jadin
- Dir. of Communications Christopher Watson
- Dir. of Sales & Marketing Christopher Joyce
- Dir. of Finance Lisa Hand
- Counsel Renee James
- Secretary Sandra Schanck

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

**Section Representatives**
- **Section I:** Karen Peterson (Jennifer Simmons, proxy in PM), James Mackin
- **Section II:** Kathleen Ryan, Drew Santandera
- **Section III:** Monica Tooley, Michael Carboine
- **Section IV:** Patti Murphy, Mike Andrew (proxy for Christopher Durdon)
- **Section V:** Kimberly Henshaw, Thomas Schmandt
- **Section VI:** Marisa Fallacaro, 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 (2), John Rathbun (III), Ben Nelson (IV), Kathy Hoyt (V), Timm Slade (VI), Matthew Walentuk (VII), Patrick Pizzarelli (VIII), Gregory Ransom (IX), Carl Normandin (X), Tom Combs (XI)

**Standing Committees & Ex-Officios**
- Jim Rose, Modified Co-Coordinator
- Darryl Daily, SED
- Alan Mallanda, Ex. Director-NYSAAA
- Jim Wright, Associate Ex. Director-NYSAAA

**Sport Coordinators**
- Al Roy, Baseball State Coordinator
- Gary VanDervee, Football State Coordinator
- Scott Stuart, Boys Ice Hockey State Coordinator
- John Coletta, Boys Volleyball State Coordinator
A motion to approve the agenda of the February 1, 2019 Executive Committee meeting carried. Mullins/Ceruti

A motion to approve the October 16, 2018 Executive Committee Meeting minutes as written carried. Ryan-Curry/Greene

Robert Zayas introduced Guest Speaker NYSED Commissioner MaryEllen Elia. She spoke on her values and items the State Ed is working on.

- Highlights of her speech:
  - Regarding the Every Student Succeeds Program, NYSED has made sure to emphasize that it is important to have a balanced curriculum in schools. As a result of the fiscal restraints of several years ago, there are a number of schools who made cuts to programs and have not yet reinstated them. NYSED is working to make sure programs such as the arts and physical education get back into every classroom.
  - There has never been a greater need for social and emotional support in our schools. She will share an article with Robert about the importance of coaches in a student’s mindset; that it helps to get them connected.
  - The big issue today is that there are students who are stressed. It doesn’t all come from schools, education or families; it’s things in our world and society. We need to focus on trying to help students be balanced in their lives and in the way they interact with each other. Coaches provide the opportunity for students to be seen as individuals and also as members of a team working toward a final goal.
  - Reported NYS is the first state to pass Mental Health requirements in education for all students. NYSED is working with the NYS Department of Health in providing resources across the state. Several schools in the state have taken on the issue of providing social and emotional support for students.
  - NYSED will be revisiting the Physical Education standards in NY as they have not been updated since 1996.
  - Social and emotional support learning work is being done in the state through the concept of “Community Schools”. They are hubs at school sites for members of the community to access resources they may need to support children and families who attend that school. There are going to be two centers located across the state that will provide resources to districts and/or schools that want to have training for introduction of social and emotional learning for their staffs and faculties.
  - She is hoping that our physical education and health education teachers will take part in these programs and help to develop the curriculum NYSED thinks is extremely important to get shifted so that it is reflective of what is happening in the world today.
  - She answered questions pertaining to consideration of extending the Health Education mandate to 20 weeks in middle school and high school, difficulties in getting coaches certification approved in a timely manner and the Extended Eligibility and Duration of Competition appeal process when appeals go before the Commissioner.
ORAL AND PRINTED REPORTS WERE PRESENTED BY ASSOCIATION OFFICERS AND STAFF

President Paul Harrica
- Welcomed everyone to Saratoga.
- Congratulated Jen Simmons, Executive Director of Section I, on her impending retirement and attending her last NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting. Thanked her for all her contributions and everything she has done for Section I and the Association.
- Congratulated the Fall champions.
- Thanked the sport coordinators and sport committees for the excellent job they do at the Regionals, Semis and Finals.
- Thanked the NYSPHSAA staff for all the work they do.
- Thanked all the Association committees for an excellent job.
- Congratulated Joe Altieri, NYSPHSAA Assistant Director, on his induction into the NYS Baseball Hall of Fame.
- Wished everyone well the rest of the winter season.

1st Vice President Julie Bergman
- Welcomed everyone to Saratoga.
- Echoed Paul’s sentiments.
- Thanked everyone for their continued tireless efforts on behalf of student-athletes in New York.
- Attended some Fall regionals, semis and championship events.
- Attended the Wrestling Dual Meet Championships on January 26th.
- Looking forward to the Winter championship events.

2nd Vice President Russell Bartlett
- Welcomed everyone to Saratoga.
- Echoed Paul’s sentiments.
- For the first time, watched Fall championships from a different side and thanked everyone for their efforts.

Past President Jim Osborne
- Echoed Paul’s sentiments.
- Thanked all the volunteers for their time and efforts in making our championships great.
- Thanked Section VI for hosting him at their Athletic Council meeting. He has now attended all 11 Section’s Athletic Council meetings.
- Thanked all Section Executive Directors for their hospitality as he attended Athletic Council meetings around the state. The meetings provided him a good prospective on different topics.

Executive Director Robert Zayas

Superintendents Council Request
- In September 2018, NYSCOSS sent a letter requesting discussion to occur pertaining to increasing the games/contests to the level of 2008-2009 prior to the fiscal reductions.
- A letter from Dr. Jeff Rabey, Chair of the Athletics Committee of NYSCOSS was presented at the October 2018 Executive Committee meeting requesting the NYSPHSAA begin to explore and discuss increasing the maximum game limits.
- This is to be discussed at the Sections Athletic Council meetings and will be a Discussion Item on the agenda of the May 3rd Executive Committee meeting.

Championship Packets
- He will be working with the Championship Advisory Committee and the Handbook Committee to gain approval for Championship packets that are posted on the NYSPHSAA website and distributed to participating teams to serve as the official document for all Championship operations.

USA Football Development Model
- On January 4th at the NFHS Winter Meeting in New York City, Scott Hellenbeck, USA Football CEO, presented information about USA Football’s Development Model. The Development Model is focused on sound principles of long-term athlete development and provides a road map for how to coach, play and learn the game at every level. USA Football has incorporated scientifically based guidelines which assist in building recommended stages of
development for athletes as they grow through the sport. This helps coaches and parents gauge the progress of a young player’s skill level and game readiness.

- He is in discussions with Mr. Hellenbeck to assist USA Football to ensure the game of football has the ability to benefit future generations in a significant manner.

**Assistant Director Joe Altieri**

**Sport Committees/Meeting Liaison**

- Since October 17th, he was the NYSPHSAA liaison for the following committees/meetings: baseball, softball, field hockey, girls tennis, boys tennis, wrestling, girls swimming/diving, cross country, girls lacrosse, NYS Federation, Section 3 and 9 Athletic Councils, NFHS Network. I have also attended various championship site meetings with coordinators to discuss planning details at venues and conducted championship planning conference calls with all Fall Coordinators. Minutes of each sport committee meeting have been provided to Officers, CAC and Executive Directors.

**Championship Advisory Committee**

- He reported the Championship Advisory Committee conducted an in-person meeting on December 19th. Minutes of the meeting were included in the meeting packet.

**Championship Administration**

- Fall championship revenues decreased comparing Fall 2017 to YTD. The decrease was attributed to a major decrease in attendance and an increase in facility expenses. Significant weather the weekends of November 10-11 and 16-17 forced us to reshuffle schedules and change sites for numerous events. Attendance dipped 13% compared to last year, with at least a 22% drop in girls’ volleyball, field hockey, and the football semis and finals.
- The NFHS Network streamed all fall championships except for Girls Tennis (streamed on NYSPHSAA Facebook page). The Network plans to stream a majority of winter championships.

**Championship Dates and Sites**

- NYSPHSAA Championship dates and sites through 2022 were included in the meeting packet.
- Approval will be requested for the Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Girls Lacrosse and Softball State Tournament sites for 2019-2022.
- Girls Tennis bids were reviewed and due to some issues with the bids, approval will be requested to re-bid their 2020-22 tournament and to change their format from Saturday thru Monday to Thursday to Saturday.

**Branding/Marketing**

- Digital marketing will continue at winter championships specifically wrestling, ice hockey, girls’ basketball and boys’ basketball. Results will be performance-based (clicks) on Google and Facebook.
- We will continue various on-site championship marketing initiatives this winter and pre-tournament marketing initiatives such as the hotel key cards once again. Additionally, we will be mailing out a turnkey PSA to over 300 radio stations in New York thanks to the NFHS who produced this for all states and shipped them to our office in early January. For the 8th consecutive year, the campaign will allow us to promote, at no charge, NYSPHSAA and high school athletics. The spot was NYSPHSAA branded and advertises participation in high school sports.

**NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame**

- The NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame deadline was January 29th. 27 nominations have been submitted. The Hall of Fame Class of 2019 will be announced in May.

**Spring Semester Interns**

- He welcomed Roxanne Trama, a student at University at Albany, who started a full-time internship with the Association on January 22nd. Roxanne is a former girls basketball student-athlete at Irvington High School (Section 1).

**Assistant Director Todd Nelson**

**NFHS Coaching Awards Program**

- He congratulated the following coaches who were nominated for the NFHS Coaches Award Program and will receive a certificate for NYS Coach of the Year recognition: Robert Fehrenbach (football), Jim Paccia (track and field), Tom Diana (basketball), Marcel Galligani (baseball), Rob McAuliffe (soccer), Bill Santoro (wrestling), Lee Schaffer (cross country), Urvashi Gupta (tennis), Tom Snizek (golf), Margaret Kaplan (swimming), Jim Andre (lacrosse), Jim Mitchel (track and field), Ray Preston (basketball), Peggy Seese (volleyball), Tim Peabody (soccer), Joe Mancinelle (softball), Marbry Gansle (cross country), Robert Davis (tennis), Robert Bewley (swimming), Kevin O’Connell (lacrosse), Pete Girolamo (golf), Andrea Guccia (spirit), Hugo McGroty (bowling).
- Certificates and plaques were handed out to Section Executive Directors at their meeting on January 31st. The coaches will be recognized at their Section Athletic Council meeting.
• Congratulated Jim Paccia (track and field), Tully High School, who was recognized as a National Coach of the Year.
• Congratulated Ron Woodruff on an outstanding job working with our staff and the NFHS to recognize coaches in our Association.

Unified Sports
• Reported that he, Nate Johnson and Kyle Walsh from Special Olympics, have been traveling around the state doing Youth Activation Committee Summits. They have been well attended by the leaders in schools that are participating in Unified Sports.
• Reported he and Robert met with the State Education Department to discuss the Age and Duration of Competition Regulations that directly affect students with disabilities who participate in the Unified Sports program. Many of our athletes that are classified as “alternately assessed” will stay in school until they are 21 years old but will not be able to participate in the Unified Sports program because of the Age and Duration of Competition Regulation. The Commissioner’s office was receptive to look at our proposal to grant these students a waiver and allow them to participate in the Unified Sports program. They were very appreciative of the fact that we brought this concern forward and we also brought a possible process and solution. They will discuss this internally and follow up with our office staff. Todd stated no changes are anticipated for the current school year, but he is hopeful that a waiver process will be implemented for the 2019-2020 school year.
• He thanked the Executive Committee for their support of this program which continues to grow. Anyone that would like to learn more or start a program at their school are encouraged to contact Todd at the NYSPHSAA office.

Safety Committee
• A sub-committee has been formed to look at the next NYSPHSAA Strategic Plan initiative regarding overuse injuries. They will be making a report to the Safety Committee in May.

Modified Committee
• The Modified Committee will be making several recommendations on rule changes for the 2019-2020 school year. Each Section is encouraged to have discussion and give input to their Section Modified Representative on the action items scheduled to be voted on at the Spring Modified Committee meeting. Please refer to the Modified Committee meeting Synopsis that was shared with the Executive Committee in October of all the action items.
• Contact Todd with any questions or concerns.

Assistant Director Kristen Jadin

Scholar-Athlete (Fall)
• There were 3,444 Scholar-Athlete teams and 46,549 Scholar-Athlete individuals in Fall 2018.
• Saved approximately $1,500.00 on postage with delivery of pins taking place at the mandatory Athletic Director Workshops.
• Scholar-Athlete program RFP was distributed to multiple companies.
• Winter Scholar-Athlete submission opens Monday, February 4.
• The deadline to submit is Monday, March 11.

Participation Survey
• The Participation Survey will be released in March, with a May deadline. Please remind all Athletic Directors this is a requirement for NYSPHSAA member schools. The information is crucial to NYSPHSAA, the sports committees, and the NFHS.

Special Programs
Community Service Challenge
• 106 Community Service Challenge projects were submitted using the new online platform from Team Up 4 Community with 4,844 student-athletes participating in those community service projects and a total of 60,276 hours volunteered.
• Fall Community Service Challenge winners were the Canandaigua Academy Girls Volleyball team and the Eastport-South Manor Boys Volleyball team. The Canandaigua Girls Volleyball team created sensory blankets for individuals in their local VA hospital. The Eastport-South Manor Boys Volleyball team participated in a student build project for Habitat for Humanity of Suffolk. Winners were determined by the NYSPHSAA SAAC.
• The Winter 2019 Community Service Challenge is currently open. Deadline to submit is Monday, March 4.
• This program was created to share and promote the positive impact student-athletes are having within their community.
Sportsmanship
- The Sportsmanship Promotion Survey opens on Monday, February 11. Deadline to submit the survey is Monday, April 15.
- The 2nd Annual NYSPHSAA Coaches Appreciation Day will take place on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 (Wednesday of Week #46).
- Reminded schools about the Stay in the Game program. This program awards schools that complete the entire school year without a disqualification penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct, for a coach and/or player at all levels of competition.

Student Leadership
- Encourage schools to use the FREE NFHS courses available on Life of an Athlete website. A new Student Mental Health and Suicide Prevention course was released this fall.
- Hazing Prevention Course – encourage schools to be proactive and not reactive in preparation for the spring season. Only 43 schools have taken advantage of the course.

Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC)
- SAAC Summit took place on November 23-24, 2019. A total of 18 (out of 22) students attended.
- The Summit included team building exercises, leadership activities, a mental health presentation from Dr. Pauline (Syracuse University), and a discussion with three Syracuse SAAC members.
- The SAAC Application for 2019-2020 will open in March. A listing of open positions was provided.

Director of Finance Lisa Hand

Balance Sheet
- As of 12/31/18, the Cash Balance is $912,307.
- Other receivables of $688,376 include $74,000 due from CP Sportswear and $520,000 due from Spalding which has since been received. The Revenue Share checks have been sent to all the Sections.
- Impact tests inventory is approximately $60,000.
- As of 12/31/2018 we have excess revenue over expenses of $1,172,715.

Income Statement
Revenues
- Investments have earned $26,356 for the first quarter of 2019.
- As of 12/31/18, Fall championships have netted a profit of $165,062 to date, a decrease of approximately $27,000 from the 2017-2018 school year. Have since received all the final bills and the net profit for the Fall championships is $138,000.
- The decrease in championship revenue is mainly due to a 13.5% decrease in attendance from last year.
- Our office rental shows a loss of approximately $25,000.

Expenditures
Administrative
- Insurance expense is overbudget by $3,163. This is due to the addition of an Active Shooter policy.

Committees & Programs
- Overall Program and Committee expenses are in line with the budget for the first four months of our fiscal year.

Other
- The market value of our Investments has decreased approximately $157,000 since year end 8/31/18.

Director of Communications Chris Watson

Championship Communication
- This past fall was one of the most challenging yet when it came to fields, stadiums and playing conditions. Press releases and social media updates were sent on site changes, time changes and schedule updates for our Girls and Boys Soccer Championships.
- We found that everyone was well informed and alerted to last minute changes to championships. This was a total team effort from the NYSPHSAA staff as well as State Coordinators, Site Coordinators, host schools and staffs.

Badges and Lanyards
- Lanyards and souvenir badges have been ordered for the Winter Championships.

Website Management
- The winter sport landing pages have been transitioned over into the new streamlined format used in the fall. Information is easier to find, and the pages are less cluttered. Subpages are being utilized to house other information related to each sport.
• Purging the website of duplicate information, incorrect information or broken links continues.

NFHS Network Viewership
• He and Joe Altieri met with Don Boyle of the NFHS Network in December regarding our fall championship coverage and the upcoming winter championship coverage. We continued to stress the importance of this partnership with the network and our commitment to assisting them in any way possible to improve the broadcasts. Starting with the upcoming winter championships, he will be taking a more active role in assisting Don with securing talent for the broadcasts.
• Reported there were roughly 25,000 views of the NYSPHSAA Fall Championship events. The most watched event was the Class B football championship game between Batavia and Glens Falls, which had just under 2,000 people watching live.

Director of Sales and Marketing Chris Joyce
Sponsorships
• Finalized renewals with USTA Eastern for Boys & Girls Tennis and NYSCOPBA as the presenting sponsor of Captains Club.
• Sports Page Ski Shop will be the presenting sponsor of the 2019 Skiing Championships.
• Mike Gunn of the Levittown School District (Section VIII) was honored as the winner of the 2018 Excelsior Award at the NYSPHSAA Football Championships.
• The New York State Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee still has dates open for guest speakers and spring traffic safety events. All events and speakers are free for the school. Please contact the NYSPHSAA office for more information.

Ticketing
• Online ticket sales for NYSPHSAA State Championships are up over 30% from Fall 2018.
• With over 500 tickets left unredeemed, online sales continue to provide a sales cushion to assist with lower attendance numbers.
• Ten Sections offered at least one event posted on GoFan this fall. Over 19,000 online tickets were sold state-wide.
• Tickets for winter championships have been posted to GoFan except for wrestling; the Times Union Center is a Ticketmaster only venue.

Championships and Marketing
• Digital marketing campaigns continue to be successful. We expanded into YouTube ads this past fall.
• Fall 2019 campaign analytics for field hockey, boys and girls soccer, and football: Display ads: 382,989 impressions, .18% CTR; Facebook ads: 226,071 impressions, 1.9% CTR; Facebook videos: 52,211 views; YouTube ads: 73,401 impressions, 28,755 views, 39% of videos were played to completion
• Winter campaigns are planned for wrestling, ice hockey, and boys and girls basketball.

NYSPHSAA Endowment Fund
• Research into an endowment or foundation fund continues. A brief report and discussion item should be ready for the next Executive Committee meeting in May.

Legal Counsel Renee James
A motion to approve to enter into Executive Session at 11:47 AM to discuss pending litigation carried. Staves/Graczyk
A motion to approve to end Executive Session at 12:10 PM carried. Staves/Carboine

SECTION CONCERNS

Section I
• Thanked Jen for her many years of service. Welcomed Todd Santabarbara as their new Section Executive Director.

Section 2
• Voiced a concern in the big swing of BED’s numbers and asked if any other Sections were having issues. President Harrica said this was addressed at the Section Executive Directors’ meeting. No other Sections were having issues.

Section III
• Section III’s Football Committee would like the State Football Committee to look at a one game suspension for a player who was ejected should be enforced from the point of disqualification and not the next regularly scheduled
Gary VanDerzee, State Football Coordinator stated the Football Committee has discussed and is in favor of this. Will be a discussion item at the May Executive Committee meeting.

- With the growth of 8-Man Football in the state, they would like an 8-Man Football Championship game in conjunction with the NYSPHSAA Football Championships at the Carrier Dome in November. The Football Committee was asked to forward a proposal to the CAC for action at their April meeting. Will be a discussion item at the May Executive Committee meeting for possible action at the July Central Committee meeting.

Section IV – none
Section V – none
Section VI
- Requested Boys Volleyball to look at the tie breaker policy at the NYSPHSAA Championships. Will be on the agenda of the Boys Volleyball Committee meeting in March to look at revisions to the process.
- Reported they are hosting a Female Individual Wrestling tournament on February 16th.

Section VII – none
Section VIII
- Has a concern in Boys Lacrosse. They don’t mind starting a week later, but do not want the 13-week season. Want to keep the 14-week season.
- Stated in Modified athletics, they have a 4-season Modified season that starts a week before the adopted start date and asked if they need to submit an annual waiver. Robert stated Sections can do this on their own, no waiver is needed.
- Voiced a concern with basketball officials and their role in concussions during a game and them having the ability to take a player off the court and not allowing them back in the game. Robert stated the Association is working with the Officials Association if they see a student-athlete exhibiting signs and symptoms of a concussion, to bring the student-athlete aside and notify the coach that the student-athlete may need to be evaluated.

Section IX - none
Section X – none
Section XI - none

REPORTS FROM EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

- **Pupil Benefits.** Thomas McGuire
  No Report

- **State Education Department.** Darryl Daily
  No Report

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- New York State Council of Administrators Conference (November 20-23, 2019) in Verona, New York- See website: [https://www.nysahperd.org/content/professional-development/Council-of-Administrators-Annual-Conference.cfm](https://www.nysahperd.org/content/professional-development/Council-of-Administrators-Annual-Conference.cfm)
- New York State Athletic Administrators Association (NYSSAA) Leadership Training Program and Certification Program- See website: [http://nysaaa.org/contact-us](http://nysaaa.org/contact-us)
- NYSSAA now approved for CTLE credit.

NEW YORK STATE LEARNING STANDARDS REVIEW PROCESS FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION HAS BEGUN (Winter/Spring/Summer 2018)

- Collaborating with NYSAHPERD- Kick off at SED on August 6-7, 2018. Next meeting October 25, 2018. Reviewing National and NYS Learning Standards and Outcomes for NYS. Process and review team includes multiple representatives; (SED, ELA’s, BOCES, NYSAHPERD, NYSSAA, NYSUT and SAANYS, K-12 and Higher Education Institutions).
CONCUSSION MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES UPDATED (June 2018)

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

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

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

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

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

- Revisions to commissioner’s regulations 136.1-135.3 go into effect 7/1/18.
- Health examinations must now be completed on a required form.
- Grade levels for health examinations and required screenings have been revised.
- New guidelines are available for Health Examination, Vision Screening, Hearing Screening, and Scoliosis Screening. Due to changes in screening requirements it is important that school health personnel review the new guidelines.
- The new guidelines and new required health exam form are on our website NYSED School Health Services – Updates and New Information.
- Questions may be directed to the Office of Student Support Services at 518-486-6090, or studentsupportservices@nysed.gov.

Note: In regards to the new health examination form, 2018-2019 is a transition year since health care providers and parents/guardians may not be aware of the new form. Therefore, schools are strongly encouraged to accept any physical turned in regardless of the form it is completed on. Physicals done prior to 7/1/18 cannot be mandated to be on the new form since the regulation was not in effect. Please contact the Office of Student Support Services if you have questions at 518-486-6090 or studentsupportservices@nysed.gov.

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

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

The New York State Addiction and Substance Use Disorder Educational Resource is available free on a flash drive that may be ordered by sending an email to: B0019W@health.ny.gov (email address contains zeros) or by mailing your request to: PUBLICATIONS, NYSDOH Distribution Center, P.O. Box 343, Guilderland, New York 12084

Materials sent to addresses within New York State are provided free of charge. Quantities may be limited.

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

GUIDELINES FOR COACHING (Updated January 2018)

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

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)
• 5th year seniors and out of state transfer students changes

ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY Amendments (BOR approved at June 2017 meeting)
• 13 K-8 School Districts and APP
• Duration of Competition amended (Social emotional documentation.)
• Riflery added to Special Tryout Processes (Similar to Golf and Bowling protocol)

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

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

IMPORTANT HEALTH EDUCATION RELATED ITEMS
• MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION LEGISLATION (Effective July 1, 2018)
  • Mental Health Education Legislation Chapter 390 of the Laws of 2016 amending Section 804 of Article 17 and states as of July 2018 all schools under the jurisdiction of the department will ensure their health education programs recognize the multiple dimensions of health by including mental health and the relation of physical and mental health so as to enhance student understanding, attitudes and behaviors that promote health, well-being and human dignity – http://public.leginfo.state.ny.us/lawsrch.cgi?NVLWO
  • SED & Mental Health Association of NYS are collaborating as a stakeholder task force to develop guidance resources to implement the new mental health law by July 2018.
• See link: http://www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/health/ and

• SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL LEARNING GUIDELINES (BOE- Presentation May 2018)
  • Introducing New Guidance and Resources for Social Emotional Learning | BR (D) 1
  • Supplemental Presentation: Social Emotional Learning - Essentials for Learning, Essentials for Life

• NEW YORK STATE COMBAT HEROIN AND PRESCRIPTION OPIOID ABUSE CAMPAIGN
  • At its meeting in January 2015, the Board of Regents convened a panel to discuss combatting opioid and heroin use and abuse. Presenters shared their thoughts on prevention, warning signs, intervention, referral, treatment, recovery, and outreach.
  • In 2015, New York State enacted laws allowing schools to provide and maintain opioid antagonists (naloxone) on-site, and late last year, NYSED issued guidance and information for schools regarding opioid overdose prevention programs. Additional resources to combat opioid and heroin use and abuse include:
    - Kitchen Table Toolkit. The Kitchen Table Toolkit was developed to assist individuals (parents, spouses, siblings, teachers, coaches, counselors, probation officers, etc.) with initiating conversations about heroin and opioid abuse. Information, resources, and supports are available, so no one needs to be alone in the fight to combat heroin and opioid abuse. Recognizing that addiction is not exclusive to heroin and opioids, this information may be applicable for alcohol and other drugs, also addressed in this toolkit. See page 12 for school-focused information.

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

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

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

• COMMISSIONER’S REGULATIONS TO REQUIRE INSTRUCTION IN CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION (“Hands Only” CPR) AND INSTRUCTION IN THE USE OF AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS (Requirement began September 2015)
  • Students in senior high school shall be provided instruction in hands-only cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an automated external defibrillator at least once before graduation.

• TIC AND LYME DISEASE LEGISLATION (Summer 2016)
  • NYSED and Department of Conservation collaborated on instructional tools and materials for school districts to advance and promote education awareness on tick identification and protection.
  • See: http://www.nysed.gov/curriculum-instruction/tick-and-tick-borne-disease

NYS Athletic Administrators Association. Dr. Jim Wright, CMAA, Associate Ex. Director
  • Annual conference will be held March 12-15, 2019 at the Saratoga Hilton Hotel.
• 12 workshops will be offered.
• 8 LTC courses are being offered through the leadership program of the NIAAA.
• Keynote speakers will be Dr. Greg Dale, Duke University who will speak on Leadership and Dr. Marc Brackett, Yale University who will speak on Mental Health.
• Jay Hammes, developer of the LTC 631 course will present at the LTC 630 course on Tuesday, March 12th and LTC 631 course on Wednesday, March 13th.
• The LTC 631 course was rolled out in Section XI and all Athletic Directors have the course work. It is projected to be offered to another 250 Athletic Directors throughout the state in the next three months.
• Thanked Darryl Daily, SED, for his work with the NYSAAA on the certification for athletic administrators. It is now before the Commissioner and will move forward as a discussion item at the state level.
• Stated there is a need for qualified Athletic Administrators in New York State. Section XI has started an Aspiring Athletic Director Program in anticipation of 15 retirements in their Section in the next 3 to 4 years. The program, developed by Dr. Kirk Miller from Georgia, offers technical knowledge to aspiring athletic administrators so they are well informed when interviewing for an athletic administrator position. Section VI will also be offering the program.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

Budget and Audit Committee. Julie Bergman, 1st Vice President
• The committee will meet on Thursday, February 7th to begin developing the 2019-2020 budget for consideration in May. Items to be looked at will be ticket prices and Dues.

2017-2018 Audit Report – Allen Klink, Audit Director and Veronica Mahue, Sr. Associate from Marvin & Company
• One (1) copy of the report was provided to each Section.
• Received a “Clean and Unmodified Opinion”.

Championship Advisory Committee, Greg Ransom, Chair
• The committee met on Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at the NYSPHSAA office.

Action Items
• The committee supported the following proposals to be presented for action at the February 2019 Executive Committee meeting:
  • Officials Fees Language Clarification
  • Officials Grievance for Ice Hockey Fees

A motion to approve all Ice Hockey games to return to three 15-minute periods and 1:30, 4:00 and 7:30 minute penalties for Regionals, State Semifinals and Finals effective immediately carried. Staves/Greene (The votes by Section were: Section 1: 2 yes; Section 2: 2 no; Section 3: 2 no; Section 4: 2 abstentions; 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 yes. 10 Yes/10 No.
President Harrica: 1 Yes. 11 Yes/10 No)
Rationale: In July 2017, the NYSPHSAA Central Committee approved increasing the time of ice hockey games from three 15-minute periods to three 17-minute periods for regional, semifinal and final games. The Ice Hockey Officials grieved NYSPHSAA for an increase in pay for the Regionals, semifinals and finals as a result of the increased time. Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director, presented information related to the proposal to return to 15-minute periods for the post-season for the sport of Ice Hockey. Robert attempted to get the Officials to agree to simply recalculating the post-season fees for officials, which would have given them then an increase from $103 to $111.86; the Officials requested a 13% increase and received a favorable decision from the Fact Finders. Unfortunately, Robert said the Officials were not in agreement to recalculating the fees for the 10 Sections who participate in Ice Hockey. Therefore, he was forced to withdraw his proposal to recalculating and support the CAC’s proposal to return to 15-minute periods for “post-Sectional” play moving forward. Approval of this proposal will eliminate the grievance filed by the NYS Ice Hockey Officials regarding change in working conditions and their stipend for regions, semifinal and final games. The NYSPHSAA Championships fees for officials is determined by taking an average of the Section’s post season fees.
  • Boys Basketball – Changing the Regional rotation for Sections VIII and XI for one year.
  • Rifle - Allow Bipods to be attached to air rifles and used during Standing Air rifle Positions at all regular season matches and the Regional Championships.
Girls Swimming Standards 2019-2020 – The Girls Swimming Committee would like the CAC to approve their recommended qualifying standards for the next school year immediately following their season.

Discussion Items
- The following items were introduced for discussion at the December CAC meeting and will be presented for action at the April CAC meeting and then at the May Executive Committee meeting:
  - Girls Lacrosse Regional Rotation 2020-2022
  - Girls Lacrosse Officials Needing Clinic Completion
  - Boys Tennis At Large
  - Football Regional Rotation/At Large
  - Boys Volleyball State Tournament Tie-Breaker
  - State Championship Packets (practice guidelines)

For Review/Input, Championship Site Selections
- The CAC voted to support the committees and staff in choosing the following Championship Site selections:
  - Girls Basketball – Hudson Valley Community College (2) for 2020, 2021 and 2022.
  - Boys Basketball – Cool Insuring Arena, Glens Falls (2) for 2020, 2021 and 2022.

Future Meetings
- Wednesday, April 3, 2019 at 11:00 AM at the NYSPHSAA office.
- Thursday, June 20, 2019 at 11:00 AM at the NYSPHSAA office.

Handbook Committee, Patrick Pizzarelli, Coordinator
- The committee met on January 9, 2019 via teleconference.

Discussion Items
- **Sportsmanship Rule Interpretation.** The NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Rule requires an athlete who is disqualified from a contest, to sit out the next regularly scheduled contest. Robert stated he has received the following question on several occasions in the past two years, “If the next game is forfeited by the student’s school’s opponent, does the student have to ‘sit out’ the next game or does sitting out the forfeit constitute fulfilling the penalty?” The committee discussed and supports the interpretation that the student should not get credit for the forfeiture. This will be taken back to the Sportsmanship Committee for review and feedback. Robert would like a “Note” included in the Sportsmanship Rule to clarify this interpretation to avoid confusion and provide consistency.

- **Appeals.** Jim Osborne, Chair of the NYSPHSAA Appeal Panel discussed two concerns he has related to the NYSPHSAA Appeal process. He has concerns that NYSPHSAA’s appeal fee is too low, which leads to more appeals being filed and would like to see the fee for an appeal to be comparable to the fee of the Section with the highest required fee. He also discussed a proposal to require any decision of the appeal panel to overturn a Section’s ruling must be a unanimous decision of the three-person appeal panel. The Committee discussed Jim’s thoughts and had no objections on either concern. Robert will work with Jim to create a proposal related to the fee associated with a NYSPHSAA appeal and to also create a proposal related to a unanimous decision of the Appeal Panel.

- **Office of Civil Rights (OCR).** Renee James, NYSPHSAA Legal Counsel, asked the Handbook Committee about the use of metal cleats in the sport of softball and reported that NYSPHSAA has received an OCR Complaint related to the prohibition of metal cleats in softball. Marisa Fallacaro, Section VI Softball Chair, stated the Softball Committee is not in favor of metal cleats. They have concerns that some student-athletes are not skilled enough and it becomes a safety issue to allow metal cleats. Turf stadiums do not allow metal cleats and the NYSPHSAA Softball Championships will be moved to an all-turf stadium for 2020-2022. She also stated that although USA Softball Rules and NFHS Softball Rules allows metal cleats, it is a NYSPHSAA rule that prevents students from wearing them. Robert set up a conference call with Cathy Allen, Renee and him to discuss the issue. It was also placed on the February 1st Executive Committee meeting agenda as a Discussion Item under Spring Sports.

Action Items
A motion to approve revising the NYSPHSAA Amateur Rule to accurately reflect the intention of the rule and clarify gift cards and gift certificates are considered compensation carried. Ryan-Curry/Bongino
The rule will now read, “Accepting money or other compensation (including gift cards & gift certificates) is prohibited. Allowable entry fees, travel, meals, and lodging expenses is permitted.”
A motion to approve revising the NYSPHSAA Transfer Rule by adding: “Note: a student’s Eligibility is determined by the situation/facts that exists at the time of registration.” carried. Fallacaro/Ceruti

President Harrica asked Section Executive Directors to forward who is on their Transfer Committee to Robert. He would like to reconvene the NYSPHSAA Committee with Section Executive Directors in attendance as well.

Future Meetings
• April 3, 2019 at 9:00 AM; June 19, 2019 at 9:00 AM.

Student-Athlete Development Committee (SADC). Kristen Jadin, Assistant Director
• No Report
• The committee will be meeting at the NYSAAA Conference in March.

Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC). Kristen Jadin, Assistant Director
• The committee met on Sunday, December 9, 2018 via teleconference.

Status Updates
• Team Up 4 Community – Winter Community Service Challenge is now accepting applications. Encourage teams/section to utilize the platform.
• Hazing Prevention – promote use in school and Section.

Discussion Items
• Mental Health Initiative
A motion to approve recognizing Week #44 (April 29, 2019-May 3, 2019) as “NYSPHSAA Mental Health Awareness Week carried. Murphy/Ferry
• This week was chosen in preparation for May, which is National Mental Health Awareness Month. Students noticed a problem amongst their peers. Research revealed many staggering statistics. A few examples are listed below.
  • 1 in 5 children ages 13-18 have, or will have, a serious mental health condition.
  • Most early signs of mental illness are mistaken for normal adolescent development.
  • Student-athletes are just as likely to attempt suicide and up to 5 times as likely to succeed at committing suicide as their non-athlete peers.

The SAAC believes the awareness week will help encourage schools to provide training to non-healthcare professionals (coaches and athletic directors), as well as students, to help them learn how to identify signs and symptoms of mental illness and get professionals involved as soon as possible.

NYSPHSAA Mental Health Awareness Week will be promoted via a press release and through social media. Implementation includes SAAC Representatives attending Section Athletic Council meetings to present material on the mental health crisis to promote NYSPHSAA Mental Health Awareness Week. The Social Media Campaign will include different themes for each day throughout the week (i.e. how to deal with stress, recognizing signs/symptoms, how to break the stigma, etc.). Resource suggestions will be provided, and specific hashtags used.

• Multi-Sport Athlete Award
  • The committee discussed the implementation of a multi-sport athlete award.
  • Kristen attended the NFHS Summer Meeting in July and learned many states have implemented a Multi-Sport Athlete Award to encourage multi-sport participation in interscholastic athletics. A writable PDF certificate could be created and made available on the NYSPHSAA website.
  • Kristen asked the committee to come up with specific criteria for their next meeting in February. The goal is to create a proposal for discussion for the May Executive Committee meeting and to be voted on at the July Central Committee meeting.

• New York State Leadership Conference
  • Kristen would like to establish a New York State Leadership Conference with the help of SAAC. She suggested the leadership conference be conducted in conjunction with the SAAC Summit then SAAC students could help conduct the conference. The committee agreed.

Future Items
• Mental Health Initiative
• Multi-Sport Athlete Award
• NYSPHSAA Leadership Conference

Future Meetings
• Sunday, February 24, 2019; Sunday, June 9, 2019
Sportsmanship Committee. Todd Nelson & Kristen Jadin, Assistant Directors

- No Report

Safety Committee. Todd Nelson, Assistant Director

Best Practices for Athletic Training Services

- Todd presented the Safety Committee’s proposal for discussion to add the following language to the NYSPHSAA recommendations in the NYSPHSAA Handbook, "NYSPHSAA recommends and supports the ‘Best Practice’ that every member High School has a Certified Athletic Trainer providing full-time access or coverage to the athletic program."

- The NYSPHSAA Strategic Plan contained a goal of increasing athletic training services to all member schools. The NYSPHSAA Safety Committee formed a sub-committee to look at three areas, (1) benefits of athletic training services, (2) obstacles of providing athletic training services, and (3) ways to provide athletic training services. We all share the goal to minimize risk to student athletes participating in our athletic programs and Certified Athletic Trainers are imperative to meeting this goal.

A motion to approve adding the following language to the NYSPHSAA recommendations in the NYSPHSAA Handbook carried, “NYSPHSAA recommends and supports the ‘Best Practice’ that every member High School has a Certified Athletic Trainer providing full-time access or coverage to the athletic program.”

Graczyk/Bongino

(Section 3: 2 no; Section 7: 2 no; Section 9: 2 no)

Future Meeting

- Next meeting: Thursday, April 12, 2019 at 9:00 AM.

Modified Committee. James Rose, Modified Co-Coordinator

- Reminded the committee is looking at reformatting the modified program. Changes will be presented at the Spring meeting.

Future Meeting

- Spring – Thursday, April 11, 2019 at 9:30 AM – NYSPHSAA Office

Officials Coordinating Federation. Todd Nelson, Assistant Director

- No Report

GENERAL ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Friends and Neighbor

A motion to approve the following applications for NYSPHSAA Friend and Neighbor status carried. Mullins/Murphy

(Expire August 2020)

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New Member

A motion to approve the following applications for NYSPHSAA New Member status carried. Mullins/Murphy

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Waiver of Representation Rule

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

- Skiing from 6 to 3 in Section 4
- Skiing from 6 to 4 in Sections 1 and 6
Criteria to Permit Six Classifications

- Section V presented a proposal to establish criteria to allow six classifications for sports with more than 500 schools participating at the NYSPHSAA Championships effective the 2019-2020 school year.
- Based on the current NYSPHSAA Championship Philosophy, the following Championship formulas are used:
  - Team Sports (currently applies to Volleyball, Basketball, Soccer, Lacrosse, Field Hockey, Softball, Football, Baseball, Ice Hockey and Cheerleading)
    | # of Varsity Programs | # of Allowable Championship Classes or Divisions |
    |-----------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
    | 24 – 100              | 1                                             |
    | 101 – 200             | 2                                             |
    | 201 – 300             | 3                                             |
    | 301 – 400             | 4                                             |
    | 401 – above           | 5                                             |
    | Add 501 – above       | 6                                             |
  - Combination Team/Individual Sports (currently applies to Cross Country, Skiing, Bowling, Wrestling (Oct. 2016), Girls Golf (Oct. 2016) and Rifle)
    | # of Varsity Programs | # of Allowable Championship Classes or Divisions |
    |-----------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
    | 24 – 200              | 1                                             |
    | 201 – 425             | 2                                             |
    | 426 – 500             | 3                                             |
    | 501 – above           | 4                                             |
- Cost associated with increasing some state championships by one class (officials, awards, etc.).
- This was a discussion item at the March 27, 2018 Football Committee meeting.
- This proposal was not supported by the Championship Philosophy Committee at their September 24, 2018 meeting.

A motion to establish criteria to allow six classifications for sports with more than 500 schools participating at the NYSPHSAA Championships effective the 2019-2020 school year was defeated. Graczyk/Ryan

(Votes by Section were: Section 1: 2 no; Section 2: 2 yes; Section 3: 2 yes; Section 4: 2 yes; Section 5: 2 yes; Section 6: 2 yes; Section 7: 2 no; Section 8: 2 no; Section 9: 2 no; Section 10: 2 no; Section 11: 2 no. 12 No/10 Yes)

Classification Adjustment – Receivership

- Matt Walentuk, Executive Director of Section VII, presented a proposal to address NYSED Receivership or other similar NYSED situations where a school is restructuring, then the NYSPHSAA office will place a school in the appropriate classification based on their current enrollment in August of the upcoming school year. Note: If two or more schools are located within the same physical building, 100% of their BEDS will be used if they are following the Combining of Teams process.
- This would allow for statewide equity to attempt to have as many schools playing in their appropriate classification. With the change in when BEDS classifications projecting two years out, this allows a way for schools to play in their appropriate classification.
- Several times schools have competed in and/or won NYSPHSAA championships in classifications that did not match their current class size.
- The BEDS number is designed to project students that currently in 10th, 11th, and 12th grade. NYSPHSAA can gather the current enrollment of students in grades 10, 11, & 12 from the school’s student information management system in this situation and place the school in the appropriate classifications. A section will notify the NYSPHSAA office for a classification adjustment.

A motion to approve addressing NYSED Receivership or other similar NYSED situations where a school is restructuring, then the NYSPHSAA office will place a school in the appropriate classification based on their current enrollment in August of the upcoming school year carried. Note: If two or more schools are located within the same physical building, 100% of their BEDS will be used if they are following the Combining of Teams process. Staves/Carboine
NFHS Playing Rules When Available

- Paul Harrica, NYSPHSAA President, presented a proposal to consider approval to issue a referendum vote to determine the use of NFHS Playing Rules when available or to consider approval to be determined by the Executive Committee on May 3rd for the use of NFHS Playing rules when available.
- The membership has discussed the use of NFHS Playing rules for more than a decade. This proposal is designed to bring resolution to this topic.
- Playing by NFHS rules would currently impact the sports of Girls Basketball (currently use NCAA rules), Girls & Boys Volleyball (currently use NCAA rules), Softball (currently use USA Softball Rules) and Girls Gymnastics (NYSPHSAA Technical Handbook).

A motion to approve to be determined by the Executive Committee on May 3rd for the use of NFHS Playing Rules when available carried. (The votes by Section were: Section 1: 2 yes; Section 2: 2 yes; Section 3: 2 yes; Section 4: 2 yes; Section 5: 2 no; Section 6: 2 yes; Section 7: 2 yes; Section 8: 2 yes; Section 9: 2 yes; Section 10: 2 no; Section 11: 2 yes. 18 Yes/4 No)

A motion to approve to be determined by the Executive Committee on May 3rd for the use of NFHS Playing Rules when available (all sports to be voted on collectively) carried. (The votes by Section were: Section 1: 2 yes; Section 2: 2 yes; Section 3: 2 yes; Section 4: 2 yes; Section 5: 2 yes; Section 6: 2 yes; Section 7: 2 yes; Section 8: 2 yes; Section 9: 2 yes; Section 10: 2 no; Section 11: 2 yes. 20 Yes/2 No)

Practice Requirements

- Robert Zayas, Executive Director, presented the Sport Seasons Ad Hoc Committee’s proposal to consider standardizing the practice requirement, by revising rule to: “A student must practice 6 times before representing his/ her school in a scrimmage or contest in all sports except football, gymnastics, wrestling and baseball which require 10 practices.”
- Standardizing the practice requirements will create consistency for all sports and students in regard to the amount of practice time required before a student is permitted to represent his/ her school. This revision will eliminate varying practice requirements for the team and individual for scrimmages and games/ contests. The reduction of practice requirements will also offer additional time to make adjustments in sport schedules including starting dates, length of the season, regular season games, scrimmages etc.

A motion to approve standardizing the practice requirement, by revising rule to: “A student must practice 6 times before representing his/ her school in a scrimmage or contest in all sports except football, gymnastics, wrestling, and baseball which require 10 practices.” carried. Effective the 2019-2020 school year. Santandera/Simmons

Discussion Items

Sport Season Length

- Robert Zayas, Executive Director, presented the Sport Seasons Ad Hoc Committee’s proposal to consider the following revisions to the sport season start dates and championship dates:
  - FALL. Start Fall sports the Monday of Week #8. Keep all Fall Championships on current week; reducing season of all sports except football by one week. Move Football Championships to Week #22, with Football Semifinals on Week #21 (Thanksgiving).
  - WINTER. Start Winter sports the Monday of Week #20. Keep all Winter Championship dates the same; reducing season of all sports by one week.
  - SPRING. Start Spring sports the Monday of Week #37. Keep all Championship dates the same; reducing season of all sports by one week. except for baseball & softball; reducing season for all other sports by one week. Host the baseball & softball regional finals and semifinals on Friday/Saturday of Week #49 and host baseball & softball championships on Saturday of Week #50.

Note: The Sport Season Ad Hoc Committee revised the proposal at their meeting on December 14, 2018 to keep baseball and softball championships on Week #49.

- The membership expressed concern the Fall season started too early, the Winter season was too long, and the Spring season start date was too early with baseball and softball seasons being negatively impacted by inclement weather. An Ad Hoc Committee was created at the May 4th Executive Committee meeting to examine the sport season start dates and championship dates.
- The effective start date would be 2020-2021 school year.
• Will be an Action Item at the May Executive Committee meeting.

Jewelry Rule
• Section IX presented a proposal for consideration to revise the NYSPHSAA Jewelry Rule to include practice. Proposed revised language below in **BOLD**:

JEWELRY RULE: No jewelry, which includes visible body piercing objects, shall be worn in a sport *(in games, contests or practice)*. Any piece of jewelry that is visible *at the start of or during a contest* is in violation of the NYSPHSAA Jewelry Rule. Religious medals must be taped to the body and under the uniform. Medical medals must be taped to the body so they are visible. Soft, pliable barrettes are permissible, body gems are not. The use of metal hair fasteners to secure hair is permissible in Girls Gymnastics. NOTE: The sports of Bowling and Golf are exempt from this rule. Wristwatches are permitted in cross country and in practice only for track and field. Hair restraints, to control a competitor’s hair, are permitted in track and field and cross country. (Dec. 2010)
• Membership has expressed concern with the difficulty to enforce the NYSPHSAA Jewelry Rule for practice since the rule does not explicitly reference “practice.”
• Effective start date would be August 1, 2019.
• Will be an Action Item at the May Executive Committee meeting.

NYSPHSAA Amateur Rule to $500
• Section XI presented a proposal for consideration to revise the amount allotted in the NYSPHSAA Amateur Rule to $500.
• Due to the increase of the fair market value of athletic equipment, supplies and awards, we are requesting the amount allotted to each student-athlete to be raised from $250 to $500. Currently there are athletes who have had to decline receiving gear or supplies from tournaments due to the restrictions of this rule.
• The last edit to the Amateur Rule was in preparation of the 2008-2009 school year.
• Effective start date would be August 1, 2019.
• Will be an Action Item at the May Executive Committee meeting.

Updates to NYSPHSAA Media Policy and Procedures
• Chris Watson, NYSPHSAA Director of Communications, presented a proposal to change language in the official NYSPHSAA media policy and procedures to reflect agreement with the NFHS Network and Spectrum contracts. Seeking approval to also improve language on audio streaming rights to local outlets.
• This would clarify the NFHS Network is the official video streaming partner of the NYSPHSAA, and Spectrum is the official television home of the NYSPHSAA.
• We would review on a case by case basis, a local media outlet wishing to audio stream a state championship event. (Sub Regional, Regional, State Semifinal and Finals)
• This would be effective immediately.
• Will be an Action Item at the May Executive Committee meeting.

SPORTS ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

FALL SPORTS

**Action Item**
**Girls Swimming & Diving – Adopt Qualifying Standards for 2019-2020 Season**
• Patrick Ryan, NYSPHSAA Girls Swimming & Diving Assistant State Coordinator presented the Girls Swimming & Diving Committee’s proposal to seek approval of its State Qualifying Standards for 2019-2020. This proposal is typically made in May, but the committee would like to request action immediately following their season so they can get the standards out to committees and schools.
• The standards are the same as 2018-2019. No change has been made.

A **motion to approve** the 2019-2020 State Qualifying Standards in Girls Swimming and Diving **carried**. Greene/Ceruti
**Discussion Items**

**Football – Adopt New 7-Year Regional Rotation and Filling Byes with At-Large Team When Necessary**
- Gary Van Derzee, Football State Coordinator, presented the Football Committee’s proposal for a new seven (7)-year Regional Rotation and, when necessary, fill byes in Regional games with an at-large team in Class AA, A, and D. This concept is similar to the current Ice Hockey At-Large process.
- The Regional Rotation expired in 2018 thus it is necessary to get a new seven (7)-year rotation approved. The length of the rotation is the same as the previous rotation.
- With regards to the At-Large portion of this proposal, it is necessary to select an At-Large team for Regional games so Sectional Champions in Class AA, A and D do not get a BYE to the State Semifinals. Filling with an At-Large team satisfies the suggestion of the CAC for all team sports of not having BYES to State Semifinals. The At-Large teams will be selected based on an East/West Rotation.
- The Committee voted unanimously in favor of this proposal at their November 24th meeting.
- The proposed seven-year Regional Rotation and proposed At-Large rotation for Class AA, A and D were included in the meeting packet.
- Effective start date would be Fall 2019.
- Will be an Action Item at the May Executive Committee meeting.

**Girls Tennis – Revise Championship Date**
- Chris Horgan, NYSPHSAA Girls Tennis State Coordinator, presented the Girls Tennis Committee’s proposal to revise the date of the Girls Tennis Championships to a Thursday – Saturday format.
- It would mirror the “days” of the Boys Tennis Championships
- It would encourage more tennis venues to potentially consider hosting the championships.
- Potentially decrease facility rental fees by not having to secure a venue the entire weekend.
- The Championships would remain on Week #17 of the NYSPHSAA Standard Calendar.
- Implementation would be for the October 2020 State Championships.
- Will be an Action Item at the May Executive Committee meeting.

**Girls Tennis – Adopt 9-Year Rotation to Fill Byes with At-Large Selections For 2019-2027**
- Chris Horgan, NYSPHSAA Girls Tennis State Coordinator, presented the Girls Tennis Committee’s proposal to adopt a nine-year rotation to fill the tournament byes/draw with at-large selections. It is anticipated there will be 15 additional athletes in the tournament if this proposal is approved.
- Filling the byes provides equitable competition for all participants in both singles and doubles instead of some players receiving a bye and getting extra rest from that. The proposal provides the exact same number of contests for each participant which begins with two contests per day for each player. The current format provides less contests for the top two seeded singles and doubles teams.
- There will be an additional cost for sections/schools to cover lodging, meals and possibly transportation for the added At-Large athletes.
- The Committee voted unanimously in favor of this proposal at their January meeting.
- The proposed At-Large selection rotation on what sections will fill the byes each year was included in the meeting packet.
- Effective start date would be Fall 2019 for a nine (9) year period.
- Will be an Action Item at the May Executive Committee meeting.

**Girls Tennis – Championship Format Two-Year Experiment**
- Chris Horgan, NYSPHSAA Girls Tennis State Coordinator, presented the Girls Tennis Committee’s proposal to implement a two-year experiment for the Girls Tennis State Championship format to eliminate consolations and add medal playoffs for the top 8 participants.
- This would provide an opportunity to evaluate a change in format to afford students the opportunity to contend for a top eight placement rather than participating in a consolation round. Currently, a student who loses their first match is provided the opportunity to continue playing in the consolation round, while a student who loses their second-round match is eliminated from play.
- This would decrease the number of court hours required to host the NYSPHSAA Girls Tennis State Championships ultimately reducing expenses for NYSPHSAA.
• Effective the 2020 and 2021 Girls Tennis State Championships.
• This proposal will go to the CAC for review and then on to the Executive Committee at their May meeting for action.

WINTER SPORTS

Action Items

Boys Basketball Championship Site

A motion to approve Cool Insuring Arena, Glens Falls as the site of the 2020, 2021 and 2022 NYSPHSAA Boys Basketball State Championships carried. Bongino/Carboine

(Section 4: 2 no)

Boys Basketball – Adopt New Regional Rotation For 2019 Due to Section VIII Having A Class D Team

- Bob Mayo, NYSPHSAA Boys Basketball State Coordinator presented the Boys Basketball Committee’s proposal for a new Regional Rotation for 2019 to allow the Section VIII Class D Champion to participate in the tournament. Initially, the rotation was planned for Section VIII to not have a Class D team participate in the postseason. Now, Hempstead Academy will represent Class D in Section VIII.
- The Boys Basketball Committee is proposing that the Section VIII Class D Champion play the Section XI Class D Champion in a pre-sub-regional game following the Section Final but preceding the Regional Quarterfinals. This game would be considered the Long Island Championship one round earlier than usual, with the winner advancing to play the Section IX Class D Champion in the NYSPHSAA Regional Quarterfinal, also known as a sub-Regional.
- The Executive Directors of Sections VIII and XI have agreed to this additional game and understand their Sectional Champion will play three games to advance to the State Semifinals while other sections may only have to play one game.
- This proposal only effects Sections VIII and XI. If this proposal is not approved, then a back-up plan would be to reshuffle Regional matchups that would impact seven sections.
- The Boys Basketball Committee plans to discuss this at their post season meeting to determine if it is necessary to propose a new Regional Rotation starting in 2020.
- CAC unanimously approved this proposal.

A motion to approve a new Boys Basketball Regional Rotation for 2019 to allow the Section VIII Class D Champion to participate in the state tournament carried. Ferry/Brewer

Girls Basketball Championship Site

A motion for Corning-Painted Post High School as the site of the 2020, 2021 and 2022 NYSPHSAA Girls Basketball State Championships was defeated. Murphy/Simmons

(The votes by Sections were: Section 1: 2 yes; Section 2: 2 no; Section 3: 2 yes; Section 4: 2 yes; Section 5: 2 no; Section 6: 2 no; Section 7: 2 no; Section 8: 2 no; Section 9: 2 no; Section 10: 2 no; Section 11: 2 no. 16 No/6 Yes)

A motion to approve Hudson Valley Community College as the site of the 2020, 2021 and 2022 NYSPHSAA Girls Basketball State Championships carried. Staves/Santandera

(Section 1: 2 no; Section 3: 2 no; Section 4: 2 no)

Girls Wrestling – Representation Rule

- Greg Ransom, Executive Director of Section IX, presented Section IX’s proposal to add the following language to the NYSPHSAA Representation Rule for Girls Wrestling: “NOTE: for the sport of girls wrestling, a girl may wrestle during the regular season as a member of the boys team via mixed competition and also compete in tournaments organized specifically for girls, as long as she does not exceed the maximum number of points (20) during the regular season.”

A motion to approve to amend revising the language addition to the NYSPHSAA Representation Rule for all individual sports carried. Schmandt/Ferry

- Effective 2019-2020 season.
Boys Ice Hockey – Video Replay Protocol

- Scott Stuart, Boys Ice Hockey State Coordinator, presented the Boys Ice Hockey Committee’s proposal to adopt a video replay protocol for Sectionals, Regionals and State Tournament games. The protocol is necessary due to adopting use of video replay, Video Replay Rule 9-13 in the NFHS Rulebook in May 2018.

- The proposed protocol is below:

  1. **Video Replay** - Per adoption in May 2018, video replay is permissible in any postseason game (where available) for the purposes of determining goals, undetected goals and for determining correct time on the game clock. In order to reverse an on-ice ruling, the replay must include conclusive video evidence.

  2. **On-Ice Officials Procedure** - The referee must use a video monitor located at ice level to review any of the criteria. An On-Ice Official makes the final decision.

  3. **Video Replay Criteria** - The following criteria are subject to the use of video replay and may be reviewed through either referee’s discretion or by a coach’s challenge:

     1. A puck crossing the goal line
     2. A puck entering the net before the goal frame is dislodged
     3. A puck entering the net before or after expiration of time at the end of a period, a whistle, or referee’s determination that play has stopped
     4. A puck directed into the net by a hand or a distinct kicking motion
     5. A puck deflected into the net by an official
     6. To establish the correct time on the game clock
     7. To determine if an attacking player prevented the goalkeeper from defending the goal in accordance of Rule 7-13.5
     8. To determine if a puck is directed or deflected into the net by a high stick

  4. **Non-Detected Goal** - In situations where a non-detected goal is awarded, officials will reset the game clock accordingly. If penalties occur prior to or after the undetected goal, these penalties will be enforced regardless of team.

  5. **Allowable Time for Review** - Any potential goal requiring video review must be reviewed prior to or during the next stoppage of play. No goal may be awarded (or 140 disallowed) as a result of video review once the puck has been dropped and play has resumed.

  6. **Team Timeout Request/Coach’s Challenge** - A team may use its timeout for the purpose of reviewing situations that are in the video replay criteria or a potentially non-detected goal. If the challenge is successful, the team retains its timeout. If the challenge is unsuccessful, a timeout is charged to the challenging team. This timeout policy applies to any video replay procedure used. An on-ice official makes the final decision. For a time out to be granted, a coach must:
      
      - Declare, from the onset of the request, that the time out is for purpose of video review. A coach may not request a video review if the time out is taken for another purpose. A coach may not stall in any manner prior to requesting the review.
      - Identify the specific video replay criteria requested to be reviewed

      - When any aspect of the video replay criteria is challenged, it allows the referee to utilize all aspects of the review criteria to be judged (e.g., high stick challenged, but video shows the puck was kicked into the goal).
      - When a video review, due to technical issues with the video replay system, is unable to provide an adequate review, a team time out will not be charged.
      - If a team does not have a timeout remaining, they may not make a challenge.

- The use of Video Replay has been approved for use starting with the 2018 - 2019 season in accordance with the NFHS Rulebook. The criteria and protocol for the use of video replay is determined by the individual State Association adopting its use. The protocol being proposed blends current NCAA protocol and criteria that the NYSPHSAA State Committee and NYS Ice Hockey Officials Association feels is necessary for high school hockey in NYS. The Committee also believes this protocol will provide a simplistic and consistent approach to use of video replay in postseason across the state.

- Effective Start Date: Winter 2018 - 2019 Season. The committee is proposing this as a one-year pilot and would like to review the protocol after one year of use. At that time, the committee will revise the policy and seek approval for changes or keep the protocol indefinitely.

A motion to approve to adopt a video replay protocol for Sectionals, Regionals and State Tournament games in Boys Ice Hockey carried. Carbone/Ryan

(Section 4: 2 Abstentions)
Rifle – Allow Bipods During Air Rifle Competition in Regular Season & Regional Matches

- George Hathaway, NYSPHSAA Rifle State Coordinator, presented the Rifle Committee’s proposal allowing bipods to be attached to air rifles and used during Standing Air Rifle Positions at all regular season matches and the Regional Championship on March 2, 2019. This is a modification of the current NRA Rule 3.1.J.
- Many schools do not have enough Offhand Stands for all competitors
- The cost of Bipods is much cheaper than the cost of offhand stands
- Bipods can be made “in-house” by bending a ½ inch by 10-inch strip of metal and drilling a hole for a flathead screw and wingnut to allow the device to attach to the rail
- Some ranges have desks or tables which are non-movable and do not allow offhand stands to be properly placed. Some offhand stands cannot be placed on the table because they are non-adjustable and would be too tall
- Bipods also aid as a safety factor; when the competitor rests the air rifle between shots, the Bipod allows it to sit upright on the table and not lying sideways on the bolt of the rifle.
- The Committee voted unanimously in favor of this proposal at their November 8th conference call.
- The CAC unanimously approved the proposal.
- Effective start date would be Winter 2018-2019 season. The Rifle Committee is proposing this be a permanent modification of the rule.

A motion to approve allowing bipods to be attached to air rifles and used during Standing Air Rifle Positions at all season matches and the Regional Championship on March 2, 2019 carried. Ferry/Ceruti

SPRING SPORTS

Action Items

Baseball – Pitcher/Designated Hitter Rule

- Al Roy, Baseball State Coordinator, presented the Baseball Committee’s proposal to adopt the following Pitcher (P)/Designated Hitter (DH) Rule, “The designated hitter and the pitcher may be the same person. If the pitcher bats for himself, he is treated as two separate positions – a pitcher and a designated hitter (abbreviated P/DH on the lineup card) – and may be substituted for as such (i.e. if a player who starts the game as the P/DH is relieved as the starting pitcher, he may not return to the mound even if he remains in the game as the DH, and he may not play any other defensive position after being relieved as pitcher.)” This rule will be provided as another option for coaches to utilize.
- This proposal will further support the NYSPHSAA Pitch Count Rule and limit the throwing and wear and tear on the starting pitcher’s arm when they are placed in the field after pitching. Additionally, it gives the coach flexibility with his lineup card. For further clarification, if a coach lists his starting pitcher as just “P” on the lineup card, the pitcher can go to a position after he pitches; if a pitcher is listed as “P/DH”, he can only pitch or DH in the game (or be removed from the game). Currently, the NFHS Rule is the only Designated Hitter Rule in place.
- Effective start date: March 2019.

A motion to approve adopting a Pitcher (P)/Designated Hitter (DH) Rule in Baseball carried. Mullins/Staves

Softball Championship Site

A motion to approve Moriches Athletic Complex (XI) as the site of the 2020, 2021 and 2022 NYSPHSAA Softball State Championships carried. Fallacaro/Ferry

(Section 2: 2 no)

Girls Lacrosse Championship Site

A motion to approve SUNY Cortland as the site of the 2020, 2021 and 2022 NYSPHSAA Girls Lacrosse State Championships carried. Mullins/Andrew

Discussion Items

Girls Lacrosse – Adopt New 3-Year Regional Rotation

- Liz Parry, Girls Lacrosse State Coordinator, presented the Girls Lacrosse Committee’s proposal for a new three-year Regional Rotation from 2020-2022.
- The Regional Rotation will expire in 2019 thus it is necessary to get a new three-year rotation approved. The length of the rotation is the same as the previous rotation.
The Committee voted 10-1 (Section 11 opposed) in favor of this proposal at their December 3rd meeting. Section 11 preferred not to matchup against Section 8 in Regionals due to the strength of its region.

Girls Lacrosse – Require All Officials Working Regional, Semifinal and Final Games Must Have Completed a Transitional Clinic

- Liz Parry, Girls Lacrosse State Coordinator, presented the Girls Lacrosse Committee’s proposal requiring all officials working regional, semifinal and final games must have completed a transitional clinic effective Spring 2019.
- Any official that has completed the transitional clinic has been trained in the three-person system we use for regional, semifinal, and final games.
- This has been the practice but was never officially approved by the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee.
- Will be an Action Item at the May Executive Committee meeting.

Boys Tennis – Adopt 5-Year Rotation to Fill byes with At-Large Selections for 2019-2023

- Selina DeCicco, Boys Tennis State Coordinator, presented the Boys Tennis Committee’s proposal to adopt a five (5) year rotation to fill the tournament byes/draw with at-large selections. It is anticipated there will be six additional athletes in the tournament if this proposal is approved (2 singles, 4 doubles players).
- Filling the byes provides equitable competition for all participants in both singles and doubles instead of some players receiving a bye and getting extra rest from that. The proposal provides the exact same number of contests for each participant which begins with two contests per day for each player. The current format provides less contests for the top two seeded singles and doubles teams.
- There will be an additional cost for sections/schools to cover lodging, meals and possibly transportation for the six added At-Large athletes.
- The Committee voted unanimously in favor of this proposal at their December 5th meeting.
- The effective start date is Spring 2019. The committee is seeking approval for a five (5) year period.
- Will be an Action Item at the May Executive Committee meeting.

Baseball – Adoption of Pitch Count Summary Form

- Al Roy, Baseball State Coordinator, presented the Baseball Committee’s proposal to adopt a pitch count summary form. The form would include each team’s pitchers’ names and their official pitch count from the home pitch chart. Each coach would be required to sign the document following the game. This form will be provided to the site director prior to the next game.
- The committee is using this form as part of its “checks and balances” so accurate pitch counts are advanced to the next rounds of competition. The form also acts as a backup so that if a home pitch chart is lost, this form will reflect the home pitch chart information.
- Effective start date is the 2019 postseason season.
- Will be an Action Item at the May Executive Committee meeting.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Consideration of the future implementation/exploration of esports

- Robert reported on January 22nd, he and a group of 30 people attended an esport championship event in Connecticut.
- The Association has been working with PlayVS, a group out of Los Angeles who has helped many high school athletic and activities associations implement esports programs.
- Some Sections have expressed an interest in seeing what esports is about.
- Russ Bartlett, NYSPHSAA 2nd Vice President, has been selected as Chair of an Ad Hoc Committee to explore and discuss the topic of esports.
- Robert reminded all that we are in the earliest stages of exploratory discussion.
- More information will come as a result of the Ad Hoc Committee’s discussion.

NCAA June Scholastic Event for Boys Basketball

- Robert reported the NCAA has come to the NFHS and asked the NFHS along with their member state associations to host June scholastic events in men’s basketball.
• The NCAA, in an effort to get control over some of the corruption that has taken place in NCAA Men’s Division I Basketball, has banned Division I men’s coaches from going to any other events the last 2 weekends in June except for those endorsed by the NFHS and supported by the state high school athletic associations.
• The problem with the NFHS criteria is that it states only students from NFHS member state high school athletic associations are eligible to attend these June scholastic recruiting events. Robert stated this eliminates any consideration for students from the PSAL, CHSAA or AISAA attending the event that our Association may potentially endorse along with the NYS Basketball Coaches Association.
• His other concern is that it is only for men’s basketball and not girls’ basketball as well.
• His recommendation is we do not get involved this year and see what happens throughout the country.

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

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B. Swim/Dive (V)

Indian River, Sackets Harbor     Wrestling (V, JV, M)
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Onondaga, LaFayette, Tully     Wrestling (V, JV, M)
New Hartford, Sauquoit Valley     Wrestling (V, JV, M)
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Solvay, Lyncourt     Indoor T/F (M)
Onondaga, LaFayette     Indoor T/F (V)
Old Forge, Cooperstown     Nordic Ski (V)
Cicero-North Syracuse, Camden     Nordic Ski (V, M)
O.D. Young, Richfield Springs     Girl Volleyball (V, JV, M)

IT@Central, PSLA/Fowler     Girls Basketball (V, JV)

6  Allegany-Limestone, Franklin, Olean, Portville     B/G Indoor Track
Medina, Lyndonville     B/G Swim (V)
West Seneca West, West Seneca East     B. Tennis (V)
Chautauqua Lake, Westfield     B/G Track & Field (7/8/9th)

8  East Rockaway & Malverne     B/G Soccer (V, JV)
      G. Tennis (V)
Lynbrook South MS & Lynbrook North MS     All Modified teams
Elmont, Floral Park, Carey, New Hyde Park & Sewanhaka     B. Golf (V)
      G. Swimming (V)
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Floral Park, Carey & Sewanhaka     Field Hockey (V, JV)
HB Thompson MS & Southwoods MS     G. Swimming (M)
East Meadow & Clarke     G. Swimming
Great neck North & Great Neck South     Football (V, JV, M)
Turtle Hook MS & Lawrence Road MS     Cross Country
Carle Place & Wheatley     Football (V, JV, M)
      B. Volleyball
      G. Swimming & Diving
      B. Golf
MacArthur & Division

9  Tri Valley & Fallsburg     G. Alpine Skiing (V)
Liberty, Sullivan & Eldred     Wrestling (V, M)
Livingston Manor & Roscoe     G. Basketball (M)
Highland & Marlboro     B/G Lacrosse (V)
Ellenville & Wawarsing Christian School     Softball (V, JV, M)
      Baseball (V, JV, M)
      B. Tennis (V)
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Marlboro & Highland
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

Legislative Lobbyist – Kevin Banes
- Gave a brief overview of what he anticipates coming up this legislative season.
- Will be monitoring the following:
  - Red Flag Law (gun package law) that was just passed by both houses as it has implications in the education world where educators can now petition the courts if they deem a student or parent a threat when purchasing a gun or currently owns a gun. The court can then rule against that individual carrying a gun.
  - The $27.5 billion education aid package.
  - Home school legislation – anticipates it will be introduced again.
  - Anticipates prohibition on sporting programs such as archery and sharp shooting will be reintroduced.
  - Prohibiting tackle football for kids 12 and under.
- He and Robert will be meeting with the new Assembly Education Chair, Michael Benedetto from the Bronx and Westchester and a former teacher and the new Senate Education Chair, Shelly Mayer. They are new in their roles so this is the perfect opportunity to share what the Association’s priorities are, what we advocate for and what we are concerned about.

NYS Council of Administrators, Jim Rose
- Reported Ron Whitcomb is their new President.
- This year’s topics will focus on balancing the job for Physical Education Directors who have dual responsibility of physical education and athletics and how to manage both jobs.
- Stated Ron would like to see all Physical Education Directors attend the conference. If anyone has information on presentations they would like to see at the conference, please contact Ron.
- Stated Ron wanted to emphasize a strong physical education program that is skilled base sets a strong foundation for a strong athletic program.

A motion to approve adjournment of the February 2019 Executive Committee meeting on Friday, February 1, 2019 at 1:40 PM carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Robert Zayas
Executive Director

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