New York State Public High School Athletic Association

SYNOPSIS OF ACTIONS
May 5, 2017 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Hilton Garden Inn, Troy, NY

ACTION ITEMS

1. P4  Approved the agenda for the May 5, 2017 Executive Committee Meeting.
2. P4  Approved the January 27, 2017 Executive Committee meeting minutes.
3. P9  Defeated a waiver of the 7-day rule from May 5, 2017 for the remainder of the Spring season for all sports on the varsity level in all school districts in the NYSPHSAA due to the weather conditions.
4. P12 Approved the 2017-2018 budget.
5. P12 Approved the amended 2017-2018 budget.
6. P15 Approved language in the Handbook to the “practice rule” to clarify warm-ups are not considered practice.
7. P15 Approved to clarify forfeits count toward the representation rule.
8. P18 Approved the Modified Eligibility Rule #6 Extended Playing Time will be expanded and edited to include the sports of Boys and Girls Soccer effective Fall 2017.
9. P19 Approved recognizing Wednesday of Week #46 as “NYSPHSAA Coaches Appreciation Day”.
10. P20 Approved Section participation in 2017-2018 NYSPHSAA Championships and Regionals as per the NYSPHSAA Constitution, Article V, 5.
11. P20 Approved a NYSPHSAA Drone Policy for scrimmages, regular and post season contests effective August 1, 2017.
12. P20 Approved an adjustment to the Girls Lacrosse Regional Rotation in Sections 1, 2 and 9 for 2018 and 2019.
13. P20 Approved an Alternate Official (US Lacrosse 2017 Rule Book) be used in Girls Lacrosse for all Regional Outbracket and Regional Championship games to abide by the State Fees and Policies contract effective the 2017 season.
14. P20 Defeated for Boys and Girls Swimming & Diving to recognize a team/school champion at the NYSPHSAA State Championships.
17. P20 Approved revising the position title of Special Programs Coordinator to Director of Special Programs.
18. P20 Approved revising the position of Treasurer to Director of Finance, with a differential.
19. P21 Approved a reduction in the required number of contests for Boys Tennis from 6 to 4 in Sections 2 and 7, in Golf from 6 to 5 in Section 5, in Boys Tennis from 6 to 5 in Section 5, in Softball from 6 to 1 in Section 6, in Baseball from 6 to 1 in Section 6, in Boys Tennis from 6 to 1 in Section 6, in Boys & Girls Golf from 6 to 1 in Section 6.
22. P23 Approved the revision of classification cut-off numbers in Boys and Girls Cross Country for the Fall 2018 season.
23. P23 Approved in Boys Golf to allow golfers the option to use push/pull carts in League, Sectional and the NYSPHSAA Championships.
24. P25 Approved current NYSPHSAA school districts will receive a State Courtesy Pass that will allow the card holder free admission to all NYSPHSAA Regionals and Championships beginning in the Fall 2017.
25. P25 Approved a reduction in participation numbers from 14 to 12 for Eight Man Football.
26. P25  Postponed with Section/League approval, Modified sports will start on the same date as Varsity and JV sports beginning 2017-2018.

27. P31  Approved adjournment.
NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Hilton Garden Inn, Troy, NY
May 5, 2017

The Executive Committee meeting was called to order by President James Osborne at 9:00 AM on Friday, May 5, 2017. Executive Director Robert Zayas introduced the officers and staff present and performed roll call to ascertain a quorum.

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

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

**Section Representatives**
- Section I: Karen Peterson, James Mackin
- Section II: Edward Dopp (proxy for Kathleen Ryan), Drew Santander
- Section III: John Rathbun (proxy for Monica Tooley), Michel Carboine
- Section IV: Patti Murphy, Ben Nelson (proxy for Christopher Durdon)
- Section V: Kimberly Henshaw, Thomas Schmandt
- Section VI: Marisa Fallacaro, Timm Slade (proxy for James Graczyk)
- Section VII: Patricia Ryan-Curry, Matt Walentuk (proxy for Joseph Staves)
- Section VIII: Christine Ceruti; Michael Bongino
- Section IX: Roberta Greene, James Wolfe
- Section X: Carl Normandin (proxy for Lori Brewer), James Cruikshank
- Section XI: Debra Ferry, Timothy Mullins (Donald Webster, proxy in PM for Timothy Mullins)

**Section Executive Directors**
- Ed Dopp (II), John Rathbun (III), Ben Nelson (IV), Kathy Hoyt (V), Timm Slade (VI), Matthew Walentuk (VII), Nina Van Erk (VIII), Gregory Ransom (IX), Carl Normandin (X), Donald Webster (XI)

**Standing Committees & Ex-Officio**
- Alan Mallanda, Executive Director-NYSAAA
- Scott Sugar, President-NYSAAA
- Greg Warren, President-NYSOCA
- Jim Rose, Modified Co-Coordinator

**Sport Coordinators**
- Marbry Ganske, G. Cross Country
- Gary Van Derzee, Football
- Scott Stuart, Ice Hockey
- Liz Parry, G. Lacrosse
- Peter Hugo, B. Swimming/Diving (via phone)
- Judy Hartmann, B. Volleyball (via phone)
- Patti Perone, G. Volleyball (via phone)
Guests
Wayne Bertrand, Section 2
Rise Van Iderstine, Section 2
Dominick Vulpis, Section VIII
Thomas Combs, Section XI
Ashleigh Roche, NYSPHSAA Intern
Kate Engert, NYSPHSAA Intern

A motion to approve the agenda of the May 5, 2017 Executive Committee meeting carried.    Mullins/Wolfe

A motion to approve the January 27, 2017 Executive Committee meeting minutes as written carried.    Ceruti-Ryan-Curry

ORAL AND PRINTED REPORTS WERE PRESENTED BY ASSOCIATION OFFICERS AND STAFF

President James Osborne
- Reported on his attendance at the Winter championships, sport committee meetings and Standing Committee meetings.
- Congratulated all the participants in our Winter championships.
- Thanked the Sport Coordinators and their committee along with the volunteers for their hard work to make our championships the best possible experience for our athletes, parents and spectators.
- Thanked the staff of the NYSPHSAA for their expertise and providing a great championship experience for all involved. He appreciates all they do.

1st Vice President Paul Harrica
- Echoed Jim’s sentiments on the Winter championships and staff.

2nd Vice President Julie Bergman
- Thanked everyone for the Winter championship experiences.
  - Echoed Jim Osborne’s comments stating the championships were exceptionally well run and provided an amazing opportunity for our student-athletes.
  - Wished continued success in the Spring championships.

Past President Steve Broadwell
- Echoed Jim’s comments of how well the Winter championships were run and provide an excellent opportunity for our student-athletes, parents and communities
  - Looking forward to the Spring championships.

Executive Director Robert Zayas
NYSED Athletic Eligibility Proposals
- NYSED continues to propose changes to the Duration of Competition regulation and the Athletic Placement Process for K-8 Students. The NYSED Athletic Eligibility regulations were amended at the March 13th New York State Regents meeting. A vote is scheduled for June 12 or 13.
- Our membership continues to believe the proposed changes will result in confusion with the interpretation, establish a precedence which would be extremely challenging to maintain, and could subject school districts and Section Athletic Councils to increased litigation.
- NYSPHSAA supports the current language of these regulations and does not recommend any changes at this time.

Modified Sub-Committee
- As a result of the NYSPHSAA Five Year Strategic Plan, a sub-committee was created to examine the philosophy of Modified Athletics.
  - The Committee met on March 30 and agreed upon five areas to be presented for consideration to the Modified Committee at their March 31st meeting:
    1) Consideration for extended playing time to mirror high school rules (to begin in 2018-19 school year)
    2) Consideration to have “option” for more games (to begin in 2018-19 school year)
    3) Consideration for “Modified” to be changed to “Middle School Athletics” ("Rebrand" program)
    4) Consideration for re-formatting of online rules (Include links to governing rules)
    5) More emphasis on modified rules at annual Fall athletic director workshops
Assistant Director Joe Altieri

Sport Committees/Other Meetings
- Since January 27th, he was the NYSPHSAA liaison for the following committees: Girls Volleyball, Boys Golf, Baseball, Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer, B/G Lacrosse, Wrestling, Boys Volleyball, Football, NYS Federation, NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame Committee. Minutes of each sport committee have been provided to the Officers, CAC and Executive Directors.

Championship Advisory Committee
- The CAC met for an in-person meeting on April 7th. The report/minutes were included in the meeting packet.

Championship Administration
- Fall championships yielded a $288,830 profit thus far, an increase from 2016. There are still several outstanding bills and revenues to be paid or received.
- Cheer, Boys Swimming/Diving, Wrestling Gymnastics, Bowling and Ice Hockey saw an increase in attendance while Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball and Indoor Track saw decreases. Despite decreases, Boys Basketball and Indoor Track saw greater profit margins this year due to lower or no expenses at new venues.
- An updated attendance grid was included in the meeting packet.
- Due to a new ticketing platform this year through Huddle, online ticket sales are at the highest they have been since 2009. We continue to market them through our website, coaches packets and TV/radio campaigns.
- Action will be requested for championship sites for Boys Soccer in Middletown and Girls Volleyball in Glens Falls. An updated NYSPHSAA Championship Dates and Sites through 2020 was included in the meeting packet.
- Time Warner Cable Sports Channel has officially transitioned to Spectrum Sports. Due to the transition, it is unclear if Spectrum will broadcast any Girls/Boys Lacrosse or Softball championships which had been previously broadcast. We will be meeting with Spectrum on May 16th to discuss the contract going forward and other issues.

Branding/Marketing
- Branding at NYSPHSAA State Championships and marketing of our events was the heaviest we have ever engaged in primarily due to new venues hosting several events. Branding included new interior sponsor and NYSPHSAA banners, exterior light pole signage, pillar and bridge signage, room keys at all championships and added championship collateral like shirts and champion boards.
- Marketing included television and radio advertising for five sports, digital advertising for four sports. Rifle and Girls Ice Hockey Regional events continued their growth and were included in some of our branding and marketing efforts. See our website for photos.
- Thanks to the NFHS producing a turnkey radio PSA for all states, for the 6th consecutive year we were able to mail CD’s of the PSA to over 300 radio stations in New York for free promotion of NYSPHSAA and high school sports.

NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame
- The NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame Class of 2017 has been announced. A press release announcing the induction of Lloyd Mott, Patrick Pizzarelli, Mark Ward, Ed Danowski, Hank Roth and Richard Castellano was included in the meeting packet.
- The Hall of Fame Screening Committee met on January 26th for its annual meeting to review policies and procedures of the program. Action will be requested pertaining to policies and procedures for implementation in 2017-18.

Spring Semester Interns
- Thanked Kate Engert and Ashleigh Roche who completed their Spring internship with the Association today.

Assistant Director Todd Nelson

Unified Sports
- There were nine Section 2 schools who participated in Unified Bowling this past Winter season.
- In the Spring, 100 schools from Sections 2, 3, 5, 6 7, 8, 9 and 11 will participate in unified basketball. Each school will play a 5-6 game regular season with a culminating tournament or event.
- He noted some Sections are interested in expanding to Cross Country and Modified Basketball. He is hopeful that two more Sections will offer Unified Basketball.
- He reported concerns have been raised regarding the 19 year old rule and the duration of competition in unified basketball. For students not eligible to participate because of the age rule or duration of competition rule, a skills team has been developed with the help of Special Olympics New York where they can compete in the skills of shooting, dribbling and passing against other students. This gives students the opportunity to still be a part of the team, wear the school uniform and be a part of the program. This has been offered to all schools. In bowling,
because it is an individual sport, students are able to participate as exhibition competitors. Hoping to expand this opportunity in Cross Country also.

- He stated we could not offer this great program without our partnership with Special Olympics New York. We have worked together to help change lives for many students.

**Classification of Variation Sports**

- As directed by the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee, any changes to the classification cut-off numbers for a variation sport must be approved by the Championship Advisory Committee and presented to the Executive Committee at the May meeting.
- Reminded that classification cut-off numbers are reviewed every two years by the sports committees.
- Below is an update for all NYSPHSAA variation sports:
  
  **Cross Country** Proposal was on Agenda
  **Field Hockey** No proposed change
  **Girl Volleyball** Proposal was on Agenda
  **Boys Volleyball** No proposed change
  **Football** Proposal was on Agenda
  **Girls Lacrosse** 2017 first year of 4 classifications
  **Boys Lacrosse** 2017 first year of 4 classifications
  **Ice Hockey** No proposed change

  These sports will be reviewed during the 2018-2019 school year and presented to the Championship Advisory Committee and Executive Committee in May of 2019.

**NFHS On-Line Courses**

- Remind your schools, coaches, students, parents and officials the NFHS provides outstanding resources through the NFHS Learn website, www.nfhslearn.com. All courses are taken on-line and most are offered free of charge.
- Many new coaches have taken advantage of the NFHS pathway to obtain a coaching license or meet the coaching certification. These resources can also be valuable to provide professional development and growth to veteran coaches.
- Reported the NFHS had tweeted New York State tied Arkansas in the month of April for the most accredited interscholastic coaching certificates in the country.

**Director of Communications Chris Watson**

**Social Media**

- We continue to grow our outreach on social media. Twitter, Facebook and Instagram are the three major platforms we utilize to reach our audience. During the winter championships season, there were major spikes in usage in all three platforms, especially on championship weekends.
- Since August 2016, we have added over 5,000 Twitter followers and 1,500 Instagram followers.
- Snap Chat will be added to our to our social media plan in the summer months after the spring championship season. This will be another way to connect with our audience, most specifically the current student athletes.

**Championship Photos**

- Official photographs from NYSPHSAA championships are now linked directly on the sports individual landing pages. This allows parents, coaches, etc. to find the pictures and purchase them much easier.

**Sports Information Assistants**

- Sports information assistants will continue to be utilized at our spring championships to assist with social media and dissemination of results.
- Their main responsibility will be to share videos of events as soon as they conclude and provide post-game interviews with student-athletes and coaches.
- When possible, SAAC members or current NYSPHSAA student-athletes will be used as our sports information assistants. This is a great way to have our kids highlight the work and accomplishments of our student-athletes.

**Live Streaming/Spectrum Sports**

- Live streaming of a state tournament event is a violation of our contract with Spectrum Sports. That includes Facebook Live, Periscope, etc.
- This is allowed during regular season and sectional events but must stop when tournament action begins.
- He asked schools to inform parents and school administrators of this policy.
- We will continue to police this at our championship events with the help of Spectrum Sports.
My Reason Why
- The NFHS’s My Reason Why campaign continues to be a success.
- This is a national initiative for student-athletes and coaches where they can share their inspiration and love of the game on social media.
- Anyone can participate by using the hashtag #MyReasonWhy.

Director of Special Programs Kristen Jadin

Scholar-Athlete
- There were 2,054 Scholar-Athlete teams for Winter 2017; 254 teams less than last year.
- There were 29,551 Winter Scholar-Athlete individuals for Winter 2017; 2,500 more individuals awarded which was the goal of the new program.
- Spring Scholar-Athlete submission opened April 17th. The deadline is May 22nd.
- School of Distinction/School of Excellence applications will be available on the website after the Spring Scholar-Athlete deadline. The application will be online next year.
- Discussion with SADC to distribute pins at AD workshops instead of shipping.

Participation Survey
- An updated survey was distributed to all Athletic Directors and Section Executive Directors.
- It is available on our website. The deadline for the survey is Friday, May 12th.

Legislative Communications
- NYS legislators were informed of all team state champions from the winter.
- NYS legislators have been invited to the Spring Championships.

Spalding Ball Adoption
- Currently in the process of evaluating distribution procedures.
- NYSPHSAA logo will be placed on all Sectional and State ball allotments.
- Spalding TF-1000 Legacy will be provided for post season boys and girls basketball play starting with the 2017-2018 season. The Legacy will be provided for Sectional finals and Sectional games at neutral sites, as well as Regionals and State Championships.
- Section First Round host schools will have the option to use the Classic or the Legacy.

Student Leadership
- Two SAAC students will be attending the NFHS National Student Leadership Summit in Indianapolis from July 17th-19th. Julie Nemcek, Windsor HS (IV) and Linzy Dineen, Wallkill HS (IX) will attend with Kristen who will be attending as the Adult Ambassador.
- Rising seniors on SAAC will be attending the New England Student Leadership Conference July 25th-28th. As this will be during our Central Committee meeting, she is looking for a chaperone. If anyone is interested, please contact her.
- The Captains Club will transition to recorded sessions, similar to a “30 for 30”, beginning May 9th. Thanked Chris Watson for all his help in this transition.
- On February 14, 2017 she sent a survey to Athletic Directors on the possibility of the NYSPHSAA conducting a Leadership Conference. She will report on the results at the July Central Committee meeting.
- The SAAC application is available on our website. She is looking for 13 student-athletes to join the committee. The deadline if May 30, 2017. As of May 5, 2017, 27 applications have been received.

Special Programs
- Community Service Challenge – online application deadline was May 1, 2017. Results will be announced later in the summer.
- Hazing Prevention Course – reminded the course was free until June 1, 2017. In August, the cost will be $100 per school for 40-50 licenses.

Director of Sales and Marketing Chris Joyce

Sponsorships
- Since October, proposals of $10,000 or more have been sent to the following companies:
  - SuperFanHigh, Allstate Foundation, Volt Athletic, Blue Cross/Blue Shield
  - In talks with Legend Rings. Jostens has changed their business model, getting away from championship rings and becoming more involved in educational programs and scholastic rings.
- Contributing tournament sponsorships were secured for winter championships from the following companies:
• Reached a new agreement with USTA Eastern, our largest sponsor of Girls and Boys Tennis.
• The five-year agreement with Huddle Ticketing involving all 11 Sections has been finalized. In addition to the guaranteed rights fees, NYSPhSAA and the Sections may be eligible for additional funds based on various ticket sales benchmarks. At the end of each contract year, NYSPhSAA will pay each Section their share of the revenue.

Ticketing
• Current online ticket sales have already surpassed last year’s total online sales.
• Presale tickets are the most efficient form of entry and line management.
  • At peak entry time for Indoor Track & Field there were 123 online tickets redeemed in a 15 minute period and 382 online tickets over a one-hour period.
• Working with Huddle to continue to customize the platform to suit our needs.
• Online tickets are currently available for all upcoming Spring Championship events, except Boys Tennis and Boys and Girls Golf which are not ticketed events.
• Developing marketing elements to the ticketing platform to help promote our events.
• Asked the Section Executive Directors to begin thinking about their required printed ticket quantities for next year’s ticket order. He will send an email in June requesting numbers. The order will be put in the beginning of July.
• Money from the exclusive ticketing deal with Huddle will be distributed to each Section at the end of the year once reports are received from the Spring Championships.

Marketing
• Media campaigns were launched on Facebook and with targeted Google Network ads for Wrestling, Ice Hockey and Boys and Girls Basketball.
  • Over 1.4 million impressions
  • Included both static image ads and video plays
• New sponsor banners were ordered to standardize size and design. They will improve consistency of branding at our events and ensure proper recognition of our sponsorship partners.
• Designed NYSPhSAA signage for use at various championship venues.
• Full game scripts will now be used when possible at team sport championships to help integrate our sponsorship partners and improve game operations.

Director of Finance Lisa Hand
• Announced that she will now be using her maiden name.

Balance Sheet
• Continue to have a solid cash position as of 3/31/17 of approximately $1 million. Recently transferred $300,000 to the bond fund.
• Other receivables of $201,843 include $97,000 due from CP Sportswear and approximately $70,000 due from the winter championship venues, both of which have been collected.
• Inventory includes approx. $120,000 of impact tests ordered per our contract.
• Continue to have ability to meet current and long term obligations.
• As of 3/31/17 we have excess revenue over expenses of $999,270.

Income Statement
Revenues
• Investments continue to do well. They have earned $78,676 since September 1, 2016.
• Fall Championships have netted a profit of $250,666. Since then, she has allocated the championship t-shirts to these events so the profit is now approximately $240,000.
• As of 3/31/17 the Winter Championships showed a profit of $288,830 but we were still waiting for a few invoices. Included in this figure are Souvenir sales of $147,000 and $206,850 in sponsorship money. As of 5/5/17, the profit for Winter Championships is approximately $261,000 due to event invoices that were received and the championship t-shirts.

Expenditures
• Marketing expense is over budget by approximately $18,000 due to much needed new banners and more branding at all of our events.
Programs & Committees

- Scholar Athlete expense includes cost of pins of $28,080.
- NYS Federation is over budget because we have not yet received our profit share.
- The market value of our investments has increased by $45,438 since 8/31/16.
- Overall the financial health of the association is very good.

Legal Counsel Renee James

- Stated it’s been a big year for lawsuits regarding our Transfer Rule but we've been successful in the cases we've had.
- Reported on a case that went to the Office of Civil Rights in which a student in a school district with block scheduling claimed that based on his ADHD, needed to go to a non-public school with regular periods. OCR rendered a decision that upheld our Transfer Rule stating our rule was not discriminatory against students with disabilities.
- Reported we were sued in Federal Court on our Transfer Rule. It involved a student playing up. The attorney argued there was not a 7th and 8th grade in the school district the student wanted to transfer to and as it was a small rural school district. All girls had to play up to fill teams. The attorney stated this discriminates based on Title IX because more 7th and 8th grade girls play up than boys and it also discriminates against minorities and poorer school districts that don’t have as many modified sports. After a day of mediation in Federal Court, she and Robert were able to get the father who was also the attorney to drop the lawsuit in exchange for him to make a 5 minute presentation to our Executive Committee at their May meeting.
- Reported Section XI had a Duration of Competition lawsuit go to the Commissioner of Education. A student claimed he missed a year due to a knee injury. The Section Appeal Committee determined the injury did not cause the student to require an additional year. The case went to the Commissioner of Education where it was stated the student was homeless with an unstable family condition that moved from one state to another and he missed another season. They felt the unstable family life constituted an accident. The Commissioner would not make a determination if it was or wasn’t an accident stating it wasn’t argued at the Section level.
- Reported the Transgender Committee was convened to discuss the possibility of adopting the NCAA standards in terms of hormone therapy. Robert reached out to the NYS Attorney General’s office and their Counsel and asked them to weigh in on the legal standpoint because the Federal guidelines are gone. New York State has DASA but there are no guidelines from State Ed. We are making modifications to our guidelines that don’t need the parent to sign off that a student can play a sport as a male or female. Parent signatures will still be needed on general requirement. She will keep monitoring the situation. Please contact her with any questions.

SECTION CONCERNS

Section I requested a clarification of the language for the variation sports uniformed calendar that was approved at the July 2014 Central Committee meeting. They feel the language should say “presented for review to CAC” as they are a recommending body only. The motion approved stated “all variation sports receive CAC approval prior to presenting changes to classification cut off numbers...”. They also want the language to include the changes will be voted on at the May meeting. Robert will work with Section I on a proposal to revise the language in the Handbook to create a requirement for a uniform timeline. This will be a discussion item at the July Central Committee meeting and voted on at the October Executive Committee meeting.

Section III voiced a concern from their Volleyball Committee that the shape of the Spalding ball is not holding; it does not stay round.

Section VI requested a waiver of the 7 day rule based on weather as they have had continuous rain and are having a hard time meeting the required amount of contests.

A motion was defeated for a waiver of the 7-day rule from May 5, 2017 for the remainder of the Spring season for all sports on the varsity level in all school districts in the NYSPHSAA due to the weather conditions. Fallacaro/Mullins
(The votes by Section were: Section 1: 2 no; Section 2: 2 no; Section 3: 2 no; Section 4: 2 no; Section 5: 2 no; Section 6: 2 yes; Section 7: 2 no; Section 8: 2 no; Section 9: 2 no; Section 10: 2 no; Section 11: 2 yes. 18 No/4 Yes.)

Section VII inquired about the need for the fitness test in rifle for the Advance Placement Program. Golf and bowling do not require it. The question will be sent to Darryl Daily at State Ed. They also asked to clarify what “co-ed” means in Competition Cheer. This will be added to the Cheerleading Committee meeting’s agenda on May 24th.
Section VIII voiced a concern with having many students aging out who can’t participate in sports but are counted in their BED’s numbers. They would like this to be looked at. It will be added to the agenda of the Handbook Committee at their June 21st meeting.

Section XI introduced Tom Combs as their new Executive Director and Pete Blieberg as their new Assistant Executive Director effective July 1, 2017.

REPORTS FROM EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

State Education Department. Darryl Daily

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- NYS Athletic Administrators Association (NYSSAA) Leadership Training Program and Certification Program – See website: www.nysaaa.org/page.cfm?page=leadership.cfm
  www.nysaaa.org/prof-development/certification-program

- NYSAA Annual Conference (March 14-16, 2018) in Saratoga Springs – www.nysaaa.org/conference/program-information


NEW REGISTRATION AND CONTINUING TEACHER AND LEADER (CTLE) REQUIREMENTS FOR CLASSROOM TEACHERS AND SCHOOL LEADERS HOLDING A PERMANENT OR PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE AND LEVEL III TEACHING ASSISTANT CERTIFICATE HOLDERS


ESSA QUICK FACTS (From SHAPE – 2016)

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

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

- Subjects included in a well-rounded education are allowed the use of funds by states and school districts for Title I (low income schools) and Title II (professional development for teachers and principals).

- School health, physical education and physical activity programs will have access to significant funding under Title IV of ESSA. Block grants will be distributed to states under the Safe and Healthy Students program.

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

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

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

- NYSED, headed by Assistant Commissioner Ira Schwartz, created a think tank with numerous stakeholders, including the NYSAHPERD. NYSED has set goal to submit its ESSA State Plan by March 6, 2017. However, State Education agencies may also submit their plans during a second window, on July 5, 2017.

- 3 Webinars from the Office of Safe and Healthy Students at the U. S. Department of Education: Title IV, Part A of ESSA took place between January 12, 2017 and February 9, 2017.
• New York Education Department Winter Regional Meetings public feedback were conducted between 3/9/17-3/18/17.

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

ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY amendment (BOR review from March meeting-Public comment information-2017)

COURSES ACCEPTED AS MEETING THE FIRST AID/CPR/AED REQUIREMENT LIST (Updated August 2016)

MIXED COMPETITION GUIDELINES REVISED (August 2015)

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

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

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

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

IMPORTANT HEALTH RELATED ITEMS
• DEVELOPMENT OF RESOURCES TO EDUCATE ON NEED TO ENCOURAGE ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION
  • Recent Legislation (Summer 2016)-SED began working collaboratively with organizations that promote organ and tissue donation to provide model exemplary 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.
  • Please note-APRIL is National “DONATE LIFE” month.
• DEVELOPMENT OF RESOURCES FOR SEPSIS
  • Currently SED has a workgroup planning a sepsis webpage. They are working collaboratively with organizations that promote organ and tissue donation to provide model exemplar lesson plans and best practice instructional resources.

• GAMBLING RESOURCES
  • See: https://www.oasas.ny.gov/gambling/SchoolDistrictResources.cfm

• 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.

• COMMISSIONER’S REGULATIONS TO REQUIRE INSTRUCTION IN CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION (“Hands Only” CPR) AND INSTRUCTION IN THE USE OF AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS
  • Students in senior high school shall be provided instruction in hands-only cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an automated external defibrillator at least once before graduation.
  • See link: youretheecure.org/aha/advocacy/details.aspx?BlogId=2&PostId=4139

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

Budget and Audit Committee. Paul Harrica, 1st Vice President
  • The committee met on Thursday, January 19, 2017 via teleconference.
  • Reviewed the Membership Dues for 2017-2018 and the ticket prices for 2016-2017 would remain the same and the Transportation Rate to the Sections for 2017-2018 would be $1.35/mile.

A motion to approve the 2017-2018 budget carried. Mullins/Carboine
A motion to amend the 2017-2018 budget with the correct total expenditures of $2,713.331 carried. Ceruti/Andrew

Championship Advisory Committee. Greg Ransom, Chair
  • The committee met on Friday, April 7, 2017 in the NYSPHSAA Office and on Tuesday, April 18, 2017 via teleconference.

April 7, 2017 Meeting
Action Items
  • The committee supported the following proposals to be presented for action at the May 2017 Executive Committee meeting:
    • Girls Lacrosse Regional Rotation – Liz Parry, Girls Lacrosse State Coordinator, presented the proposal on the Regional Rotation impacting Sections 1, 2 and 9.
    • Girls Lacrosse Alternate Official – Liz Parry, Girls Lacrosse State Coordinator, presented the proposal requesting an additional official be used for Regional games (currently used at States).
  • The committee did not support the following proposals to be presented for action at the May 2017 Executive Committee meeting:
    • Swimming Team & Diving Team Champion – Peter Hugo, Boys Swimming/Diving State Coordinator presented the proposal requesting recognition of a team champion at the state meet.
    • Girls Golf Adding 3 Markers – Jamie Harter, Girls Golf State Coordinator, presented the proposal of adding three markers (coaches) per Section at the State Tournament. At the 2016 tournament, they were 6-7 markers short. Cost would be a hotel room, mileage and meals per person. They can be a parent, if their child was not in that group, volunteers, coaches and teachers. Doug Courtright, Boys Golf State Coordinator,
noted coaches are the markers for the boys and are responsible to mark for both days. There was discussion on how to compensate the markers. Robert noted it will be required in the bid going forward. The NYSPHSAA staff will work with Section 8 to remedy this year’s issue with markers.

• **Boys Golf Allow Push/Pull Carts** – Doug Courtright, Boys Golf State Coordinator, presented the proposal on offering the option to players to use the push/pull carts for a one year experiment. It applies just for the state tournament and is up to the Section for regular season play. Robert asked if this is in line with the USGA rules. Doug said it is even though it may be a modification of the rules. Greg indicated the Executive Committee should be waiving the USGA rule. Doug emailed the USGA Rules, Appendix 1, Rule 8 saying transportation is authorized by the committee. Todd said we should clarify the USGA Rule. The CAC has concerns about the language of the proposal which includes regular season application and the USGA rule waiver.

**For Review/Input, Championship Site Selections**

- The CAC expressed no concerns in choosing the following Championship Site selections:
  - **Boys Soccer.** Middletown High School for 2018 through 2020.
  - **Girls Volleyball.** Glens Falls Civic Center (2) for 2018 and 2020.

**Future Items for Discussion**

- The following items were introduced for discussion and were presented for recommendation at the April CAC meeting and action at the May Executive Committee meeting:
  - **Boys/Girls Swimming & Diving Standards.** Peter Hugo, Boys Swimming/Diving State Coordinator, presented the proposals for swimming and diving standards for 2017-2018. Per Championship Philosophy Committee, the committees are to fall between 5%-8% participation and both committees fell in that range. There were no CAC concerns at this time.
  - **Ice Hockey Four-Man Officiating System.** Scott Stuart, Ice Hockey State Coordinator, presented the proposal for a two-referee, two linesman officiating system for 2017-2018. He noted there would be better coverage and game management with this system. John asked about States and confirmed a change from two to four, all now being on the ice. Scott said yes. Todd noted there are four at the game already with two off the ice one getting half a game fee, the other at $27. John asked if there was training for officials to use a four-man system. Scott said the majority of our officials already have that experience. John asked if there would be consideration to go to three-man. Scott said the four-man is much better coverage. Robert asked who would man the penalty boxes if there were four officials on the ice. Scott said volunteers would hand that duty. Mike asked if this would impact the safety of the game. Scott replied yes.
  - **Girls Soccer Regional Rotation.** Joe Vasile-Cozzo, Girls Soccer State Coordinator, presented the proposal for the Girls soccer Regional rotation starting in fall 2017. Joe noted Sections 1, 7 and 10 initially rejected the proposal. Two of those Sections were impacted by the change in rotation, a concern of the CAC.
  - **Officials Fees & Policies for 2017-2018.** Greg noted it was discussed at the January CAC meeting to form a CAC Sub-Committee to look at the Officials Fees and Policies contract that expires in August 2017. Volunteers for the sub-committee are Eileen, John and Greg. They will meet on May 16th at 10:00 AM via conference call. They will report back to the CAC on June 21st and present a proposal to the Central Committee in July.
  - **Cross Country Classification.** Assistant Director Todd Nelson presented the proposal for a new classification for Boys and Girls Cross Country. They are proposing an even distribution of 25% of schools in each of four classes for the 2017-2018 school year. Chuck Wilse, Boys Cross Country State Coordinator called in and noted Todd provided him with the numbers and only used scoring teams. Greg asked Chuck about non-scoring teams and suggested taking all the teams and dividing by four for new members. Chuck had no problem with that except that incomplete teams are not known. Chuck feel this is primarily needed due to the C and D classes needing to be adjusted in the right classes. Eileen asked where they count the private schools. Chuck said it’s up to the Sections and does not believe coordinators make the adjustment. The CAC had concerns about schools moving up and down, and if they truly fall in the correct classification. They recommend adjusting the rules and do a split based on 536 schools so all are accounted for including private and incomplete schools. CAC also supports a variation sport like Cross Country could be approved in May and be implemented in 2017-2018 and continuing through 2018-2019.

**April 18, 2017 Meeting**

**Process & uniformed calendar for variation sports**

- Greg explained the process/timeline variation sports would abide by for approval of changes to cut-off numbers. This was approved at the July 2014 Central Committee meeting. The intent of the approval was to have the CAC make a recommendation prior to presenting them at the May Executive Committee meeting.
Football Classification Cut-Off Numbers
- Assistant Director Todd Nelson presented the cut-off number options that were considered by the Football Committee on April 13. The Football Committee made a motion to recommend the 15% (Class AA), 70% (Class A, B, C) and 15% (Class D) split. This proposal was supported by the Football Committee to address the disparity at the Class AA and Class D levels.
- The proposed cut-off numbers are:
  - Class AA 1025-Up 62 schools 14.90%
  - Class A 585-1024 95 schools 22.83%
  - Class B 355-585 95 schools 22.83%
  - Class C 230-354 96 schools 23.07%
  - Class D 229-below 68 schools 16.34%
- The CAC unanimously supported the Football Committee’s recommendation.

Girls Volleyball Classification Cut-Off Numbers
- Assistant Director Todd Nelson presented the following proposed cut-off numbers for 2018 to reach 20% per class:
  - Class AA 950+ 117 schools 19.97%
  - Class A 598-949 117 school 19.97%
  - Class B 368-597 117 schools 19.97%
  - Class C 221-367 119 schools 20.31%
  - Class D 220-below 116 schools 19.80%
- The CAC unanimously supported the Girls Volleyball Committee’s recommendation.

Cross Country Classification Cut-Off Numbers
- Assistant Director Todd Nelson met with Chuck Wiltse, Boys Cross Country State Coordinator, to address the concerns of the CAC from their April 7th meeting to count “all” of the teams within NYSPHSAA based upon 536 schools (non-public and complete teams).
- Revised four class cut-off numbers to:
  - Class A 830+ previous 850+
  - Class B 446-829 previous 445-849
  - Class C 240-445 previous 261-444
  - Class D 239-below previous 260-below
- At their April 7th meeting, the CAC supported the variation numbers to be approved in May and be implemented in 2017-2018, continuing through 2018-2019. Since the numbers on April 7th did not include the 31 non-public schools, the CAC voted again at the April 18th meeting.
- The CAC unanimously supported the Cross Country Committee’s recommendation.

Next Meeting
- The next meeting of the CAC is scheduled for Wednesday, June 21, 2017 at 11:00 AM in the NYSPHSAA Office.

Handbook Coordinator. Patrick Pizzarelli, Coordinator
- The Committee met on April 4, 2017 in the NYSPHSAA office.

Discussion Items
- Section IX Legal Concerns – Robbie Greene expressed concerns outlined in a letter to Robert Zayas from Section IX President Tim Bull regarding legal separation of parents if they are not married. Renee James stated the Sections always have the opportunity to provide a student with an undue hardship waiver if there is a financial situation or an undue hardship. Robert Zayas stated if parents were never married, the Section cannot require legal separation since this is not possible, and therefore if the parents are no longer living together, the Section can treat this as if it were a legal separation. Robbie Greene expressed concern with the fact that once a student is declared ineligible, nothing can be done to change that status. Robert Zayas asked how do we prevent a family from attempting to circumvent the transfer rule if the student is declared ineligible and then we allow them to do something to change their period of ineligibility? Steve Broadwell noted that in all examples discussed, kids are getting caught up in family dynamics. Renee James suggested that Sections error on the side of caution and provide a waiver of undue hardship for students in challenging situations.
- NYSED Regulations within NYSPHSAA Handbook – The Handbook Committee agreed with Robert’s suggestion we do a better job within the Handbook of clearly coding or denoting the NYSED Regulations by using colors and potentially adding a NYSED logo to areas that are NYSED Regulations within the Bylaws and Eligibility Section. Robbie Greene suggested the NYSED regulations be made more apparent throughout the NYSPHSAA Handbook. Renee James had concerns with completely separating out the Commissioner Regulations because non-public
schools, who are members of the NYSPHSAA, are bound to abide by the NYSED regulations. Robert Zayas suggested separating the NYSED Bylaws and Eligibility from the NYSPHSAA Bylaws and Eligibility. Robbie Greene asked that the NYSPHSAA Bylaws and Eligibility be in front of the NYSED Regulations related to eligibility. Mike Carbone said he found the alphabetical order to be the easiest and best way to organize this section in the Handbook. Pete Bednarek expressed concern it will add confusion if we separate NYSED regulations from NYSPHSAA regulations. He said there is value that an AD can get the whole rule by looking in one place. The Handbook Committee also agreed to move the other NYSED Regulations (i.e. athletic placement, mixed competition, etc.) to the back of the Handbook in an appendix.

- **Sport Standards Formatting** — Robert Zayas showed the Handbook Committee an idea he had to format the Sport Standards section to make it easier to locate and find rules directly related to the sport. (An example using field hockey was included in the meeting packet). The Handbook Committee agreed using the new format for the Sport Standards section would be very useful.

- **Ways to improve online functionality** — Robert Zayas previewed some ideas he had to improve the functionality of the Handbook online. He suggested including links to valuable information located online (NFHS and governing body rules and websites, other areas of the Handbook). He also would like to create a more interactive Table of Contents to allow easier navigation of the Handbook. The use of video could also be incorporated in the Handbook to provide another way to display rule interpretations and information. The goal is to reformat the NYSPHSAA Handbook to unveil at the July Central Committee meeting.

The Handbook Committee discussed a “print” version of the Handbook. The Committee came to agreement that Athletic Directors should have the ability to print the Handbook if they desire and the online version simply needs to provide a mechanism for them to print. The Committee was not in favor of printing the NYSPHSAA Handbook again.

- **Duplicate information within the Handbook** — The Committee discussed if information contained within the Handbook was being duplicated by information being displayed on the NYSPHSAA website. Robert stated when the NYSPHSAA Handbook was created, there was no internet, which required much of the information found in the Handbook to be included (i.e. committees, history, past presidents, administration, highlights, etc.). The Committee discussed what information needs to be located within the Handbook and what information can solely be contained on the NYSPHSAA website. The Committee decided the following items did not need to be included within the Handbook because they are easily accessible on the NYSPHSAA website: Administration, Committee Directors, History, Past Presidents, Association highlights, Life of an Athlete, OCF, Pupil Benefits, Membership. The Committee will discuss the inclusion of the NYS Federation and NFHS at a later date.

- **Ineligible Students to Practice** — Pat Pizzarelli, Handbook Committee Chair, presented the Committee’s proposal to permit students who are ineligible as per the NYSPHSAA Transfer Rule to practice during their period of ineligibility. Currently students who are ineligible are not permitted to practice during their period of ineligibility. If students who were ineligible as per the NYSPHSAA Transfer rule (i.e. transferred without a corresponding change of address) were allowed to practice, this would help them integrate into the school setting and could reduce the number of appeals and lawsuits while having no impact upon other schools. Please bring back to Sections for discussion for action at the July Central Committee meeting.

**Action Items**

- **NYSPHSAA Practice Rule**
  
  A motion to approve including language in the Handbook to “practice rule” to clarify warm-ups are not considered practice carried.

  Carbone/Ceruti

- **Forfeits & Representation Rule**
  
  A motion to approve to clarify forfeits count towards the representation rule carried.

  Mullins/Fallacaro

**Future Meeting Dates**

- Wednesday, June 21, 2017 at 9:00 AM

**Student Athlete Development Committee.** Kristen Jadin, Director of Special Programs

- The Committee met on Thursday, March 16, 2017 at the NYSSAA Conference in Saratoga.

**Discussion Items/Action Taken:**

- **Student Athlete 101** – Planning will begin on creating an online Student-Athlete 101 course to offer topics on social media, nutrition, energy drinks, sleep, concussion, academic success, NCAA clearinghouse (what I did as a freshman matters), hazing prevention, bullying, etc. The goal is to present a proposal at the July Central Committee meeting.
• **Shipping of Scholar-Athlete Pins** – The Committee was asked if they would be opposed to changing the way Scholar-Athlete pins are distributed. One suggestion was for the NYSPHSAA staff to bring them to the AD Workshops at the beginning of the year. Each AD could take as many as they like. Another suggestion was we could add a submission asking the AD’s if they would like pins or not.

• **Status Updates** – Student-Athlete of the Month (postponed); Community Service – Online application (due 5/1/17); Sportsmanship Promotion Survey – Online application (due 4/17/17); NYSPHSAA Leadership Conference Survey (sent to Athletic Directors on 2/14/17); Hazing Prevention Course (free until 6/1/17); SAAC (Application released online).

• **Future Items** – Student-Athlete 101 Planning; Student-Athlete Leadership Conference Survey Results

**Future Meetings**

- Monday, June 19, 2017 at 10:00 AM
- Monday, September 11, 2017 at 10:00 AM
- TBD NYSAAA Conference, March 14-16, 2018
- Monday, June 18, 2018 at 10:00 AM

**Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.** Kristen Jadin, Director of Special Programs

- The Committee met on Sunday, December 4, 2016 via teleconference.

**Discussion Items/Action Taken**

- Kristen informed the Committee the SAAC Applications will now be online. Juniors currently on the Committee have the option to stay on for the 2017-2018 school year and do not need to fill out the application. Instead, they will sign a document stating they will remain on the Committee and are committed to the same criteria as before. SAAC members needed for next year (if all Juniors choose to stay) are as follows: Section I – None; Section 2 – 1 Junior; Section III – None; Section IV – 1 Junior/1 Senior; Section V – 1 Junior; Section VI – 1 Junior/1 Senior; Section VII – 1 Junior; Section VIII – 1 Junior/1 Senior; Section IX – 1 Junior/1 Senior; Section X – None; Section XI – 1 Junior/1 Senior. Kristen asked the Committee to advertise this in their Sections.

- NESLC Date: either the week of July 10th or July 24th. As soon as Kristen hears from the MIAAA, she will inform the SAAC.

- NFHS My Reason Why – Submit a video to Kristen to share on NYSPHSAA social media. If SAAC has yet to do so, share their reason why on the NFHS My Reason Why website.

**Mission Statement**

- The following Mission Statement was voted on and unanimously accepted by the SAAC:
  
  “Our goal is to dedicate efforts to promote safety, sportsmanship, leadership (in the classroom and athletic arena), and positive relationships with coaches, administrators and other student-athletes. We work to represent the perspective of all NYSPHSAA student-athletes by presenting concerns to the NYSPHSAA, thereby developing initiatives for future improvement of all NYSPHSAA member schools and communities.”

**Sportsmanship Program Ideas**

- Kristen explained Battle of the Fans and the need for a replacement sportsmanship program to get more students involved. She asked the Committee for ideas which she will bring to the Sportsmanship Committee.

- Ideas suggested: NYSPHSAA put on a sportsmanship dinner before each championship; ask Athletic Directors to nominate a team; ask officials to identify the best team in terms of sportsmanship as they are on the field, court, rink with players; AD’s send an email to their coaches and ask if any sportsmanship like acts occurred, to let the AD know and then the AD could inform the NYSPHSAA and the individual or school would be highlighted either with an award or a story by the NYSPHSAA; discussing a stricter sportsmanship policy at the state level and bringing those ideas to the Sportsmanship Committee; keep the video concept of Battle of the Fans where schools can submit sportsmanship videos throughout the year and the NYSPHSAA could create an end of the year sportsmanship video to share with member schools; the use of clinics to emphasize sportsmanship; SAAC student-athletes talk to coaches and teammates to figure out how to give back to the community and promote sportsmanship; have Section Athletic Councils nominate a team to the state, then SAAC would have the opportunity to vote on the winner.

**NYSPHSAA Social Media/Website**

- Kristen asked the SAAC to provide insight into the NYSPHSAA social media strategy. NYSPHSAA would like more followers, especially more student-athlete followers/engagement. Some ideas were for NYSPHSAA to select SAAC members to run the NYSPHSAA Twitter account throughout the year; create a Snapchat account as it is an app used by student-athletes and would be a great way to distribute information along with Instagram.
Communication

- A suggestion was made for NYSPHSAA to sign up for a text service as they are much more efficient than emails. Committee members are receiving too many emails and find it hard to differentiate between them all. With texts, information is seen right away. Information relayed could include Captains Club updates, NYSPHSAA Championship dates, meeting reminders, etc.
- A suggestion was made to send reminders to coaches who would then send them to their players. Kristen mentioned she could send coaches reminders using MaxPreps.
- The use of Instagram and eventually Snapchat to send reminders would increase NYSPHSAA visibility.
- Kristen noted Section Executive Directors may invite SAAC members to attend Athletic Council meeting to give them a chance to see how their Section/State functions.

Future Items

- Topics for NYS Leadership Conference
- Life of an Athlete – “Student-Athlete 101” – Resources available for student-athletes on the NYSPHSAA website, whether it’s a course or a video, etc.
- The Captains Club meeting on March 14th featured Hannah Morley and Linzy Dineen, two SAAC members.

Future Meetings

- Sunday, June 11, 2017 at 4:00 PM
  - Community Service Challenge - SAAC will vote on the winner during June 11th meeting

Safety Committee, Todd Nelson, Assistant Director

Concussion Management

- Dr. Brian Reiger from Upstate Medical gave the Committee an update on the Berlin Conference, a new worldwide meeting held on concussion management. He will distribute the final report when it is available.
- There is a trend in Concussion Management that a limited amount of exercise has proven to be beneficial to the student’s recovery.
- The Brain Association of New York has formed sub-committees to look at the many aspects of Concussion Management. NYSPHSAA has been asked to be a part of these sub-committees.
- NYSPHSAA has made a proposal to ImPact to continue our contract with them for another two years. We have requested to greatly reduce the amount of tests we will purchase with a slight increase in price. Once we hear back from ImPact, a decision will be made on NYSPHSAA continuing our contract with ImPact.

Modified Recommendations

- The Committee discussed 4 recommendations from the Modified Committee. The first recommendation was to allow schools that may have only one goalie to play in all 4/5 quarters if no other goalie is available. The 3 other recommendations had to do with footwear in the sports of Cross Country, Track and Field and Football. The Safety Committee was in support of all 4 recommendations and did not have any concerns.

Tommy Tough Standards

- The Safety Committee approved a motion by Sections XI and VIII to ask the Football Committee to mandate the Tommy Tough Educational Standards starting with the 2017 season. This will be an Action Item at the July Central Committee meeting.

Information Updates

- USA Football Heads Up Coaching Education Program – goal is to have 11 out of 11 Sections to offer the course before the 2017 season.
- NYSPHSAA Strategic Plan Health and Safety Initiatives – meeting set for sub-committee to discuss Certified Athletic Trainers and Athletic Training services.
- Anyone Can Save a Life – Be Prepared, Have a Plan, Positive Outcome. NYSPHSAA has started using the form by distributing it to our sports committees for use at all our championship events. He highly encourages schools to use it.
- Heat Index – Wet Bulb Indicator can be used by our schools.
- Baseball Pitch – will be monitored and examined following the 2017 season.
- Girls Lacrosse Headgear that meets ASTM standards are allowed to be worn by players.

Modified Committee, James Rose, Modified Co-Coordinator

- The Spring meeting of the Modified Committee was held on Friday, March 13, 2017 in the NYSPHSAA office. Minutes of the meeting were included in the meeting packet.
Discussion Items for Future Approval

- The following proposals are to be brought back to the Sections for discussion for a possible vote at the July Central Committee meeting:
  - **Modified Soccer Goalie Numbers** – “Modified Soccer Game Rule #12 ‘The NFHS regulation that the boys’ and girls’ soccer goalie uniform jersey shall be numbered shall be waived at the modified level until the 2020-2021 school year.” The NFHS rule was written for the Varsity level and it can put a potential strain on students and districts to comply with the rule. This rule has been waived for the past two years.
  - **Modified Soccer White Uniforms** – “Until further notice, the modified boys’ and girls’ soccer programs will be exempt from the National Federation rule requiring all-white home jerseys.” The NFHS rule was written for the Varsity level and it can put a potential strain on students and districts to comply with the rule. This rule has been waived for the past two years.
  - **Extended Playing Time for Boys and Girls Modified Soccer Goalies**
    - A motion to approve the Modified General Eligibility Rule #6 Extended Playing Time will be expanded and edited to include the sports of boys’ and girls’ soccer effective Fall 2017 carried. 
    - Andrew/Carboine
    - It shall read, “In boys’ and girls’ field hockey and boys’ and girls’ soccer, if a team has only one goal keeper, that goal keeper may play in all periods of 4 Quarter Extended Play or in all periods of 5 Period Play carried. Except for the goal keeper, the “time” allocated for the game will not be extended. All players, except for the goal keeper, will follow the 4 quarter or 5 periods extended playing time format and are therefore only eligible to play 3 periods.”
  - **Modified Spikes for Cross Country** – “Consider approval in Modified Cross Country to remove Game Conditions #2 and #3.”
    - #2. Equipment – only sneakers or shoes with molded soles and molded cleats are permitted in the modified program. Shoes with metal posts or spikes are not permitted in any modified sport. Rationale: The use of spikes in the sport of cross country allows the runners to have better traction, especially in bad weather conditions.
    - #3. Pilot Program: Section III shall be permitted to adopt a two year (2015/2016) pilot program in modified cross country that will permit modified cross country runners to wear spiked running shoes. With Section/League approval, other Sections may participate in this pilot program. Each Section/League participating will be required to provide injury data after the 2015 and 2016 modified cross country season. Section III has used the pilot program for the past 2 years. There was no report of any injuries during this period. The Safety Committee had no concerns with this recommendation.
  - **Modified Spikes for Track and Field** - “Consider approval for Section 2 shall be permitted to adopt a two year (Indoor Winter and/or Outdoor Spring 2017/2018/2-2019) pilot program in modified track and field that will permit modified runners in lane events to wear spiked running shoes.” With Section/League approval, other Sections may participate in this pilot program. Each Section/League participating will be required to provide injury data after the 2017/2018/2019 modified track and field seasons. Note: Some Sections run and can report Modified Indoor and Outdoor Winter and Spring Track and Field seasons. Rationale: The use of spikes in the sport of track and field allows the runners to have better traction, especially in bad weather conditions. The Safety Committee had no concerns with this recommendation.
  - **Modified Football Cleats** – “Consider approval of removing Modified Football Game Conditions #6 d. ‘Only sneakers or shoes with molded soles and molded cleats are permitted in the modified program. Shoes with metal posts or spikes are not permitted in any modified sport.’ The NFHS football safety rules regarding cleats will be used instead.” Rationale: Players are currently allowed to wear molded cleats. The Modified Committee feels that the screw in spikes will not increase the risk to any of the players. The Safety Committee had no concerns with this recommendation.

Other

- Sport surveys will be sent out for Cheerleading and Gymnastics as they now have new modified sport coordinators.
- Action Items for their next meeting:
  - Changes in Modified Wrestling Game Conditions
  - Changes in Modified Softball Game Condition

Modified Sub-Committee Meeting

- The Committee was formed in response to the NYSPHSAA Five Year Strategic Plan that included an initiative to examine the philosophy of modified athletics. They met on Thursday, March 30, 2017 in the NYSPHSAA office. Minutes of the meeting were included in the meeting packet.
- The Committee agreed upon five areas to bring to the Modified Committee for consideration:
  - Consideration for extended playing time to mirror high school rules – to begin in the 2018-2019 school year.
• Consideration to have “option” for more games – to begin in the 2018-2019 school year.
• Consideration for “Modified” to be changed to “Middle School Athletics” – “Rebrand” the program.
• Consideration for re-formatting of online rules – Include links to government rules.
• More emphasis on modified rules at the annual Fall athletic director workshops.
• The Committee decided it would charge the Modified Committee representatives with the goal of going back to their Sections to educate their Sections on what the “restrictions” are from the State.
• No additional meetings were scheduled at the conclusion of the sub-committee’s meeting.

Future Meeting Dates
• Fall: Friday, September 22, 2017 at 9:30 AM in the NYSPHSAA Office
• Spring: Tuesday, April 10, 23018 at 9:30 AM in the NYSPHSAA Office

Officials Coordinating Federation. Todd Nelson, Assistant Director
• The OCF met on May 4th in the NYSPHSAA office. The minutes of the meeting will be included with minutes of the Executive Committee meeting.
• He highlighted some of the items discussed:
  • Recruitment of officials. The Sections talked about all the initiatives they have put forth regarding the recruitment of officials and expressed frustration with the officials who have not made any recommendation in what they are doing. Dennis Burkett, OCF Chair, directed all the officials groups on the OCF to report at their next meeting in October on what they are doing to help recruit officials.
  • All official groups have been offered the opportunity to set up a vendor table for recruitment at our championships. As of the OCF meeting on May 4th, not one officials group has taken advantage of the offer.
  • The CAC is forming a sub-committee and will be meeting on May 16th to look at the Officials Fees and Policies. Contracts are still needed from Sections I, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 9 to help with the sub-committee in its review. The sub-committee will also look at the language in the Officials Fees and Policies for consistency. The sub-committee will present their recommendations to the CAC who will then bring their recommendations to the Central Committee at the July meeting.
  • Todd will be sending out a form to all the State Officials Associations asking them to update their Territorial Rights.

Sportsmanship Committee. Kristen Jadin, Director of Special Programs & Todd Nelson, Assistant Director
• The Committee met on Monday, April 3, 2017 via teleconference. Minutes of the meeting were included in the meeting packet.

Status Updates
• Battle of the Fans - The program has been discontinued due to lack of participation. In the future, Sportsmanship programs should be brought directly from the Sportsmanship Committee, Sections and/or the SAAC. Todd asked the Committee if there were any ideas to revise the program to involve students. Committee members on the call preferred to bring back to their Sections for ideas.
• Section V Sportsmanship Summit – NYSPHSAA staff attended on April 5, 2017 and used student-athletes to produce a Captains Club to be used in September 2017.
• NFHS Courses – The NFHS has developed FREE online courses addressing social media issues. Two courses are available; one for administrators and one for student-athletes.
• Sportsmanship Promotion Survey – The deadline was April 17, 2017. Kristen will provide a list of Section applicants to the Committee.

Discussion/Action Items
• Sportsmanship Program Ideas – Kristen encouraged the Committee to read the SAAC Meeting Report to view some of the student’s ideas about Sportsmanship Programs and asked to bring these ideas to their Sections as it could potentially help Sections come up with new ideas to present to the Sportsmanship Committee.
• Student-Athlete 101 – SADC is working on establishing an online curriculum for student-athletes. There will be a section regarding sportsmanship. SADC will need the Sportsmanship Committee’s input as to what information should be included in the sportsmanship portion of this course.
• Coaches Appreciation Day – A motion was unanimously approved by the Committee for the NYSPHSAA to recognize the Wednesday of Week #46 as “NYSPHSAA Coaches Appreciation Day.”

A motion to approve recognizing Wednesday of Week #46 as “NYSPHSAA Coaches Appreciation Day” effective 2018 carried.  

Greene/Fallacaro

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• **Section Concerns** – Section IX asked if Sections had a rule addressing silence on free throws during basketball games. Section III does not but a league in Section III does; Section VII has different policies at different schools but no Section wide rule; Section VIII does have a rule.

**Future Meeting**
• Monday, September 25, 2017

**GENERAL ACTION ITEMS**

**Section Participation in 2017-2018 NYSPHSA Championships & Regionals**
A motion to approve for Section participation in 2017-2018 NYSPHSA Championships and Regionals as per the NYSPHSA Constitution, Article V, 5 carried. Wolfe/Murphy

**Drone Policy**
A motion to approve a NYSPHSA Drone Policy for scrimmages, regular and post season contests effective August 1, 2017 carried. Greene/Murphy

**Girls Lacrosse Regional Rotation Change for 2018 and 2019**
A motion to approve an adjustment to the Girls Lacrosse Regional Rotation in Sections 1, 2 and 9 for 2018 and 2019 carried. Normandin/Mullins

**Girls Lacrosse Addition of an Alternate Official for all Regional Outbracket and Regional Championship Games**
A motion to approve an Alternate Official (US Lacrosse 2017 Rule Book) be used in Girls Lacrosse for all Regional Outbracket and Regional Championship games to abide by the State Fees and Policies contract effective the 2017 season carried. Rathbun/Andrew

**Girls Golf – 3 Markers Per Section**
No motion was made to approve for each Section who participates in the NYSPHSA Girls Golf Championship to provide three scoring markers at the State Championship event to cover for course scoring.

**Girls & Boys Swimming & Diving – Recognize a Team Champion at the State Meet**
A motion was defeated for the Girls and Boys Swimming & Diving to recognize, based on scoring, a team/school champion at the State Meet. The champion would be recognized at the conclusion of the meet and be presented a NYSPHSA Championship plaque. Ceruti/Greene

(The votes by Section were: Section 1: 2 yes; Section 2: 2 no; Section 3: 2 no; Section 4: 2 no; Section 5: 2 yes; Section 6: 2 no; Section 7: 2 no; Section 8: 2 yes; Section 9: 2 yes; Section 10: 2 no; Section 11: 2 no. 14 No/8 Yes)

**Girls Volleyball Championship Facility**
A motion to approve the Glens Falls Civic Center as the site of the Girls Volleyball Championships for 2018-2020 carried. Santander/Fallacaro

**Boys Soccer Championship Facility**
A motion to approve Middletown High School as the site of the Boys Soccer Championships for 2018-2020 carried. Wolfe/Carbone

**Director of Special Programs Position Title**
A motion to approve revising the position title of Special Programs Coordinator to Director of Special Programs carried. Ryan-Curry/Siade

**Director of Finance Position Title**
A motion to approve revising the position of Treasurer to Director of Finance with a $3,500 differential carried. Ryan-Curry/Siade
Waiver of Representation Rule

A motion to approve the following reductions in the required number of contests carried. Schmandt/Carbone

- Boys Tennis from 6 to 4 in Sections 2 and 7
- Golf from 6 to 5 in Section 5
- Boys Tennis from 6 to 5 in Section 5
- Softball from 6 to 1 in Section 6
- Baseball from 6 to 1 in Section 6
- Boys Tennis from 6 to 1 in Section 6
- Boys & Girls Golf from 6 to 1 in Section 6

Friend and Neighbor

A motion to approve the following applications for NYSPIHSAA Friend and Neighbor status carried. Ferry/Dopp

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Section 7

Adirondack Christian School
6065 Route 86
Wilmington, NY 12997
Grades 7-11

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

Additional Sections Concept

- At the January 27, 2017 Executive Committee meeting, Sections were asked to discuss the “concept” of a 12th and 13th Section and be prepared to make a determination at the May 5, 2017 Executive Committee meeting as to whether there is interest amongst the current 11 Sections to proceed with exploration, examination and consideration of additional Sections for non-public schools.
- A poll by Section was taken as to their desire to continue exploring 12th and 13th Section: Section 1: 2 yes; Section 2: 2 no; Section 3: 2 no; Section 4: 2 no; Section 5: 2 yes; Section 6: 2 yes; Section 7: 2 no; Section 8: 2 no; Section 9: 2 no; Section 10: 2 yes; Section 11: 2 no. 14 No/8 Yes.

NYSPIHSAA Hall of Fame Class of 2017

- The Class of 2017 NYSPIHSAA Hall of Fame Inductees are: Richard Castellano (XI), Coach; Ed Danowski (XI), Athlete; Lloyd Mott (2), Administrator/Coach; Pat Pizzarelli (VIII), Administrator; Hank Roth (II), Administrator/Coach; and Mark Ward (VI), Administrator.
- The six inductees will be honored this summer at the NYSPIHSAA Annual Hall of Fame Banquet on Wednesday, July 26th at 1000 Islands Harbor Resort in Clayton, NY.

Revisions to the Hall of Fame Policies and Procedures

- The Hall of Fame Screening Committee met on Thursday, January 26, 2017.
- Joe Altieri, Assistant Director, discussed the role of the committee which included being responsible for reviewing the HOF process and procedures once a year around the winter Executive Committee meeting. He explained the current process which included scoring, timeline, nominations and responsibilities of both the Screening and Selection Committees.
- The Screening Committee made the following suggestions related to the HOF process. Please discuss these suggestions at your Section meetings for action at the July Central Committee meeting.
- **Ratings Scale** – Currently the Screening Committee uses a 1, 3, 5 scale to rate the inductees while the Selection Committee uses a 1 through 5 scale. The Committee felt the scale should be 1 through 5 for both committees.
• **Revise Deadline for Applications** – Move the application deadline to one week before the winter Executive Committee meeting to provide individuals an extended period of time, following the holidays, to submit applications. The original deadline was December 15th. With a deadline one week prior to the Executive Committee meeting, it will also give the Hof Screening Committee the opportunity to review applications prior to the Hof meeting which annually falls one day before the Executive Committee meeting.

• **Accept Incomplete nominations** – The Committee suggested allowing the Screening and Selection Committees to decide on their own what to do with an incomplete nomination. They also suggested a change to the requirements to be a minimum of five supporting documents including endorsement or recommendation letters, news articles and scorebooks.

**Revisions to the graduated scale for Combining of Teams**

• The NYSPHSAA membership has expressed concern with the graduated scale having unintended consequences such as the creation of “super teams”, two class B or A schools combining and remaining a class B or A team, the drastic increase in merged teams, etc. The revision of the graduated scale will make it more challenging for schools to merge and remain in the same classification.

• The graduated scale would only be used for mergers with up to 3 teams to ensure that stand alone schools are not at a disadvantage when playing a merged team with 4 or more contributing schools. Mergers with 4 or more teams would use 100% of their BEDS; this would only impact team sports. Individual sport mergers could use the graduated scale for any and all mergers regardless of the number of schools contributing.

• Proposed Combining of Teams graduated scale: AA-100%, A-100%, B-100%, C-40%, D-30%

• Current Combining of Teams graduated scale: AA-50%, A-40%, B-30%, C-30%, D-20%

**Revisions to NYSPHSAA Transgender Guidelines**

• The Transgender Committee reconvened on April 13, 017 to review potential revisions to the guidelines.

• At the July Central Committee meeting, consideration of approval to revise the NYSPHSAA Transgender Guidelines to the following will be requested:

> “1. The student or the parent(s)/guardian shall notify then Superintendent that the student would like the opportunity to participate in interscholastic athletics consistent with the gender he/she identifies as.

> 4. On a seasonal basis the school will provide approval of eligibility to try out for an interscholastic sports team or teams which corresponds to the student’s gender identity.”

• The current NYSPHSAA guidelines require parents to approve their child’s transgender identification with the school district. The Transgender Committee believes this is often difficult because the parents do not approve of the child transitioning. Renee James, NYSPHSAA Legal Counsel, informed the Transgender Committee that New York State Guidelines do not require the parents to sign off. The Committee determined this is an area of the NYSPHSAA Guidelines that could be improved.

• The current NYSPHSAA guidelines grant eligibility for a transgender student for the duration of the student’s participation in interscholastic athletics. The Committee agreed that this is another area to be revised/updated since students can progress dramatically during their high school career with hormone treatment.

• The Committee would like to monitor the situation based upon case law, Attorney General’s interpretation of the NCAA Policy and continue to explore the potential creation of a policy similar to the NCAA in the future.

**Girls Swimming and Diving Qualifying Standards**

A motion to approve the Girls Swimming and Diving Qualifying Standards for the 2017 State Championships and the Boys Swimming and Diving Qualifying Standards for the 2018 State Championships carried. **Greene/Ferry**

**Girls and Boys Cross Country Classification Number Change**

• Marby Gansle, Girls Cross Country State Coordinator, presented the Boys and Girls Cross Country Committees proposal to revise the classification cut-off numbers for the Fall 2017 season.

• The revised cut-off numbers are:

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• No motion was made for the revision of classification numbers to be implemented for the 2017 season.
A motion to approve the revision of classification cut-off numbers in Boys and Girls Cross Country for the Fall 2018 season carried. Greene/Petersen

Boys Golf – Allow golfers the option of using Push/Pull Carts
• Doug Courtright, Boys Golf State Coordinator, presented the Boys Golf Committee’s proposal to allow golfers the option of using push/pull carts at the 2017 tournament. This would be an experiment for one year; then be re-visited for possible adoption for future state tournaments. The committee has expressed interest to allow the use of push/pull carts especially since the Girls Golf Tournament allows for athletes to use them.

A motion to approve in Boys Golf to allow golfers the option to use push/pull carts in League, Sectional and the NYSPHSAA Championships carried. Ryan-Curry/Murphy

Football Classification Cut-Off Numbers
• Gary Van Derzee, Football State Coordinator, presented the Football Committee’s proposal for a revision of the classification cut-off numbers effective Fall 2018.

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• The Football Committee discussed the concern that there has been a large discrepancy between the bottom of Class AA and Class D and the top of those classes and feels very strongly the best way to address this issue is to have 6 classes. They do recognize that until criteria for a 6th class is developed and the Executive Committee approves a 6th class, it will not be an option. This proposal will attempt to address the concerns raised by the Football Committee.
• Effective Fall 2018.

“Tommy Tough” Football Educational and Awareness Safety Standards
• Gary Van Derzee, Football State Coordinator, presented the Football Committee’s proposal to have NYSPHSAA endorse the “Tommy Tough” Football Educational and Awareness Safety Standards in an effort to minimize risk to athletes participating in the sport of Football and to increase awareness of proper techniques, rules and regulations that govern the sport of Football. The Football Committee would encourage every Section to examine, discuss and possibly mandate or institute these standards within their Sections.

• Sections 8 and 11 mandated these educational and awareness standards during the 2017 season. Both Sections reported great success and no negative impacts to the schools, teams, coaches, players or officials.
• The NYSPHSAA Safety Committee supports these standards and voted mandate them in our Association.
• Effective Fall 2017.

Request to use the NCAA Rule for the score of the 5th Set (deciding Set) in Varsity Boys Volleyball
• Judy Hartmann, Boys Volleyball State Coordinator, presented the Boys Volleyball Committee’s proposal to use the NCAA Volleyball Rule for the score of the 5th set for varsity matches. The varsity 5th set (deciding set) is won when a team scores 15 points and has at least a two point advantage over the opponent. Teams will switch sides at 8 points. Junior Varsity matches would remain modified at 25 points.
• Presently the 5th game is played to 25 points as a result of a rule modification of the deciding set.
• The proposal originated as a result of a positive experiment by the Section 6 Boys Volleyball coaches in 2016.
• Effective September 2017.

Girls Volleyball Classification Cut-Off Numbers
• Patti Perone, Girls Volleyball State Coordinator, presented the Girls Volleyball Committee’s proposal for a revision of the classification cut-off numbers effective Fall 2018.

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• Effective Fall 2018
Girls Soccer – Regional Rotation

- Pete Lautensack, Section 3 Girls Soccer Coordinator, presented the Girls Soccer Committee’s recommendation for a change to their Regional rotations.
  - Historically Sections 2, 3, 7 and 10 have always played a Regional Semi-Final or Play-In game the Tuesday before the Regional final or State quarter final game. This rotation has Section 2 play 3 while 7 played 10 with the winners of the Semi-final game playing for a Regional Championship. The Committee is asking to align with other Sections that play a Regional Semi-final and creating a fair and equitable rotation between Sections 2, 3, 7 and 10.
  - Effective Fall 2017.

Boys & Girls Soccer – End of the year report

- Mike Andrew, Boys Soccer State Coordinator, presented the Boys and Girls soccer Committee’s proposal to no longer be required to provide an end of the year report regarding disqualifications in Boys and Girls soccer to the NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Coordinator.

- At the most recent meeting of the Boys and Girls Soccer Committees, it was determined the data collected by each Section and compiled by both Committees was not being utilized by the State Association. Collection of the data regarding Warnings and Disqualifications, Yellow Cards and Red Cards is more pertinent to the individual Sections. It is not necessary to develop a statewide report publishing this information.
  - Effective Fall 2018.

Boys Ice Hockey – 2 Referee & 2 Linesmen Officiating System

- Scott Stuart, Boys Ice Hockey State Coordinator, presented the Ice Hockey Committee’s proposal to use the 2 referee and 2 linesmen system for officiating.

- The 2 man officiating system is not used in higher level games anymore. The 2 and 2 system allows 2 officials to look for penalties and other infractions without having to worry about line coverage for off-sides and icing.

- This system improves game flow while increasing coverage on the ice to help maintain a fair and safe game for participants. The linesmen responsibilities include line coverage (off-sides, icing), player safety at stoppages as they will be positioned as players cross to their respective benches, and they also look for other infractions that they are permitted to call based on the rules. This is an approved system by the NFHS.

- The officials’ organization will pay the difference in game fee for the first 2 years. After that, the NYSPHSAA will pay in full. This will allow NYSPHSAA the time to properly budget for the increase in fees.
  - Effective 2017-2018 season.

Ice Hockey Time Periods

- Scott Stuart, Boys Ice Hockey State Coordinator, presented the Ice Hockey Committee’s proposal to abide by the NFHS ice Hockey Rules for time periods (17 minutes) and penalties (2/5 & 10 minutes) to begin with the 2018-2019 season.

- This proposal would bring them into compliance with the NFHS rulebook. New York is one of the few states using the NFHS rulebook that does not currently comply with these rules. This would help to streamline our current Addendum and add 2 minutes to each period of the games. The extra time would translate to roughly six more shifts in each game allowing more participation. The additional penalty time would make penalty calls a bit more meaningful and would make coaches and players pay closer attention to this aspect of the game.

- This proposal adds an additional 6 minutes of time to games and could have a budget impact. Most schools rent a 2 hour lock of time for games and very often games are completed before the 2 hour block is up.

- Teams/Leagues/Sections could review protocols such as warm-up times, ice cuts and pre-game activities to become more efficient in game management. The Committee believes with more efficient game management and cooperation among teams/leagues, this proposal can be achieved and will be a great benefit to our student-athlete at little to no cost. Section Official Contracts may have to be adjusted due to the increase in the periods.

- Adoption of this proposal would serve to shorten our existing Addendum and fine tune the focus on player safety and sportsmanship. It would also allow New York State eligibility for representation on the NFHS Rules Committee, a position we lost due to our time/penalty differentials.

Athletic Directors Admission to NYSPHSAA Championships

- Section IX proposed that current New York State Athletic Directors would be permitted, free of charge, to all NYSPHSAA Championships beginning with the 2017 Fall Championships.
A motion to approve current NYSPHSAA school districts will receive a State Courtesy Pass that will allow the card holder free admission to all NYSPHSAA Regionals and Championships beginning in Fall 2017 carried. **Greene/Murphy**

Reduction in participation numbers in 8 Man Football
- Section III requested the Executive Committee to have discussion at its May meeting to reduce the number of participants from 14 to 12 in eight man football.

A motion to approve a reduction in participation numbers from 14 to 12 for Eight Man Football to be consistent with 11 Man Football using the 1.5 multiplier beginning Fall 2017 carried. **Rathbun/Ferry**

Modified Start Dates
- Matt Walentuk, Interscholastic Athletics Administrator of Section 7 stated schools in their Section had a concern with the modified sports season being a shorter season and why couldn’t we allow them the opportunity to start the season on the same dates Varsity and JV sports start. Todd reviewed the process taken two years ago by the Executive Committee when approving the week number start dates.

A motion to postpone with Section/League approval, Modified sports will start on the same date as Varsity and JV sports beginning 2017-2018 carried. (Sections 6 & 7 voted no). **Ceruti/Murphy**
- The proposal was referred back to the Sections for discussion with possible action at the July Central Committee meeting.

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

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Kenmore East, Kenmore West & City Honors
Pioneer & West Valley
Kenmore East & Kenmore West
Ellicottville & West Valley

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Springville & West Valley
MEC, Alternative, Bennett, East, Riverside, Olmsted & LaFayette
Fredonia, Dunkirk & Silver Creek
Olean, Allegany-Limestone, Franklinville & Portville
Panama, Chautauqua Lake & Maple Grove
Olean & Allegany-Limestone
Gowanda & Silver Creek

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Elizabethtown-Lewis & Westport

Lake Placid & Keene
Schroon Lake & Bolton

Plattsburgh, AuSable Valley, Seton Catholic, Peru, Saranac & Beekmantown

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Roscoe, Downsville & Livingston Manor
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Ellenville & Wawarsing Christian School

Roscoe, Livingston Manor & Downsville
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G. Tennis (V)
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Downsville & Roscoe

Rhinebeck & Red Hook
Kingston & Mt. Academy

Southampton & Tuckahoe
East Islip & Cleary
Centereach & Newfield

Pierson & Bridgehampton

Saxton & S. Ocean

East Hampton, Springs & Montauk
Smithtown East & Smithtown West

Half Hollow Hills East & Half Hollow Hills West

Half Hollow Hills West & Half Hollow Hills East

Greenport & Southold

Saxton, S. Ocean & Oregon
Beach & Udall

East Hampton & Springs
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B/G Bowling (V)
B/G Lacrosse (V, JV)
G. Track (V)
B. Cross Country (V, Mod.)
G. Cross Country (V)
Field Hockey (V, JV, Mod.)
B. Golf (V, JV)
B. Soccer (V, JV, Mod.)
G. Soccer (V, Mod.)
B/G Tennis (Mod.)
G. Volleyball (V, JV, Mod.)
B. Basketball (Mod.)
G. Basketball (V, JV, Mod.)
Baseball (V, JV, Mod.)
Softball (V, JV, Mod.)
B/G Cross Country (Mod.)
B. Lacrosse (Mod.)
B. Tennis (Mod.)
B/G Track (Mod.)
B/G Cross Country (Mod.)
B/G Cross Country (V)
G. Gymnastics (V)
B. Bowling (V)
G. Cross Country (V)
G. Gymnastics (V)
B. Soccer (JV2)
B/G Fencing (V)
B/G Badminton (V)
G. Lacrosse (V, JV)
Field Hockey (V, JV)
B/G Swimming (V)
B. Volleyball (V, JV)
Field Hockey (V, JV, Mod.)
B. Golf (V, JV)
G. Volleyball (V, JV)
B/G Winter Track (V)
Wrestling (Mod.)
B/G Track (V, Mod.)
Field Hockey (Mod.)
Field Hockey (Mod.)
B/G Tennis (Mod.)
B. Volleyball (Mod.)
B. Swimming (Mod.)
Field Hockey (Mod.)
Football (V)
Football (JV, Mod.)
Greenport, Southold & Mattituck
Easthampton & Bridgehampton
Easthampton, Bridgehampton, Springs, Montauk & Ross
Newfield & Centereach

Sachem East & Sachem North

Bay Shore & Islip
Wm. Floyd, Center Moriches, Eastport & Westhampton Beach
Southold & Greenport

Springs & Montauk

Connetquot & East Islip
Brentwood & Bay Shore
Sayville & Bayport-Blue Point
Deer Park & North Babylon
Smithtown West & Smithtown East

East Hampton, Bridgehampton & Pierson

Northport & Commack
Huntington & Walt Whitman
Sayville & Bayport-Blue Point
Smithtown West, Smithtown East & Kings Park
Huntington & Harborfields
Mattituck, Greenport & Southold
East Hampton, Bridgehampton, Pierson & Ross

East Hampton, Bridgehampton, Pierson, Springs, Montauk & Ross
Accompsett, Great Hollow & Nesaquake
Seneca, Samoset & Sagamore

Southampton, East Hampton, Bridgehampton, Pierson & Ross
East Hampton, Bridgehampton, Pierson, Springs & Montauk
Mattituck & Southold
Mattituck, Southold & Greenport
East Hampton, Bridgehampton, Pierson, Ross, Springs & Montauk
S. Ocean & Saxton
Candlewood & West Hollow
Oakdale & Ronkonkoma
Gelinas & Murphy
Nesaquake & Great Hollow
Accompsett & Great Hollow

Football (V, JV, Mod.)
Football (JV)
Football (Mod.)
B. Golf (V)
G. Gymnastics (V)
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B/G Winter Track (V)
B. Track (V)
B/G Golf (V)
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SENIOR ALL-STAR CONTESTS

The following contests were approved by the Executive Director per Executive Committee authorization and are presented for your information. (Eligibility Standard #9).

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REPORTS FROM CONSULTANTS

**NYS Athletic Administrators Association.** Scott Sugar, President

Conference

- Reported the NYSSA’s 2017 Athletic Directors Conference was very successful with over 275 registered attendees and 105 sold exhibitor booths.
- There were over 20 workshops covering all areas of cutting edge athletic administration topics vital to today’s high school programs and students.
- Eleven chapter award and three special awards were presented at the Roy O’Neill awards banquet. Recipients are listed on their website. Pictures are on their Shutterfly site [www.shutterfly.com/NYSSA](http://www.shutterfly.com/NYSSA).
- The fourth Hall of Fame class was inducted during the Alan Mallanda HOF Induction Ceremony held at the Dave Martens Awards Luncheon. Highlights of the ceremony are on their website. They are in the final stages of selecting the 2018 Hall of Fame class. Nominations are now being taken for the 2019 class. Hall of Fame forms and information are available on their website. The postmark deadline is January 1, 2018. The NYSSA Hall of Fame may be viewed on their website in the “History” drop down menu. Inductees are listed on the website and pictures can be found on their Shutterfly site.
- Next year’s conference will be held on March 13-16, 2018 at the Saratoga Hilton & Conference Center, Saratoga Springs.

Board News and Actions

- New officers on the Executive Board are: Scott Sugar, CA, President; Liam Frawley, CMAA, Co-President; Denise Kiernan, CA, President-Elect; Brett Banker, CA, Vice President; Murphee Hayes, Immediate Past President. Roger Brown, CMAA was elected to another 2-year term as Secretary, and Mike Giruzzi, CA will continue in his second year of term as Treasurer. Dennis Fries, CMAA continues as our State Liaison to the NIAAA.
- Interviews were conducted for an Assistant Executive Director position. A recommendation will be brought to their Executive Board at their May 21st meeting.
- In board action three years ago, the NYSSA requires all board members to have a minimum of a CAA certification in order to serve on the Board. The Board feels that it should serve as a role model for all athletic administrators in NYS relative to professional development and certification.
- The NYSSA continues to work with the NYSPPHSAA on issues relative to athletic administration in New York State. The issue before us now is developing a proposal in NYS for all athletic administrators to achieve a basic level of certification and competency. A strategic plan has been developed that would achieve that goal over the next several years. They recently met with the State Education Department and are encouraged with their understanding of the issue and the encouragement to move forward in developing a plan and proposal.

Professional Development

- The NYSSA and Nassau BOCES continue to partner in offering Leadership Training Courses in Nassau County. BOCES is providing a grant for up to 15 athletic directors to take each course. They are also looking into developing COCERS with other BOCES across the state to facilitate LTC offerings.
- Over the past year over 100 athletic administrators took LTC Courses through online webinars through the NIAAA and several major universities. Each course is four hours and can be taken in two evenings within the comfort of
their home.

- The CAA Exam was offered again at the annual conference on Friday morning. Ten athletic administrators took the exam and passed. It will be offered again on June 19th at 1 PM at the NYSPHSAA office in Latham.
- At the NYSSAA Conference, there were over 80 athletic administrators taking six LTI Courses, many taking two courses. The Section 1 Summer Institute will again be offered in Brewster, MA on Cape Cod June 25-28, 2017 with 15 LTI courses offered. Information and registration forms are available on their website.

Membership

- Their membership numbers were very disappointing in lieu of their new online registration. Their goal for the coming year will be to get the numbers back to normal levels. They are currently analyzing why their numbers dropped so significantly.

Website/Newsletter

- Athletic Administrators are encouraged to visit the NYSSAA website regularly to keep up on the latest information and association news. Information changes regularly. Links are provided between the NYSPHSAA and NYSSAA as well as other professional associations on each of their respective websites.
- The next newsletter is going to be released in mid-May. Past issues can be found on the website.
- Conference photos can be found and accessed on our Shutterfly website, www.nysaaa.shutterfly.com. No password is needed to gain access. Photos can be downloaded or purchased from the Shutterfly site.

NYAAA/NFHS

- The NIAAA/NFHS Annual Athletic Directors Conference is scheduled for Phoenix, AZ next December. Future sites include San Antonio, TX, Tampa, FL, Denver, CO and Orlando, FL.
- A number of LTI courses are being offered again this summer and next fall as webinars by the NIAAA. Information may be found on the NIAAA and NYSSAA websites as to courses, dates, times and requirements.
- Four representatives from New York attended the NIAAA Section One Spring meeting in Massachusetts: Dennis Fries, CMAA; Alan Mallanda, CMAA; Scott Sugar, CAA and Peter Shambo, CMAA.
- Peter Shambo, CMAA was selected by Section 1 to represent all eight Section 1 states in the NIAAA At-Large election for the NIAAA Board of Directors in December at the national conference.

Other

- The NYSSAA thanked the NYSPHSAA and Robert Zayas, CAA for their continued support and partnership. Together, this kind of relationship can only benefit the student athletes of New York State.


- Plans are in progress for their annual conference in November.
- Meeting information and registration will be available online.
- Update – The Assessment Committee is close to finalizing assessments to forward to State Ed for review.

NYS Coaches Association

- Todd recognized and thanked Ron Woodruff of the NYSCOA for his efforts in getting recognition for our coaches. The COA and NYSPHSAA partnered a few years ago to recognize our coaches. This year we had three National Coach of the Year award winners who will be recognized at the local level. If anyone has a coach that should be recognized, contact Ron. Any questions, contact Todd or Ron.

Good of the Order

- The October 2017 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting will be moved from October 19th to October 12th.
- President Osborne recognized the following Section Executive Directors who are retiring and attending their last meeting: Wayne Bertrand, Nina Van Erk and Don Webster. On behalf of the NYSPHSAA and himself, he thanked them for all for their service.
A motion to approve adjournment of the May 2017 Executive Committee meeting on Friday, May 5, 2017 at 2:04 PM carried.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

Robert Zayas
Executive Director