**ACTION ITEMS**

1. P4 Approved the agenda for the May 2, 2019 Executive Committee Meeting.
2. P4 Approved the February 1, 2019 Executive Committee Meeting minutes.
3. P9 Approved to enter Executive Session.
4. P9 Approved to end Executive Session.
5. P9 Approved a waiver of the 7-day rule for all sports and all Sections, beginning Friday May 3, 2019, for the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year.
6. P9 Approved a reduction in the required number of contests: Outdoor Track and Field from 6 to 5 in Section V; all Spring Sports from 6 to 4 in all Sections.
8. P23 Approved as Friend and Neighbor (expiring August 2020): **Hallen Center, Inc. (I), Ives School-Lincoln Hall (I), Soundview Preparatory School (I), Children’s Home of Kingston-Grove Street Academy (IX)**
11. P24 Approved to revise the Fall, Winter and Spring sport season lengths effective 2020-2021 school year.
12. P24 Approved to revise the NYS实际上是AA Jewelry Rule to include practice.
13. P24 Approved to revise the amount allotted in the NYS实际上是AA Amateur Rule to $500.
15. P27 Approved the NYS实际上是AA Championship Operations Packets to serve as the official operation documents of NYS实际上是AA Championships.
16. P28 Approved a seven (7)-year Regional Rotation, and when necessary, fill byes in Regional games with an at-large team in Class AA, A and D.
17. P28 Postponed revising the Classification Cut-off numbers in the sport of Football.
19. P29 Approved revising the Classification Cut-off numbers in the sport of Boys Volleyball.
20. P29 Approved revising the Classification Cut-off numbers in the sport of Boys Swimming and Diving.
21. P29 Approved to revise the date of the Girls Tennis State Championships to a Thursday through Saturday format beginning in Fall 2020.
22. P29 Approved to adopt a nine-year rotation to fill the tournament byes/draw with at-large selections at the Girls Tennis State Championships.
23. P30 Approved to implement a two-year experiment for the Girls Tennis State Championship format to eliminate consolations and add medal playoffs for the top 8 participants.
24. P31 Approved revising the NCAA Volleyball Warm-Up Protocol for the regular season in Boys Volleyball.
25. P32 Approved to waive NCAA Rule 1.2.2.3 of the requirement of court striping (interrupted solid line outside the court of attack line extended) in Boys and Girls Volleyball.
26. P32 Approved to modify the Girls Volleyball Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) to include NCAA Pre Match Warm-Up Protocol.
27. P32 Approved the State Qualifying Standards for 2019-2020 in Boys Swimming and Diving.
29. P33 Approved all working officials for regional, semifinal and final games in Girls Lacrosse must have completed a transitional clinic.
30. P33 Approved to revise the Classification Cut-off numbers in the sport of Girls Lacrosse.
31. P34 Approved to revise the classification Cut-off numbers in the sport of Boys Lacrosse.
32. P34 Approved Hofstra University as the site of the 2020, 2021 and 2022 NYSPHSAA Boys Lacrosse State Championships.
33. P34 Approved University of Albany as the site of the 2020, 2021 and 2022 NYSPHSAA Boys Lacrosse East Semifinals.
34. P34 Approved SUNY Cortland as the site of the 2020, 2021 and 2022 NYSPHSAA Boys Lacrosse West Semifinals.
35. P34 Approved to adopt a post-season pitch count summary form in Baseball.
36. P34 Approved to adopt a five (5)-year rotation to fill the tournament byes/draw with at-large selections in Boys Tennis.
37. P38 Approved adjournment.
The Executive Committee meeting was called to order by President Paul Harrica at 9:00 AM on Thursday, May 2, 2019. He congratulated Jim Wolfe (Section IX) and Eileen Troy (Section 2) on their induction into the NYSPHSAA Class of 2019 Hall of Fame. Executive Director Robert Zayas introduced the officers and staff present and performed roll call to ascertain a quorum.
A motion to approve the agenda of the May 2, 2019 Executive Committee meeting carried. Ceruti/Mullins

A motion to approve the February 1, 2019 Executive Committee Meeting minutes as written carried. Ceruti/Murphy

ORAL AND PRINTED REPORTS WERE PRESENTED BY ASSOCIATION OFFICERS AND STAFF

President Paul Harrica
• Congratulated the Winter champions.
• Thanked the Winter sport coordinators, sport committees and volunteers for the excellent job they do at the Regionals, Semis and Finals.
• Thanked the NYSPHSAA staff for all the work they do.
• Attended the Bowling Championships and stated the coordinators, sport committees and volunteers did an incredible job.

1st Vice President Julie Bergman
• Echoed Paul’s sentiments regarding the Winter sport coordinators, sport committees and volunteers.
• Congratulated Jim Wolfe and Eileen Troy on their induction into the NYSPHSAA Class of 2019 Hall of Fame.
• Attended the Wrestling Dual Meet, Wrestling, Boys Basketball and Ice Hockey Championships.
• Thanked everyone for their continued tireless efforts on behalf of student-athletes in New York.

2nd Vice President Russell Bartlett
• Had a conversation with a man attending one of our winter championships who has attended between 60-70 of our state championships over the past 20 years. He was unaware of the number of people involved that made things happen and made it look so easy.

Past President Jim Osborne
• Congratulated the NYSPHSAA Class of 2019 Hall of Fame inductees.
• Thanked the Executive Committee members and Robert and Staff for the great job they do on behalf of the student-athletes in New York.
• Stated the attendance at the Winter State Championships was great and the competition was even better.
• Thanked the Sport coordinators and volunteers for their time and efforts in making our championships great.

Executive Director Robert Zayas
• Recognized and commended the staff for the work they do on a daily basis and stated their commitment to the Association is truly remarkable.

Misidentified Player Appeal
• The NYSPHSAA Executive Committee approved a provision that allows Schools to appeal a misidentified player for the sportsmanship rule if there is a clear and concise evidence. The school would have to identify the correct player and have that player serve the penalty. Please check with your Section to see if they allow it. The could be more restrictive like Section 11 and not allow any appeals.
• It was brought to the attention of NYSPHSAA staff that the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee approved a proposal in 2010 that allowed for an appeal to be heard for the disqualification of a misidentified player. Unfortunately, the approval was never entered into the NYSPHSAA Handbook following the Executive Committee’s action.
Furthermore, the minutes from 2010 have no mention or recognition of what the language of the “actual” proposal was.

- The NYSPHSAA Handbook Committee met and examined documents from 2010 and determined the following language should be added to the Handbook as a result of approval by the Executive Committee in December 2010: “3. Misidentified Player: Disqualification of a player may only be challenged on the basis of misidentification. The misidentification must be established by clear and concise evidence. The school shall identify the offending player who will serve the prescribed penalty. (Dec. 2010)”

**Health Examination Form**

- NYSPHSAA staff received correspondence from NYSED in August 2018 requiring “that reports of health examinations of students for school are to be submitted on the Required NYS School Health Examination form for physical examinations on or after July 1, 2018.” The correspondence also stated: “However, for the 2018-2019 school year, we are requesting that schools accept all physical examination reports, regardless of whether the new form has been utilized.”
- Since the Fall, NYSPHSAA staff has been informing administrators the “Required” Form must be used starting with the 2019-2020 school year. NYSED is now informing schools the form is no longer being required for the 2019-2020 school year.
- E-mail correspondence from Karen Hollowood at NYSED (March 29, 2019) to Robert Zayas states: “The form is not required at this time, and in fact when we do require it- that will not be the form. I am aware of the letter from Kathleen, however based on our work with healthcare providers the form will not be required for the 2018-2019 school year. Schools should continue to accept a physical regardless of the form it is on. There is no requirement to use the form at this time for the 2019-2020 school year.”

**2019-2020 Combined Teams Criteria**

- Reminded the Combining of Teams criteria is revised for the 2019-2020 school year. Moving forward the “Sports Specific classification cut-off numbers” will be utilized, rather than the Five Sport Classification numbers.
- Revised criteria language can be found in the NYSPHSAA Handbook.

**CP Sportswear Contract Renewal**

- Announced a 5-year contract has been signed with CP Sportswear as our official merchandiser.

**Assistant Director Joe Altieri**

**Sport Committees/Meeting Liaison**

- Since February 2nd, he was the NYSPHSAA liaison for the following committees/meetings: Girls Volleyball, Baseball, Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer, Boys Lacrosse, Wrestling, Boys Volleyball, Football, Boys Basketball, Gymnastics. He has also attended various championship site meetings with coordinators to discuss planning details at new and previous venues in addition to conducting championship planning conference calls with all Winter Coordinators. Minutes of each sport committee meeting have been emailed to Officers, CAC and Executive Directors.
- He reported bid review meetings were held for girls tennis, boys lacrosse and girls soccer and will be seeking approval for state championship sites later in the meeting.
- A copy of the updated NYSPHSAA Championship dates and sites was included in the meeting packet.

**Championship Advisory Committee**

- He reported the Championship Advisory Committee conducted an in-person meeting on April 3rd. Their report/minutes were included in the meeting packet.

**Championship Administration**

- Winter championships have yielded a $252,000 profit thus far, a $2,000 decrease from 2018 but there are still some bills outstanding.
- Highlights from our Winter events included:
  - **Wrestling Dual Meet** – Attendance slightly down, NFHS Network streamed all matches.
  - **Cheerleading** – 1st year in Rochester. Attendance highest since 2015 (up 918 compared to 2018).
  - **Bowling** – 1st year of 3-day tournament; Venue, format, schedule very efficient; moved ahead of boys swimming as sport with highest percentage of online sales (75%).
  - **Ice Hockey** – Attendance lowest of any year in Buffalo; down 2,178 compared to 2018.
  - **Boys Swimming** – Attendance slightly down; 65% of admissions were online sales.
  - **Boys Basketball** – Highest attendance year in Binghamton; up 3,556 compared to 2018.
  - **Girls Basketball** – Attendance was up 535 compared to 2018.
  - **Skiing/Gymnastics** – Successful events, but only ones not streamed by NFHS Network.
NFHS Network/Broadcasting

- We had a successful winter season regarding the NFHS Network streaming with significant increases in viewership compared to the fall. We are still awaiting specific analytics for each event. Spectrum did not take advantage of the television broadcasting opportunities they currently hold.
- Reported he and Chris Watson had a planning meeting conference call with the NFHS Network on May 1st.

Branding/Marketing

- The winter digital marketing campaign for wrestling, ice hockey, boys basketball and girls basketball was successful. We have committed to a spring campaign for boys lacrosse and girls lacrosse using Facebook and online display ads.

NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame

- Announced the NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame Class of 2019: Dick Cerone (Administrator-Section V), Anthony Famiglietti (Athlete-Section XI), Cathy Stanilka (Coach-Section 2), Ken Strube (Coach-Section 2), Eileen Troy (Administrator-Section 2) and Jim Wolfe (Administrator-Section IX). A press release announcing the inductees was included in the meeting packet.

Internship Program

- Thanked Roxanne Trama, a student at University at Albany, who has completed her spring internship with the Association.

Assistant Director Todd Nelson

Unified Sports Update

- In November, he and Robert met with the commissioner of Education’s office to discuss our concern regarding the Age and Duration of Competition Regulation as it pertains to Unified athletes. We have been told that this proposal is still under review in SED Counsel. There was no change in the regulation for this current school year. We have received several concerns from schools, coaches, students, and parents regarding the effect this regulation has on the students that are participating in Unified Sports and are “alternately assessed”. We will continue to encourage the Commissioner to recommend a waiver process to both regulations for “alternately assessed” student athletes. We are hoping a waiver process is in place for the 2019-2020 school year.
- The number of schools continues to grow in Unified Sports. We had a total of 46 teams compete in Unified Bowling. This Spring a total of 164 teams participated in Unified Basketball. Section 10 has started the process to incorporate Unified Basketball by offering two leadership conferences and play days to introduce the program to their member schools. Half the Sections are participating in end-of-season tournaments and half are offering a single culminating event for the sport of basketball. All Sections held an end-of-season tournament for bowling. In the near future, we will be expanding into the Fall season with another sport offering. Cross Country, Volleyball, Soccer have been mentioned as possible sport offerings.
- He thanked Special Olympics NY for their generous support and leadership. Our partnership has been beneficial for both organizations. They will be working with some of our schools outside of the interscholastic setting to offer events at the club or intramural level for sports and activities that NYSPHSAA does not offer, such as Bocce Ball and Flag Football.

NFHS Coaches Award Program

- He reported Ron Woodruff is looking for nominees for the NFHS Coaches Award Program. We have been fortunate to have several coaches recognized at the State, Regional, and National level over the past 5 years. Ron has contacted each of the NYSPHSAA Sport Committees and asked them to send in nominations for this recognition. If you would like to nominate a coach, please email Ron directly at rwoodruf42@aol.com.
- He thanked Ron for all of his time and efforts with this program.

Assistant Director Kristen Jadin

Scholar-Athlete

- There were 2,616 Scholar-Athlete teams and 33,725 Scholar-Athlete individuals in Winter 2019.
- The number of teams increased by 10.1% and the number of individuals increased by 7.09% from the Winter 2018.
- Spring Scholar-Athlete submission opened Monday, April 15th.
- The deadline to submit is Monday, May 20th.
- The School of Distinction/School of Excellence applications will be available on the NYSPHSAA website after Spring Scholar-Athlete deadline. (May 21st)
Participation Survey
- The Participation Survey was distributed to all Athletic Directors on March 19th.
- As of this meeting, about 300 schools had submitted the survey. She reiterated this information is extremely important as it is used by our sport committees the NFHS and asked the Sections to remind their schools to submit the survey. The deadline to submit is Monday, May 13th. Reminder emails will be sent.

Championship Information
- Awards
  - Currently in the process of establishing a consistent ordering and payment procedure in collaboration with all state sport coordinators.
- Legislative Communications
  - Senator Gaughran spoke and presented awards at the Gymnastics Championships.
  - Assemblymember Charles Fall presented awards at the Indoor Track & Field Championships
  - All legislators were notified of team champions within their district. Many legislators recognize those teams with a resolution.
  - Spring Championship invitations have been sent to all legislators.
  - We continue to receive positive feedback from the legislators regarding the continued outreach.

Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC)
- The SAAC Application deadline for 2019-2020 is Monday, May 13th. A listing of open positions was provided.

Special Programs
- Mental Health Awareness Week – Week #44 (April 29-May 3, 2019)
  - A social media/communications toolkit was distributed to all Athletic directors and is available on the NYSPHSAA website.
- Community Service Challenge
  - 91 Community Service Challenge projects were submitted using the Team Up 4 Community platform.
  - 5,350 student-athletes participated in community service projects this winter with 74,010 hours being volunteered.
  - The Winter 2019 Community Service Challenge winner was Harrison High School’s Athlete in Action program.
  - The Spring 2019 Community Service Challenge is currently open. The deadline to submit is Monday, June 3rd.
- Sportsmanship Promotion
  - The survey deadline was Monday, April 15th. 246 schools submitted an application, a little down from last year. Anyone who submitted the survey will receive a certificate and the chance to receive a plaque and the state banner award.
  - The 2nd annual NYSPHSAA Coaches Appreciation Day will take place on Wednesday, May 15, 2019.
- Student Leadership
  - Encouraged schools to use the free NFHS courses available on Life of an Athlete website. A new course, “Understanding Vaping and E-Cigarettes” was released this winter.
  - Captains Club now includes a leadership development document which includes facilitation discussion questions and references the Educational Framework for Interscholastic Athletics.

Director of Finance Lisa Hand

Balance Sheet
- As of 3/31/2019, the Cash Balance is $555,414.
- Other receivables of $226,143 include $44,000 due from winter championship venues, $50,000 due from CP Sportswear and $45,000 due from GoFan.
- ImPact tests inventory is approximately $36,000. Our contract with ImPact ends at the end of June. Deciding if we are going to continue with the program.
- As of 3/31/2019 we have excess revenue over expenses of $625,336, a decrease from last March due to a change in broadcasting rights fees and the American Dairy Superbowl wasn’t recorded until April.

Income Statement
Revenues
- At the Investment Committee meeting held on Tuesday, April 30th, AJ Amato reported the market has recovered since the last quarter of 2018 and we are now back up to earning an annualized rate of about 6.3% which is where we should be with our 60% stocks/40% bonds.
- Investments have earned $88,000 for the seven months ended 3/31/2019.
• Fall and Winter championships netted a profit of about $400,000, a decrease of $60,000 due to a decline in attendance and selling more online tickets at $8.00 a ticket compared to $10.00 a ticket at the gate.
• While attendance decreased by 13.5% for the Fall 2018 championships, there was an increase in attendance of 8.5% for the Winter 2019 championships.
• Sponsorship revenues show a decrease of approximately $180,000 due to the buyout of the Spectrum contract by the NFHS.

Expenditures

Administrative
• Marketing and Promotions expense is over budget by $7,000 due to receiving over $10,000 in invoices from a vendor in November 2018 that were for expenses in the previous fiscal year.

Committees & Programs
• Overall Program and Committee expenses are in line with the budget for the seven months ended 3/31/2019.

Other
• The market value of our Investments has decreased approximately $70,000 since year end 8/31/2018.

Director of Communications Chris Watson

SnapChat
• The use of SnapChat geo filters at the winter championships continued to receive great feedback from the fans and student-athletes. Geo filters of the official championship logo were used at all eleven NYSPHSAA Winter Championships. The logo was seen 837,219 times, an increase of 25% from last winter.

Twitter
• Twitter continues to be used at our State Championships. In March we posted 773 tweets that made 3.78 million impressions. Since February, roughly 1,600 new followers have been added.
• The use of social media assistants continues to be extremely beneficial to the coverage of our championships. We have built a good directory of very dependable student-athletes and former student-athletes to cover our events. We have also used them for other championship responsibilities.

Media Outreach
• Information has been supplied to media members on a variety of requests including Girls Basketball attendance figures, air rifle information being collected by CBS this Morning, student-athlete eligibility, Participation Survey results, minority coaches and diversity on coaching staffs and an attendance plan at the Federation Basketball Tournament.

Captains Club
• He and Kristen traveled to Copiague in Section XI to interview Amaya Williams, the subject of the May edition of the Captains Club.
• Suggestions for story ideas are always welcome. Please contact him or Kristen. He noted they have yet to feature a Captains Club story in Sections 7, 8 or 9.

Director of Sales and Marketing Chris Joyce

Sponsorships
• The following contributing sponsors were secured for the winter championships: US Air Force, Worldwide Sport Supply, Mirabito Energy, Visions FCU, Discovery Albany, US Marines, iBEC Corp, Dollamur, Stride Trips.
• The number of presenting sponsors continues to grow since restructuring the sponsorship model:
  • JOLYN Clothing will be presenting sponsor for the 2019 & 2020 Girls Swimming & Diving Championships.
  • CheerSounds has signed a 2-year agreement for the 2020 & 2021 Cheerleading Championships.
  • Sports Page Ski has expressed interest in renewing if the skiing championships return to Gore Mountain.

Ticketing
• Online ticketing continues to grow at championship events.
  • Online ticket sales for NYSPHSAA State Championships are up 64% over this point last year.
  • Boys Basketball online sales were 5 times higher than a year ago due largely to matchups.
  • Over 30,000 online tickets were sold across the state at winter championships.
• GoFan is developing a box office app that will be able to process credit cards. The app will offer a streamlined back end platform that will consolidate reporting of both online sales and walk-up credit card sales. The app is scheduled to release this summer for implementation at fall events.
Marketing
- Marketing campaigns were run on Facebook, YouTube and Google Network for Wrestling, Ice Hockey, Boys Basketball and Girls Basketball.
- Display ads: 480,000 impressions.
- Facebook ads: 250,000 impressions.
- YouTube ads: 196,000 impressions, 90,000 views.
- Spring campaigns are planned for Boys and Girls Lacrosse.

NYSPHSAA Foundation
- As outlined in the 2017-2021 Strategic Plan, he has explored the creation of a NYSPHSAA Foundation. Foundations at other state associations were researched and Executive Directors were surveyed.
- Will be a Discussion Item later in the meeting.

Legal Counsel Renee James
A motion to approve to enter Executive Session at 9:26 AM to discuss legal matters carried. Ferry/Ryan-Curry
A motion to approve to end Executive Session at 9:40 AM carried. Ferry/Ryan-Curry

SECTION CONCERNS

Section I - None

Section 2 - None

Section III – A motion to approve a waiver of the 7-day rule for all sports and all Sections, beginning Friday, May 3, 2019, for the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year carried. Carboine/Schmandt

Section IV - None

Section V – A motion to approve a reduction of contests from 6 to 5 in Outdoor Track and Field in Section V carried. Ryan-Curry-Fallacaro

Voiced a concern with the cut-off numbers in sports with 2 Classifications.

Section VI - None

Section VII – A motion to approve a reduction of contests from 6 to 4 in all spring sports in all Sections carried. Ryan-Curry/Fallacaro

Section VIII & Section XI - Had a concern with the use of smelling salts in Boys Lacrosse and asked if any other Section was having an issue. This was discussed at the Safety Committee meeting and no other Sections have an issue. Todd provided Karen Hollowood’s (from SED) response on the use of smelling salts. “The overall medical opinion is these salts do no harm. The caveat is when used, it may delay a necessary evaluation. SED would advise the use of such items to enhance performance or revive someone be used with medical director approval in order to protect the district from liability.”

Section IX - None

Section X - None

Section XI – Requested discussion on the implementation of the shot clock in Girls Lacrosse. This will be moved forward to the Girls Lacrosse Committee.

REPORTS FROM EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

Pupil Benefits. Thomas McGuire
No Report
State Education Department.  Darryl Daily

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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

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

- Collaborating with NYSAHPERD- Kicked off at SED on August 6-7, 2018. Meeting dates were October 25, 2018, January 24-25, 2019 and April 4-5, 2019. Reviewing National and NYS Learning Standards and Outcomes for NYS. Process and review team includes multiple representatives (SED, ELA’s, BOCES, NYSAHPERD, NYSBAA, NYSUT and SAANYS, K-12 and Higher Education Institutions).

APPROVED COACHING COURSE LIST (Updated February 2019)

- The list was updated on February 2019.

CONCUSSION MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES UPDATED (June 2018)

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

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

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

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

- Revisions to commissioner’s regulations 136.1-135.3 went into effect 7/1/18.
- Grade levels for health examinations and required screenings have been revised.
- New guidelines are available for Health Examination, Vision Screening, Hearing Screening, and Scoliosis Screening. Due to changes in screening requirements, it is important that school health personnel review the new guidelines.
NOTE: Schools districts should continue to accept ANY health exam form received as NYSED and medical providers’ organizations continue to partner to revise the NYS Required Health Exam Form and develop an electronic record compatible version.

School districts SHOULD NOT REQUIRE health care providers to use a particular form. Districts should accept any health exam form received.

School districts can choose to use the NYS Health Exam Form currently on the NYSCSH/NYSED website. The fact that the form is not required should be communicated when it is shared.

- NYSED will notify school districts when the new revised NYS Required Health Exam Form is ready for use and when it will be required.

- Please contact the Office of Student Support Services if you have questions at 518-486-6090 or studentsupportservices@nysed.gov.

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

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

The New York State Addiction and Substance Use Disorder Educational Resource is available free on a flash drive that may be ordered by sending an email to: B0019W@health.ny.gov (email address contains zeros) or by mailing your request to:

PUBLICATIONS, NYSDOH Distribution Center, P.O. Box 343, Guilderland, New York 12084

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

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

GUIDELINES FOR COACHING (Updated January 2018)

QUALITY PHYSICAL EDUCATION PLAN REMINDER
- Is your district plan current? Is your plan frequently updated to ensure high-quality programs are being offered? Is your plan aligned with the current regulations and/or National and NYS Standards? Recommend updating minimum of 7 years. Important when looking for funding and support.
- If you need technical assistance or have specific questions, contact Darryl Daily at darryl.daily@nysed.gov.
- According to Commissioner’s Regulation 135.4 -Physical Education Plans must be filed both at the local level and at the Department. Plans can be sent as a hard copy or as an e-mailed attachment to the Department. E-mail format is preferred.
Amendment of Section 100.5 and Addition of Section 100.20 to the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education to Implement the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children and Provisions Relating to Transfer Credits and Diploma Requirements for Physical Education. (BOR approved November 2017)
- See: http://www.nysed.gov/curriculum-instruction/general-education-and-diploma-requirements
- See: http://www.nysed.gov/memo/curriculum-instruction/physical-education-regulatory-amendments
- 5th year seniors and out of state transfer students changes

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

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

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

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

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

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

- DEVELOPMENT OF RESOURCES TO EDUCATE ON NEED TO ENCOURAGE ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION
  - Legislation (Summer 2016)-SED began working collaboratively with multiple organizations that promote organ and tissue donation to provide a toolkit that contains model exemplar lesson plans and best practice instructional resources on the importance and value of organ and tissue donation. Information will be shared
● Please note-APRIL is National “DONATE LIFE” month.

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

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

● COMMISSIONER’S REGULATIONS TO REQUIRE INSTRUCTION IN CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION (“Hands Only” CPR) AND INSTRUCTION IN THE USE OF AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS (Requirement began September 2015)
● Students in senior high school shall be provided instruction in hands-only cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an automated external defibrillator at least once before graduation.
● See link: https://yorethecure.org/aha/advocacy/details.aspx?BlogId=2&PostId=4139

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

● Letter to Schools from Commissioners of the New York State Department of Health and Education Department to raise awareness and educate on the dangers of e-cigarettes – January 2, 2019
● Evidence-based E-Cigarettes and Vaping Webinar and an E-Cigarette Learning Page available at the NYS Center for School Health, a contracted technical assistance resource center for the NYSED with additional resources located at the NYSDOH Get the Facts website.

NYS Athletic Administrators Association. Alan Mallanda, CMAA, Executive Director
Conference Wrap-Up
● Annual conference held on March 12-15, 2019 at the Saratoga Hilton Hotel was very successful with over 275 registered attendees and 105 exhibitor booths.
● They held over 12 workshops and four General Sessions covering all areas of cutting edge athletic administration topics vital to todays high school programs and students.
● Brett Banker, CAA is their new President.
● The 11 Chapter Awards recipients and three special awards recipients from the Roy O’Neill Awards Banquet are listed on the NYSAAA website. Pictures can be found on their Shutterfly site – www.shutterfly.com/NYSAAA.
● Their sixth Hall of Fame Class and the fourth Alan Mallanda HOF Induction Ceremony took place at the Dave Martens Awards Luncheon. Inductees are listed on the NYSAAA website and pictures can be found on their Shutterfly site.
● They are in the final stages of selecting their seventh Hall of Fame class for 2020.
● Nominations are now being taken for the Class of 2021 Hall of Fame. Information and forms can be found on their website. The postmark deadline is January 15, 2020.
● Next year’s conference will be held Tuesday-Friday, March 17-20, 2020 at the Saratoga Hilton & Conference Center. LTI Courses will be offered on Monday evening, all day Tuesday and Wednesday morning. The conference luncheon and Hall of Fame ceremony will be held on Wednesday and the Awards Banquet will be held Thursday evening. The conference will conclude on Friday morning with an all-conference breakfast followed by a General Session and annual meeting. Exhibitors will open on Wednesday evening and conclude Thursday noon.
Board News and Actions

- New officers of the Executive Board are: President-Brett Banker, CAA; President-Elect-Mike Murray, CAA; Vice President-Todd Gulluscio, CMAA; Immediate Past President-Denise Kiernan, CAA; Secretary-Scott Sugar, CAA; and Treasurer-Mike Giruzzi, CAA. Dennis Fries, CMAA continues as their State Liaison to the NIAAA.
- The NYSAAA Board continues to require all board members to have a minimum of a CAA certification to serve on the Board. The Board feels it should serve as a role model for all athletic administrators in New York State relative to professional development and certification.
- The NYSAAA continues to work with the NYSPHSAA on issues relative to athletic administration in New York State. They continue to work with the State Education Department on a basic requirement for certification of athletic administrators in New York State and are encouraged with the progress they are making on this initiative and the growth of understanding and support from several stake holder groups across the state.

Professional Development

- During the past year, over 300 athletic administrators took LTI 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 conference on Friday morning. Three athletic administrators took the exam and passed. It will be offered again on June 24 at 1:00 PM at the NYSPHSAA office in Latham.
- At the NYSAAA conference, there were almost 100 athletic administrators taking six LTI Courses, many taking two and some three courses.
- The Section I Summer Institute will again be offered in Brewster, MA on Cape Cod June 23-27, 2019 with 15 LTI courses offered. Information and registration forms are available on the NYSAAA website. It’s a great family vacation at reasonable prices with some great social events combined with professional development opportunities. Steve Young, CAA and Peter Shambo, CMAA have taken this endeavor over and had a great response over recent years.

Membership

- Their membership numbers have improved to 700 this past year. Their goal for the coming year will be to continue to increase their numbers.
- They also offer a “Lifetime Membership” to all retired athletic administrators for a one-time fee of $150 in lieu of paying $35 each year. They have significantly increased the number of retirees this past year and will continue to offer this option.

Website

- He encouraged athletic administrators to visit their website regularly to keep up on the latest information and association news. Links have been provided between the NYSPHSAA and NYSAAA as well as other professional associations on each of their respective websites.
- The next newsletter will be released in mid-May. Past issues can be found on their website.
- Conference photos can be found and accessed on their Shutterfly website: www.shutterfly.com/NYSAAA. No password is needed to gain access. Photos can be downloaded or purchased from the Shutterfly site.

NIAAA/NFHS

- The NIAAA/NFHS Annual Athletic Directors Conference is scheduled for National Harbor, MD next December. Future sights include Tampa, FL; Nashville, TN; 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 can be found on the NIAAA website and the NYSAAA website as to courses, dates, times and requirements.
- Five representatives from New York attended the NIAAA Section One meeting recently held in Rockport, ME: Dennis Fries, CMAA, Alan Mallanda, CMAA, Scott Sugar, CAA, Brett Banker, CAA and Dr. Jim Wright, CMAA.

Other

- Thanked the NYSPHSAA and Dr. Robert Zayas, CAA for the continued support and partnership with the NYSAAA. Together, this kind of relationship can only benefit the student-athletes of New York State.
REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

Budget and Audit Committee. Julie Bergman, 1st Vice President

- The committee met on Monday, March 25, 2019.
- She highlighted the following items in the proposed 2019-2020 budget:
  - Overall, the proposed budget represents an increase of less than 2%.
  - An increase in the marketing campaign specifically for digital marketing
  - Proposing the purchase of 3 vehicles, 2 vans and 1 SUV, which over the course of a 5-year time table will significantly reduce the cost of transportation expenses for the Association.
  - In conjunction with the proposal for the vehicles, the officers are in the final stages of adopting a Vehicle Use Policy to dictate the terms for the use of the vehicles by the staff.

A motion to approve the 2019-2020 NYSPHSAA budget carried. Mullins/Ceruti

Championship Advisory Committee. Greg Ransom, Chair

- The committee met on Wednesday, April 3, 2019 at the NYSPHSAA office.

Action Items

- The committee supported the following proposals to be presented for action at the May 2019 Executive Committee meeting:
  - Boys Volleyball Classification Cut-Off Numbers for 2020-2021
  - State Championship Packets – Making the NYSPHSAA packet the official operations and planning document for all State Tournaments.
  - Boys Lacrosse Classification Cut-Off Numbers for 2020-2021
  - Football 7-Year Regional/At-Large Rotation
  - Boys Tennis At-Large Rotation to fill byes at Boys Tennis State Championships.
  - Girls Tennis At-Large Rotation to fill byes at Girls Tennis State Championships.
  - Girls Tennis revised Tournament dates to a Thursday-Saturday format.
  - Baseball Pitch Count Summary Form
  - Boys Swimming Standards for 2019-2020
  - Girls Lacrosse Regional Rotation for 2020-2022
  - Girls Lacrosse Classification Cut-Off Numbers for 2020-2021
- The committee did not support the revision of the Football Classification Cut-Off numbers for 2020-2021 as there was concern regarding the Class D schools and they felt more research and discussion was needed.

Discussion Items

- The following items were introduced for discussion at the April CAC meeting and will be presented for action at the June CAC meeting and then at the July Central Committee meeting:
  - Boys Volleyball State Tournament Tie-Breaker
  - Girls Tennis Practice Penalty
  - Girls Tennis Elimination of Consolation Matches
  - Girls Volleyball modify SOP Procedures to include NCAA Rule
  - Girls Volleyball Regional Rotation

For Review/Input, Championship Site Selections

- The CAC voted to support the committees and staff in choosing the following Championship Site selections:
  - Boys Lacrosse West Semifinals – SUNY Cortland (IV) for 2020, 2021 and 2022.
  - Girls Tennis – Only one bid was submitted for 2020, 2021 and 2022 and it was unendorsed. The committee and staff were in agreement to re-bid the tournament after getting approval to revise the days to a Thursday-Saturday format so more clubs would be interested in bidding.

Other

- Ice Hockey – CAC will be recommending Ice Hockey abide by 15-minute time periods for one more year as our fee policy expires in June 2020. Sections will be asked to review the fees for 15-minute periods and 17-minute periods. CAC will review that information and come up with an average and adjust the fees.

Future Meeting

- Thursday, June 20, 2019 at 10:00 AM at the NYSPHSAA office.
Handbook Committee. Patrick Pizzarelli, Coordinator

• The committee met on April 3, 2019 via teleconference.

Discussion Items

Misidentified Player

• Todd Nelson reported that the Section III Football Coordinator has been discussing an appeal process for a football player who was disqualified from a contest. John Rathbun, Section III Executive Director stated NYSPHSAA approved a proposal in December 2010 that allowed for an appeal to be heard for a misidentified player. Todd stated it was never added to the NYSPHSAA Handbook. Also, the minutes from December 2010 have no mention or recognition of what the actual proposal was.

• The issue was brought to the Handbook Committee to determine what needs to be added to the Handbook. Robbie Greene stated this was a highly discussed topic in 2010 and there was much support for an appeal for a misidentified player to have the opportunity of an appeal, but the proposal was limited to a misidentified player. Renee James clarified this only pertains to a misidentified player who is disqualified, and that Section III instituted the language in 2010.

• The following language will be added to the Handbook as a result of approval by the Executive Committee in December 2010: “3. Misidentified Player: Disqualification of a player may only be challenged on the basis of misidentification. The misidentification must be established by clear and concise evidence. The school shall identify the offending player who will serve the prescribed penalty. (Dec. 2010)”

• Todd said that under the NYSPHSAA appeal procedure it states “The decisions of game officials shall be final unless the individual league or section has made provisions for review. In any event, the Appeal Panel will not review any such decisions.” He said this language would allow Sections to have a review process but that would be left up to the 11 Sections to decide.

Prescribed penalty for exceeding the maximum number of games/contests

• Robert explained that every year it seems that at least one team unfortunately exceeds the maximum number of games and suffers the prescribed penalty of being banned from the post season.

• He worked with Timm Slade (Section VI) and Ed Dopp (Section 2) on the creation of several options to revise the prescribed penalty. On March 14th the Section Executive Directors discussed the various options and settled on the following: “Any member school that has exceeded the maximum number of contests has the option to utilize the existing penalty outlined above (c) or may elect to suspend the head coach from the date of the violation for the remainder of the season, forfeiture of additional contests and also accept a fine in the amount of $1000 to be paid from the school district to the NYSPHSAA office prior to participation in the post season. Money will be allocated to the Student-Athlete Advisory Council.”

• Robbie Greene stated this topic has been on the table for decades and that one of the main reasons for the mandatory fall workshops is for the athletic director to hear and learn about this rule specifically. She stated this topic is going to require a great deal of discussion.

• Robert reviewed a national survey that he conducted on this topic, showing six states have similar penalties as NYSPHSAA, while many states have varying degrees of penalties.

• Some committee members felt a fine was like paying their way into the play offs.

• Some committee members felt very strongly the post season ban is the most effective.

• This will be a Discussion Item later in the agenda.

Transfer Proposals

• Robert presented two proposals to the Transfer Committee at their April 1st meeting in an effort to address the number of waiver requests associated with the Transfer Rule and to put the focus on varsity competition. His goal is to make the process associated with the Transfer Rule simple and sustainable.

• The proposals would permit students in grades 7, 8, 9 and 10 who are ineligible as per the NYSPHSAA Transfer Rule to practice and participate at the sub-varsity level during their period of ineligibility and non-corresponding transferring students in grades 11 and 12 who are ineligible as per the Transfer Rule, would be limited to practice only.

• Robbie Greene stated she would like all Section Eligibility Committees to review and discuss these proposals.

• The Handbook Committee unanimously supported discussion about both proposals.

Championship Information Packets

• Robert reported that over the course of the past few years, the NYSPHSAA staff has worked closely with sport coordinators on the development of Championship operation packets that would include important information for teams participating in the State Championships. Approval will be requested from the Executive Committee to have these packets serve as the “Official Operation Packets” of the NYSPHSAA Championships.
Packets will be sent to the Section Executive Directors also.
The Handbook Committee unanimously supported the proposal.

Future Meeting
June 19, 2019 at 9:00 AM.

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

- The committee met on Thursday, March 14, 2019 at the NYSAAA Conference in Saratoga.

Status Updates
- **2019-2020 SAAC Application** - The deadline for the 2019-2020 SAAC application was Monday, May 13, 2019.
- **Community Service Challenge** - There were 91 submissions for the Winter Community Service Challenge. Murphee Hayes, Section IV, stated using the current platform is helping engage the membership. Monica Wolfe, Section III, suggested using Thrillshare as an avenue to share good things happening across the state. Kristen will look into it.
- **Mental Health Awareness Week** – At their February meeting, the Executive Committee unanimously approved Mental Health Awareness Week for Week #44 (April 29, 2019-May 3, 2019). Kristen has reached out to all Section Executive Directors regarding the presentation SAAC put together. Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 11 have either presented at their Athletic Council meetings or AD meetings. Kristen asked the SADC to connect with the SAAC members in those Sections who have yet to have a presentation. NYSPHSAA distributed a press release and created a social media plan regarding Mental Health Awareness Week. SADC members were to promote within their Section also.
- **NFHS National Student Leadership Conference** - Any SADC member interested in attending the NFHS National Student Leadership Conference as an adult delegate, please let Kristen know.

Discussion Items/Action Taken
- **Section SAAC** - The goal for the association is to create a SAAC for each Section. Some Sections already have a SAAC. Discussion ensued as to the best practices to create a SAAC within their Section.
- **Scholar-Athlete for Unified Sports** - Todd Nelson presented the idea of adding unified sports to the Scholar-Athlete program. Currently, there are 165 unified basketball teams (spring) and 42 bowling teams (winter). Discussion regarding the grading systems of each school took place. He suggested since we have the same standards for playing rules, we should have the same standard for Scholar-Athlete.
  - Kristen presented the SADC’s proposal for discussion to add Unified Basketball and Unified Bowling as sports to the NYSPHSAA Scholar-Athlete Program effective the 2019-2020 school year. As an official high school program of NYSPHSAA, the Unified teams should be recognized in the Scholar-Athlete program if they meet the same criteria as other interscholastic programs in the school.
  - Bring back to Sections for discussion to be voted on at the July Central Committee meeting.
- **Hazing Prevention Course** – Only 47 schools have utilized the Hazing Prevention Course. Of the 240 individual users enrolled, only 70 have completed the course. After discussion, instead of continuing to pay $5,000 to keep the course, the consensus was to use alternate resources provided by the NFHS for free.
- **Captains Club** – It was asked if the student leadership guide could be added as a slide at the end of Captains Club episodes. Kristen will work with Chris Watson on this.

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

Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC).  Kristen Jadin, Assistant Director

- The committee met on Sunday, February 24, 2019 via teleconference.

Status Updates
- **2019-2020 SAAC Application** – Deadline to apply was Monday, May 13, 2019. Juniors currently on the committee have the option to remain on the committee for the 2019-2020 school year. Kristen will distribute a commitment letter for juniors to sign. SAAC should help promote the application within their own Section.
- **Social Media Workers** – NYSPHSAA is always looking for individuals to help run the social media accounts during championships. SAAC members are always welcomed as a part of our championships. If students are interested, contact Kristen.
• **Community Service Challenge** - Kristen will narrow down the submissions and send the committee the finalists. SAAC members will then email Kristen their vote based off the rubric provided. SAAC is also responsible for promoting the program for the spring.

**Discussion Items**

- **SAAC Expectations within sections** - Some students expressed having trouble connecting with their Sections. Expectations are that SAAC reaches out to Section Executive Directors and/or the Student-Athlete Development Committee (SADC) member for their Section. The goal for next year is for Sections to start creating their own SAACs in collaboration with the SADC member.

- **Mental Health Awareness Week Plan** - Even though Mental Health Awareness Week was considered a discussion item at the Executive Committee meeting in February, it was unanimously passed. Kristen explained the reason this passed is because the initiative has been completely student led. Kristen has contacted all Section Executive Directors regarding the presentation SAAC put together. It is SAAC’s responsibility to follow up with the Sections. Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 11 have either presented at the Athletic Council meetings or AD meetings. The presentation included specific examples of what ADs and coaches can do within their schools to promote mental health awareness. NYSPHSAA distributed a press release and created a social media plan to spread the word about Mental Health Awareness Week. Students did the same within their Section. Students were also expected to participate the week of the initiative.

- **Multisport Athlete Award** – After discussion, the SAAC decided to put this award on hold and focus solely on Mental Health Awareness Week.

- **NFHS National Student Leadership Summit (NSLS)** – Jasper Koota (Section IV) recapped the experience from last year and highly recommended students attend. Many juniors are interested in attending. NYSPHSAA only has 2 spots allotted. Kristen will contact the NFHS in an attempt to receive more spots for NYSPHSAA. She has emailed the application to everyone. A decision as to who will attend will be based off the applications. All expenses will be paid by NYSPHSAA.

- **Executive Committee Meetings** – Kristen would like a student from SAAC to attend an Executive Committee meeting to recap the year and to also see how decision are made within the association.

**Future Meetings**

- Sunday, June 9, 2019 t 4:00 PM

**Sportsmanship Committee.** Todd Nelson & Kristen Jadin, Assistant Directors

- The committee met on Wednesday, April 10, 2019 via teleconference.

**Status Updates**

- **Sportsmanship Promotion Survey** – Only 170 submissions have been received. This is a decrease in the number of applications from last year. In the past, we have received around 300 submissions. Sections were asked to encourage their schools to submit.

- **NYSPHSAA Coaches Appreciation Day** – Reminded all Sections Wednesday, May 15th is NYSPHSAA Coaches Appreciation Day. A reminder was sent to all Athletic Directors with ideas on how to participate.

**Discussion Items/Action Taken**

- **Football Sportsmanship Proposal** – Bob Campese, Section III Football Coordinator and Scott Barker, Section V Football Coordinator, presented the Football Committee’s proposal for Football players to serve the suspension for violating the NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Rule by being ineligible to participate for 4 full consecutive quarters. Bob shared that 90% of schools play 8 games (excluding sectionals). As a result, if a student is ejected, the student will sit out around 12-14% of the maximum number of games. If a student gets thrown out of a game on Friday, the student cannot play for 2 weeks. Scott reiterated the data shows a football player is sitting out almost double the percentage of most sports. He also mentioned tracking would be relatively easy for the Section and school because the official provides the AD the exact reason for the ejection and the time in the game that it occurred. In addition, the Football Committee supports the state philosophy that the Section has the right to support a more severe penalty if Section or school feels it is warranted. The officials also support the proposal. The Sportsmanship Committee supported the proposal.

- **Officials Appreciation Day** - Todd presented the idea of creating a “NYSPHSAA Officials Appreciation Day” due to the popularity and success of NYSPHSAA Coaches Appreciation Day. He stated we need to support the officials especially because we are having a hard time getting officials. In addition, it is not only about recruitment, but also about the retention. This day would be modeled after Coaches Appreciation Day – a social media campaign and NYSPHSAA providing suggestions to schools on how to participate.
• Kristen presented a proposal from the Sportsmanship Committee to “Consider approval to create a NYSPHSAA Officials Appreciation Day on the Wednesday of Week #13 each year.” This will be an Action Item at the July Central Committee meeting.
• **Sportsmanship PSA’s** – Kristen referred to the Saranac Lake Sportsmanship PSA that went viral. She would like to look into creating a PSA for NYSPHSAA and will do more research on the subject and discuss at the September meeting Sportsmanship Committee meeting.

**Sectional Concerns/Ideas**

- **Section X** – Rose is in the process of developing a sportsmanship packet that will be followed by Section X schools for spectators and athletes.
- **Section VIII** noted the shortage of officials and asked the others why they believe there is a shortage.
- **Section VII** – Brent is creating a universal list of non-negotiables when dealing with a parent or crowd insubordination. No warning or discussion. The document is a work in progress. He also mentioned officials love to work Unified Basketball games. These games are different because officials are respected and admired.
- **Section VI** agreed officials are aging out. They are getting tired and injured. They are not getting young officials because their employers will not let them flex their schedule to be able to attend the games.
- **Section IV** is working on putting together a sportsmanship workshop for coaches. They have experienced an increase of coach disqualifications and unsportsmanlike conduct.
- **Section 2** agreed officials are aging out and believes we need to start reaching out to local colleges and universities. Section 2 Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) is also in the process of developing a public address message for the Section.
- **Section I** liked the idea of using student-athletes to create a sportsmanship message. They are looking for ideas to address the behavior of fans. Mike Leonard (Section 2) mentioned having the sportsmanship flyer being handed out by student-athletes before games.

**Future Items/Meetings**

- Officials Appreciation Day
- Sportsmanship PSA’s
- Next meeting: Thursday, September 19, 2019 at 1:00 PM.

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

- The committee met on Friday, April 12, 2019 via teleconference.

**Concussion Management Update**

- The Committee was asked to provide feedback from member schools regarding EasySCAT. The interest in using the product is increasing in some parts of the state. The product is being added to the BOCES listserv which should help with the cost of the product. NYSPHSAA will be meeting with EasySCAT to talk about how more schools can benefit from using the app.
- Brian Rieger gave an update from BIANYS. They have secured a grant from the Health Foundation to train and support return to life initiatives around the state. They will hold regional events to help educate medical professionals and school personnel on return to learn protocols. They are also working on educating and updating local physicians on best practices for concussion management.
- Dr. O’Bryan thought that a form could be developed that schools could send to private physicians outlining the best practices for concussion management. The NYSPHSAA staff will bring this to BIANYS to see if they are interested in developing this letter. Linda Khalil indicated that her association has a letter that would be a good start.
- NYSPHSAA is completing the final year of our agreement with ImPact. If NYSPHSAA continues the partnership, we will be adjusting the billing procedures to our member schools. We will begin billing schools for tests they actually use and not tests they order. The current system is causing an accounting nightmare for the State Association.

**Modified Recommendations**

- The Committee discussed recommendations from the Modified Committee in the sports of Cross Country, Football (2), Gymnastics, Volleyball, and Wrestling. The Safety Committee had no issues with any of the recommendations.

**Football**

- The committee was informed of a new concept of football called Flex Football. Flex Football made presentation to the NYSPHSAA Football Committee in March. Flex Football can be used as a progression from flag football to tackle football. It can also be used during the season to help limit full contact but continue to teach and practice proper techniques and skill. The final benefit of Flex Football is in the off season as an alternative to 7 on 7 passing leagues
because it incorporates the offensive lineman. Equipment used for Flex Football includes soft headgear and soft shoulder pads. There is a cost for the equipment, but they also have a rental program.

- The Committee also discussed the proposal from the Football Committee regarding regulations for combined practices. The committee had no concerns with the proposed regulations.

**NYSPHSAA Strategic Plan**

- The Safety Committee was very pleased that the Executive Committee approved the recommendation regarding the use of Certified Athletic Trainers in our member schools. They did note that the document that was produced from the Safety Committee should be added to the Handbook as a reference for member schools.
- The Football Committee has made a renewed emphasis to get our Football schools and coaches to complete the USA Football Heads Up Coaching Certification Program. NYSPHSAA took a significant step backwards last year. The Sections have been asked to set a date and place for the in-person clinic. Schools need to send a minimum of one coach per school to attend. All coaches must complete the on-line NFHS course. NYSPHSAA has received $25,000 from NYSIR to cover the cost for our coaches to take the on-line course. We only used $3,300 of the $25,000 last year.
- The Committee is working on a position statement on overuse injuries and specialization. They have formed a subcommittee to exam studies on these two items. The sub-committee is scheduled to meet in June.

**Anyone Can Save A Life**

- Schools are strongly encouraged to use this program with all their teams, so they are prepared in case of a medical emergency. Teams will designate members of the team to cover certain responsibilities during a medical emergency. NYSPHSAA uses this program for all State Championships.

**Section Concerns**

- Section 2 had a concern regarding Alpine Skiing and bleeding injuries. There is a specific kit that can be used to stop major bleeding injuries. Most mountains will have access to these kits but some of the smaller mountains do not. Linda Khalil informed the committee that they are working with SED to develop a policy and training for schools on these kits.
- Section 6 asked about the requirement of the Physical forms by SED. NYSPHSAA was informed last week that SED is not requiring the form for the 2019-2020 school year. Any form may be accepted by the school.
- Section 7 had a concern regarding officials removing players that are showing signs and symptoms of a concussion. NYSPHSAA will continue to work with the officials on this issue.
- Section 8 asked if other Sections were seeing lacrosse players or other athletes using smelling salts prior to the game. No other Section reported seeing this activity by their athletes.

**Next Meeting**

- Monday, September 23, 2019 at 9:00 AM.

**Modified Committee.** James Rose, Modified Co-Coordinator

- The committee met on Thursday, April 11, 019 at the NYSPHSAA office. A synopsis from the meeting was included in the meeting packet.
- The committee was asked to look at moving modified rules and standards closer to mirroring high school rules. He reviewed the following proposals that were sent to the Executive Committee for discussion:

- **Boys and Girls Soccer**
  
  To make the following changes/additions/deletions to Boys and Girls Modified Soccer in the Handbook:
  1. Under Game Rules, eliminate #2 and follow the NFHS rule and play two 40-minute halves.
  2. Edit Game Rule #5 to allow one timeout per half.
  3. Remove the prohibition of slide tackles, overhead scissor kicks, and flip throw-ins.
  4. Modify Game Rule #12 to state “exemption from the uniform requirements of a numbered goalie jersey and white home uniforms.”
  5. These recommendations are intended to play the game of soccer that I closer to the high school level.
  6. The uniform exemption will not force schools to number goalie jerseys or buy new home uniforms. The time increase could affect official’s contracts at the Section level.
  7. Sections can be more restrictive and continue to play quarters. The 4-quarter extended time period for soccer is currently 18-minute quarters which equates to 36-minute halves.
  8. Action Item at the July Central Committee meeting. Effective start date is Fall 2019 season.

- **Football**
  
  To make the following changes/additions to Modified Football:
1. **Remove the Administration and test sections of the modified handbook.** These sections of the handbook are only in the football and boys lacrosse sections of the handbook and are not needed.

2. **Game rule #2 to allow gap alignment in 4-5-6-man fronts.** Current rule requires players to be head up alignment. Gap alignment would move closer to what is allowed at the HS level.

3. **Change the early season practice requirements to 2 days of helmets, 3 days of helmet and shoulder pads and 5 days of full equipment and full contact.** With the change in the minimum number of practices required to 10 the current practices are broken down to 3-5-2. The Modified Committee feels that the proposed change will better prepare the players for full contact. The proposed change mirrors the HS requirement.

4. **Remove game condition #2 under 8-man football regarding the field size.** The current language follows the NFHS rule book for the size of the field. The HS rule allows the Sections/leagues to waive the NFHS rules so that schools can play on a regulation 11-man field.

- Action Item at the July Central Committee meeting. Effective start date is Fall 2019 season.

**Boys Lacrosse**

The following changes/additions/deletions will be made to the Boys Lacrosse Section of the Modified Handbook:

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

- Many of these rules are already covered in the NFHS rulebook and will move Boys Modified Lacrosse closer to the High School level.
- For the change in period lengths, the Sections can be more restrictive, and the recommendations is less that the 4-quarter extended play of 11 minutes per quarter.
- Action Item at the July Central Committee meeting. Effective start date is Spring 2020 season.

**Cross Country**

To consider the following changes to Modified Cross Country:

1. Decrease the nights rest from 3 nights to 2 nights. We are seeing an increase in the number of teams and competitions for Modified Cross Country. In many cases the Modified team is impacted by availability of courses and or the availability of the coaching staff, which are often shared by the upper level programs. Due to the availability issues Thursday is becoming the best date for Modified XC meets. At the same time, we are seeing an increase in the opportunities for Modified Invitationals, which are usually held on Saturday’s. The current three (3) night’s rest rule will not allow a runner to compete on Thursday and then again on Saturday.

2. Add “It is recommended that there be a minimum standard of 6 meets scheduled for Modified Cross Country”. The Modified Committee feels that this recommendation will help ensure students will get an adequate number of meets during the season. It was reported that some schools were scheduling less than six meets during the season.

- The Safety Committee had no issue with reducing the nights from 3 to 2.
- Action Item at the July Central Committee meeting. Effective start date is Fall 2019 season.

**Softball**

To increase the number of doubleheaders allowed in modified softball from two to three.

- This would allow more flexibility for rescheduled games during the Spring season.
- Action Item at the July Central Committee meeting. Effective start date is Spring 2020 season.

**Track and Field**

To add to the handbook “It is recommended that there be a minimum of six meets scheduled for modified track and field."

- This would encourage schools to schedule a minimum of 6 meets for modified track and field. It was reported that some schools have less than 6 meets during the season. If schools chose to schedule more meets, there could be an increase in cost.
- Action Item at the July Central Committee meeting. Effective start date is Spring 2020 season.
• **Boys and Girls Volleyball**
  To reduce the minimum nights rest in boys and girls volleyball from 2 nights to 1 night.
  • Since Volleyball is not as strenuous as other sports, the need for 2 nights rest is not necessary.
  • Action Item at the July Central Committee meeting. Effective start date is Fall 2019 season.

• **Wrestling**
  To increase the maximum number of points a student can wrestle during the week from 3 to 4.
  • This will allow students to wrestle more times during the week.
  • A student could attend two multi school meets during the week or an invitational and wrestle multiple times at each event.
  • Action Item at the July Central Committee meeting. Effective start date is Winter 2019 season.

• **Gymnastics**
  To allow more than two all-around competitors compete in a meet.
  • This will increase participation and follow the high school rules.
  • Action Item at the July Central Committee meeting. Effective start date is Fall 2019 season.

**Information Items**

• The following language was removed from the handbook by the Executive Committee at their summer meeting: “Only sneakers and shoes with molded soles or molded cleats are permitted in the Modified Program.” But the modified section of the handbook never saw those editions. Therefore, it was clarified that the use of metal posts and spikes is permitted, except in those sports that specifically restrict their use within their sport ‘Equipment’ rules in the handbook.

• Allowing more scrimmages in softball was withdrawn at this spring meeting. A school is limited to three interschool practice sessions/scrimmages, which, if conducted, may be held at any time after minimum practice requirements and previous to the last scheduled contest. (Reference: NYSPHSAA handbook: Modified General Eligibility Rule #8 “Interschool Practice Sessions/Scrimmages”)

• Cheerleading. Alisa Pacheco, the modified cheering sport coordinator, is making strides towards gathering information from across the state regarding this new sport. The compiled NYSPHSAA cheerleading survey was distributed and found to be flawed; schools and coaches that do not have modified cheer teams still responded. Alisa will re-do the survey next year to obtain more accurate data.

• Gymnastics – The latest 6th Edition of the NYSPHSAA Technical Handbook for Girls Gymnastics will include modified rules. The Modified Sports Standards chart will now list this resource under the Rules column. Schools are encouraged to purchase the book from the NYSPHSAA website for the modified coaches.

• The Association has revised the start dates and length of sport seasons starting in Fall 2020. Each Section will have to decide when they will start their modified seasons, especially those Sections that start their modified fall season the same time as their high school season and those Sections that have four modified seasons per year.

• Currently, on the Modified Sport Standards Chart, there are minimum number of practices specified before scrimmages and games, and for individuals and teams. These will no longer exist. As of Fall 2020, six (6) practices will be required for the individual and most team sports, and ten (10) will be required for the sports of baseball, football, gymnastics, and wrestling.

• Currently, modified football game conditions specify and limit the content of the first ten days of practice:
  • **Three (3) days** -non-contact conditioning with helmet & face mask, dental guard, t-shirt and shorts, socks, shoes, elbow and knee pads only
  • **Five (5) days** -addition of shoulder pads, use of blocking dummies and sleds, teaching and training devices, no scrimmages or live contact drills
  • **Two (2) days** – contact permitted with full protective equipment and use of training devices.
  • As of Fall 2019, a proposal to use a 2-3-5 design instead is recommended.

• **Modified Girls Basketball Sport Coordinator** - Heather Mott was appointed as the NYSPHSAA Modified Girls’ Basketball Sport Coordinator.

• In need of a boys’ and girls’ modified tennis sport coordinator. If interested, please contact Jim Rose.

**Future Meetings**

• Fall 2019 – September 20, 2019 at 9:30 AM – NYSPHSAA Office
• Spring 2020 – March 27, 2020 at 9:30 AM – NYSPHSAA Office
Officials Coordinating Federation. Todd Nelson, Assistant Director

- The OCF met on May 1, 2019 in the NYSPHSAA office.
- Reminded it was important that both Sections and officials are represented at the OCF meetings.
- Reported the recruitment of officials is making good strides. He has received over 1200 inquiries on how to become an official.
- A concern brought up at the OCF meeting was how to retain officials. One of the reasons officials are leaving is because of the behaviors of student-athletes, coaches and spectators. Todd stated it is our responsibility as administrators in schools to address these issues. He asked the officials to continue to work with us, to notify us and Sections when a situation happens. He then asked Sections to hold school districts accountable so they know we are aware of the situation and can have a conversation with the school.
- Another concern with the retaining of officials is the amount of time it takes an official to be certified. Todd has asked all the official organizations for a list on what it takes to get an official certified and what their process is for an official to move up.

GENERAL ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Friends and Neighbor
A motion to approve the following applications for NYSPHSAA Friend and Neighbor status carried. Murphy/Graczyk
(Expire August 2021)

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Section IX
Children’s Home of Kingston-Grove Street Academy
26 Grove Street
Kinston, NY 12401
Grades 7-12

New Member
A motion to approve the following application for NYSPHSAA New Member status carried. Murphy/Graczyk

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Section Participation in 2019-2020 NYSPHSAA Championships & Regionals
A motion to approve for Section participation in 2019-2020 NYSPHSAA Championships and Regionals as per the NYSPHSAA Constitution, Article V, 5 with the addition of Softball in Section III carried. Ryan-Curry/Durdon

NFHS Playing Rules When Available
- Paul Harrica, NYSPHSAA President, presented a proposal to abide by NFHS Rules in all sports when NFHS Rules are available.
- The membership has discussed the use of NFHS Playing rules for more than a decade. This proposal is designed to bring resolution to this topic.
- Playing by NFHS rules would currently impact the sports of Girls Basketball (currently use NCAA rules), Girls & Boys Volleyball (currently use NCAA rules), Softball (currently use USA Softball Rules) and Girls Gymnastics (NYSPHSAA Technical Handbook).
A motion to approve to abide by NFHS Rules in all sports when NFHS Rules are available was defeated. Staves/Fallacaro
(The votes by Section were: Section 1: 2 no; Section 2: 2 no; Section 3: 2 yes; Section 4: 2 yes; Section 5: 2 no; Section 6: 2 no; Section 7: 2 yes; Section 8: 2 yes; Section 9: 2 yes; Section 10: 2 no; Section 11: 2 no. 12 No/10 Yes.)

Sport Season Length
- Robert Zayas, Executive Director, presented the Sport Seasons Ad Hoc Committee’s proposal for the following revisions to the sport season start dates and championship dates:
  - FALL. Start Fall sports the Monday of Week #8. Keep all Fall Championships on current week; reducing season of all sports except football by one week. Move Football Championships to Week #22, with Football Semifinals on Week #21 (Thanksgiving).
  - WINTER. Start Winter sports the Monday of Week #20. Keep all Winter Championship dates the same; reducing season of all sports by one week.
  - SPRING. Start Spring sports the Monday of Week #37. Keep all Championship dates the same; reducing season of all sports by one week.

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

- The membership expressed concern the Fall season started too early, the Winter season was too long, and the Spring season start date was too early with baseball and softball seasons being negatively impacted by inclement weather. An Ad Hoc Committee was created at the May 4th Executive Committee meeting to examine the sport season start dates and championship dates. They met on August 16th, September 7th and December 14th.

A motion to approve to revise the Fall, Winter and Spring sport season lengths effective 2020-2021 school year carried. Carbone/Ryan-Curry
(The votes by Section were: Section 1: 2 no; Section 2: 2 yes; Section 3: 2 yes; Section 4: 2 yes; Section 5: 2 yes; Section 6: 2 no; Section 7: 2 no; Section 8: 2 no; Section 9: 2 yes; Section 10: 2 yes; Section 11: 2 no. 12 Yes/10 No.)

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

JEWELRY RULE: No jewelry, which includes visible body piercing objects, shall be worn in a sport (in games, contests or practice). Any piece of jewelry that is visible at the start of or during a contest is in violation of the NYSPHSAA Jewelry Rule. Religious medals must be taped to the body and under the uniform. Medical medals must be taped to the body so they are visible. Soft, pliable barrettes are permissible, body gems are not. The use of metal hair fasteners to secure hair is permissible in Girls Gymnastics. NOTE: The sports of Bowling and Golf are exempt from this rule. Wristwatches are permitted in cross country and in practice only for track and field. Hair restraints, to control a competitor’s hair, are permitted in track and field and cross country. (Dec. 2010)

- Membership has expressed concern with the difficulty to enforce the NYSPHSAA Jewelry Rule for practice since the rule does not explicitly reference “practice.”
- Effective start date would be August 1, 2019.

A motion to approve to revise the NYSPHSAA Jewelry Rule to include practice carried. Tooley/Ferry
(Section 6: 2 no)

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

A motion to approve to revise the amount allotted in the NYSPHSAA Amateur Rule to $500 carried. Mullins/Henshaw
Updates to NYSPHSAA Media Policy and Procedures

- Chris Watson, NYSPHSAA Director of Communications, presented a proposal to change language in the official NYSPHSAA media policy and procedures to reflect agreement with the NFHS Network and Spectrum contracts. Seeking approval to also improve language on audio streaming rights to local outlets.
- This would clarify the NFHS Network is the official video streaming partner of the NYSPHSAA, and Spectrum is the official television home of the NYSPHSAA.
- We would review on a case by case basis, a local media outlet wishing to audio stream a state championship event. (Sub Regional, Regional, State Semifinal and Finals)
- After review of the current media policy and procedures, the NYSPHSAA staff felt it would benefit median outlets to clarify what is permitted and what is not when it comes to audio and video streaming.
- This would be effective immediately.

A motion to approve updates to the NYSPHSAA Media Policies and Procedures carried. Carboine/Santandera

Discussion Items

Appeal Procedures and Fees

- Jim Osborne, Immediate Past President and Current chair of NYSPHSAA Appeal Panel, presented a proposal to amend the NYSPHSAA appeal procedures to an increased filing fee of $500 and require a unanimous decision by the panel to overturn a Section’s decision.
- The proposed Handbook changes are reflected below:

  “c. An appeal from the decision of the athletic Council may be taken to the Appeal Panel of the NYSPHSAA, Inc., which shall review the evidence, may hear arguments, and shall have the power to affirm, reverse, or modify the decision of the Athletic Council. Such decisions shall not be reversed or modified unless the Appeal Panel has unanimous agreement and finds that:

  d. An aggrieved party shall be one or more-member schools of the NYSPHSAA, Inc., and the notice of appeal shall be signed by the chief school officer of the schools involved. The aggrieved party must notify the Executive Director of the NYSPHSAA, Inc., of its intention to appeal to the Appeal Panel not later than fifteen (15) calendar days from the date the aggrieved party received written decision of the Athletic Council and submit a statement indicating whether the aggrieved party desires to submit its appeal in writing only or whether they desire to make oral argument by either telephone conference call or in person. A filing fee of $500.00 must be received from the aggrieved party prior to the appeal hearing. The Executive Director of the NYSPHSAA, Inc., shall notify the parties of the date by which written presentation must be submitted and the date, place and time for any oral arguments.

  f. Expenses incurred for an in-person appeal by the Appeal Panel members shall be shared in the following manner: One-fourth from the NYSPHSAA, Inc., one-fourth from the section involved and one-half from the appellant. Expenses include all necessary and customary travel expenses, including, but not limited to mileage, lodging and meals. When telephone conference calls are requested a fee of $300 will be paid in full by the appellant (Jan. 2012).”

- The fee was last updated in January 2012.
- Effective start date would be September 1, 2019
- Action Item in July.

Reinstatement of Games/Contests

- Jeffrey Rabey, Ph.D., NYSCOSS Athletic Committee Co-Chair, presented NYSCOSS Athletic Committee’s proposal to increase the maximum number of games/contests by one, with increased restrictions on the current number of scrimmages allowed effective the 2020-2021 school year.
- In 2009 and as a result of the national financial crisis, the New York State Public High School Athletic Association attempted to assist school districts across the state in reducing their expenditures by way of decreasing the number of contests for each sport.
Subsequently, the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee supported the reduction of the maximum number of contests permitted during the regular season. Sports with 24 contests (baseball, softball, volleyball, bowling, ice hockey) were reduced to 20, sports with 20 contests (tennis, basketball, golf) were reduced to 16 and sports with 18 contests (cross country, soccer, field hockey, swimming, gymnastics, indoor track and field, skiing, lacrosse, track and field) were reduced to 16. Wrestling was reduced to 20 points. Football was reduced from 10 to 9. The 9th game was permitted, with section approval, for teams who did not qualify for sectional play. For the teams involved in the sectional tournament the maximum number of contests was 10. For the sections involved in the state championship three additional games were permitted for a total of 13 games for the season: 1 game for regionals, 1 game for semifinals, and 1 game for championships. Originally, this was to be effective for just the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 school years, however this practice has continued, other than for basketball, which had their games reinstated to 20 contests.

Since 2010 NYSPHSAA has added Unified Sports, Wrestling Dual Meet Championships and Competitive Cheerleading, along with the additional classifications for lacrosse (3 to 4 classes), bowling (1 to 2 divisions) and golf (additional team championship). Furthermore, NYSPHAA has allowed for more participants at the championships in both outdoor and indoor track and field, wrestling and boys and girls swimming and diving.

After almost nine years of the contest reductions, schools have not realized the amount of savings that was originally advertised. Although the original concept of assisting schools was noble and served as an opportunity for districts to promote and preserve other programs, at the same time schools have added more scrimmages and tournaments, which cost as much, if not more for teams to participate.

Most recently, the NYSPHAA Modified Committee recommended changes to the Modified program, which could include an increase in the maximum number of games for Modified sports, but not yet return the contests lost for both junior varsity and varsity levels.

This proposal originated at the annual fall meeting of the NYSCOSS Athletic Committee held on Monday, September 24, 2018. The agenda item of “Increased Contest Opportunities” was discussed by the superintendent representatives in attendance, along with Dr. Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA’s Executive Director. As a result of the discussions, it was clearly articulated that the NYSCOSS Athletic Committee supported the conversations and processes to bring the contests back to the pre 2009-2010 school year levels. At a subsequent meeting of the NYSCOSS Athletic Committee held on Sunday, March 3, 2019, the agenda again included the item of “Increased Contest Opportunities”. After much discussion, the NYSCOSS Athletic Committee officially supported the following, “To be able to plan effectively for the change, support for a plus one game/contest for the 2020-21 season, with restrictions on the amount of scrimmages allowed and then re-evaluate for the 2021-2022 season.”

He pointed out that NYSPHSAA has a supportive resource in the NYSCOSS Athletic Committee and that the Committee is willing to assist in any way to promote and support the critical conversations that will ultimately support student-athletes.

He noted at the March 20, 2019 Section VI Athletic Council Meeting, Section VI overwhelmingly supported the action item to approve an increase in the maximum number of games/contests by one, with increased restrictions on the current number of scrimmages allowed and encouraged other the NYSPHAA Sections to do the same.

This will be a topic of discussion at the Cracker Barrel Session at the July Central Committee meeting.

Effective start date would be the 2020-2021 school year.

Penalty for Exceeding Maximum Number of Contests

Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director, presented a proposal from the Section Executive Directors and the Handbook Committee to add “Option b” to the prescribed penalty for exceeding the maximum number of contests to the following:

“c. If an individual or team exceeds the maximum number of contests permitted, the penalty is team ineligibility from the date of violation for the rest of the season. In the sports of wrestling, cross country, indoor track & outdoor track, swimming & diving, and bowling, when an individual exceeds the maximum number of contests, only the individual would no longer be eligible for that season. When an athlete exceeds the maximum number of contests the level in which the student-athlete participated as an ineligible competitor will be affected.

Any member school that has exceeded the maximum number of contests has the option to utilize the existing penalty outlined above (c) or may elect to suspend the head coach from the date of the violation for the remainder of the season, forfeiture of additional
contests and also accept a fine in the amount of $1000 to be paid from the school district to the NYSPHSAA office prior to participation in the post season. Money will be allocated to the Student-Athlete Advisory Council.”

- The restrictive nature of the NYSPHSAA rule to declare the entire team or the individual athlete ineligible for the remainder of the season penalizes the student-athletes and not the individual most responsible for the rule (i.e. the head coach).
- Effective start date would be Fall 2019.
- This will be a topic of discussion at the Cracker Barrel Session at the July Central Committee meeting.
- Action Item in July.

Ineligible Students to Practice/Participate at Sub-Varsity

- Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director, presented a proposal to permit students (grades 7, 8, 9, & 10) who are ineligible as per the NYSPHSAA Transfer Rule to practice & participate at the sub-varsity level during their period of ineligibility; noncorresponding transferring students in grades 11 and 12 who are ineligible as per the Transfer Rule, would be limited to practice only.
- Currently, students who are ineligible are not permitted to practice nor participate at the sub-varsity level during their period of ineligibility. If students who were ineligible as per the NYSPHSAA Transfer Rule (i.e. transfer without a corresponding change of address) were allowed to practice and/or participate at the sub-varsity level, this would help the student integrate into the school setting and could reduce the number of appeals and lawsuits, while having no impact upon other school’s opportunity to compete for a Section or State title.
- The NYSPHSAA Transfer Committee supported this proposal on April 1, 2019; Sections 8 and 11 opposed.
- The NYSPHSAA Handbook Committee supported discussion on this proposal at their April 3, 2019 meeting.
- A proposal for “practice only” was discussed at the May 2017 Executive Committee and ultimately not approved at the July 2017 Central Committee meeting.
- Effective start date would be August 1, 2019.
- This will be a topic of discussion at the Cracker Barrel Session at the July Central Committee meeting.
- Action Item in July.

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- The Transfer Committee and the Handbook Committee supported this proposal.
- Effective start date would be August 1, 2019.
- This will be a topic of discussion at the Cracker Barrel Session at the July Central Committee meeting.
- Action Item in July.

Championship Operations Packet

- Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director, presented a proposal for the NYSPHSAA Championship Operations Packets to serve as the official operation documents of NYSPHSAA Championships.
- Currently the NYSPHSAA staff works closely with the NYSPHSAA Sport Coordinators to develop Championship Operations Packets to inform coaches and teams of policies and procedures related to the operation of the Championship event. NYSPHSAA staff is seeking approval for these packets to serve as the official operation document of the Championship event to avoid confusion regarding the authority of such policies and procedures.
- The Championship Advisory Committee and the Handbook Committee unanimously supported the proposal.
- Effective start date would be Fall 2019.

A motion to approve the NYSPHSAA Championship Operations Packets to serve as the official operation documents of NYSPHSAA Championships carried.  

Murphy/Graczyk
Creation of a NYSPHSAA Foundation

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

SPORTS ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

FALL SPORTS

Action Items

Football – Adopt New 7-Year Regional Rotation and Filling Byes with At-Large Team When Necessary
- The Football Committee presented a proposal for a new seven (7)-year Regional Rotation and, when necessary, fill byes in Regional games with an at-large team in Class AA, A, and D. This concept is similar to the current Ice Hockey At-Large process.
- The committee is seeking approval for both concepts for a seven (7)-year period through 2024.
- The Regional Rotation expired in 2018 thus it is necessary to get a new seven (7)-year rotation approved. The length of the rotation is the same as the previous rotation.
- With regards to the At-Large portion of this proposal, it is necessary to select an At-Large team for Regional games so Sectional Champions in Class AA, A and D do not get a BYE to the State Semifinals. Filling with an At-Large team satisfies the suggestion of the CAC for all team sports of not having BYES to State Semifinals. The At-Large teams will be selected based on an East/West Rotation.
- The Committee voted unanimously in favor of this proposal at their November 24th meeting.
- The CAC supported the proposal.
- Effective start date would be Fall 2019

A motion to approve a seven (7)-year Regional Rotation, and when necessary, fill byes in Regional games with an at-large team in Class AA, A, and D carried.        Mullins/Schmandt
(Section 1:  2 no)

Football – New Classification Cut-Off Numbers for 2020 and 2021
- The Football Committee presented a proposal to revise the Classification Cut-off numbers to the following:

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- With more and more schools opting to play 8-man football, the number of schools playing 11-man Class D football is shrinking. In order to balance out the remaining 11-man football schools, this proposal is necessary.
- Effective start date would be Fall 2020 for a two-year period.
The CAC does not support this proposal because of a concern with the numbers for Class D schools. 

A motion was made to approve revising the Classification Cut-off numbers in the sport of Football. 

**motion to postpone** revising the Classification Cut-off numbers in the sport of Football so that the numbers can be brought back to the Championship Advisory Committee for review at their June meeting with a recommendation at the July Central Committee meeting **carried.**

**Girls Soccer Championship Site**

A motion to approve Cortland as the site of the 2020, 2021 and 2022 NYSPHSAA Girls Soccer State Championships **carried.**

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

**Boys Volleyball – New Classification Cut-off Numbers for 2020-2021**

- John Coletta, NYSPHSAA Boys Volleyball State Coordinator, presented the Boys Volleyball Committee’s proposal to revise the Classification Cut-off numbers to the following:
  - Division I: 901 and Up, 71 schools, 50.71%
  - Division II: 900 and below, 69 schools, 49.28%

  The current Classification Cut-off numbers:
  - Division I: 950 and up, 60 schools, 42.85%
  - Division II: 949 and down, 80 schools, 57.14%

- Effective start date would be Fall 2020 for a two-year period. 

A **motion to approve** revising the Classification Cut-off numbers in the sport of Boys Volleyball **carried.**

**Girls Tennis – Revise Championship Date**

- The Girls Tennis Committee presented a proposal to revise the date of the Girls Tennis Championships to a Thursday – Saturday format.
  - It would mirror the “days” of the Boys Tennis Championships
  - It would encourage more tennis venues to potentially consider hosting the championships.
  - Potentially decrease facility rental fees by not having to secure a venue the entire weekend.
  - The Championships would remain on Week #17 of the NYSPHSAA Standard Calendar.

A **motion to approve** revising the date of the Girls Tennis State Championships to a Thursday through Saturday format beginning in Fall 2020 **carried.**

**Girls Tennis – Adopt 9-Year Rotation to Fill Byes with At-Large Selections For 2019-2027**

- The Girls Tennis Committee presented a proposal to adopt a nine-year rotation to fill the tournament byes/draw with at-large selections. It is anticipated there will be 15 additional athletes in the tournament if this proposal is approved.
  - Filling the byes provides equitable competition for all participants in both singles and doubles instead of some players receiving a bye and getting extra rest from that. The proposal provides the exact same number of contests for each participant which begins with two contests per day for each player. The current format provides less contests for the top two seeded singles and doubles teams.
  - There will be an additional cost for sections/schools to cover lodging, meals and possibly transportation for the added At-Large athletes.
  - The Committee voted unanimously in favor of this proposal at their January meeting.
  - The proposed At-Large selection rotation on what sections will fill the byes each year was included in the meeting packet.

A **motion to approve** to adopt a nine-year rotation to fill the tournament byes/draw with at-large selections at the Girls Tennis State Championships effective Fall 2019 **carried.**

**Girls Tennis – Eliminate Consolation Matches at State Tournament, Two-Year Experiment**

- The Girls Tennis Committee presented a proposal to implement a two-year experiment for the Girls Tennis State Championship format to eliminate consolations and add medal playoffs for the top 8 participants.
  - This proposal would allow us to recognize the top eight student-athletes in the main draw and eliminate the opportunity for an athlete to lose in the first round, then play through to earn Consolation Champion and Runner
Up awards. In the current situation, an athlete who loses in the first round can continue to play several more matches and earn an award, while an athlete who loses in the second round is immediately eliminated.

- The number of courts required to host the NYSPHSAA Girls Tennis State Championships will decrease. The number of medals purchased will increase.
- The committee voted unanimously in favor of this proposal during their meeting. The CAC had no concerns with the proposal.

A motion to approve to implement a two-year experiment for the Girls Tennis State Championship format to eliminate consolations and add medal playoffs for the top 8 participants effective Fall 2019 carried. Mullins/Ceruti

Discussion Items

Girls Tennis – Penalty for Violating Practice Rule at State Tournament

- The Girls Tennis Committee presented a proposal to apply the sanction of disqualification from the state tournament to any competitor who violates the "no practice rule" at the tournament venue on any day of the state tournament competition.
- This would allow for a fair level of competition for all competitors since indoor venues do not have enough courts to accommodate practice time for all the tournament players prior to match starting times. This would hold any violators accountable through the sanction of disqualification from the tournament, and all players will know that there is a definite consequence for violating the tournament "no practice" rule. Previously, schools were on a first come, first served basis in scheduling and paying for court time at the host venue. When the courts were all booked, it left many athletes without practice time.
- The Committee voted unanimously in favor of this proposal at their January meeting.
- Effective start date would be Fall 2019.
- Action Item in July.

Football – NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Rule, Serving 4 Consecutive Quarters

- The Football Committee presented a proposal for football players to serve the suspension for violating the NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Rule by being ineligible to participate for 4 full consecutive quarters (players only).
- The current penalty of the next regularly scheduled game for violation of the NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Rule is the same for all athletes regardless of the sport and the maximum number of games allowed during the season. Football plays 7 or 8 games during the regular season. The committee feels that a 1 game suspension for a football player is more punitive as compared to all other sports.
  - Sports playing 20 games – 1 game suspension = 5% of max number of games allowed
  - Sports playing 16 games – 1 game suspension = 6% of max number of games allowed
  - Sports playing 7 or 8 games (excluding Sectionals) = 12-14% of max number of games
- The NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Committee voted 7-2 to support the proposal with the understanding that Sections can be more restrictive in terms of the type of penalties that will be allowed to fall under this proposal and that Sections can always increase the amount of the penalty for the player depending on the situation. The penalty for a 2nd and 3rd disqualification would remain as currently written in the handbook.
- The NYS Association of Certified Football Officials supports the proposal.
- Effective start date would be Fall 2019.
- Action Item in July.

Football – Combined Practice

- The Football Committee presented a proposal to establish combined practice requirements for all NYSPHSAA member schools. These requirements will include:
  1. Coaches will instruct their own players.
  2. “Live Contact” is permitted but not required.
  3. Athletes/Teams may not participate in a combined practice until the first 5 days of practice have been completed.
  4. Drills may not exceed more than seven (7) players from each team.
- Many schools have moved away from scrimmaging other teams and are using combined practices to have their first team drill against another school’s first team and the same for the second team. Schools with low number of participants can also benefit from using a combined practice with another school. NYSPHSAA has allowed these
combined practices as long as they have followed the scrimmage restrictions and practice regulations. This proposal better defines the combined practice.

- All NYSPHSAA “contact limitation” regulations will be followed starting with Day 13 of the season.
- Effective start date would be Fall 2019.
- Action Item in July.

**Boys Volleyball – Revise Warm-Up Procedure**
- John Coletta, NYSPHSAA Boys Volleyball State Coordinator, presented the Boys Volleyball Committee’s proposal seeking approval for a revision to their NCAA Warm Up protocol. Clock time would now be 25 minutes (from 22 minutes). The three minutes of added time will be an additional one minute of shared time as well as 1 minute each for the visitor full court time for serving and home full court time for serving. Hitting of five minutes each would remain the same. The format would be viewed as the following:
  - 5:00 minute shared
  - 5:00 minute Visiting Team Full Court
  - 5:00 minute Home Team Full Court
  - 5:00 minute Visiting Team Full Court
  - 5:00 minute Home Team Full Court

- The committee would like to provide additional warm up time prior to matches. The current NCAA rule is 22 minutes of clock time. This includes the following:
  - 4 minutes shared court time
  - 4 minutes visiting team full court use (serving), 4 minutes home team full court use (serving)
  - 5 minutes visiting team full court use (hitting), 5 minutes home team full court use (hitting)

- The Boys Volleyball Committee unanimously agreed to this proposal at their recent committee meeting.
- Effective start date would be November 2019.

A motion to approve revising the NCAA Volleyball Warm-Up Protocol for the regular season in Boys Volleyball carried. Staves/Durdon

**Boys Volleyball – Revise Tie-Breaker in Championship Pool Play**
- John Coletta, NYSPHSAA Boys Volleyball State Coordinator, presented the Boys Volleyball Committee’s proposal seeking a revision to their tie-breaker format for a two-year experiment. Pool play will continue to be two sets, however if there is a tie, both teams would play in a tie-breaking game.
  - In the event that the two teams who tied for second were playing against one another for the last pool pay game, they would immediately play the third game to 25 pts. This would eliminate the warm-up time of starting a new match.
  - If at the end of pool play the tie took place between two teams and one of them was the bye (off team), a full warm up time would be given.

  - If there is a three-way tie:
    1. Point differential shall be used to determine first place team.
    2. One 25-point tie breaker game used to determine 2nd place team advancing.

- The tie breaker was being played in pool play just in case of a tie. In October 2017, the committee had its original tie-breaker proposal approved for 2018 but following the state tournament, they revisited the format and decided to adjust it. This proposal mirrors the 2016 tie-breaker.
- For each tie, there will be one added officials game fee. In 2015, there were three ties, one in D1 and two in D2. In 2016, there was one tie in D1. In 2017, there was a three-way tie in D2
- The Boys Volleyball Committee unanimously agreed to this proposal at their recent meeting.
- Effective start date would be November 2019.
- Action Item in July.

**Girls Volleyball – Regional Rotation for 2019 and 2020**
- Patti Perone, NYSPHSAA Girls Volleyball State Coordinator, presented the Girls Volleyball Committee’s proposal to establish a regional rotation for the 2019 and 2020 postseasons.
- The Committee is attempting to even out the regions as best they can and to ensure a more equitable distribution of teams competing for the semifinals and finals of the NYSPHSAA Tournament.
- With the change in regions, some Sections and Schools could see an increase in travel costs.
- The committee voted unanimously in favor of this proposal during their meeting.
• This proposal will be discussed at the Championship Advisory Committee’s June meeting.
• Effective start date would be November 2019 for a two-year period.
• Action Item in July.

Girls & Boys Volleyball – Blanket Waiver for Court Striping
• Patti Perone, NYSPHSAA Girls Volleyball State Coordinator and John Coletta, NYSPHSAA Boys Volleyball State Coordinator, presented the Girls & Boys Volleyball Committee’s proposal to waive the NCAA Rule 1.2.2.3 of the requirement of court striping (interrupted solid line outside the court of attack line extended).
• All courts in our schools do not have the room outside the actual court markings for this to happen.
• Effective start date would be Fall 2019.
A motion to approve to waive NCAA Rule 1.2.2.3 of the requirement of court striping (interrupted solid line outside the court of attack line extended) in Boys & Girls Volleyball carried. Mullins/Ceruti

Girls Volleyball – To Modify SOP to Include the NCAA Pre Match Warm Up Protocol
• Patti Perone, NYSPHSAA Girls Volleyball State Coordinator, presented the Girls volleyball committee’s proposal to modify the Girls Volleyball Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) to include the NCAA Pre Match warm-up protocol.
• Aligns NYS with current rule book
• Increases full court time from 6 to 9 minutes
• Assists Officials with sections of the rules not currently modified.
• The committee unanimously supported this at their March 2019 meeting.
• Effective start date would be Fall 2019.
A motion to approve to modify the Girls Volleyball Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) to include the NCAA Pre Match Warm-Up Protocol carried. Staves/Murphy

WINTER SPORTS

Action/Discussion Items

Boys Swimming – Adopt Qualifying Standards for 2019-2020 Season
• The Boys Swimming & Diving Committee presented a proposal seeking approval of its State Qualifying Standards for 2019-2020.
• The standards are the same as 2018-2019. No changes have been made.
• The Championship Advisory Committee unanimously supported the proposal.
A motion to approve the State Qualifying Standards for 2019-2020 in Boys Swimming & Diving carried. Ferry/Ransom

Ice Hockey Time Periods
• Scott Stuart, NYSPHSAA Boys Ice Hockey State Coordinator, presented the Boys 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 2019-2020 season with a recalculation of post-season (Regionals, Semifinals and Finals) fees for Ice Hockey officials on November 1, 2019. Note: A recalculation of post-season fees for ALL officials is scheduled to occur prior to the 2020-2021 school year.
• In July 2017, the NYSPHSAA Central Committee approved an increase from 15-minute periods to 17-minute periods to begin with the 2018-2019 season. The proposal included the following: “Section Official contracts may have to be adjusted due to the increase in the periods.”
• During the Fall 2018, the Ice Hockey Officials Association sought an increase in post-season fees as a result of the increased time. The NYSPHSAA Championship Advisory Committee (CAC) did not recommend any increase in post season fees, since fees are recalculated every three years. The Officials grieved the NYSPHSAA and received a favorable decision from Fact Finding for a 13% increase in post-season fees. In an effort to resolve this matter, Dr. Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director, attempted to have the post season fees recalculated in January 2019; unfortunately, the Ice Hockey Officials Association were not supportive of this proposal. As a result, the Executive Committee approved a return to 15-minute periods for the 2019 post season with the support of Dr. Zayas.
• This proposal clearly states the recalculation of post-season fees for Ice Hockey prior to the 2020 post-season in recognition of the increased time from 15-minute periods to 17-minutes.
• Section Official contracts “may” have to be adjusted as a result of the increased time (15-minutes to 17-minutes); some Sections have already adjusted their fees as a result of the increased time. Sections have the ability to be more restrictive and continue to play 15-minute periods.
• Effective start date would be Winter 2019.
• The Championship Advisory Committee will revisit this at their June meeting.
• Action Item at the July meeting.

SPRING SPORTS

Action Items

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

A motion to approve a new three-year Regional Rotation from 2020-2022 in Girls Lacrosse carried. Ceruti/Ryan

Girls Lacrosse – Require All Officials Working Regional, Semifinal and Final Games Must Have Completed a Transitional Clinic
• Liz Parry, NYSPHSAA Girls Lacrosse State Coordinator, presented the Girls Lacrosse Committee’s proposal requiring all officials working regional, semifinal and final games must have completed a transitional clinic effective Spring 2019.
• Any official that has completed the transitional clinic has been trained in the three-person system we use for regional, semifinal, and final games.
• This has been the practice but was never officially approved by the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee.

A motion to approve all working officials for regional, semifinal and final games in Girls Lacrosse must have completed a transitional clinic, effective Spring 2019, carried. Carboine/Peterson

Girls Lacrosse – New Classification Cut-Off Numbers for 2020 and 2021
• Liz Parry, NYSPHSAA Girls Lacrosse State Coordinator, presented the Girls Lacrosse Committee’s proposal to revise the Classification Cut-off numbers to the following effective Spring 2020 for a two-year period:

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• The current Classification cut-off numbers are:

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A motion to approve to revise the Classification Cut-off numbers in Girls Lacrosse effective Spring 2020 for a two-year period carried. Murphy/Schmandt

Boys Lacrosse – New Classification Cut-Off Numbers for 2020-2021
• The Boys Lacrosse Committee presented a proposal to revise the Classification Cut-off numbers to the following effective Spring 2020 for a two-year period:

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The current Classification Cut-off numbers are:

- Class A: 1050 and up, 87 schools, 26.12%
- Class B: 750 – 1049, 87 schools, 26.12%
- Class C: 425 – 749, 79 schools, 23.72%
- Class D: 424 and below, 80 schools, 24.32%

A motion to approve to revise the Classification Cut-off numbers in Boys Lacrosse effective Spring 2020 for a two-year period carried. Mullins/Staves

Boys Lacrosse Championship Site
A motion to approve Hofstra University as the site of the 2020, 2021 and 2022 NYSPHSAA Boys Lacrosse State Championships carried. Ferry/Murphy

Boys Lacrosse East Semifinals Championship Site
A motion to approve University of Albany as the site of the 2020, 2021 and 2022 NYSPHSAA Boys Lacrosse East Semifinals carried. Mullins/Santandera

Boys Lacrosse West Semifinals Championship Site
A motion to approve SUNY Cortland as the site of the 2020, 2021 and 2022 NYSPHSAA Boys Lacrosse West Semifinals carried. Carboine/Staves

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

A motion to approve to adopt a post-season pitch count summary form in Baseball carried. Ryan/Ryan-Curry

Boys Tennis – Adopt 5-Year Rotation to Fill byes with At-Large Selections for 2019-2023
- Selina DeCicco, Boys Tennis State Coordinator, presented the Boys Tennis Committee’s proposal to adopt a five (5) year rotation to fill the tournament byes/draw with at-large selections. It is anticipated there will be six additional athletes in the tournament if this proposal is approved (2 singles, 4 doubles players).
- Filling the byes provides equitable competition for all participants in both singles and doubles instead of some players receiving a bye and getting extra rest from that. The proposal provides the exact same number of contests for each participant which begins with two contests per day for each player. The current format provides less contests for the top two seeded singles and doubles teams.
- There will be an additional cost for sections/schools to cover lodging, meals and possibly transportation for the six added At-Large athletes.
- The Committee voted unanimously in favor of this proposal at their December 5th meeting.
- The Championship Advisory Committee supported the proposal.

A motion to approve to adopt a five (5) year rotation to fill the tournament byes/draw with at-large selections in Boys Tennis, effective Spring 2019 carried. Carboine/Murphy

INFORMATION ITEMS

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

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Elizabethtown & Westport  | Softball
Bolton & Schroon Lake  | Softball
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Moriah, Elizabethtown & Westport  | Baseball
AuSable Valley & Willsboro  | B/G Track & Field
Schroon Lake & Newcomb  | B/G Track & Field
Johnsburg & Minerva  | B/G Tennis
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Baseball
Ellenville & Wawarsing Christian  | Volleyball (V/JV/M)
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Roscoe & Livingston Manor, Downsville  | Football (8-Man) (V/M)
Warwick & SS Institute  | B/G Golf (V)
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Tri-Valley & Fallsburg  | Baseball (V)
Fallsburg & Tri-Valley  | Tennis (V)
Rhinebeck & John Coleman  | B. Skiing (V)
Kingston & Mt. Academy  | G. Skiing (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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Joe Staves, Section VII, expressed his disappointment regarding the defeat of abiding by NFHS Rules in all sports when available.

A motion to approve adjournment of the May 2019 Executive Committee meeting on Thursday, May 2, 2019 at 12:10 PM carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Robert Zayas
Executive Director

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