New York State Public High School Athletic Association

SYNOPSIS OF ACTIONS
October 12, 2017 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Hilton Garden Inn, Troy, NY

ACTION ITEMS

1. P4 Approved the agenda for the October 12, 2017 Executive Committee Meeting.
2. P4 Approved the July 25-26, 2017 Central Committee Meeting minutes.
5. P13 Approved revisions to the Representation Rule for extenuating circumstances.
6. P16 Approved to permit the use of spikes in Modified Track and Field.
7. P16 Approved Vera Trenchfield (Section VIII) as the NYSPHSAA Modified Boys and Girls Cross Country and Boys and Girls Track and Field coordinator.
8. P16 Approved in Program 2, modified wrestlers may wrestle each other within a 10-pound variance.
9. P16 Approved in Modified Wrestling Program 1 Game Condition #6b) the modified wrestling rest period between bouts will be revised from 45 minutes to 30 minutes.
10. P17 Approved language clarification to the variation sports uniformed calendar.
11. P18 Approved an Oversight Committee to review the classification placement of non-public and charter schools.
12. P18 Approved revisions to the timeline for school enrollment numbers.
13. P18 Approved with Section and League approval, to eliminate the 99 lb. weight class in league matches only in Wrestling.
14. P19 Approved to limit the number of two-day nonbracketed tournaments in Wrestling.
15. P19 Approved to adopt a Standard Operating Procedure for all Girls Volleyball Regional and State Tournament matches with the amendment that adults must be at the scoring tables, neutral adults when possible.
16. P19 Approved to revise Boys Volleyball Championship pool play.
17. P19 Approved the 2017-2018 Rubrics and Progression Sheet in Cheerleading.
18. P19 Approved requiring all schools competing in the NYSPHSAA Cheer State Championships have legally purchased the music they will use during their routine.
19. P19 Defeated allowing Sections the ability to use video replay at the Section Cheer Championships.
20. P20 Approved the elimination of the International Tie Breaker Rule for all Regional contests as a two-year experiment for 2018 and 2019 in Softball.
22. P20 Defeated all Softball Regional and Championship contests be played to completion consisting of 7 innings or more in the event of extra innings.
23. P20 Approved the weight throw procedures and specifications for Indoor Track and Field.
24. P20-21 Approved in Girls Basketball to waive NCAA Women’s Basketball Rule 11-2.1.e permitting officials to use a courtside monitor at any time during the game to determine whether the ball left the shooter’s hands before the sounding of the shot-clock horn on successful tries only.
25. P21 Approved in Girls Basketball to adopt NFHS Basketball Rule 2-2-1 for last second shots for all NYSPHSAA Championship semi-final and final games if it can be done at no additional expense to the Association.
26. P21 Approved in Girls Basketball to waive NCAA Women’s Basketball rule 1-9.1 extending the coaches box from 28 feet to 38 feet.
27. P21 Approved in Girls Basketball to waive the NCAA Women’s Basketball Rule 5-10.2 that no less than .3 seconds must expire on the game clock when the ball is legally touched inbounds and the official immediately signals to stop the clock.
28. P21 Approved a reduction in the required number of contests for Indoor Track and Field from 6 to 4 in Sections 2, 3 and 7; Indoor Track and Field from 6 to 5 in Section 8; Skiing (Alpine & Nordic) from 6 to 4 in Sections 2 and 3; Skiing (Alpine & Nordic) from 6 to 3 in Section 7; Competitive Cheer from 2 to 1 in Section 7; Gymnastics from 6 to 3 in Section 5.

29. P22 Approved as Friend and Neighbor status: **New York School for the Deaf (1), Central Baptist Christian School (6), North Country School (7), St. Mary’s School (7), Upton Lake Christian School (9).**

30. P22 Approved as New Members: **East Palmyra Christian School (5), Hillside Children’s Center (5), Academy Charter School (8).**

31. P23 Approved in Skiing to waive the pole length requirements for all Nordic events during the regular and post season.

32. P29 Approved adjournment.
NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Hilton Garden Inn, Troy, NY
October 12, 2017

The Executive Committee meeting was called to order by President James Osborne at 9:00 AM on Thursday, October 12, 2017. Executive Director Robert Zayas introduced the officers and staff present and performed roll call to ascertain a quorum.

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

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

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

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

**Standing Committees & Ex-Officios**
- Scott Sugar, President-NYSAAA
- Greg Warren, President-NYSOSCA
- Jim Rose, Modified Co-Coordinator

**Sport Coordinators**
- Al Roy, Baseball State Coordinator
- Tim Lincoln, G. Basketball State Coordinator
- Cathy Allen, Softball State Coordinator
- Judy Hartmann, B. Volleyball State Coordinator
- Patti Perone, G. Volleyball State Coordinator
- Oscar Jensen, B. Winter Track State Coordinator
- Marty Sherman, Wrestling State Coordinator
Guests
Olivia Paolano, NYSPHSAA Intern
Rise Van Iderstine, Section 2
John Moriello, Sportswriters Association

A motion to approve the agenda of the October 12, 2017 Executive Committee meeting carried. Wolfe/Mullins

A motion to approve the July 25-26, 2017 Central Committee Meeting minutes as written carried. Ferry/Ceruti

ORAL AND PRINTED REPORTS WERE PRESENTED BY ASSOCIATION OFFICERS AND STAFF

President James Osborne
• Commended the staff and Robert for a great summer meeting and for a great job in hosting the NFHS Section 1 meeting in Saratoga. He appreciates all they do.
• Announced the following appointments to Committees: Robbie Greene to the Investment Committee, Marisa Fallacaro to the Compensation Committee and Matt Walentuk to the Handbook Committee.
• Thanked the Executive Committee members and the Sport Coordinators for the work they do for our athletes.
• Attended the Handbook Committee meeting, CAC meeting and the Modified Committee meeting.
• Announced a letter requesting nominations for the Principal Representative in the officer rotation vacancy of 2nd Vice President had been emailed to Section Executive Directors and Section Presidents. Any questions, please contact Steve Broadwell, Past President or Robert Zayas, Executive Director.

1st Vice President Paul Harrica
• Echoed Jim’s sentiments regarding the staff and the great job they do.
• Wished everyone a great school year.

2nd Vice President Julie Bergman
• Welcomed everyone and wished all a good school year.

Executive Director Robert Zayas
Drone Policy Exceptions
• At the May 5, 2017 Executive Committee meeting, a drone policy was approved which prohibits drones to be flown above all spectator areas, field of play, courts, arenas, stadiums, mats, gymnasiums, pools, practice facilities, parking areas and/or other property being utilized for the purpose of interscholastic activity.
• If there is a report of UAS activity at an athletic event, school, Section and/or State Association officials will, in consultation with the sports officials, suspend the play until such time as the UAS is removed from the area as defined above or the school, Section/State and sports officials determine it is safe to proceed.
• The policy also states the NYSPHSAA Executive director has the authority to grant an exception to this policy to law enforcement, public safety agencies, NYSPHSAA media partners or other entities or individuals. Any request for an exception to the policy must be submitted to the Executive director at least a week prior to the event. The exception is limited to the specific event requested and requires the consent of the host venue. As a result of numerous requests for an exception from member schools, Renee James drafted an “Indemnification and Release Agreement for Use of Drone.” (included in meeting packet)

Foreign Exchange Students
• NYSPHSAA member schools are reminded of the NYSPHSAA Foreign Exchange Rule which provides a waiver of the transfer rule for students who are part of a CSIET program.
• If students are not part of a CSIET foreign exchange program, they are considered International Students and subject to the transfer rule. If they played at a level equal to or higher than athletics in New York in the previous year, they are considered to be ineligible for any sports they played in the prior year.
• Included in the meeting packet was a Connecticut news article related to an overseas girls club basketball program who appear to be seeking placements for foreign students for the purpose of playing basketball.

Reformatted Handbook Video Interpretations
• The NYSPHSAA Handbook has been completely reformatted to make it more user friendly for member schools. It includes an easy to navigate interactive table of contents, an “ASK NYSPHSAA” link on every page, and rule reference links.
• A short Power Point presentation was given on the recently added video interpretations to the Handbook which provide an additional resource to assist in the understanding of various NYSPHSAA rules. Video interpretations have been added to the following rules: Transfer Rule, Foreign Exchange, College Rule, Representation Rule, Duration of Competition and the Bona Fide Student Regulation.

NYSSAAA
• A letter from Alan Mallanda, NYSSAAA Executive Director, was distributed to the Executive Committee asking for NYSPHSAA’s support and for Robert to attend a meeting with NYSSAAA and SED regarding the NYSSAAA’s proposal for a basic minimum certification requirement for athletic administrators in New York State.
• The NYSPHSAA Officers and Executive Committee are not in support of this proposal.

Assistant Director Joe Altieri
Sport Committees/Other Meetings
• Since July 25th, he was the NYSPHSAA liaison for the following committees: Winter Track, Spring Track, Skiing, Ice Hockey, Girls Basketball, Wrestling, Annual Sport Coordinators meeting, NFHS Section 1 meeting, NYS Federation, Section VI and VIII Athletic Council meetings. Minutes of each sport committee have been emailed to the Officers, CAC and Executive Directors.

Championship Advisory Committee
• The CAC met for an in-person meeting on September 20th. The report/minutes were included in the meeting packet.

Championship Administration
• Spring championships netted $72,817 and overall $579,170 for 2016-2017.
• There will be 6 championship bid selections for approval at the February Executive committee meeting.
• Spectrum Sports will be streaming girls soccer, boys soccer, field hockey and girls volleyball finals this fall in addition to the east/west football semifinals and finals. Football events may go on TV as well but it was not determined at the time of this meeting.
• NYSPHSAA and Spectrum have mutually agreed to sublicense soccer and football games on Long Island to News 12 Varsity.

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

Branding/Marketing
• New signage (no design changes) will be implemented at the championships to satisfy our branding efforts for the 2017-2018 school year.
• A new branding initiative will be implemented this year with golf tee boxes and flags for both the boys and girls championships in the spring.
• A new digital marketing campaign will take place in the fall for boys and girls soccer and football using Google and Facebook display and video ads. We will pay for advertising based on clicks of our ads. Additionally, these events will enjoy the benefit of our Spectrum partnership with at least 500 30-second spots airing on their TV channels this fall.

Fall Semester Interns
• He welcomed Olivia Paolano, an Ithaca College student-athlete, and Casey Fitzpatrick, a student-athlete at The Sage Colleges, who started internships with us in early September for the Fall semester.

Assistant Director Todd Nelson
Unified Sports
• Sections 1 and 4 will be joining Sections 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 11 in offering Unified Sports to their member schools. We are looking for Section 10 to join the program during 2018-2019 school year.
• With our partners from Special Olympics New York, we are currently offering Basketball in the Spring and Bowling in the Winter. We hope to offer Cross Country or another sport in the Fall.
• Section 5 is looking to expand into Unified Modified sports.
• He reported at the Unified Committee meeting in September, several Sections voiced a concern with the Age Rule in the Unified program. The Committee asked the Executive Committee for direction in approaching the State
Education Department to have them look at the Age Rule as it pertains to Unified Sports or students with disabilities. A proposal will be brought to the February Executive Committee for discussion.

School Enrollment Numbers
- NYSPHSAA will receive the BEDS numbers from SED the second week in January. The NYSPHSAA office staff will compile the school enrollment numbers for each Section and send it to the Section Executive Directors. Each Section will verify the numbers and schools and a final report will be produced for final approval by the Executive Committee at the February meeting. He reminded that once the numbers are approved, the only changes that will be made will be due to clerical error. Once the school enrollment numbers are approved, they will be in effect for the 2018-2019 school year.

NFHS On-Line Courses
- Remind your schools, coaches, students, parents and officials the NFHS provides outstanding resources through the NFHS Learn website, www.nfhslearn.com. All courses are taken on-line and most are offered free of charge.

Director of Communications Chris Watson

Twitter Analytics
- During the 2016-2017 school year we made over 14 million impressions on Twitter which comes from just over 4,500 original tweets.
- This shows we are using Twitter in the right ways and continue to engage our followers.
- We want to take this same approach to Instagram and SnapChat.

Live Streaming/Spectrum Sports
- Live streaming of a state tournament event is a violation of our contract with Spectrum Sports. That includes Facebook Live, Periscope, etc.
- This is allowed during regular season and sectional events but must stop when tournament action begins.
- He asked schools to inform parents and school administrators of this policy.
- We will continue to police this at our championship events with the help of Spectrum Sports.

Sports Information Assistants
- He is always looking for people to serve as sports information assistants or social media handlers for our State Championships. If you know of someone who would be interested in working for us (for pay) at a State Championship event, please contact Chris at cwatson@nysphsaa.org.

Director of Special Programs Kristen Jadin

Participation Survey
- The 2016-2017 Participation Survey was included in the meeting packet.
- Data is presented based on 97.45% return of the participation survey.
- Data collected shows a total of 571,064 participants and reflects a historically consistent gender breakdown of 305,958 (53.6%) boys and 265,106 (46.4%) girls.
- Since the 2015-2016 school year, there has been a decrease in participation of 4,839 participants. In that year, there was a total of 575,903 participants, reflecting a decrease of approximately .84%.
- The number of total teams decreased by 78 teams compared to the 2015-2016 school year.
- The survey is being updated this year. She encouraged all to fill it out as accurate data is essential to Sports Committees and NYSPHSAA in general.

Scholar-Athlete
- The Fall Scholar-Athlete online submission opens Monday, October 30th.
- She reminded if a team does not qualify, students with an individual GPA of 90 or above are eligible to receive a pin and are considered Individual Scholar-Athletes.
- There were 7,071 Scholar-Athlete teams and 107,496 Scholar-Athlete individuals for 2016-2017. We honored 2,482 more scholar-athletes than the year before.
- A complete analysis of the new program will be provided after the 2017-2018 school year.

Captains Club
- As of September 28, 2017 there were 175 views of the September Captains Club episode which featured Section V student-athletes during the Section V Sportsmanship Summit. The episode is centered on how leadership can impact sportsmanship.
- She is looking for stories featuring NYSPHSAA student-athletes.
Hazing Prevention
- A Hazing Prevention Course is available for $100.00 per school for up to 50 facilitators. The course includes a facilitator’s guide, multimedia presentation, discussion topics, optional assessments and certificate of completion.
- Instructional registration videos are available on the NYSPHSAA website.
- As of October 12, 166 students have gone through the course. 95% of the students indicated they learned something new from the course. 100% of the facilitators said the course stimulated discussion and would recommend it.

Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC)
- The application and selection process for the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee is being reviewed by the Student-Athlete Development Committee.
- A list of the 2017-2018 NYSPHSAA SAAC members was included in the meeting packet.

Director of Sales and Marketing Chris Joyce
Sponsorships
- Finalized new agreements with Holiday Inn/Holiday Inn Express and the New York State Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee.
  - Holiday Inn/Holiday Inn Express are the Official Hotel of NYSPHSAA which achieves a goal of the Strategic Plan.
  - The NYS GTSC has launched the Coaches Care program
    - Coaches speak with their athletes about traffic safety issues (ex. Seatbelts, distracted driving, etc.)
    - Coaches complete two short surveys to measure effectiveness of the program on student-athlete understanding of the issues
    - Schools with 70% participation are eligible for a $3,000 cash prize
    - Schools must register by November 1. See Coaches Care page on the NYSPHSAA website for more information (under ADs and Coaches tab)
  - CSEA, American Dairy Association North East and M-F Athletic have renewed their partnerships.

Ticketing
- Each Section should have received their paper ticket allotment. If you haven’t or have concerns, please let him know.
- Regional tickets are available upon request.
- Digital tickets are now available online for all Fall championships at gofan.co/NYSPHSAA.
- The goal is for each Section to offer online ticketing for at least one vent during the 2017-2018 school year. Let him know when your Section is ready and he’ll put you in touch with the contact at GoFan.

Championships and Marketing
- Google Network and social media campaigns will be launched for Boys and Girls Soccer and Football.
- Full game scripts will be implemented for the Fall championships for the first time.

Music/Copyright Compliance
- The NFHS is working with Performance Rights Organizations to secure a state-wide licensing agreement.
- A NYSPHSAA license will cover all Sections and member schools to play music at events. Cheer, dance or other performances are NOT covered by this license.

Director of Finance Lisa Hand
Balance Sheet
- As of 8/31/17, the Cash Balance is $850,565. $200,000 will be transferred to the Investment Fund.
- Other receivables of $87,175 include $52,758 due from CP Sportswear for the balance of the contract.
- Impact tests inventory is approximately $80,000.
- Our current ratio is 4.74:1 which means we are liquid.
- As of 8/31/17 we have excess revenue over expenses of $480,341. She is estimating an approximate $120,000 decrease to this figure with the post-retirement health benefit adjustment from the Actuary.

Income Statement
Revenues
- Investments continue to do well. They have earned $129,000 as of 8/31/17.
- Overall Championships netted a $579,160 profit. Our vendor contract with CP Sportswear earned us $252,758, $52,758 over our guarantee of $200,000.
- We received over $1,000,000 in sponsorship revenue which includes the TWC contract and Spalding Ball adoption.

Expenditures
Overall, expenditures are under budget by $93,000. Budgeted expenditures for 2016-2017 was 2.7 million and actual expenses were 2.6 million.

Programs & Committees
- We were able to give back $482,335 to the Sections through the NYSPHSAA revenue share program.
- The market value of our investments has increased by $147,392 since 8/31/16.
- Overall the financial health of the association is good.

Legal Counsel Renee James
- An updated Conflict of Interest form was distributed that needs to be signed and returned to the State Office every year by each individual who serves as an officer, key employee or member of the Central and Executive Committees of the NYSPHSAA or any of its Affiliates.
- Reported we received a favorable decision from the Commissioner regarding a challenge from a charter school that was moved up to Class AA in Basketball. Their position was they are a public school; therefore they shouldn’t be classified differently. She commended Section V for a good job in getting information that the Commissioner cited in his decision.
- Reported we have a number of cases before the Commissioner as a result of the changes adding social/emotional circumstances to the Duration of Competition Rule.
  - The Commissioner denied a request for a stay where a student had repeated 9th grade 3 times due to social/emotional circumstances that would have allowed an additional year, but the student had participated in 4 years of Football.
  - There is another request for a stay before the Commissioner and in Federal Court. The case involves a basketball player who has requested an additional year but had participated to a limited extent the previous year. The Federal Court lawsuit involves whether their needs to be additional accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act to allow another year.
  - Received a lawsuit under the Duration of Competition Rule where a student is appealing for an additional year. He had a court order prohibiting him from going on school grounds and needs another year because he did not take advantage of home tutoring.
- Paid Family Leave Act - She reported in New York State all not-for-profits and all businesses are required by law to participate in the paid Family Leave Act. If the business has an Employee Handbook, a written policy setting forth the specifics of the policy must be included in the Handbook. Sections also need to adopt a policy similar. Schools have the option to join.

A motion to approve adding the Paid Family Leave Act language to the NYSPHSAA Handbook carried. Mullins/Ryan
- Hazing Prevention - She strongly recommended from a legal standpoint for schools to have hazing training and prevention policies and procedures in effect as the standard of care is increasing. Participating in these will go a long way in defending claims later on against schools.

SECTION CONCERNS

Section VIII inquired on the possibility of moving Boys Volleyball to the Spring. They are having difficulty in getting officials and facilities.

Section XI and VIII voiced a concern with the graduated scale in classification numbers. They also voiced a concern with the penalty when the maximum number of contests is exceeded in a sport.

REPORTS FROM EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

State Education Department. Darryl Daily

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES
- New York State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (NYSAHPERD) Conference (November 14-17, 2017) in Verona, New York- See website: http://www.nysahperd.org/content/professional-development/nys-ahperd-conference.cfm

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

ESSA QUICK FACTS (From SHAPE – 2016)

- School health and physical education are identified as part of a student’s “well-rounded” education. Other subjects noted in the definition of well-rounded education include science, art, civics, history and geography, among others.
- The term “well-rounded education” replaces the term “core subjects” used in previous authorizations of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.
- Subjects included in a well-rounded education are allowed the use of funds by states and school districts for Title I (low income schools) and Title II (professional development for teachers and principals).
- School health, physical education and physical activity programs will have access to significant funding under Title IV of ESSA. Block grants will be distributed to states under the Safe and Healthy Students program.
- Funding previously allocated to school districts through the Carol M. White Physical Education Program (PEP) from the U. S. Department of Education will no longer exist. The funding available in the block grants through Title IV will replace the PEP grant funding.
- School districts will be able to access funding from Title I, Title II and Title IV through their state department of education. The process for accessing these funds is still being developed by Congress and the U. S. Department of Education.
- Communication will follow as the U. S. Department of Education put in place the regulations and process for implementation of the funding for ESSA. This process will take place over the next six months to a year.
- NYSED, headed by Assistant Commissioner Ira Schwartz, created a think tank with numerous stakeholders, including the NYSAHPERD. NYSED has set goal to submit its ESSA State Plan by March 6, 2017. However, State Education agencies may also submit their plans during a second window, on July 5, 2017.
- 3 Webinars from the Office of Safe and Healthy Students at the U. S. Department of Education: Title IV, Part A of ESSA took place between January 12, 2017 and February 9, 2017.
- New York Education Department Winter Regional Meetings public feedback were conducted between 3/9/17-3/18/17.
- See draft from July BOR meeting:

QUALITY PHYSICAL EDUCATION PLAN REMINDER
Is your district plan current? Is your plan frequently updated to ensure high-quality programs are being offered? Is your plan aligned with the current regulations and/or National and NYS Standards? Recommend updating minimum of 7 years. With ESSA coming into effect this would be valuable to districts to justify funding. In addition, it would be useful when applying for grants.

If you need technical assistance or have specific questions contact Darryl Daily at darryl.daily@nysed.gov.

According to Commissioner’s Regulation 135.4 -Physical Education Plans must be filed both at the local level and at the Department. Plans can be sent as a hard copy or as an e-mailed attachment to the Department. E-mail format is preferred.

Proposed 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 meeting June 28- 45 day public comment period)

ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY amendments (BOR approved at June 2017 meeting)

13 K-8 School Districts and APP
Duration of Competition

GUIDELINES FOR SPORT STANDARDS (Amended and posted January 2017)

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

COACHING COURSES

NFHS (NYS Specific) Coaching course pathway (NYSED, NYSPHSAA and NYSSAAA collaborated) was approved and added by NYSED as an alternative pathway on July 1, 2015. Not a replacement but another alternative for coaches to complete the required course work.

Note: If already in previous NYSED Coaching Course track it is suggested that coaches stay with it.
See NFHS process below:


Note: As of January 2017 name of course for the NFHS Pathway, Creating a Safe and Respectful Environment was changed to Bullying, Hazing and Inappropriate Behaviors.

Contact Associate in Physical Education, Darryl Daily if a new Coaching Course provider template is needed. Note: SED New templates include space for birthdate and last 4 digits of Social Security number.

Please send in yearly evaluations to Darryl Daily at NYSED (Send to darryl.daily@nysed.gov).

If interested in becoming a provider for traditional and/or online NYSED Coaching Courses please contact NYSED at (518) 474-5922.

IMPORTANT REMINDER TO ALL PHYSICAL EDUCATION DIRECTORS/ATHLETIC DIRECTORS

Make sure all of your coaches are certified and/or are in the process of completing their certification. Re-check to make sure they have all their requirements completed and license in hand in order to coach.

BEGINNING DISCUSSIONS OF STANDARDS REVIEW PROCESS FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Discussions, problem solve, stakeholders determination (NYSAHPHERD, etc., timeline, Crosswalk work for National and NYS Standards etc.)

NYSED DOCUMENTS CURRENTLY UNDER REVIEW FOR UPDATES

Guidelines for Concussion Management in the School Setting
Guidelines for the Coaching Requirements

IMPORTANT HEALTH RELATED ITEMS

DEVELOPMENT OF RESOURCES TO EDUCATE ON NEED TO ENCOURAGE ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION

Legislation (Summer 2016)-SED began working collaboratively with multiple organizations that promote organ and tissue donation to provide a toolkit that contains model exemplar lesson plans and best practice
instructional resources on the importance and value of organ and tissue donation. Information will be shared as it becomes available. See: http://alliancefordonation.org/coming-soon-new-york-state-high-school-curriculum-organ-eye-and-tissue-donation

- Please note—APRIL is National “DONATE LIFE” month.

**DEVELOPMENT OF RESOURCES FOR SEPSIS**

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

**GAMBLING RESOURCES**

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

**NEW YORK STATE COMBAT HEROIN AND PRESCRIPTION OPIOID ABUSE CAMPAIGN**

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

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

- Students in senior high school shall be provided instruction in hands-only cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an automated external defibrillator at least once before graduation.
- See link: yourethecure.org/aha/advocacy/details.aspx?BlogId=2&PostId=4139

**TIC AND LYME DISEASE LEGISLATION (Summer 2016)**

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

**MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION LEGISLATION**

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

**REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES**

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

- The committee met on Monday, September 11, 2017 via teleconference.
Conflict of Interest Policy

- Discussed the Conflict of Interest policy. Renee James will make revisions to the document. Robert will email the updated Conflict of Interest document to the Budget/Audit, Compensation, Executive and Central Committees.

NYSPHSAA Revenue Share Program Update

- Robert provided an update on the NYSPHSAA Revenue share program. During the 2016-2017 school year, NYSPHSAA distributed $482,000 back to the eleven Sections. The revenue is a portion of the Spectrum television, GoFan Huddle Ticketing and Spalding Ball Adoption agreements. He also explained how the revenue share is distributed.

2018-2019 Membership Dues

- Lisa explained the NYSPHSAA membership dues are based upon the following: $810 per school and $0.86 per student above 300 students.
- The Committee voted on and was in unanimous approval of freezing the membership dues for 2018-2019. A motion to approve freezing the membership dues for 2018-2019 by using the formula of $810 per school and $0.86 per student over 300 based on the 2014-2015 school enrollment numbers carried. Ferry/Carboine

2017-2018 Ticket Prices

- Robert discussed reducing the ticket price online to encourage more fans to buy online tickets. He also asked about the desire to reformat the pricing structure for Championship tickets online compared to onsite. The Committee would like to have more time to examine the potential of changing the pricing structure.
- The Committee discussed freezing ticket prices and tabled the discussion until the February 1, 2018 meeting.
- Lisa recommended keeping the online ticket price the same and increase onsite ticket price. She and Robert will assemble reports, with data, for the Budget/Audit Committee to analyze.

Review of Standard Rates of Pay for Championship Workers

- The Committee reviewed the NYSPHSAA Standard Rates of Pay for Championship workers. There was no interest to consider changing the standard rate of pay.

NYSPHSAA Building Lease Tenant

- Robert explained the current NYSPHSAA tenants who occupy the other half of the first floor of the NYSPHSAA office building may be leaving. ASM (Advantage Sales Marketing) has not notified Robert that they are definitely leaving when their lease expires on December 31st; however Robert is in the process of listing the office space as available.

Sponsorship Update

- Robert reviewed the current sponsorship figures of the NYSPHSAA which total $312,000 for the 2017-2018 school year.
- He reported Chris Joyce, NYSPHSAA Director of Sales and Marketing, recently secured a $46,000 sponsorship and continues to do a great job maintaining previous sponsors.

Concerns/Questions

- The Committee discussed the timing of the Compensation Committee’s meeting at the July Central Committee meeting. The role of the Compensation Committee is to review the compensation of the Executive Director. It does not determine the Executive Director’s compensation or benefits. They meet to ensure the Executive Director’s compensation is reasonable.
- Robert asked why the Committee meets in late July when the budget is approved at the May Executive Committee meeting.
- Robert will develop a timeline for the Compensation Committee and budget/Audit Committee meetings regarding the compensation package for the NYSPHSAA Executive Director.

Future Meetings

- February 1, 2018 and March 26, 2018 (may have to change date as a result of school break)

Championship Advisory Committee. Greg Ransom, Chair

- The committee met on Wednesday, September 20, 2017 in the NYSPHSAA Office.

Discussion Items

- The following items were introduced for discussion at the September CAC meeting and will be presented for action at the December CAC meeting then at the February Executive Committee meeting:
  - Baseball Run Rule – Al Roy, Baseball State Coordinator explained the 10 run rule proposal and noted it would be a two-year experiment where coordinators would keep track of data and report back. Steve
asked if there were any concerns about 10 runs in Baseball and 12 runs for Softball. Todd added Modified has a 15-run rule. CAC had no other concerns and decided to vote on this item in case it was brought up off the floor at the Executive Committee meeting.

- **Baseball Adjust Regional Rotation** – Al Roy, Baseball State Coordinator explained the proposal and noted it only affects Class D. John asked if the BEDS numbers would impact the changes. Al indicated it would not. Greg acknowledged no team should get a free ride to the Final four but asked if it could be pre-set before May. Al noted it would be based on proximity. Jim asked why they wouldn’t use the same designated rotation as other sports like softball, soccer and basketball. Al indicated the Baseball Committee didn’t think of it that way and thought they would have latitude on determining it. Mike A. asked why Section 8 was in that rotation and said there’s a way to handle the rotation prior to any problem arising. Paul said there’s a template in place and they should use it. Eileen asked if the number of baseball teams is comparable to the number of soccer teams which would help validate the use of a template. Mike A. noted about their use of a pre-determined rotation as did Cathy Allen who was on the call for a Softball proposal. CAC asked the Baseball Committee to come back with a more specified plan proposal.

**Action Items**

- The committee supported the following proposals to be presented for action at the October 2017 Executive Committee meeting:
  - **Girls Volleyball Adopt SOP for Regionals/States** – Patti Perone, Girls Volleyball State Coordinator, explained the proposal outlining then Standard Operating Procedures for Regionals and States.
  - **Girls Volleyball New Classification** – Patti Perone, Girls Volleyball State Coordinator, explained the proposal outlining the new numbers which were 20% each class.
  - **Boys Volleyball Adding 3rd Set to Championship Play** – Judy Hartmann, Boys Volleyball State Coordinator explained the proposal which is an attempt to avoid a one set (game) playoff at the end of pool play for second place and create a more natural flow of play.
  - **Softball Waiver for Tie-Breaker Rule in Regionals** – Cathy Allen, Softball State Coordinator explained the proposal to eliminate the International Tie-Breaker rule for all Regional contests as a two-year experiment.
  - **Softball Run Rule for Regionals/States** – Cathy Allen, Softball State Coordinator explained the proposal for a Run Rule for Regional and State Tournament play. The rule would be for 12 runs once a contest becomes an official game.

- The committee did not support the following proposals to be presented for action at the October 2017 Executive Committee meeting:
  - **Softball No Distribution of Regional Certificates and add Sub-Regional Plaque** – Cathy Allen, Softball State Coordinator explained the proposal to eliminate the distribution of Regional Certificates at Regional games. They have been found in the trash as the certificates have become anything but special to the athletes. It is also difficult to distribute to teams, especially the losing teams, when some Regionals do not have awards ceremonies following the games. She also explained the proposal to have a small plaque for the sub-regional losing team to acknowledge the schools’ participation in Regional play.

**Next Meeting**

- The next meeting of the CAC is scheduled for Friday, December 15, 2017 at 11:00 AM in the NYSPHSAA Office.

**Handbook Coordinator.** Patrick Pizzarelli, Coordinator

- The Committee met on September 25, 2017 at 1:00 PM via teleconference.

**Discussion Items**

- **Representation Rule Proposal** – Robert Zayas reviewed the Representation Rule proposal to be considered by the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee on October 12th. NYSPHSAA and its eleven Sections have encountered circumstances of students who do not meet the Representation Rule for medical reasons but have extenuating circumstances. Past examples include a student who had a family member pass away and a student who did not meet the Representation Rule because of a foster care issue.

A motion to approve the following language for the Representation Rule carried. Ryan-Curry/Carboine

“In extenuating circumstances where the student does not have a medical reason for a waiver of the Representation Rule, the NYSPHSAA Executive Director, in consultation with the Section Executive Director and NYSPHSAA President, shall have
Section VIII Proposal for students who age out – Section VIII has concerns with a large number of over age students in grades 9, 10 and 11. Pat Pizzarelli, Section VIII Executive Director, said some school districts are getting hundreds of students who are beyond the age of 19 and are ineligible to participate. The Handbook Committee would like to review Section VII and statewide data before providing support of the proposal. The Classification Committee should also be convened if this proposal moves forward.

Transfer Notification Form – Robert Zayas asked if it is up to the Sections to determine what the “required” Transfer form is. He stated the Transfer Notification Form has never been approved by the Executive/Central Committee. He said some Sections are not using the form or are simply using portions of the form for the purpose of reviewing transfers. The Transfer Notification form will be discussed at the Section Executive Directors meeting on October 11, 2017.

Transfer Rule Format – The Committee discussed the placement of “Note: Multiple High School districts...” after item (b) of the Transfer Rule and determined the “Note” should be moved to the previous line to follow “…residency.”

Section V request for Transfer Rule to include DASA – Section V expressed concern about “DASA” being included in the Transfer Notification Form and the Transfer Rule not including “DASA”. Renee suggested the Transfer Notification Form request “accompanied by supporting documentation (i.e. police report, DASA report, etc.).” Robert will discuss this change on the Transfer Notification Form with the Section Executive Directors at their meeting on October 11, 2017.

Handbook revision – Robert reviewed Handbook revisions to Outdoor Track & Field and Skiing because information was duplicated or no longer relevant.

Concerns – Pat Pizzarelli asked about moving the Girls or boys Volleyball championship to the Spring. Robert said this topic is not the role of the Handbook Committee and should be discussed with the Section Executive Directors and ultimately the Executive/Central Committee.

Future Meeting Dates
- Friday, December 15, 2017 at 9:00 AM; Wednesday, April 4, 2018 at 9:00 AM; Wednesday, June 20, 2018 at 9:00 AM.

Student Athlete Development Committee. Kristen Jadin, Director of Special Programs
- The Committee met on Monday, September 11, 2017 via teleconference.

Status Updates
- SAAC – She emailed each Section with their SAAC member’s contact information and suggested inviting them to Athletic council meetings.
- Captains Club – Announced the first Captains Club (new sports documentary style) of the year was distributed on September 11, 2017 and was available on the NYSPHSAA website under Educational Programs, Student Leadership. If someone knows of a student-athlete, team or coach they think should be featured on a Captains Club, contact Kristen or email website@nysphsaa.org.
- New England Student Leadership Conference (NESLC) – Kristen thanked Murphee Hayes for attending the conference with 4 SAAC students. Murphee summarized the conference and relayed SAAC’s desire to participate in a SAAC Summit. The students believe getting to know each other will be beneficial to the work they do within the Committee. Attendance to the NESLC by NYSPHSAA in the future is unknown due to cost and potential logistics/funding concerning a NYSPHSAA SAAC Summit.
- Hazing Prevention Course – Kristen asked the SADC to promote this program within the Sections. The goal is for schools to be proactive, not reactive. For more information, go to nysphsaa.org, Educational Programs, Hazing Prevention. The website includes a promotional video and 2 video instructions on how to register for the course.

Discussion Items/Action Taken

NYSPHSAA SAAC
- SAAC Selection Process – Kristen suggested the SAAC selection process be more detailed and streamlined and asked for the Committee’s feedback regarding the “make-up” of the SAAC. The SADC agreed it is important for SAAC to be inclusive and diverse. Murphee suggested consulting with Renee James, NYSPHSAA Legal Counsel. Kristen will consult with Renee and develop a proposal with the SADC’s approval to be presented to the Executive Committee. Kristen would like SADC’s help in the selection process for each Section.
- NFHS National Student Leadership Summit – 14 seniors on SAAC will have the option to attend, 8 current juniors on SAAC required to attend and 3 juniors who will be selected in Spring 2018 will also be required to attend. In the
future, all juniors (rising seniors) will attend the NSLS. Kristen asked for 2 volunteers to attend the NFHS NSLS from July 23-25, 2018 with at most 25 SAAC students.

- **Potential SAAC Summit during 2017 NYSPHSAA Football Championships** – Itinerary based on state action plan created during the NESLC by 4 SAAC members. Kristen reached out to all SAAC members to determine if they are willing and able to attend. She asked for suggestions for time of year for future summits. The committee felt summer or early fall would work best.

**Community Service Challenge**
- Kristen is in discussion with Team Up 4 Community to host the Community Service Challenge. She will show the platform to the SAAC who will create a proposal to the SADC and potentially to the Executive Committee.

**Resource Suggestions**
- Kristen is looking for resource suggestions for the Life of an Athlete program or any other topic the SADC would like to address. Murphee suggested to possibly partner with other state associations to share resources regarding the chemical health program.

**Future Meetings**
- TBD NYSSA Conference, March 14-16, 2018
- Monday, June 18, 2018 at 10:00 AM

**Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.** Kristen Jadin, Director of Special Programs
- The Committee met on Sunday, September 24, 2017 via teleconference.

**Discussion Items/Action Taken**

**NYSPHSAA SAAC Summit**
- Potential SAAC Summit to be held during NYSPHSAA Fall Championships.
- A tentative draft schedule was included.

**NFHS National Student Leadership Summit**
- All SAAC members have the option to attend the NFHS NSLS this summer, July 23-25, 2018, in Indianapolis, IN. This is strongly recommended for juniors on the SAAC because this opportunity will be used for training for next year. It will be a requirement for juniors in the future. All expenses will be paid by NYSPHSAA.

**New England Student Leadership Conference (NESLC) Update**
- 4 SAAC members created a “State Action Plan” while attending the NESLC this summer.
- They stated it was beneficial to meet other students on the SAAC. During the NESLC, state meetings were held and ideas formulated. They also learned what other states were doing which was also beneficial during state meeting discussions. The goal during the NESLC was to plan a SAAC Summit. The connections after meeting face to face will help SAAC become more creative with ideas.

**Community Service Challenge**
- Kristen explained the past Community Service challenge program.
- She is now considering partnering with Team Up 4 Community to use as a platform and asked SAAC’s opinion on the website and the functionality of the program.
- Kristen will share SAAC’s ideas with Team Up 4 Community and then create a proposal from SAAC to be presented to the Executive Committee.

**SAAC Takeover of NYSPHSAA social media accounts**
- SAAC members will become more involved in NYSPHSAA by giving them the opportunity to spread the word on what the NYSPHSAA is and how it functions using NYSPHSAA social media accounts.
- Kristen will create guidelines and a permission slip for SAAC to give to their AD’s, coaches, etc.
- The SAAC supported the idea of a social media “A day in the life” of a NYSPHSAA student-athlete and asked Kristen to move forward with implementation.

**Future Items**
- NFHS NSLS attendance; Community Service Challenge proposal

**Future Meetings**
- Sunday, December 10, 2017 at 4:00 PM; Sunday, February 25, 2018 at 4:00 PM; Sunday, June 10, 2018 at 4:00 PM
The Brain Injury Association of New York has been conducting sub-committee meetings to develop best practices and recommendations to present to SED and DOH as they update the Concussion Management Guidelines which are currently in review. The Safety Committee has raised some concerns regarding the current language in the Concussion Management Law and the best practices coming from the Zurich Conference. The new best practices from the conference recommend light aerobic activity even though the student-athlete may have symptoms. The NYS Law states a student has to be symptom free for a minimum of 24 hours. Linda Khalil was going to reach out to Karen Hollywood at SED to get some clarification. More information will be forthcoming.

Modified Recommendation

- The Safety Committee had no concerns regarding the two recommendations from the Modified Committee. They support decreasing the minimum amount of time between matches to 30 minutes and to allow Program 2 wrestlers to wrestle each other as long as they are within 10 lbs. of each other.

Tommy Tough Education and Awareness Safety Standards

- He reminded all Sections and schools that these standards will be in place for all Regional, semi-final and final Football games of the State Championship. These standards can be found in our Handbook under the Football Sport Standards. The officials have been notified and are aware of the Tommy Tough Educational and Awareness Standards.

Certified Athletic Trainers

- The Sub-Committee will be finalizing the position paper and presenting the paper to the Safety Committee in the Spring. The Safety Committee will present a recommendation to the Executive Committee in the Spring. The Safety Committee plans on convening a sub-committee to address the overuse injuries as directed by the NYSPHSAA Strategic Plan.

Anyone Can Save a Life

- The Safety Committee encourages all coaches to visit www.anyonecansavealife.org and take the 10-15 minutes to develop a safety plan for their teams. The safety plan is a written document that assigns groups of students to a task in case of a medical emergency. These tasks include calling 911, retrieving the AED, meeting the ambulance at a specific location, getting the AD/principal, staying with the victim and starting first aid. Time is the key factor in medical emergencies, particularly sudden cardiac arrest. This program is very effective in having a plan to address these types of situations.

Section Concerns

- Section 6 had a concern regarding the level of difficulty in competitive cheerleading as compared to traditional cheerleading. The Safety Committee reminded all schools that coaches are required to be AACCA Safety Certified.
- Section 1 recommended the Safety Committee have a face to face meeting in the Spring, depending on the agenda.
- SED received an inquiry regarding out of season practice regulations. The Safety Committee asked if the Executive Committee would like them to examine this?

Next Meeting

- April 12, 2018 at 10:00 AM in the NYSPHSAA office.

Modified Committee. James Rose, Modified Co-Coordinator

- The Fall meeting of the Modified Committee was held on Wednesday, September 20, 2017 in the NYSPHSAA office. Minutes of the meeting were included in the meeting packet.

Discussion Items for Future Approval

- The following proposal is to be brought back to the Sections for discussion for a possible vote at the February Executive Committee meeting:
  - **Modified Softball Pitchers Nights Rest** – “Consider approval to revise the required minimum time between contests for all softball players, including pitchers, shall be reduced from two nights to one night. The Modified Sports Standards Chart for Interscholastic Competition will be edited for the softball pitcher.” The Modified Committee feels that pitchers can pitch with only one night rest in the sport of Softball. The NYSPHSAA Safety Committee supports this recommendation. The NYSPHSAA high school Softball Committee has no concerns with this proposal.

Action Items

A motion to approve permitting the use of spikes in Modified Track and Field carried.  
Mullins/Carboine
A motion to approve Vera Trenchfield (Section VIII) as the NYSPHSAA Modified Boys and Girls Cross Country and Modified Boys and Girls Track and Field coordinator carried. 
A motion to approve in Program 2, modified wrestlers may wrestle each other within a 10-pound variance carried. (Sections VIII & XI - 4 Abstentions) Staves/Tooley
A motion to approve for Modified Wrestling Program 1 Game Condition #6b) ‘There must be a 45-minute rest period between bouts.’ will be changed to ‘There must be a 30-minute rest period between bouts.’ carried. Tooley/Durdon

Future Meeting Dates
• Spring: Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at 9:30 AM in the NYSPHSAA Office

Officials Coordinating Federation. Todd Nelson, Assistant Director
• The OCF met on Wednesday, October 11, 2017.
• The group thanked the CAC and Executive Committee for approving the fees and policies for the next three years.
• Announced the Boys/Girls Volleyball and Girls Basketball officials groups will have a recruitment table at their championships.
• A best practices document for recruiting of officials has been developed and shared with the OCF and will be shared with the Section Executive Directors.

Sportsmanship Committee. Kristen Jadin, Director of Special Programs
• The Committee met on Monday, September 25, 2017 via teleconference. Minutes of the meeting were included in the meeting packet.

Status Updates
Sportsmanship Promotion Banner Award
• The Sportmanship Promotion Banner Award has a new modern design.
• West Genesee High School was presented with the award at the Central Committee Recognition Luncheon. Columbia High School was presented with the award during their school’s “Meet the Coaches” night.

Discussion/Action Items
Sportsmanship Rule (28a in NYSPHSAA Handbook)
• The committee was asked if there was any interest from the Sections in changing the current rule regarding the ejection of a coach from a game. There were some concerns regarding a coach sitting out a game of a different sport in which he/she was ejected from.
• The committee was in agreement that there was no interest from the Sections to change the rule.

Sportsmanship Program Ideas
• Committee members suggested ideas for a Sportsmanship program.
• Kristen will present these ideas to SAAC and with their feedback, she and Todd will create a proposal to present to the Executive Committee.

Section Concerns
• Sections III and VIII are dealing with issues regarding lopsided scores. Section III is addressing the issue with a phone call to the school from the Section Sportsmanship Committee. Section VIII meets with the schools in question to discuss the issue. Todd mentioned Sections know their schools and are handling and addressing any issues regarding lopsided schools.
• It was asked if anything similar to what is happening in the NFL has occurred in the Sections. It has occurred in Sections V and XI.
• Kristen stressed the importance of Hazing Prevention and directed the Sportsmanship Committee to share the Hazing Prevention Course with their Section.

Future Items
• First ever NYSPHSAA Coaches Appreciation Day on Wednesday, May 16, 2018.
• Sportsmanship Program Proposal
• Thursday, April 12, 018 at 1:00 PM.

GENERAL ACTION ITEMS
Uniform Calendar for Variation Sports
• Jen Simmons, Section I Executive Director, presented a proposal regarding a clarification of the language for the variation sports uniformed calendar that was approved at the July 2014 Central Committee meeting. The language should say “presented for review to CAC” as they are a recommending body only.
• Also, in the Handbook, the language does not include voted on at the “May” meeting. The numbers should be voted on and then the earliest implementation should be Fall of the next school year (May 2017 vote, September 2018 earliest implementation).

A motion to approve clarification of language for the variation sports uniformed calendar carried. Mackin/Normandin

Oversight Committee for Classification of Non-Public and Charter Schools

• Robert Zayas, Executive Director, presented the proposal to create an Oversight Committee to review the classification placement of non-public and charter schools.

• The Committee’s responsibilities would be:
  • Review the placement of all non-public and charter schools.
  • Accept the placements of non-public and charter schools – OR – remand placements back to the Sections for rationale and further review. The Committee would not have the ability to place non-public and charter schools in a classification they believed to be most appropriate, but they could make a recommendation to the Section for placement.
  • If remanded back to the Section, the Section may:
    • Revise the placement of the non-public or charter school. If revised, the Oversight Committee will review again.
    • Keep the classification placement of the non-public or charter school.

• The Committee members would consist of the following:
  • NYSPHSAA Executive Director would serve as Chair of the Committee.
  • NYSPHSAA President would appoint five representatives from the five classifications at the beginning of the two year term of the presidency, along with a sixth member from a non-public/charter school. For voting purposes, if the Committee cannot come to a consensus (i.e. 3-3 vote), no change/recommendation would take place (i.e. accept the placement).
  • The Oversight Committee would meet at least three times: (1) Early Spring – Fall, (2) Summer – Winter, (3) January – Spring, to review the classification placement of non-public and charter schools. Sections will be required to submit a list of non-public/charter school placements by sport/season a month prior to the Oversight Committee meeting.

A motion to approve an Oversight Committee to review the classification placement of non-public and charter schools effective the 2018-2019 school year carried.       Ferry/Ryan-Curry
(Section 3:  2 no; Section 4:  2 no)

Future School Enrollment Numbers

• Robert Zayas, Executive Director, presented the proposal for revisions to the timeline for school enrollment numbers. Member schools have expressed a desire to have more time to schedule and this proposal affords them more time. NYSPHSAA does not receive preliminary school enrollment numbers from NYSED until mid-January. This often results in a very short time frame to review, revise and approve school enrollment numbers for the following school year.

• Below is the revised timeline for school enrollment numbers:
  • January 2018 NYSED releases “preliminary” School Enrollment Numbers
  • January 2018 NYSPHSAA approves School Enrollment Numbers to be used for the 2018-2019 school year
  • June 2018 NYSED releases “final” School enrollment Numbers
  • July 2018 NYSPHSAA approves School Enrollment Numbers to be used for the 2019-2020 school year
  • June 2019 NYSED releases “final” School enrollment Numbers
  • July 2019 NYSPHSAA approves School Enrollment Numbers to be used for the 2020-2021 school year
  • June 2020 NYSED releases “final” School enrollment Numbers
  • July 2020 NYSPHSAA approves School Enrollment Numbers to be used for the 2021-2022 school year
  • June 2021 NYSED releases “final” School enrollment Numbers
  • July 2021 NYSPHSAA approves School Enrollment Numbers to be used for the 2022-2023 school year

A motion to approve revisions to the timeline for school enrollment numbers effective January 2018 carried. Mullins/Ceruti
(The votes by Section:  Section 1:  2 yes; Section 2:  2 no; Section 3:  2 no; Section 4:  2 yes; Section 5:  2 no; Section 6:  2 no; Section 7:  2 yes; Section 8:  2 yes; Section 9:  2 Abstentions; Section 10:  2 yes; Section 11:  2 yes. 12 Yes/8 No/2 Abstentions)
Wrestling – Section and League Approval for 99 lb. Weight Class

- Marty Sherman, Wrestling State Coordinator, presented the Wrestling Committee’s proposal with League and Section approval, to have the 99 lb. weight class not count in league matches only effective the 2018-2019 season. There has been discussion to eliminate the 99 lb. weight class since the Federation does not recognize this weight class. By giving leagues their choice of counting the class in their scoring, it will show how serious coaches and administrators are in either keeping or eliminating it all together. All non-league matches and tournaments will count in scoring. Small schools are forfeiting this weight class or bringing up a modified wrestler to fill the weight class.

A motion to approve with Section and League approval, to have the 99 lb. weight class in Wrestling not count in league matches only effective the 2017-2018 season carried. Carboine/Ryan

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

Wrestling – Limit Two-Day Nonbracketed Tournaments

- Marty Sherman, Wrestling State Coordinator, presented the Wrestling Committee’s proposal to limit the number of two-day non-bracketed tournaments to a maximum of two of the allotted six tournaments effective the 2017-2018 season. These types of tournaments are leading to higher number of individual wins which aids in our at-large criteria. Smaller schools with budget concerns are unable to attend many of these tournaments, therefore not being able to establish more wins/loss ratio needed to possibly get an at-large bid at the state tournament.

A motion to approve to limit the number of two-day nonbracketed tournaments to a maximum of two of the allotted six tournaments in Wrestling effective the 2017-2018 season carried. Fallacaro/Staves

Girls Volleyball – Adopt S.O.P. Format for Regionals and State Tournament Play

- Patti Perone, Girls Volleyball State Coordinator, presented the Girls Volleyball Committee’s proposal to adopt a Standard Operating Procedure for all Regional and State Tournament matches to provide consistency and familiarity for players, effective Fall 2017.

A motion to approve in Girls Volleyball to adopt a Standard Operating Procedure for all Regional and State Tournament matches with the amendment that “Adults must be at the scoring tables, neutral adults, when possible.” effective Fall 2017 carried. Ryan-Curry/Ceruti

Boys Volleyball – Championship Pool Play

- Judy Hartmann, Boys Volleyball State Coordinator, presented the Boys Volleyball Committee’s proposal for when there are three teams in a division, if during Championship pool play, the teams each win one set (game), a third set (game) would be played immediately, effective November 2018. This is an attempt to avoid a one set (game) playoff at the end of pool play for second place and create a more natural flow of play.

A motion to approve in Boys Volleyball when there are three teams in a division, if during Championship pool play the teams each win one set (game), a third set (game) would be played immediately, effective November 2018 carried. Ferry/Santandera

NYSPHSAA Cheerleading Rubrics and Progressions

- Todd Nelson, Assistant Director, presented the Cheerleading Committee’s proposal for the 2017-2018 Rubrics and Progression sheets included in the meeting packet. The Rubrics have been updated and simplified for coaches and judges. The progression sheets give further clarification for both the judges and coaches. He noted under Tumbling on the Progression sheets, “flexibility” has been removed.

A motion to approve the 2017-2018 Rubrics and Progression Sheets in Cheerleading carried. Normandin/Staves

(Section 5: 2 no; Section 6: 2 no; Section 8: 2 no; Section 11: no)

Require Schools to Provide Proof of Legally Obtaining Music before Competing in NYSPHSAA Cheer State Championship

- Todd Nelson, Assistant Director, presented the Cheerleading Committee’s proposal to require all schools competing in the NYSPHSAA Cheer State Championship have legally purchased the music they will use during their routine, effective the Winter 2017-2018 season. NYSPHSAA expects all schools to follow copyright laws and puts the responsibility on the school to ensure they are following the copyright laws.

A motion to approve requiring all schools competing in the NYSPHSAA Cheer State Championship have legally purchased the music they will be using during their routine effective the Winter 2017-2018 season carried. Staves/Henshaw

Use of Video Replay for Section Cheer Championships
• Todd Nelson, Assistant Director, presented the Cheerleading Committee’s proposal to allow Sections the ability to use video replay at Section Championships. NYSPHSAA used video replay with success at the 2017 Cheerleading Championship and the committee feels a Section could also benefit if allowed to use video replay for their Sectional Championship.

A motion was defeated allowing Sections the ability to use video replay at the Section Cheer Championships.

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

Softball – Elimination of International Tie Breaker for Regional Contests

• Cathy Allen, Softball State Coordinator, presented the Softball Committee’s proposal to eliminate the International Tie Breaker rule for all Regional contests as a two-year experiment for 2018 and 2019. The same International Tie Breaker Rule waiver is in place for State Semifinals and Finals. This proposal would mirror that for regional play.

A motion to approve the elimination of the International Tie Breaker Rule for all Regional contests as a two year experiment for 2018 and 2019 in Softball carried. Ceruti/Tooley

(Section 9: 2 no)

Softball – Run Rule for Regional and State Tournament

• Cathy Allen, Softball State Coordinator, presented the Softball Committee’s proposal for a Run Rule for Regional and State Tournament play. The rule would be for 12 runs once a contest becomes an Official game.

Many regional contests are lopsided scores and the Committee felt it would be in the best interest of both teams to end the contest when there is a 12-run difference between both teams. In 2017, there were four regional contests with more than a 12-run difference and one contest with a difference of 11 runs.

A motion to approve a Run Rule for Softball Regional and State Tournament play carried. The rule would be for 12 runs once a contest becomes an Official game. Ceruti/Ryan-Curry

(Section 3: 2 no)

Softball – Complete Game for Regionals and Championships

• Cathy Allen, Softball State Coordinator, presented the Softball Committee’s proposal that all Regional and Championship contests be played to completion consisting of 7 innings or more in the event of extra innings, effective Spring 2018. In fairness to all teams, all regional and championship contests should be played to completion. There could be extenuating circumstances that may cause a contest to end once it is an official game. When a game is on the “edge” of being suspended, there is always a disadvantage to the teams. With this rule in place an umpire can now suspend a game at the best possible time for both teams in order to create a balance the currently does not exist. Officials may be pushing the game to become “official” and thus teams may be playing in conditions that are unsafe for all participants.

A motion was defeated that all Softball Regional and Championship contests be played to completion consisting of 7 innings or more in the event of extra innings. Mullins/Ceruti

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

Softball – Elimination of Regional Certificates

• Cathy Allen, Softball State Coordinator, presented the Softball Committee’s proposal to eliminate handing out Regional Certificates at Regional games, effective Spring 2018. The athletes are not finding the certificates special. They’ve been found in the trash. It is also difficult to distribute to teams, especially the losing teams, when some regionals do not have awards ceremonies following the game. The committee suggested possibly having a state template of the certificate that could be used by schools to print and distribute to their athletes. The committee inquired about the possibility of having a small plaque for the sub-regional losing team to acknowledge the school’s participation in regional play.

• The Executive Committee did not support this proposal; no motion was made.

Indoor Track & Field Weight Throw Specifications and Procedures

• Oscar Jensen, Boys Indoor Track and Field State Coordinator, presented the Boys and Girls Indoor Track and Field Committee’s proposal of weight throw procedures and specifications for Indoor Track and Field. NYSPHSAA schools have been utilizing an unapproved set of specifications and procedures when the weight throw is contested at Indoor Track and Field meets. Approval is being sought to include the specifications and procedures
Waiver into the NYSPHSAA Handbook for consistency and safety of athletes and officials. A motion to approve weight throw procedures and specifications for Indoor Track and field, effective the Winter 2017-2018 season carried. Staves/Andrew

Waiver of NCAA Women’s Basketball Rule – Courtside Monitors

- Tim Lincoln, Girls Basketball State Coordinator, presented the girls Basketball Committee’s proposal to waive NCAA Women’s Basketball Rule 11-2.1.e permitting officials to use a courtside monitor at any time during the game to determine whether the ball left the shooter’s hands before the sounding of the shot-clock horn on successful tries only, effective the 2017-2018 Girls Basketball season. Courtside monitors are not always available at high school events. The NCAA implemented the rule to provide officials with an additional resource to make an accurate decision.

A motion to approve in Girls Basketball to waive NCAA Women’s Basketball Rule 11-2.1.e permitting officials to use a court side monitor at any time during the game to determine whether the ball left the shooter’s hands before the sounding of the shot-clock horn on successful tries only, effective the 2017-2018 season carried. Fallacaro/Henshaw

(Section 4: 2 no; Section 11: 2 Abstentions)

Girls Basketball Video Equipment Rule – NFHS Rule 2-2-1

- Tim Lincoln, Girl Basketball State Coordinator, presented the Girls Basketball Committee’s proposal to adopt NFHS Basketball Rule 2-2-1 for last second shots for all NYSPHSAA Championship semi-final and final games if it can be done at no additional expense to the Association, effective the 2017-2018 Girls Basketball season. Currently, NYSPHSAA Girls Basketball rules do not allow for video replay equipment to be used during state championship series contests to determine if a scored goal was made; the NYSPHSAA Boys Basketball rules permit use of NFHS Basketball Rule 2-2-1.

A motion to approve in Girls Basketball to adopt NFHS Basketball Rule 2-2-1 for last second shots for all NYSPHSAA Championship semi-final and final games if it can be done at no additional expense to the Association, effective the 2017-2018 season carried. Henshaw/Ryan

(Section 4: 2 Abstentions; Section 10: 2 Abstentions; Section 11: 2 Abstentions)

Waiver of NCAA Women’s Basketball Rule – Coaching Box

- Tim Lincoln, Girls Basketball State Coordinator, presented the Girls Basketball Committee’s proposal to waive NCAA Women’s Basketball rule 1-9.1 extending the coaches box from 28 feet to 38 feet effective the 2017-2018 Girls Basketball season. High school courts are not always the same size as an NCAA court. The NCAA implemented this rule to permit coaches to better communicate with their players when play is at the opposite end of the paying court.

A motion to approve in Girls Basketball to waive NCAA Women’s Basketball Rule 1-9.1 extending the coaches box from 28 feet to 38 feet effective the 2017-2018 season carried. Schmandt/Santandera

(Section 2: 2 Abstentions; Section 4: 2 Abstentions; Section 11: 2 Abstentions)

Waiver of NCAA Women’s Basketball Rule - .3 Seconds Must Expire

- Tim Lincoln, Girls Basketball State Coordinator, presented the girls Basketball Committee’s proposal to waive the NCAA Women’s Basketball Rule 5-10.2 that no less than .3 seconds must expire on the game clock when the ball is legally touched inbounds and the official immediately signals to stop the clock, effective the 2017-2018 Girls Basketball season. The NCAA implemented this rule to create a minimum standard for timing purposes when the ball has been legally touched. The majority of high school gyms in New York do not have clocks to accommodate .3.

A motion to approve in Girls Basketball to waive the NCAA Women’s Basketball Rule 5-10.2 that no less than .3 seconds must expire on the game clock when the ball is legally touched inbounds and the official immediately signals to stop the clock, effective the 2017-2018 season carried. Fallacaro/Ryan-Curry

Section 4: 2 Abstentions; Section 11: 2 Abstentions)

President Osborne asked the Girls Basketball Committee to review and compare/contrast the NCAA Rules and NFHS Rules and come back to the Executive Committee with a recommendation or a rationale for staying with NCAA rules. He also directed the Section Executive Directors to take this back to their Sections for discussion. It will be a discussion item on the agenda of the May Executive Committee meeting.

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

- Indoor Track & Field from 6 to 4 in Sections 2, 3 and 7
- Indoor Track & Field from 6 to 5 in Section 8
- Skiing (Alpine and Nordic) from 6 to 4 in Sections 2 and 3
- Skiing (Alpine and Nordic) from 6 to 3 in Section 7
- Competitive Cheer from 2 to 1 in Section 7
- Gymnastics from 6 to 3 in Section 5

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

Section 1
New York School for the Deaf
555 Knollwood Road
White Plains, NY 10603
Grades 7-12

Section 6
Central Baptist Christian School
12045 Old Olean Road
Yorkshire, NY 14173
Grades 7-12

Section 7
North Country School
4382 Cascade Road
Lake Placid, NY 12946
Grades 7-12

Section 9
Upton Lake Christian School
PO Box 63, 37 Shepherds Way
Clinton Corners, NY 12514
Grades 7-12

New Members
A motion to approve the following applications for NYSPHSAA Membership carried. Staves/Ferry

Section 5
East Palmyra Christian School
2023 East Palmyra-Port Gibson St.
Palmyra, NY 14522
Grades 7-10

Section 5
Hillside Children’s Center
1183 Monroe Avenue
Rochester, NY 14620
Grades 7-12

Section 8
Academy Charter School
117 N. Franklin Avenue
Hempstead, NY 11550
Grades 7-10

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

Baseball – Add Game-Ending Procedure Run Rule
- Al Roy, Baseball State Coordinator, presented the Baseball Committee’s proposal with Section and League approval, a game ending procedure Run Rule. It would state that the game will end with a run differential of 10 runs after 5 innings (or 4 ½ if the home team is winning
- Currently NYSPHSAA hasn’t adopted a game ending procedure. The NFHS rule states without a game ending procedure, two coaches can mutually agree to end the game at any point. A game ending procedure run rule will provide consistency as to when a game can end.
- The Run Rule will have a saving impact on pitch counts and the number of pitchers that are used in games when there is a lack of competitiveness.
- It would be a two-year pilot during which time Section Coordinators will gather data regarding the number of games shortened and the number of innings not played due to the run rule. The purpose of gathering the data is to possibly justify a request to increase the number of games allowed.
- The Championship Advisory Committee unanimously supported this proposal at their September 20th meeting.
- This will be on the agenda of the February Executive Committee meeting as an Action Item.
Baseball – Adjust Regional Rotation When Byes Create a Direct Berth to State Final Four

- Al Roy, Baseball State Coordinator, presented the Baseball Committee’s proposal to adjust the regional rotations in the Southeast Region in Class D if Sections 1, 8 and 11 do not have a school qualify for Regional play. The change would be to adjust the alignments and have Sections 2 and 9 and Sections 7 and 10 play each other. The State Baseball Committee would establish a date that Sections would need to inform the State Coordinator of their intent to withdraw from the Regionals and State Tournament. The date would be determined at the winter Baseball Committee meeting.

- The Committee currently has approved Regional 6-year rotations and additional approval to modify the rotations at their January meeting when it is announced that a Section will not have a team for a specific class. Advanced scheduling allows them to avoid a team getting a direct berth to the State Final Four without playing Regional games. The cutoff date would allow the coordinator and the committee to adjust and still announce the schedule a minimum of a full week prior to the regional game schedule. This would create a fair, equitable path for teams to get to the State Final Four.

- The Championship Advisory Committee is in favor of the general concept and asked the Baseball Committee to review other sport procedures to address this issue and potentially develop a template to follow.

- This will be on the agenda of the February Executive Committee meeting as an Action Item.

Proposed Change to the 5 Classification Cut-off Numbers

- Carl Normandin, Section 10 Executive Director, presented a proposal for the sports of B/G Soccer, B/G Basketball & Baseball/Softball to use/implement the “variation sport method” for determining the 5-Class Sport Tournament Cut-off numbers effective 2018-2019.

- There still seems to be a discrepancy in the percentage of schools competing in certain classes. This will provide a more equitable distribution of schools among the 5 classes and will specifically address the competition range/spread for schools at the Class AA & Class D level of NYSPHSAA. He noted 2 Sections do not have any AA schools and 2-3 Sections do not have any Class D schools in B/G Soccer, B/G Basketball and Baseball/Softball.

- Each section can/will be able to offer a Sectional Class tournament play-down based on the cutoff numbers proposed. No one school/team will get a straight bye in their regional tournament. This will also help the respective sport coordinator when they are developing their regional bracketing.

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

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**20% PER CLASS FORMULA**

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**SECTION 10 PROPOSED #’S**

(to be voted on at February Executive Committee Meeting)

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Skiing – Waive Ski Pole Requirements for Nordic Ski Events

- Robert Zayas, Executive Director, presented the Skiing Committees’ proposal to waive ski pole length requirements for all Nordic events during the regular and postseason.
- This rule was created to deter the use of double pole technique for the entire race in Classic (traditional) style ski races. World Cup racers are strong enough to double pole up all hills and therefore would not ski in diagonal stride with the longer poles. High School skiers are not strong enough to double pole the course. This rule would require skiers to own an extra set of poles and place an additional financial burden on an already expensive equipment sport. Measurement and enforcement of the rule would require additional paid officials at the competitions.

A motion to approve in Skiing to waive the ski pole length requirements for all Nordic events during the regular and postseason effective the 2017-2018 Skiing season carried. Staves/Schmandt

COMBINING OF SCHOOLS

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

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3. 1000 Islands, Lyme, LaFargeville & Alexandria Bay | Football (V, JV, Mod.)
| Bishop Ludden & Syracuse Academy of Science | Football (V)
Port Byron & Union Springs

Immaculate Heart & Sackets Harbor
Tully, LaFayette & Fabius-Pompey
Morrisville-Eaton, Otselic, Madison & Stockbridge
Waterville & Hamilton
Cherry Valley-Springfield & Cooperstown
Cazenovia & DeRuyter
Sandy Creek & Pulaski
Otselic Valley & Morrisville-Eaton
Westmoreland & Oriskany
LaFayette & Faith Heritage
Morrisville-Eaton & Hamilton
Morrisville-Eaton & Otselic Valley
Morrisonville-Eaton, Hamilton & Madison
East Syracuse-Minoa, Chittenango & Liverpool
Utica Proctor & Notre Dame
Watertown & Immaculate Heart
Auburn & St. Joseph’s

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Afton & Harpursville

Bainbridge-Guilford, Afton & Harpursville

Candor & Spencer Van-Etten

Chenango Valley & Harpursville
Deposit & Hancock

Downsville, Livingston Manor & Roscoe
Downsville & Roscoe
Gilbertsville-Mt. Upton & Morris

Harpursville & Afton

Football (Mod.)
Field Hockey (V, JV, Mod.)
B/G Cross Country (V, Mod.)
Football (V)
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G. Soccer (V)
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G. Cheerleading (V)
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Field Hockey (V)
G. Swimming (V)
Football (V, Mod.)
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Field Hockey (JV, Mod.)
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Wrestling (V, JV, Mod.)
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B/G Indoor Track (V)
B/G Track & Field (V, Mod.)
Ithaca City School & EAC Montessori School

- B. Cross Country (Mod.)
- B/G Soccer (Mod.)
- G. Tennis (Mod.)
- G. Volleyball (Mod.)

Ithaca City School, Dryden, Lansing, Susquehanna Valley & Union Endicott
Odessa Montour & Watkins Glen

- G. Ice Hockey (V)
- Football (V, Mod.)
- B. Swimming (Mod.)
- Baseball (V, Mod.)
- Football (V, Mod.)
- B. Golf (V)
- B/G Indoor Track (V)
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- B. Golf (V)
- Football (V, JV, Mod.)
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- B/G Cross Country (V, Mod.)
- Football (V, Mod.)
- Field Hockey (V, JV, Mod.)
- B/G Bowling (V)
- Wrestling (V, Mod.)
- B/G Indoor Track (V)
- Baseball (V, JV)
- B. Tennis (V)
- Softball (JV)

Oxford Academy & Gilbertsville-Mt. Upton
Sidney & Gilbertsville-Mt. Upton
Sidney, Delaware Academy & Unatego
South Kortright & Andes

Unatego & Franklin
Union Springs & Port Byron

- Football (V, Mod.)
- B. Swimming (Mod.)
- Baseball (V, Mod.)
- Oxford Academy & Gilbertsville-Mt. Upton
- B. Golf (V)
- Sidney & Gilbertsville-Mt. Upton
- B/G Indoor Track (V)
- South Kortright & Andes
- B/G Soccer (V, Mod.)
- Unatego & Franklin
- B. Golf (V)
- Union Springs & Port Byron
- B/G Soccer (V, JV, Mod.)
- B/G Cross Country (V, Mod.)
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- B/G Bowling (V)
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- B. Tennis (V)
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Hinsdale & Cuba-Rushford
Batavia & Alexander
Northstar Christian & Destiny Christian
Newark & East Palmyra Christian
Penfield & East Rochester
Lima Christian & Genesee Country Christian
Holley & Kendall
Hillside Family with SS/Rom/Trumansburg
Arkport & Canaseraga

Monroe & School w/o Walls

- Football (Mod.)
- B. Soccer
- G. Soccer
- Soccer (Mod.)
- B. Swim/Dive
- G. Soccer (Mod.)
- G. Volleyball (Mod.)
- Football
- B/G Basketball (V, JV, Mod.)
- Wrestling (V, Mod.)
- Cheer (V, JV, Mod.)
- B/G Skiing (V, Mod.)
- Baseball (V, JV, Mod.)
- Softball (V, JV, Mod.)
- Golf (V, JV)
- B/G Track/Field (V, Mod.)
- B. Basketball
- G. Basketball (JV)
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- Baseball (V, JV)
- Softball (V, JV)
- B. Tennis (V)
- B. Golf (JV)
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- G. Basketball (V, JV)
- Cheer
- Wrestling
- Wrestling
- B. Swim/Dive

Edison, Monroe & School w/o Walls
Wilson, Rochester Early College & WOIS 58

SOTA, NE-NW, Leadership, WOIS 58 & Franklin
Wilson, Edison, Monroe, Rochester Early College & WOIS 58 & Franklin
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Monroe, School w/o Walls, Wilson & Rochester Early College

- Monroe, School w/o Walls, Wilson & Rochester Early College
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Franklin & WOIS 58

Wilson & Rochester Early College

East & NE-NW

Edison & SOTA
Edison, Monroe, SOTA & School w/o Walls

Franklin & Leadership
Wilson, Edison & Rochester Early College
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Fredonia & Westfield
West Seneca West & West Seneca East
Oracle & WNY-Maritime
Allegany-Limestone & Ellicottville
Fredonia, Dunkirk, Forestville, Silver Creek & Brocton
Westfield & Brocton

Frontier, Orchard Park & Lake Shore
Fredonia & Brocton
Ellicottville & West Valley

Chautauqua Lake, Westfield & Shermain
Brocton & Westfield
Eden & North Collins

Franklinville, Ellicottville & West Valley
Lafayette & Newcomers Academy
East & East Community
Fredonia & Westfield

Wells & Lake Pleasant
Indian Lake & Long Lake
Minerva & Newcomb
Schroon Lake & Mountainside Christian
Elizabethtown/Lewis & Westport

Elizabethtown/Lewis, Westport & Moriah
Peru, Saranac & Seton Catholic
Beekmantown & Saranac
Beekmantown & Chazy
Beekmantown, Chazy & Northeastern Clinton
Saranac Lake & Lake Placid
Plattsburgh & AuSable Valley
Moriah & Westport
Saranac Lake & Tupper Lake
Plattsburgh, Peru, Saranac, Seton Catholic & AuSable Valley

B. Swim/Dive
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Baseball (V, JV)
Softball (V, JV)

Baseball (V)
Softball (V)
B. Tennis (V)
B/G Track/Field (V)

Softball (V)
B. Tennis (V)
G. Track/Field (V)
B. Tennis (V, JV)

B. Track/Field (V, JV)
B. Golf (V, JV)
G. Golf (JV)
B. Lacrosse (V, JV)

B/G Cross Country (V, JV)
Field Hockey (Mod.)
B. Soccer (V)
G. Swimming (V)
G. Swimming (V)
G. Basketball (V, JV)
B/G Track (V, J, 7/8/9)
G. Ice Hockey (V)
Wrestling (V, JV)
Baseball (V, JV, Mod.)
B/G Golf (V)
Softball (V, JV, Mod.)
B/G Golf (V)
Softball (V, JV, 7/8/9)
B. Tennis (V)
B/G Track (V)
B/G Track (V, JV, 7/8/9)
B/G Basketball (V, JV)
B/G Basketball (V, JV)
Indoor Track

All Modified Sports (as needed)
All Sports/All Levels
All Sports/All Levels
Modified Sports
B/G Soccer (V)
G. Soccer (Mod.)
B. Soccer (Mod.)
G. Swim
G. Gymnastics
B. Ice Hockey
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Football (All Levels)
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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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NYS Athletic Administrators Association. Scott Sugar, President

Conference

- Planning for the March 2018 athletic directors’ conference began immediately after the last conference.
- There will be some changes in days/dates to spread out the conference and allow for more flexibility in programming and social events.
- The conference will begin on Tuesday with a full schedule of LTI courses and meetings. The opening General Session will take place on Tuesday evening followed by the Exhibit Hall Festival. The Roy O’Neill Awards Banquet will be moved to Wednesday evening. Thursday evening will be free for visiting local dining venues and socializing. Exhibitors will be finished Wednesday afternoon. Workshops and General Sessions will be spread further apart to allow more time for other activities. A CAA exam will be conducted on Friday morning with a review class on Thursday. The conference will still end on Friday afternoon following the David Martens’ Awards Luncheon and Alan Mallanda Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. A CAA exam will be conducted on Friday morning with a review class on Thursday.
- General Session speakers and workshop topics will be announced by early fall.

Board News and Actions

- The Executive Board recently approved and added two new paid staff positions as part of a focus on succession planning, redistributing administrative priorities and placing a greater emphasis on professional development and member services. The positions created are an Associate Executive Director to shadow the Executive Director and to learn and take over conference planning within a couple years and a Director of Professional Development & Membership Services to coordinate those two very important areas of their Association’s purpose. Dr. James Wright, CMAA was appointed as the new Associate Executive Director and Peter Shambo, CMAA was appointed as Director of Professional Development and Membership Services. Both began their new positions as of July 1.
- He and their Executive Board members recently met with the State Education Department representatives regarding a basic minimum certification requirement for athletic administrators in New York State. They were extremely encouraged with SED’s understanding of the issue and their encouragement to move forward in developing a plan and proposal. They will follow up again in early fall with an action plan for developing a proposal to be implemented.
- The Board met with their Superintendents’ representative to develop a strategy and plan for communicating with Superintendents and educating them on the role of athletic administrators and the professional development
opportunities available to them, as well as national certification programs.

- The Board is concerned with the large decrease in membership last year and is making it a top priority for 2017-2018 to get information on membership benefits out to each of the Chapter/Sections. He noted there has not been an increase in membership dues in approximately 10 years.
- The Board approved a new plan for membership of retired AD’s in NYS by offering a one-time payment of $150 for a lifetime membership (currently $35/year) in NYSAAA only. For the first year, it will be offered to all retired AD’s, and subsequently to newly retired AD’s in their first year of retirement.

Professional Development
- The Board has given preliminary approval for a plan to conduct a fall conference early in the school year for new athletic administrators within their first three years, as well as a mentoring program as a follow up. It will begin in the Fall of 2018 in a central location and involve one overnight as well as a “500” level LTI Course.
- The Board also gave approval for their staff members to attend the NYSPHSAA required fall athletic director workshops in each Section in order to promote the benefits of membership in the NYSAAA, as well as the programs offered through the Leadership Training Institute and Certification programs. He thanked Robert for his offer to make them part of the workshops.
- The CAA Exam was offered again at the conference on Friday morning. A record 10 athletic administrators took the exam and passed. It will be offered again on September 18th at 1:00 PM at the Saratoga Hilton in the Board Room.
- A complete and up-to-date list of NYS Certified Athletic Administrators (in all categories) is posted on their website.
- New (increased) certification requirements have been announced by the NIAAA for 2019. They are listed on the home page of their website
- The new LTI Course schedule is on their website. Dr. Lee Green, Professor Emeritus of Law at Baker University in Kansas, will be the guest instructor at their conference for two LTI Law Courses and a general workshop relative to law issues in athletics.

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

NIAAA/NFHS
- The NIAAA/NFHS Annual Athletic Directors Conference is scheduled for Phoenix, AZ in December. Future sites include San Antonio, TX, Tampa, FL, Denver, CO and Orlando, FL.
- A number of LTI courses are being offered again this fall as webinars by the NIAAA as well as streaming of courses live from home. Information may be found on the NIAAA and NYSAAA websites as to courses, dates, times and requirements.
- Chapter 5 is offering four of the basic LTI Courses for CAA in Penfield on two dates in November and early December. Information is available on their website. The registration contact is Peter Shambo, CMAA.

Other
- **Athletic Administrators Certification Proposal** – Noted included in the certification proposal to SED, athletic directors with 3 or more years of experience will be given a waiver along with directors with SDA or SDL certifications. Courses include 502, 501, 504 and 506. The cost will be approximately $530 to get minimal certification.

**NYS Council of Administrators.** Greg Warren, President.
- Annual conference is November 15-16, 2017 at Turning Stone. Registration is live and online.
- A schedule of events was included in the meeting packet.
A motion to approve adjournment of the October 2017 Executive Committee meeting on Thursday, October 12, 2017 at 12:00 PM carried.

Wolfe/Mullins

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Zayas
Executive Director

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