SYNOPSIS OF ACTIONS
October 19, 2016 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Hilton Garden Inn, Troy, NY

ACTION ITEMS

1. P3  Approved the agenda for the October 19, 2016 Executive Committee Meeting.
2. P3  Approved the July 26-27, 2016 Central Committee meeting minutes.
4. P19 Approved Janice Trudeau (Section 7) as the Modified Boys and Girls Gymnastics Coordinator.
5. P19 Approved with Section/League approval, the 3-Point Shot in Modified Boys and Girls Basketball.
6. P19 Approved the revised 2016-2018 Official’s contract.
7. P20 Approved prohibiting Competitive Cheerleading Squads to use props as bases.
8. P21 Approved a minimum number of 4 panel judges and 1 safety judge in Cheerleading competitions.
10. P21 Approved a Dual Meet Wrestling State Championship.
11. P22 Approved to include Sectional high school champions at the Girls Golf State Championships to compete as a high school team.
12. P22 Approved expanding the Boys and Girls Bowling Championships to two divisions.
13. P22 Defeated recognizing a State Team Champion in Boys and Girls Swimming and Diving.
14. P22 Approved as New Member: **Gilead School of Discipleship (5)**.
15. P22-23 Approved as Friend and Neighbor status: **PUC Achieve Charter School (5), Urban Choice Charter School (5), Faith Christian Academy (9), West Point Middle School (9)**.
16. P23 Approved reductions in the required number of contests for Boys & Girls Indoor Track from 6 to 4 in Sections 2, 3, 7; Boys & Girls Indoor Track from 6 to 3 in Section 4; Boys & Girls Skiing from 6 to 4 in Sections 2, 3, 4, 6; Boys Tennis from 6 to 3 in Section 7 and Girls Gymnastics from 6 to 4 in Section 7.
17. P25 Approved allowing the New York State Swimming Officials Organization to approve the uniform that swimming officials will wear at boys and girls swim meets.
18. P25 Approved OnCenter (Section 3) as host of the 2018 Boys and Girls Bowling State Championships pending the cost is comparable to past expenses.
19. P25 Approved Boys and Girls Bowling to change its 2018 State Championship from Week #35 (March 3-4) to Week #36 (March 10-11).
20. P32 Approved adjournment.
NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Hilton Garden Inn, Troy, NY
October 19, 2016

The Executive committee meeting was called to order by President James Osborne at 9:00 AM on Wednesday, October 19, 2016. Executive Director Robert Zayas introduced the officers and staff present and performed roll call to ascertain a quorum.

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

Past Presidents
Kathryn Faber
Patrick Pizzarelli
Eileen Troy

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

Section Executive Directors
Jennifer Simmons (I), Wayne Bertrand (2), John Rathbun (III), Ben Nelson (IV), Kathy Hoyt (V), Timm Slade (VI), Matthew Walentuk (VII), Nina Van Erk (VIII), Gregory Ransom (IX), Carl Normandin (X), Donald Webster (XI)

Standing Committees & Ex-Officios
James Rose, Modified Co-Coordinator
Murphee Hayes, President-NYSAAA
Greg Warren, President-NYSCOA
Darryl Daily, SED
Sport Coordinators
Gary Van DerZee, Football State Coordinator
Jamie Harter, Girls Golf State Coordinator
Michael Andrew, Boys Soccer State Coordinator
Oscar Jensen, Boys Winter Track State Coordinator
Marty Sherman, Wrestling State Coordinator

Guests
Ed Stores, Retired Executive Director-Section V
Rise Van Iderstine, Section 2
Jessica Van Ort, NYSPHSAA Intern

A motion to approve the agenda of the October 19, 2016 Executive Committee meeting carried. Wolfe/Ceruti

A motion to approve the July 26-27, 2016 Central Committee meeting minutes as written carried. Mullins/Dopp

ORAL AND PRINTED REPORTS WERE PRESENTED BY ASSOCIATION OFFICERS AND STAFF

President James Osborne
- Attended and participated in the following NYSPHSAA meetings: NYSPHSAA Officers, Student-Athlete Development Committee, Budget & Audit, Captains Club, Championship Philosophy, Modified, Handbook, Membership, Safety, Sportsmanship, Championship Advisory, Federation, Combining of Schools, Section Executive Directors, NFHS Summer and Section I meetings, SED, NYSPHSAA Office Staff meeting and the Section X Athletic Council meeting.

1st Vice President Paul Harrica
- Attended the Budget & Audit meeting. Will present a report later in the meeting.

2nd Vice President Julie Bergman
- Thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve and wished all a good year.

Executive Director Robert Zayas

Combining of Teams Committee
- The committee met on Monday, October 3, 2016 to discuss the current graduated scale of AA-50%, A-40%, B-30%, C-30% and D-20% and any needed revisions.
- During the Cracker Barrel Session at the 2016 Central Committee meeting, the Section Executive Directors proposed a revision of the graduated scale to AA, A, B to 100% and C, D to 50%.
- The committee discussed the proposed graduated scale and voted to continue studying the issue.
- As the committee was mixed in their perception of the success of the current graduated scale, Robert suggested a survey to be completed by the Sections to develop a clear perspective on the issue and to provide the committee with the ability to compare and contrast the topic of merged teams across all 11 Sections.

Championship Philosophy Committee
- The committee met on Wednesday, September 14, 2016 to review the sport designation of four sports.
- The committee supported proposals for the following:
• Wrestling Dual Team Championships
• Invite and include sectional high school champions to compete as a high school team at the NYSPHSAA Championship tournament in the sport of Girls Golf.
• Bowling (Girls & Boys) to have two Divisions
• The above three proposals were also supported by the Championship Advisory Committee at their September 28, 2016 meeting.
• The committee did not support the Swim proposal to recognize a State Team Champion.

Membership Committee
• The committee met on July 18, 2016 in Saratoga Springs to discuss issues and concerns related to non-public schools participating within the membership of NYSPHSAA.
• Each Section had representation on the Ad Hoc Committee along with representation from non-public schools, Past Presidents of the Association, NYSPHSAA legal counsel, legislative lobbyist and insurance agency. Davis Whitfield, NFHS COO and former Executive Director of North Carolina and Bernard Childress, Executive Director of the Tennessee Secondary School Activities Association also attended the meeting to provide a national perspective.
• Discussion included perceptions of the issues as well as potential solutions.
• Two sub-committees were created:
  • Oversight Committee: Explore the possibility of creating a statewide Oversight Committee to review and examine Sections placement of non-public and charter schools and creation of standard criteria to use when classifying non-public and charter schools.
  • Additional Section(s): Explore and discuss the possibility of creating a 12th and 13th Section for non-public and charter schools.
• Both sub-committees have met. On October 12th, the Membership Ad Hoc Committee met to review the work of both sub-committees. The Oversight Committee developed a proposal to potentially be voted upon at the January 27, 2017 Executive Committee meeting. The 12th Section Committee has met twice and continues to examine the potential of adding a Section to the NYSPHSAA. They are scheduled to meet again on November 7th.

Strategic Plan
• The NYSPHSAA Five Year Strategic Plan was approved at the July 2016 Central Committee meeting. It has been distributed to the NYSPHSAA Central and Executive Committees, Officers, Section Executive Directors, Past Presidents and Sport Coordinators.
• The plan included 24 initiatives for the Association to focus on. Two initiatives currently being discussed/examined are:
  • NYS Federation Championships: “Evaluate NYSPHSAA’s participation in NYS Federation events for maximum benefit to NYSPHSAA student-athletes/teams.” Discussion has included various sport committees and the NYS Federation of Secondary Schools on Thursday, September 29.
  • Modified Athletics: “Evaluate Modified programs from a philosophical perspective to determine goals and objectives.” Robert made the Modified Committee aware of this initiative at their September 23rd meeting.

Other
• Stated we have a lot of discussion about many items; i.e. non-public schools and public schools, lawsuits and litigation, SED regulations and our rules and regulations and wants to make sure that we never lose sight of the reason why we’re all in this room. It is to positively impact student-athletes in school who can’t wait for the after school program. We are always going to have challenges; but with any challenge, it brings the opportunity to continue and improve. He wants to make sure those student-athletes continue to get the best service from all of us on a daily basis. He stated our staff stands ready to assist in any way possible and that we truly appreciate the service of our Executive and Central Committee members. We are doing great things as an Association!
Assistant Director Joe Altieri

Sport Committees/Other Meetings
- Since August 9th, he was the NYSPHSAA liaison for the following committees: Sport Coordinators Annual Meeting, Cross Country, Indoor Track, Outdoor Track, Boys soccer, Girls Basketball, Wrestling, and Ice Hockey.
- Meeting minutes of all meetings are emailed to Section Executive Directors, CAC and staff.

Championships
- Spring Championships netted a profit of $60,070, a decrease from 2015 due to higher expenses of facilities and lower attendance.
- Fall Championship budgets have been secured in addition to all venue/hotel contracts, trainers and photographers.
- Tickets are now on sale for all fall championships through our new online and paper ticket provider Huddle (GoFan.co)
- Time Warner Cable Sports Channel/Charter One has committed to broadcasting three classes of the Boys and Girls Soccer Championships, all Football semifinals and finals, and the Field Hockey Championships (first time).

Championship Dates and Sites
- A copy of NYSPHSAA Championship dates and sites through 2020 was included in the meeting packet.
- Noted there are bids for 15 championships that are up this year that we will be reviewing.

Branding/Marketing
- Branding at NYSPHSAA State Championships will include traditional signage similar to the last three years with the addition of branded hotel room keys once again.
- Marketing of events will also continue through a TV, radio and digital campaign for numerous fall sports.

NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame
- The NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame deadline for applications has been moved to January 27, 2017 to encourage Sport Committees to have more nominations for our Hall of Fame.
- The committee will convene an annual meeting in January to discuss protocol and nominations.

Fall Intern
- Jessica Van Ort, a senior communications major at Saint Rose and a former three-sport athlete at Germantown (Section 2), has begun a fall semester internship with us.

Assistant Director Todd Nelson

Unified Sports
- Sections 3, 9 and some schools in Section 11 will be joining Sections 2, 5, 6 and 8 in offering Unified Sports to their member schools.
- This program has had a tremendous amount of success over the past 4 years. Students with and without disabilities have come together to compete in their school’s interscholastic program. The students who have been involved in this program have learned and demonstrated leadership skills and acceptance of all students in their school. The Youth Activation Committee is responsible to improve awareness and acceptance of all students. Many of the students now have a sense of belonging within the school community. Their peers are now acknowledging these students and recognizing their skills and efforts.
- 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.
- He and representatives from the Special Olympics New York will be meeting with the Section 4 NYSAAA Chapter in November. Any other Section interested in joining or who have questions are asked to call Todd.
School Enrollment Numbers
- We 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 who will verify the numbers and schools. A final report will be produced for final approval by the Executive Committee at the January meeting.
- Please be reminded that once the numbers are approved, the only changes that will be made will be due to clerical errors.
- Once the school enrollment numbers are approved, they will be in effect for the 2017-2018 school year.

NFHS Learn Course Offering
- NYSPHSAA emphasized the great opportunities our school districts and athletic directors have to offer professional development to our coaches and to educate our student-athletes and parents.
- A list of on-line courses available, most at no cost, was included in the meeting packet.

Sanctioning
- A reminder to all of our schools that if they are attending an event outside of New York, they have to complete a “Notice of Entry” form on our website.
- Schools participating in single games only have to verify the school they are playing is a member approved school.
- For any further questions or concerns, please contact Todd Nelson.

Director of Communications Chris Watson

Transition
- Gave a brief overview of his past job experience and his transition period since starting with NYSPHSAA on August 17th.

New Website
- On September 24th, the new NYSPHSAA website was officially launched.
- The new site features a new design and layout in an attempt to make the site more functional and user friendly.
- With the launch of the new website, the mobile app has been terminated. Our goal is to drive all traffic to NYSPHSAA.org.
- Reported on the website traffic between August 31, 2015 and September 1, 2016.

Social Media
- Twitter currently has 13,500 followers, up 3,000 in the last month.
- Instagram has 1,049 people following.
- Facebook has over 2,000 likes in the last year.
- There is a spike in social media usage in November, February/March and June due to the State Tournaments.

Badges/Credentials
- Sport coordinators have received their badges and lanyards for the fall championships.
- Media credentials have been mailed.
- Winter badges will be ordered in the coming weeks and Spring badges will be ordered during the winter season.

My Reason Why Campaign
- We are taking part in the NFHS campaign #MyReasonWhy which highlights diverse, engaging stories told by student-athletes, parents, coaches, officials and community members.
- The program began October 3rd with a goal of sharing stories about the positive impact of sports in our schools and communities.
NYSPHSAA News

- He has sent out two NYSPHSAA e-newsletters, one in September and one in October. It is sent to all Committee members and Athletic Directors as a way to keep our membership aware of ongoing and recently concluded projects in our office and around the state. If you wish to be added to the distribution list, please contact him.

Contact Information

- Email: cwatson@nysphsaa.org
- Cell: 315-391-9835
- Office Phone: 518-690-0771

Special Programs Coordinator Kristen Jadin

My Reason Why Campaign

- Working with the NFHS to promote this program.
- Ads to promote the campaign will be put in each of our Championship programs.

Spirit of Sport Award

- Would like to have someone from New York be nominated so she can submit the nomination to the NFHS.
- Criteria: Any coach, administrator, trainer or student-athlete who exemplifies the ideals of the positive spirit of sport and represents the core mission of interscholastic athletics. Includes someone who has demonstrated exemplary sportsmanship and has exceeded normal expectations in assisting school or community or has overcome adversity or a challenging circumstance.
- Contact Kristen if you know of someone who fits these criteria.

Captains Club

- The first Captains Club of the 2016-2017 school year was held on September 13th. Missy West, NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame Class of 2016 Inductee, was the guest speaker who addressed “How To Attack A New Year”.
- If any student-athlete, coach, athletic director, etc. is interested in speaking on Captains Club, please contact Kristen.

Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC)

- A list of the 2016-2017 NYSPHSAA Student-Athlete Advisory Committee members was included in the meeting packet.
- The goal is to have students serve for two years. Juniors will have the option of serving a second year.
- Applications to become a member for the 2017-2018 school year will be sent out in April.

Spalding Ball Adoption

- She reminded a Spalding ball should be used in ALL sectional contests. If a Spalding ball is unavailable at the time of the event, the game should continue as scheduled. However, if a Spalding ball is, for any reason, not used during sectional play, it is the responsibility of the Section to handle it as they see fit.
- All Sections and fall sport state chairs have received orders for fall sports.
- The winter allotment has been ordered and delivered to the Sections.
- Regional and Championship basketballs have not been ordered yet. Waiting to speak with the Committees to find out where they want their balls shipped.

Scholar-Athlete Team Award

- The program opens Monday, October 31st with a new submission process.
- If you have any questions, please contact Kristen.
- Deadline for the Fall Scholar-Athlete Team Awards is December 5, 2016.
Director of Sales and Marketing Chris Joyce

Sponsorships

- Since July, proposals of $10,000 or more have been sent to the following companies:
  - State Farm, Home Depot, FirstForm Turf, Source 1 Digital Signage, OC Sports, UPS, Allstate and Nationwide
  - Partnerships have been renewed with American Dairy Association North East, Nike and CSEA.
- CSEA Excelsior Award applications were due October 17th. A winner will be selected in cooperation with CSEA and recognized at the NYSPHSAA Football Championships at the Carrier Dome.
- Working on the final elements of a five-year digital ticketing agreement with Huddle Ticketing through a partnership with the NFHS.
- Launched “New World of Coaching” publication through Athletic Management, in cooperation with American Dairy Association North East. It is an educational professional development e-newsletter for coaches sent weekly. It includes nutritional features provided by the American Dairy Association North East.

Championship Ticketing

- Paper tickets for Sectional events have been delivered to the Section offices.
- Digital tickets are available online at GoFan.co/NYSPHSAA or on the GoFan App for all Fall Championship events.
  - Print-at-home tickets and mobile tickets provide convenience of presale purchases
  - Mobile tickets can be purchased on-site with a credit card for fans that arrive without cash.
  - He is working with Huddle to customize their site to work better for our Association’s needs.
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Marketing

- Working with Joe Altieri on ordering co-branded sponsor banners to provide a more consistent look and feel at our championship events. It will improve our branding at our events and bring more recognition to our partners.
- Developing a media campaign for Fall Championships involving television, radio and Google Network targeted ads.

Website

- Collaborated with Chris Watson and Kristen Jadin on the new website layout and organization.

Treasurer Lisa Arnold

Balance Sheet

- Continue to have a solid cash position as of August 31st of $1.2 million. Another $400,000 will be transferred into the Liquid Bond Fund (low risk) to continue to earn interest.
- Other Deferred Revenue is the Time Warner Cable payment for the 2016-2017 school year received in August 2016.
- As of August 31, 2016, we have excess revenue over expenses of $408,303 and net assets of $2.9 million.
- The Auditors were in the office the week of October 10th. She doesn’t expect any changes to the financial statements except for the adjustment to the post-retirement health benefit after we receive the actuarial report.

Income Statement

Revenues

- Our investments netted $92,130 in revenue which exceeded expectations by $22,000.
- Championships overall have netted revenues of $498,074 which include Souvenir sales of $236,592 and Sport Sponsorships of $154,330.
- Our contract with CP Sportswear exceeded our guaranteed revenue of $165,000 by over $71,000.

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Programs & Committees
- Occupancy and Travel expenses are in line with budgeted amounts.
- Ad Hoc Committee was over expended by $15,000 which is attributed to the Strategic Planning Committee which was not budgeted for.
- The market value of our investments has increased by $66,747 since August 31, 2015.
- Overall, the financial health of the Association is very good.

Legal Counsel Renee James
- Reported she had recently argued an appeal of the Transfer Rule brought by the Albany Academies, Doane Stuart School and Emma Willard School. Stated the argument went well and we should receive a decision prior to the first of the year.
- Reported we were served a Federal lawsuit involving the Transfer Rule. It was brought by the father of an 8th grade girl in a small school district who plays up because the school doesn’t have modified tennis. His claim is requiring the Transfer Rule to apply to middle school students in small school districts, especially female students, is a violation of Title IX. He is seeking an injunction. She will keep us informed on the progress of this lawsuit.
- Reported there are still many questions about Transgender. She and Robert will be speaking at conferences in Section 4 and Section 9 on Transgender. Stated over the years we have asked State Ed for clarification regarding transgender in athletics and Mixed Competition and they haven’t been very clear in terms of what their position is. She reported we received a lawsuit where a transgendered student had transitioned to a male but wanted to remain on the modified girls’ team. The appeal was taken to the Commissioner who granted a Stay and said even though the student transitioned to a male, the student could continue to participate on the girls’ team. She thought this case would give us some clarification when we received a decision but the lawsuit was withdrawn. Robert will be reconvening the Transgender Committee to update the Association’s guidelines based on recent cases and guidelines from the Commissioner to give our schools more guidance.
- Reported our Officials Contract needed to be approved by the Executive Committee because of changes to strengthen language that officials are independent contractors. Language was added stating the officials provide their own uniforms and equipment and do their own training. A motion was made to approve the new language.

A motion to table the proposed language change until the end of the meeting so that the new verbiage could be emailed to the Executive Committee members before they voted carried. Bjork/Staves
- Reported on two modifications SED will be voting on in response to concerns received. Stated the Association found out on Friday, October 14th that SED is proposing to change wording in the Duration of Competition regulation to “other circumstances”. They also want to change the protocols for K-8 students to play up to schools they’ve contracted with. If they decided to go to a different school, the student would be ineligible for one year. These are scheduled to be voted on by the Regents in February, possibly January. The Public Comment Period is open now so she will be working with Robert and Kevin Banes on our response.

SECTION CONCERNS

Section III asked for a clarification regarding software for swim entries. Robert replied there is but it is not required at this time.

Section V inquired about SED and coaching certification when it comes to review as opposed to initial certification on CPR, First Aid and lifeguarding. They have had coaches with over 20+ years’ experience in lifeguarding and now have to take the original course. Darryl Daily suggested they call the Office of Coaching Certification.
Section VII voiced a concern with the maximum number of contests in Modified sports stating it may be time to review them and increase them. This will be placed on the agenda of the April Modified Committee meeting.

Section X inquired if the Colorado model of the pitch count had been emailed to everyone and have Sections discussed it. Ed Dopp, Baseball State Coordinator, stated it had been sent to the Baseball Committee and will be sent to the Section Executive Directors.

REPORTS FROM EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

State Education Department — Darryl Daily

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- www.nysaaa.org/prof-development/certification-program
- NYSAAA Annual Conference (March 15-17, 2017) in Saratoga Springs – www.nysaaa.org/conference/program-information
- NYS Council of Administrators Conference (November 16-19, 2016) in Verona, NY - www.nysahperd.org/content/professional-development/new-york-state-council-of-administrators.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


THE EVERY STUDENT SUCCEDS ACT (ESSA)

- Commissioner Maryellen Elia stated the new law still has to be reviewed closely as there are questions about evaluations, assessments and accountability. She stated the Act will let New York move forward to implement new, higher standards and improve our schools and to help our students build better lives through education.
- See: www.regents.nysed.gov/meetings/2016/2016-02/meeting-board-regents

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.

NEW GUIDANCE HIGHLIGHTS IMPACT OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT HEALTHY STUDENTS (FROM USDOE BULLETIN SENT ON 1/15/16)

• www2.ed.gov/policy/elsec/guid/secletter/160115.html

• Toolkit available: Healthy Students Promising Futures-State and Local Action Steps and Practices to Improve School Based Health – www2.ed.gov/admins/lead/safety/healthy-students/toolkit.pdf

• Promote Healthy School Practices Through Nutrition, Physical Activity and Health Education. More physical activity throughout the school day can improve a student’s health and academic outcomes. School learning environments should be designed to include opportunities for daily physical activity and high quality, nutritious school food. To create these opportunities, schools can assess the effectiveness of their policies and practices using the Centers for disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) School Health Index and School Health Guidelines to Promote Healthy Eating and Physical Activity. Schools can get access to even more technical assistance and support materials by signing up to be school champions through the Let’s Move! Active Schools initiative. LEAs can develop strong Local Wellness Policies that are deeply integrated into individual school improvement plans. Schools can use CDC’s Health Education Curriculum Analysis Tool (HECAT) to determine how well their health education programs address these and other topics.

NEW PUBLICATION HIGHLIGHTS OPPORTUNITIES TO INCORPORATE HEALTH AND WELLNESS INTO SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANS

• The National Association of Chronic Disease Directors (NACDD) has released a new resource: A Guide to Incorporating Health and Wellness into School Improvement Plans. School improvement plans provide a systematic opportunity to address the needs of the whole child, incorporating physical, social, emotional and/or behavioral health priorities into schools. The guide is designed to provide public health agencies and other education partners an understanding of improvement plans and their purpose and role in schools and districts. It outlines opportunities to incorporate health and wellness-related goals and aligned activities into the improvement planning process, and highlights useful examples from a state, district and schools that have done it.

ATHLETIC PLACEMENT PROCESS for INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC PROGRAMS-APP (Formerly Selection Classification Program)

• July 2016 Update
  o The Athletic Placement Process (APP) was fully implemented in the 2015-2016 school year. The New York State Education Department (NYSED) has been receiving requests from the field to review the APP document after a year of implementation. After review and input from NYSED staff, New York State Public High School Athletic Association
(NYSPHSAA) staff and the medical community, some amendments have been made to the APP document. The amendments will take effect beginning July 2016, for the 2016-2017 school year.

- The amendments in the (Updated-July 2016) APP document are highlighted below:
  - Categories of sports were taken into account and recommended Tanner scores were adjusted in appendix H to reflect that. (IE: Collision sports, limited contact sports, and non-contact sports).
  - Further citations were added to the APP document for medical directors.
  - Further clarification has been made in step 4 with the APP document to help clarify the question of recommended score vs. required score with the Tanner score.


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


MIXED COMPETITION GUIDELINES REVISED (August 2015)


COACHING COURSES

- NFHS (NYS Specific) Coaching course pathway (NYSED, NYSPHSAA and NYSAAA collaborated) has been approved and added by NYSED as an alternative pathway. 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:

- Contact Associate in Physical Education, Darryl Daily if need new Coaching Course provider templates. 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.

TRANSGENDER GUIDANCE DOCUMENT

- Transgender and Gender-Nonconforming-Students Guidance Document BOR was approved July 20, 2015:

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 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.

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

IMPORTANT HEALTH RELATED ITEMS
• NEW YORK STATE COMBAT HEROIN AND PRESCRIPTION OPIOID ABUSE CAMPAIGN
  • A new Kitchen Table Toolkit is available as part of the campaign.
  • The toolkit features two new videos which can be used by parents, teachers, and community members to help begin conversations with youth concerning the health risks and dangerous consequences of heroin and prescription painkiller abuse.
  • See link: combatheroin.ny.gov/sites/default/files/resources/DiscussionGuideTableToolkit2_web.pdf
  • 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
  • A new supplemental guide Health Education Standards Modernization Supplemental Guidance Document: Instructional Resource Packet for Heroin and Opioids is now available to assist school districts to meet requirements of modernizing health education instruction by including heroin and opioid content within the alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs curricula. This guide was developed to assist teachers in addressing the functional knowledge content for Heroin and Opioids (e.g. prescription painkillers), and is aligned with the NYS Learning Standards for Health Education for students at three levels: elementary, intermediate, and commencement.
  • The Learning Standards, Health Education Guidance Document and the new supplemental guide for heroin and opioids, along with additional resources can be found at the Department’s School Health Education website - www.p12.nysed.gov/sss/schoolhealth/schoolhealtheducation/

• 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

• DEVELOPMENT OF RESOURCES TO EDUCATE ON NEED TO ENCOURAGE ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION
  • Recent Legislation (Summer 2016)-SED will work collaboratively with organizations that promote organ and tissue donation to provide model exemplar lesson plans and best practice instructional resources on the importance and value of organ and tissue donation. Information will be shared when it becomes available.
  • Please note-APRIL is National “DONATE LIFE” month.
REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

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

- The committee met on Monday, September 12, 2016 via teleconference.
- Items discussed: Membership Dues, reduction of revenue, reduction of students over the past 3 years, recommended freezing the membership dues for 2017-2018 due to the reduction in enrollment and revenue.
- The committee froze ticket prices for the State Championships.
- They will also be looking into reducing ticket prices at State Tournaments.

A motion to approve freezing membership dues for 2017-2018 by using the formula of $810 per school and $0.86 per student above 300, based upon the 2014-2015 school enrollment numbers carried.

Cruikshank/Carboine

Championship Advisory Committee. Joe Altieri, Assistant Director

- The committee met on Wednesday, September 28, 2016 in the NYSPHSAA Office.
- Terms and responsibilities of CAC members were discussed. He noted CAC members are appointed by the President and that President Osborne has discussed consulting with the CAC to establish criteria for current and new members. Mike Andrew and Patricia Ryan-Curry reinforced the value of having a history and institutional knowledge of the Association in order to serve on the CAC. Jim asked the CAC to get back to him or the office about criteria or their thoughts on this. The committee unanimously approved to end CAC terms at the end of the school year, September 1.
- The committee supported the following proposals to be presented for action at the October 2016 Executive Committee meeting:
  - Indoor Track – Adding 2nd Relay. Joe introduced the proposal and Girls Indoor Track State Coordinator Dave Hennessey explained the proposal.
  - Wrestling Dual Meet Tournament. Joe introduced the proposal and Wrestling State Coordinator Marty Sherman explained the proposal.
  - Girls Golf Expand Tournament with High School Team. Joe introduced the proposal and Girls Golf State Coordinator Jamie Harter explained the proposal.
  - B/G Bowling – Expanding to 2 Divisions. Joe introduced the proposal and Boys Bowling coordinator Mike O’Connell explained the proposal.
  - B/G Bowling - Revise Championship Calendar/Championship Site 2018. Joe introduced the proposal for a change in the 2018 NYSPHSAA Bowling Championship date and then followed with information on the proposed 2018 site.
- The committee did not support the following proposals:
  - Indoor Track – Lowering heights of pole vault/high jump. Joe introduced the proposal and Indoor Track State Coordinator Dave Hennessey explained the proposal. Oscar noted he was opposed to this proposal since athletes should be able to make current minimums, however the committee was unanimously in favor of it. Mark asked how minimums were determined and Dave explained the process. Patricia asked about a contradiction in the proposal regarding raising the bar. Robert had a concern about a disadvantage for the better athlete due to waiting around longer if more athletes made heights. Dave indicated it is not an issue for athletes to wait. History of the event was discussed.
  - B/G Swimming – Declare a team champion. Joe introduced the proposal and Boys Swimming State Coordinator Peter Hugo explained the proposal. Peter noted if they declare a team champion, they will be able to honor a Coach of the Year from the NISCA. They are also asking for it to be retroactive and name previous Coaches of the Year. Mark asked if swimming is really declaring to be a team sport. Todd noted not necessarily; it’s based upon
how you qualify for states. Robert asked who is going to pay for the plaques for team
champions and Peter replied the Coaches Association would pay for it each year. Robert
noted if NYSPHSAA is going to recognize a team champion in swimming, then NYSPHSAA
should give out the award and pay for it. Patricia and Mike had concerns about the
committee wanting a team champion just to recognize an adult.

Future Items for Discussion
- **Football Regional Rotation.** Due to a concern from section 1, a new football regional rotation
  from 2017-2021 will be presented at the next meeting following the Football Committee’s
  meeting in November.
- **Girls Soccer Regional Rotation.** Due to a concern from Section 7, a new girls soccer regional
  rotation starting in 2017 will be presented at the spring meeting following the Soccer
  Committee’s meetings in November and January.

Other
- **Baseball Pitch Count.** John Rathbun had the following concerns/questions which Joe suggested
  bringing to the Baseball Committee for discussion at their January meeting:
  - Would it be possible to start this as a pilot program with Modified and JV for the first year
    and then incorporate it to the Varsity the second year?
  - Could this rule be only for the regular season (like the 6-day rule)?
  - Is it possible to move the Regional dates so there isn’t a week off between the Semi’s and
    Finals; this would give Sections more time to conduct their Sectionals? Semi-final date is an
    SAT date.
  - Could we expand the pitch count for the play-offs?

Next Meeting
- The next meeting of the CAC is scheduled for Wednesday, December 15, 2016 at 11:00 AM in
  the NYSPHSAA Office.

**Handbook Coordinator.** Patrick Pizzarelli, Coordinator
- The Committee met on Wednesday, September 21, 2016 via teleconference.

**Life of an Athlete**
- Currently the NYSPHSAA Handbook requires each Section to hold at least one chemical health
  workshop during the school year emphasizing educational and preventative strategies, and
  attended by representation from each school in their Section.
- Consideration for revising language to read: “Each Section is recommended to hold at least one
  chemical health workshop during the school year.....”
- The Committee unanimously supports this change. Bring back to Sections for discussion for
  possible action in January.

**Practice and Appeals**
- A question was asked if the NYSPHSAA should consider permitting student athletes to “practice”
  if they are appealing a NYSPHSAA standard, but not to practice if they are appealing a NYSED
  Regulation.
- Currently students are permitted to “practice” while their eligibility is being appealed to the
  Section, State or NYSED Commissioner.
- The Committee felt it would be difficult in the current climate to make this more restrictive.
  They agreed that allowing a student to practice can be at the school’s discretion. Robbie Greene
  questioned the Association’s current practice of allowing students to practice when they are
  appealing. Todd Nelson said the rationale is to avoid students missing practices if their appeal is
  overturned by the Section.
- The Committee agreed that no change should be made to this regulation at this time.
- Todd reminded the Committee there is no regulation or standard in the Handbook which
  prevents a school from playing a student who is in the process of appealing. If the appeal is not
overturned, then the school would have to forfeit any games because they essentially used an ineligible player.

- Bring back to Sections for discussion.

7th and 8th Grade Transfer Rule
- Any consideration for a 7th or 8th grade student not to be subject to the NYSPHSAA Transfer Rule, if they played at the high school level because their middle school did not offer modified sports.
- Robbie Greene said the school signed off that the student was an “elite” athlete. The document clearly states the APP process should not be used to fill teams.
- The Committee did not support any change to the Transfer Rule at this time to accommodate students who do not have an opportunity to participate at the middle school level.

Future Meeting Dates
- Friday, December 16, 2016 at 9:00 AM
- Wednesday, April 5, 2017 at 9:00 AM
- Wednesday, June 21, 2017 at 9:00 AM

Student Athlete Development Committee. Kristen Jadin, Special Programs Coordinator
- The Committee met on Monday, September 12, 2016 via teleconference.

Discussion Items/Action Taken:

Status Updates
- Revisions to the Scholar-Athlete Team Award program were approved at the July 2016 Central Committee meeting. The program will open on Monday, October 31st.
- The first Captains Club of the 2016-2017 school year featured Missy West (2016 NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame Inductee) and is available on the NYSPHSAA YouTube Channel.
- NYSPHSAA is entering into an agreement with an online Hazing Prevention company as a service to the membership. Schools will be able to purchase the online curriculum for $100 per year. More information will be provided later this Fall. Effective start date is January 3, 2017.

SAAC
- An update was given on the number of applications received. The application will be available earlier this academic year to allow for more applicants and a new due date given. The juniors selected this year will have the ability to stay on the committee for a second year. This rotation will continue. The goal is to have a committee member serve for 2 years.

Battle of the Fans
- The plan is to continue with the program as is for this year. She is working with Chris Watson on a promotional video to show how the program can positively impact a school and community if used properly.

Life of an Athlete
- This program needs to be revitalized and focused on as it is extremely important. She stated she is going to look at ways the website can be updated to make it more interactive and searchable so AD’s, students and parents can reference it.

NYSPHSAA Student Leadership Conference
- She will be creating a survey to send out to the membership to determine their interest in developing a NYSPHSAA Student Leadership Conference.
- SAAC members would help plan and be a part of the conference. The SADC would help provide program ideas and speakers.

Student of the Month
- She presented the idea for a “Student-Athlete of the Month” to be featured on the NYSPHSAA website.
- It was suggested each Section select a Student-Athlete of the Month and then send their selection to the State office.
- Kristen will develop criteria to help in the selection.
Next Meeting
- The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 14, 2016 at 10 AM via teleconference.

Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. Kristen Jadin, Special Programs Coordinator
- The Committee met on Sunday, October 2, 2016 via teleconference.

Discussion Items/Action Taken

Mission Statement
- She asked the Committee to start thinking about what they want the mission of the Committee to be. Ideas will be discussed and a mission statement developed at the next meeting.

Scholar-Athlete Revisions
- Some of the committee members did not know what the Scholar-Athlete program was. Kristen explained the program and encouraged all SAAC members to promote the program in their schools and Sections as everyone should strive to be named a Scholar-Athlete and/or be part of a Scholar-Athlete team.

What is NYSPHSAA? Do the NYSPHSAA Student-Athletes know what NYSPHSAA is?
- The Committee responded that unless you make it past Sectionals, no one knew what the Association is or does.
- Kristen asked for ideas on how to get the word out there in regards to NYSPHSAA and how it impacts student-athletes. She will be working with Chris Watson to get more information out via social media as to what NYSPHSAA is and does.

New York State Leadership Conference
- The Committee discussed the idea of having a New York State Leadership Conference. They were in favor of starting a student leadership conference. It would be a great opportunity to meet other student-athletes from around the state and share their ideas. A motion was made to consider developing a NYSPHSAA Leadership Conference. It was unanimously supported by the NYSPHSAA SAAC. Kristen will be developing a survey to send out to the membership to determine their interest and what time of year would be feasible.

Life of an Athlete
- The Committee stated drugs, including performance enhancing drugs, and alcohol was an issue in their Section/school. Most felt that more education and resources are needed to help address the issue.
- Kristen and the SADC are looking into creating Section workshops and also making the LOA information more accessible on our website.

Coaches Appreciation Day
- The Committee felt it is important to have a Coach Appreciation Day to recognize their commitment to student-athletes.

Student-Athlete of the Month
- Kristen will be creating Student-Athlete of the Month criteria to present to SAAC at their next meeting.

Captains Club
- Kristen asked the Committee to promote it and to let her know if anyone wanted to be a part of it.

SAAC Forum
- Kristen is looking to start a SAAC forum to discuss issues/ideas online in between meetings.

New England Student Leadership Conference (NESLC)
- A question was asked if SAAC automatically attends the NESLC. The answer is yes but the application still needs to be filled out.

Future Meeting Dates
- Sunday, December 4th @ 7 PM, Sunday, April 2nd @ 7 PM, Sunday, June 11th @ 7 PM
Safety Committee. Todd Nelson, Assistant Director

- The Committee met on Monday, September 26, 2016 via teleconference.

Concussion Management Update

- The Brain Association of New York will be holding another roundtable discussion. NYSPHSAA will be represented at the meeting.
- There are no changes in the Return to Play guidelines.
- A new item coming out of a roundtable meeting was studies have shown students with prolonged symptoms benefit from some light aerobic activity. They are tending to recover much faster than those who are doing no activity.

Heat Index-Wind Chill Procedures

- The Safety Committee recommends adding language to the Heat Index and Wind Chill Procedures to allow schools to use a Wet Bulb indicator to determine THI on a specific field.

NFHS Rio

- It is NYSPHSAA’s goal to have all Sections offer USA Heads Up coaching education for the 2017 season.
- The Safety Committee is asking the Football Committee to consider adopting Tommy Tough Standards.
- Section XI is collecting data on using the standards during the 2016 season.

Baseball Pitch Count

- The Safety Committee supports the Pitch Counts for baseball.
- Have some concerns about Modified level and about the penalty phase.

Girls Lacrosse Helmets

- The Safety Committee is asking the Girls Lacrosse Committee to discuss soft helmets now that there is an established ASTM Standard.

NYSPHSAA Strategic Plan

- A sub-committee was formed to examine ideas on ways to increase use of Certified Athletic Trainers and/or services. A report will be given to the Safety Committee in the Spring.

Anyone Can Save a Life

- Schools are encouraged to have coaches use this program to establish an emergency action plan.

Next Meeting

- The next meeting of the Safety Committee is scheduled for April 3, 2017 via teleconference.

Modified Committee. Jim Rose, Co-Coordinator

- A synopsis of the September 23, 2016 meeting was included in the meeting packet

Discussion Items

Maximum Number of Games/Week Baseball and Softball

- A proposal was presented by the Section 3 Modified Committee to edit language in the second sentence of both the Baseball Game Condition 2. Doubleheaders: b) and Softball Game Condition 3. Doubleheaders: b) “A team may not play three (3) games in two (2) consecutive days. No more than three (3) games a week may be played.” It will be edited to read: “No more than four (4) games a week may be played.” (Effective Start Date: Spring 2017)

Rationale: To give schools more flexibility to reschedule games due to inclement weather during the season. Schools would still be prohibited from playing 3 days in a row.

Extended Playing Time in Volleyball

- A proposal was presented by the Section 9 Modified Committee for the following: “With section/league approval, extended playing time in modified volleyball may consist of 6 games per match. The number of points per game shall be limited to 20 points in these matches.” (Effective Start Date: Fall 2017)
Rationale: NYSPHSAA currently allows some sports to have extended playing time in the form of extended 4 quarter games or 5th quarters. This motion would treat volleyball in the same fashion by limiting each game to 20 points instead of 25.

Action Items
A motion to approve Janice Trudeau (Section 7) as the Modified Boys and Girls Gymnastics Coordinator carried. Staves/Ceruti
A motion to approve with Section/League approval, the 3-Point Shot in Modified Boys and Girls Basketball carried. Graczyk/Mullins
(The votes by Section were: Section 1: 2 no; Section 2: 2 yes; Section 3: 2 yes; Section 4: 2 yes; Section 5: 2 yes; Section 6: 2 yes; Section 7: 2 yes; Section 8: 2 yes; Section 9: 2 yes; Section 10: 2 no; Section 11: 2 yes. 18 Yes/4 No.)

Officials Coordinating Federation. Todd Nelson, Assistant Director
- The OCF meeting was held on Tuesday, October 18, 2016.
- There was much discussion on recruiting of officials. There is much concern from the school side. Also much concern from the new recruits as to how long it is for the training process and with how long before they get assigned.
- The idea of a junior official program was presented and is still in discussion.
- A banner will be posted on the website to promote the need for new officials. Interested people will be directed to Todd who will provide them with contact information on the appropriate person at the Section level to get information on how to become an official.
- It was suggested for officials to have a table or booth for recruitment at our State Championships.
- He will be working with Joe Altieri to develop a PSA through Time Warner to promote the need for new officials.
- Reported our Officials Contract needed to be approved by the Executive Committee because of changes in Paragraph #15 to strengthen language that officials are independent contractors. Language was added stating the officials provide their own uniforms and equipment and do their own training.
A motion to approve the revised 2016-2018 Official's Contract carried. Mullins/Bjork
Paragraph #15 now reads: “Notwithstanding any other provisions to the contrary, each approved official shall be acting in his/her capacity as an official who is an independent contractor with regard to his/her relationship to any member school, the NYSPHSAA, Inc. or any of its subdivisions and in no way does an employer-employee relationship exist. As independent contractors, the officials are not covered by NYSPHSAA, its sections and/or its member schools' workers compensation. Officials shall provide their own uniforms and equipment and select which games they are available to officiate. Officials shall be given a 1099 form for their services. Each official shall perform services in accordance with currently approved methods and practices in his or her professional capacity.”

Sportsmanship Committee. Kristen Jadin, Special Programs Coordinator/Todd Nelson, Assistant Director
- The committee met on Monday September 26, 2016 via teleconference.

Discussion/Action Items
Artificial Noise Makers
- Todd reported the proposal of artificial noise makers being prohibited at all interscholastic events was defeated at the Central Committee in July. Some concerns the membership had was that it would be difficult to police and it is difficult to define artificial noise makers.

NAIA 5 Star Leadership Program
- Kristen mentioned the NAIA 5 Star Leadership Program is available on the NYSPHSAA website.
- Due to the NAIA losing its sponsor for this program, they can no longer pay for the banners after this year.
• She stated due to the lack of participation, the program is going to be re-evaluated to see if this is what the membership wants. The program had only 3 participants last year.

Captains Club
• The first Captains Club of the 2016-2017 school year featured NYSPHSAA Class of 2016 Hall of Fame inductee, Missy West.
• If there is any interest in being part of the Captains Club, contact Kristen.

Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC)
• Kristen updated the Committee on the status of the SAAC.
• The SAAC members have been chosen and contacted.

Hazing Prevention
• With the understanding that NYSPHSAA schools are being approached by many hazing and bullying speakers, presenters and companies, NYSPHSAA is entering into an agreement with an online hazing prevention company as a service to the membership. Schools will be able to purchase this online curriculum for $100 per year. More information will be provided later this Fall with a potential release of this program in January 2017.

Sportsmanship Promotion
• With the change to an online application, more people than ever before completed the survey.

Battle of the Fans
• As a part of the NYSPHSAA Strategic Plan, the Battle of the Fans Program was addressed.
• Todd explained the program is a great way to be proactive with the student section in schools. Administrators can work with the students and teach them to be positive.
• Chris Watson, Director of Communications, is working on a promotional video to display the positivity of the program. Todd asked the Sportsmanship Committee to promote this program in their Sections.
• Kristen mentioned the program to the SADC who suggested looking at changing the name of the program. She will present the program to the SAAC for their input.

Student-Athlete of the Month
• Kristen presented the idea for the “Student-Athlete of the Month” to be featured on the NYSPHSAA website to the Committee.
• She presented it to the SADC who is in favor of the program.

Coaches Appreciation Day
• The Committee was in favor of pursuing a “Coaches Appreciation Day” at the State level to recognize coaches for what they do and how important they are.

Next Meeting
• The next meeting of the Sportsmanship Committee is Monday, April 3, 2017 at 1:00 PM.

GENERAL ACTION ITEMS

Cheerleading – Prohibit Use of Props as Bases
• Todd Nelson, Assistant Director, presented the Cheerleading Committee’s proposal to prohibit Competitive Cheerleading Squads to use props as bases. The NFHS has taken a rule in the Dance section of the NFHS Spirit rulebook and added it to the Cheerleading section of the rulebook. The Cheerleading Committee feels the new rule to the Cheerleading section increases the risk to our student-athletes. The prohibition of the new rule will not negatively affect teams since they have never been allowed to use props as bases.

A motion to approve prohibiting Competitive Cheerleading Squads to use props as bases carried.

Murphy/Dopp
Number of Cheer Judges Requested

- Todd Nelson, Assistant Director presented the Cheerleading Committee’s proposal. With the current score sheets and categories, it is very difficult for 3 panel judges to properly judge a team’s routine and be fair to the athletes that are competing. Competitions can use fewer judges but only as a last resort to hold the competition.

A motion to approve a minimum number of 4 panel judges and 1 safety judge in Cheerleading competitions carried.  
Bjork/Fallacaro

(Nsection 7: 2 no)

NYSPHSAA Cheerleading Rubrics

- Todd Nelson, Assistant Director presented the Cheerleading Committee’s proposal. These rubrics are used by coaches and officials to award points to a cheerleading squad during a competition. The Cheerleading Committee has updated these rubrics from the 2015-2016 school year.

A motion to approve the 2016-2017 Cheerleading Rubrics carried.  
Dopp/Tooley

(Nsection 11: 2 no)

Cheerleading Video Replay – Safety/Deduction

- Todd Nelson, Assistant Director presented the Cheerleading Committee’s proposal on the use of the video replay at the NYSPHSAA Cheerleading Championships to review safety and deduction points during a routine. With the use of Varsity Media, we have the capability of allowing a judge to review a third party video to recheck all deductions including safety violations. Once a coach requests a review, they open the entire routine to all deductions including all safety violations.

- This proposal was postponed to the January Executive Committee meeting so that Sections could meet with their Cheerleading representatives.

Wrestling – Establish a 2-Division Dual Meet Championship

- Marty Sherman, Wrestling State Coordinator, presented the Wrestling Committee’s proposal for a Dual Meet State Championship in two divisions for a one-day tournament. This meet would recognize and bring together the best teams from each Section and crown a Dual Meet Champion from both Division 1 and Division 2. This would not include PSAL or CHSAA teams. Presently there is an unofficial recognition based on one man’s opinion. Each Section will determine their representative. No school would be obligated if they choose not to participate.

A motion to establish a Dual Meet State Championship in two divisions for a one-day competition, revising the Championship Philosophy for Wrestling from an “individual” sport designation to a “team/individual” sport designation and to remove the Representation Rule in Item J. Individual Eligibility of the Tournament Specifics and replace it with “The 7 consecutive day rule would not be permitted for team dual wrestling” carried.  
Fallacaro/Henshaw

(The votes by Section were: Section 1: 2 yes; Section 2: 2 yes; Section 3: 2 yes; Section 4: 2 yes; Section 5: 2 yes; Section 6: 2 yes; Section 7: 2 yes; Section 8: 2 yes; Section 9: 2 yes; Section 10: 2 yes; Section 11: 2 yes. 22 Yes/0 No.)

Girls Golf – Expand State Tournament to Include Teams

- Jamie Harter, Girls Golf Coordinator, presented then Girls Golf Committee’s proposal to invite and include Sectional high school champions to the NYSPHSAA Girls Golf Championship to compete as a high school team. Teams compete in all Sectional tournaments for a team title but do not have the opportunity to win a team championship with their teammates at the State Tournament. Winning teams already send 3 individuals on average to States. There would be 1-2 more competitors for each Section going to States to make a “team” which would result in 12-20 more athletes competing.
A motion to approve to invite and include Sectional high school champions to the NYSPHSAA Girls Golf Championship to compete as a high school team, revising the Championship Philosophy for Girls Golf from an “individual” sport designation to a “team/individual” sport designation carried.  

Carboine/Durdon

Boys & Girls Bowling – Expand State Tournament

- Mike O’Connell, Boys Bowling State Coordinator, presented the Boys and Girls Bowling Committees proposal to expand the Bowling State Championships into two Divisions. Total participation in the State Tournament is presently less than 5% (boys and girls based on data provided in 2016 participation survey) and heavily skewed towards schools with enrollment greater than 600. Currently, 55% of all participating schools have enrollment less than 600 but approximately 75-80% of all qualifying teams come from schools with enrollment greater than 600. Expansion of the existing School Division championship into a Division 1 and Division 2 format will yield participation of 5% for the Boys and 6% for the Girls.

A motion to approve expanding the Bowling State Championships by splitting the existing School Team Division into Division 1 and Division 2 carried. The initial Division 1 enrollment number will be 600 and above. Mullins/Carboine

Boys & Girls Swimming & Diving to Allow a School to Receive the Title as State Champion at the State Meet

- Peter Hugo, Boys Swimming & Diving State Coordinator presented the Boys and Girls Swimming & Diving Committees proposal to allow coaches from New York State the opportunity to be eligible for the David H. Robertson Excellence in Coaching Award presented from the National Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association. To be eligible for this award, a coach must have won five or more state championships for swimming or water polo.

A motion to approve to allow our coaches and schools the opportunity to crown a State Team Champion at the Swimming & Diving State Championships which would then allow New York to participate in the David H. Robertson Excellence in Coaching Award presented by the National Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association each year was defeated. Ferry/Ceruti

(The votes by Section were: Section 1: 2 no; Section 2: 2 no; Section 3: 2 no; Section 4: 2 no; Section 5: 2 no; Section 6: 2 no; Section 7: 2 no; Section 8: 2 yes; Section 9: 2 yes; Section 10: 1 no; Section 11: 2 no. 17 No/4 Yes.)

New Member

A motion to approve the following application for NYSPHSAA Membership status carried. Mullins/Schmandt

Section 5

Gilead School of Discipleship
18 S. Main Street
Perry, NY 14530
Grades 7-12

Friend and Neighbor

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

Section 5

PUC Achieve Charter School
14 Mark Street
Rochester, NY 14605
Grade 7

Section 5

Urban Choice Charter School
545 Humboldt Street
Rochester, NY 14610
Grades 7-8

Section 9

Faith Christian Academy
25 Golf Club Lane
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601
Grades 7-12
Section 9
West Point Middle School
705 Barry Road
West Point, NY 10996
Grades 7-8

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

- Boys & Girls Indoor Track from 6 to 4 in Sections 2, 3, 7
- Boys & Girls Indoor Track from 6 to 3 in Section 4
- Boys & Girls Skiing from 6 to 4 in Sections 2, 3, 4, 6
- Boys Tennis from 6 to 3 in Section 7
- Girls Gymnastics from 6 to 4 in Section 7

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

Indoor Track – Establish 2nd Relay at State Meet
- Oscar Jensen, Boys Indoor Track State Coordinator presented the Boys and Girls Indoor Track and Field Committees proposal for each Section to be allowed to send a second relay to the NYSPHSAA Championships in the 4 x 200m Relay, the 4 x 400m Relay and the 4 x 800m Relay.
- The standard would be based on the fourth place average of the years 2012-2016 at the NYSPHSAA/Federation Championships. A relay team would be required to meet the following standards and finish second in their state qualifier:

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- Effective start date is March 2018.
- This proposal has been around for years. Several years ago, the Championship Advisory Committee recommended this relay be added to the state meet however a moratorium on expanding championships halted the proposal.
- The Committees unanimously support this proposal for the following reasons:
  - New York State is a leader in track and field, especially in indoor track. Several Sections have had relays which have qualified to run in national level meets yet they have been unable to run in our state meet if they are from one of our stronger Sections.
  - With our state meet moving to the Ocean Breeze Indoor Track and Field Facility on Staten Island, the venue allows for additional athletes to compete in the meet.
  - Currently, Indoor Track is the only individual sport with relays that do not allow a Section the opportunity to send an additional relay.
  - No additional cost is anticipated to NYSPHSAA as the 2nd relay should help pay for the meet costs due to additional admission revenues. There should be little impact to the Sections since few Sections will be able to continually send relay teams. Most of the Sections that will be able to send additional teams are within a 50-mile radius of the state meet site.
- The Championship Advisory Committee supports this proposal.

Indoor Track – Having Variable Starting Heights in the Pole Vault and High Jump
- Oscar Jensen, Boys Indoor Track State Coordinator presented the Boys Committee’s proposal for
their committee to join the girls committee in the way in which the starting heights of the pole vault and the high jump are determined. The boys committee would like to look at the qualifying marks of those athletes that have qualified for the state championship and base the opening heights in the high jump and the pole vault based on the entries that year. The girls have been doing it this way for the past ten years.

- The boys have used a set standard since the start of the indoor track championships. Those marks have been 12' in the pole vault and 6' in the high jump. As a result, many of the athletes not used to opening at these heights fail to succeed at the opening height. Fourteen boys out of a field of thirty failed to clear the opening height in high jump at last year’s state championships.

- By starting at a lower height, more athletes may be successful in their state meet competition and the length of time to complete the event should be almost the same.

- To compensate for the lower starting heights, they may go up by different measurements (three inches instead of the traditional two inches in the high jump, or nine to twelve inches in the pole vault instead of the traditional six inches).

- Each Section is allowed two entries in each event, and possibly a third if the individual has met a standard. This is not changing.

- The Championship Advisory Committee does not support this proposal.

- No action will be taken on this proposal as it is a Games Committee decision.

NYSPHSAA Drone Policy

- Executive Director Robert Zayas presented a draft of the NYSPHSAA Drone Policy and asked that it be discussed at the Section level.

- This will be a discussion item at the January Executive Committee meeting with potential action at the May Executive Committee meeting.

Volleyball Yellow/Red Card

- Assistant Director Todd Nelson presented the Boys and Girls Volleyball Committees proposal to reverse the language in the NYSPHSAA Handbook to allow officials the ability to give a coach a yellow card before a red card which is the current rule in the NCAA Rulebook.

- Effective the Fall 2017 season.

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

Creation of an Oversight Committee to Oversee Placement of Non-public and Charter Schools

- Executive Director Robert Zayas presented a proposal from the Oversight Sub-Committee to create a statewide Oversight Committee to review and examine Sections placement of non-public and charter schools every two years.

- The Committee can either accept the placement or remand it back to the Section for further review/consideration. The Committee would not have the ability to require or mandate the Section to change the placement of the non-public school.

- The Chair of the Oversight Committee would be the NYSPHSAA Executive Director. The 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. a tie vote, no change/recommendation would take place. The placement would be accepted.

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

Baseball Pitch Counts

- Ed Dopp, Baseball State Coordinator, presented the Baseball Committee's proposal to consider a

- The NFHS Baseball Rules Committee at its June 2016 meeting approved to revise the pitching policy and has mandated that each NFHS member state association will be required to develop its own pitching restriction policy based on the number of pitches thrown during a game to afford pitchers a required rest period between pitching appearances effective the Spring 2017 season.
- Contact your Section Baseball Chair to get all the information so it can be reviewed and discussed at Athletic Council meetings. The Baseball Committee will meet via teleconference in early December to review feedback received and then present a final proposal for action at the January Executive Committee meeting.

Swimming & Diving Officials Uniforms
- Assistant Director Todd Nelson reported the NFHS has mandated that the State Associations decide what the swimming officials will wear during swim meets. Both the Boys and Girls Swimming and Diving Committees have decided to allow the officials organization to make this decision for their members.

A motion to approve to allow the New York State Swimming Officials Organization to approve the uniform that swimming officials will wear at Boys and Girls swimming meets carried. Carboine/Ferry

NYSPHSAA Boys/Girls State Tournament Site Comparisons
- Assistant Director Joe Altieri presented the Boys and Girls Bowling Committees proposal to consider the OnCenter (Section 3) as host of the 2018 Boys and Girls Bowling State Championships.
- The facility is hosting the USBC Open Championships the same week. They are “sharing” their facility with us the week of their event to help promote high school bowling and encourage fans to attend our tournament.
- There was a concern as the cost of the venue was unknown.

A motion to approve the OnCenter (Section 3) as host of the 2018 Boys and Girls Bowling State Championships pending the cost is comparable to past expenses carried. Mullins/Staves

Boys/Girls Bowling – Revise Standard Calendar Dates
- Assistant Director presented the Boys and Girls Bowling Committees proposal to change its 2018 state championship from week #35 (March 3-4) to week #36 (March 10-11).
- The bowling championships have the rare opportunity to run its state tournament in conjunction with the USBC Open Professional Championships in Syracuse. The USBC has reached out to us to offer us the weekend of March 10-11, 2018, a week later than our previously approved state tournament.

A motion to approve for Boys and Girls Bowling to change its 2018 State Championship from week #35 (March 3-4) to week #36 (March 10-11) carried. Greene/Carboine

Heat Index/Wind Chill Procedures
- Assistant Director Todd Nelson presented the Safety Committee’s proposal to add language in the Heat Index and Wind Chill procedures to allow schools to use a Wet Bulb indicator to determine the THI on site.
- Using the Wet Bulb indicator on the field that is being used for practice or the game is the Gold Standard. This allows schools to more effectively determine the actual Heat Index or Wind Chill at the site.
- The use of the Wet Bulb indicator would not be a requirement due to the costs of the units.

Hazing Prevention Program
- Kristen Jadin, Special Programs Coordinator, stated NYSPHSAA understands schools are being
approached by many hazing and bullying speakers, presenters and companies with a high cost and wanted to provide a service to the membership at a lower cost.

- She reported the NYSPHSAA will be entering into an agreement with AliveTek & Hazing Prevention.Org effective January 3, 2017.
- Schools will be able to purchase this online curriculum for $100 per year and will receive up to 40 licenses per school/per year.
- The program is 25 minutes long and is tailored to fit the needs of NYSPHSAA and specifically focuses on the student-athlete. The facilitator’s kit allows for a guided discussion in real-time using the HazingPrevention.Org framework.
- The curriculum teaches student-athletes how to prevent hazing before it occurs and provides alternative activities for team bonding. It also teaches students how to handle a situation if prevention is too late.
- The online curriculum may also help schools fulfill DASA requirements.

2015-2016 Sports Participation Survey

- Kristen Jadin, Special Programs Coordinator, presented the 2015-2016 Sports Participation Survey which was included in the meeting packet.
- The data collected shows a total of 575,903 participants and reflects a historically consistent gender breakdown of 306,973 (53.3%) boys and 268,930 (46.7%) girls.
- Since the 2011-2012 school year, there has been a decrease in participation. There were a total of 583,106 participants while in 2015-2016, the number declined to 575,903 participants which reflect a decrease of 7,203 participants for approximately a 1% change. The number of teams increased by 1,996 within that time frame going from 31,993 to 33,989, reflecting more than a 6% increase in the number of teams across all programs.

Huddle Ticketing Information

- Chris Joyce, Director of Sales and Marketing, reported we will be using Huddle Ticketing as the official digital ticketing partner of NYSPHSAA and its Sections for a five year period, effective with the Fall 2016 Championships.
- As technology continues to advance, digital ticketing will become a more popular option for fans. It offers convenience of presale tickets as well as on-site credit card sales.
- Sections are not required to offer digital ticketing but if they do, they must use Huddle.
- He reviewed the benefits of digital ticketing with Huddle.

Champion Shirts

- Executive Director Robert Zayas presented the NYSPHSAA Champions t-shirt that will be given to all teams and individuals who win a NYSPHSAA State Championship beginning with the Fall 2016 championships.

COMBINING OF SCHOOLS

The following combining school teams have been approved by the respective leagues and sections for the 2016-2017 school year, and are presented for your information. (Eligibility Standard #6)

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**SENIOR ALL-STAR CONTESTS**

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

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REPORTS FROM CONSULTANTS

NYS Athletic Administrators Association. Murphee Hayes, President

Conference

- The annual conference is March 15-17, 2017 at the Saratoga Hilton, in Saratoga Springs.
- Membership registration, hotel and conference registration fees will remain the same again this year.
- This year all members and conference attendees will need to register online. The links are on their website.
- On Wednesday, March 15th, seven LTI Courses will be offered. The first General Session will begin at 5:00 PM followed by the two hour Exhibit Hall Festival at 6:15 PM.
- The conference program planning team in Section 4, headed up by President Murphee Hayes, CAA, are in the initial stages of program planning and securing national speakers, sponsors and workshop presenters.
- Presentations of 11 chapter awards and three special awards will take place at the Roy O’Neill Awards Banquet.
- The Dave Martens Awards Luncheon will feature their fourth Hall of Fame Induction as well as their annual Apple Appreciation Awards. Hall of Fame inductees have been announced and are posted on their website. Nominations are now being accepted for the 2018 class. Information and forms are available on their website. Postmark deadline is January 1.
- The Sparky Rector Drop In Center continues in the exhibit hall for two days. The association has transitioned to a virtual Sparky Rector Drop In Center on their website. It is active now and they are seeking items to share in digital format. Anything of interest to share with other AD’s should be emailed to Brett Banker, CAA (Kenmore Town of Tonawanda Schools) who is their new Educational Initiatives Chair.

Board News and Actions

- They are seeking a Co-Certification Chair to work with Pat Pizzarelli, CAA, their current chair. The person should be CMAA certified. They are also seeking an assistant Awards Chair to work with Debra Ferry, CAA.
- Peter Shambo, CMAA, is the Chair of their Professional Development Academy, which is the umbrella that oversees LTI, Certification and Educational Initiative Committees.
- Dr. Ryan Sherman (Schuylerville) if their new Ex-Officio Liaison to NYS Superintendents.
- At its recent fall meeting, the Board approved a resolution to encourage and support the NYSPHSAA in establishing a minimum requirement of CAA for all athletic administrators in New York State.
- The Board approved moving Scott Sugar, CAA to the position of President Elect immediately to be a Co-President for 2017-2018 with Liam Frawley, CMAA, after the March conference.
- The Executive Board is seeking interested candidates from the Representative Board who would like to seek office as President Elect and Vice President to fill the void left by moving Scott forward one year early.
- The Executive Board is working on a succession plan for the future management of the association.

Professional Development

- Any Chapters/Sections desiring to offer LTI Courses in their section or region should contact Steve Young, CAA, Josh Lacey, CAA or Alan Mallanda, CMAA.
- The CAA Exam will be offered again at the conference on Friday morning, March 18th at 8:00 AM. In addition, there are two other dates for the CAA Exam to be given: October 3rd at the Saratoga Hilton at 1:00 PM and June 19th at the NYSPHSAA Office in Latham at 1:00 PM. Anyone taking the exam must pre-qualify through the NIAAA office. Requirements and costs are posted on the NIAAA website.
• The NYSAAA Handbook for Athletic Administrators is posted under “Professional Development” on the website. It is a live document which means it changes continuously by linking to various other documents and sites.
• Steve Young, CMAA; Josh Lacy, CAA; Peter Shambo, CMAA and Alan Walland, CMAA attended the September state coordinator’s conference in Indianapolis as Leadership Training State Coordinators representing New York.

Membership
• The NYSAAA has 647 members. Mike Murray, CMAA (5), Membership Chair will be targeting chapters to increase their membership. They felt that every AD in New York should be a member for the professional benefits and member services. The goal is to reach 700 members this year.
• Membership dues remain the same for the seventh straight year. Dual membership in both the NYSAAA and NIAAA is still $150 for active administrators.

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 November. Past issues can also be found on the website.
• Their NYSAAA Hall of Fame for athletic administrators is posted on their website. It will continue to be maintained and updated as a “virtual” Hall of Fame.

NIAAA/NFHS
• The NIAAA/NFHS Annual Athletic Directors Conference is scheduled for Nashville, TN on December 9-14, 2016 at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel. Future sights include Phoenix, AZ; San Antonio, TX; National Harbor, MD and Tampa, FL.
• Six LTI courses are being offered this fall as webinars by the NIAAA. Information may be found on their website and the NYSAAA website as to courses, dates, times and requirements. This has proven to be a very popular way of picking up LTI courses in the comfort and convenience of one’s home at times available to each attendee. Two nights of two hours each completes each course.
• Section 1 of the NIAA continues to host a Summer Institute for Athletic Administrators and their families at the Ocean Edge Resort in Brewster, MA on Cape Cod. Athletic administrators attend from New York and other New England states to choose from over 15 LTI Courses offered with national faculty, as well as the CAA prep course and exam. Institute directors from New York are Peter Shambo, CMAA and Steve Young, CAA. Information and registration materials for next years institute can be found on their website.
• Glens Falls and the Queensbury Hotel has been approved by the National Executive Directors Association (of state AD associations) to host the 2018 summer summit of the association on July 22-25.

Other
• Murphee Hayes, NYSAAA President, presented a proposed resolution for a minimum certification requirement for athletic administrators in New York State that was approved by the NYSAAA Representative Board on October 3, 2016 for implementation by the NYSPHSAA in the 2018-2019 school year.
• The resolution asks that the NYSPHSAA would require a school district to only employ a Certified Athletic Administrator that has achieved the CAA level if that individual does not have a degree in Physical Education and current NYS administrative certification (SAS, SDL, SDA, SBL). Individuals holding the proper degree and professional certification will be considered “grandfathered” but should still aspire to complete the recommended coursework and continue to take more classes as their careers move on. The new requirement would give individuals who are not “grandfathered” and do not meet the minimum requirement, three years to complete the CAA certification.

• The program cost to complete over a three year period is less than $500.00. Negotiations are currently under way with NYS BOCES to have this program be a part of consortiums throughout the State, reducing the cost further.

• NYSPHSAA President Jim Osborne noted that this topic was discussed at the July NYSPHSAA Central Committee meeting and by our Section Executive Directors with no support for implementation.

• This proposed resolution will be placed on the agenda of the January NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting as a Discussion Item.

**NYS Council of Administrators.** Greg Warren, President.

• Reported their annual conference will be held on November 16-17, 2016 at Turning Stone.

• Conference information is available online.

A **motion to approve** adjournment of the October 2016 Executive Committee meeting on Wednesday, October 19, 2016 at 2:15 PM carried.  

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Respectfully submitted,

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Executive Director

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