New York State Public High School Athletic Association

SYNOPSIS OF ACTIONS
October 16, 2018 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Embassy Suites, Saratoga Springs, NY

ACTION ITEMS

1. P3  Approved the agenda for the October 16, 2018 Executive Committee Meeting.
2. P3  Approved the July 24-25, 2018 Central Committee Meeting minutes.
4. P20 Approved the 2019-2020 school enrollment numbers
5. P20 Approved the NYSPHSAA staff meet with SED to consider allowing a waiver of the Age and Duration of Competition rule for Unified Sports based on the recommended parameters.
6. P20 Approved to support a NYSAAA resolution related to LTI Course 631 Administration: Emergency Management of Interscholastic Athletic events.
7. P20 Approved the following reductions in the required number of contests: Skiing from 6 to 4 in Sections 2, 7, 9; Indoor Track and Field from 6 to 4 in Sections 2, 7, 9; Dual Meet Wrestling from 6 to 3 in Section 6; Gymnastics from 6 to 4 in Section 9; Indoor Track from 6 to 3 in Section 3.
9. P21 Approved as New Member status: St. Francis-St. Stephen School (V), Riverhead Charter School (XI).
10. P21 Approved the reappointments of Mike Andrew, Mark Ward and Eileen Troy to the Championship Advisory Committee for a four-year term (September 1, 2018 to August 31, 2022).
11. P24 Approved moving fencing from 10 practices to 6 practices in the Practice Requirements.
12. P24 Defeated to revise football’s nights rest and maximum contest rules.
15. P25 Approved requiring wrestling teams to finalize their schedule no later than the Saturday of Week #28.
16. P25 Approved to allow a pound allowance for all wrestlers competing in a Sectional tournament when schools are closed due to a weather emergency.
17. P25 Approved when a school is closed due to a weather emergency on the 3rd day of the appeal timeline, the wrestler will be given one extra day to appeal their original weight assessment.
18. P25 Approved Ocean Breeze Athletic Complex as the site of the 2020, 2021 and 2022 NYSPHSAA Indoor Track and Field Championships.
19. P27 Approved Regional play in Softball to be scheduled Thursday through Monday only prior to the State Tournament.
20. P27 Approved revising the format of the NYSPHSAA/NYS Federation Boys Tennis Championships.
21. P27 Approved a standard scoring procedure for all wheelchair athletes participating in NYSPHSAA regular season and post season competition in the sports of Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field.
25. P33 Approved adjournment.
The Executive Committee meeting was called to order by President Paul Harrica at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, October 16, 2018. Jake Somoza, a Senior at Saratoga High School, sang the National Anthem. Executive Director Robert Zayas introduced the officers and staff present and performed roll call to ascertain a quorum.

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

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

**Section Representatives**
- Section I: Jennifer Simmons (proxy for Karen Peterson), James Mackin
- Section 2: Kathleen Ryan, Drew Santandera
- Section III: Monica Tooley, Michael Carboine
- Section IV: 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: Lori Brewer, Mark Wilson (proxy for James Cruikshank)
- Section XI: Debra Ferry, Timothy Mullins

**Section Executive Directors**
- Jennifer Simmons (I), Ed Dopp (2), John Rathbun (III), Ben Nelson (IV), Kathy Hoyt (V), Timm Slade (VI), Matthew Walentuk (VII), Patrick Pizzarelli (VIII), Gregory Ransom (IX), Carl Normandin (X), Tom Combs (XI)

**Standing Committees & Ex-Officios**
- Jim Rose, Modified Co-Coordinator
- Darryl Daily, SED
- Jim Wright, Associate Ex. Director-NYSAAA
- Denise Kiernan, President-NYSAAA
- Greg Warren, President-NYSCOA
- John Moriello, Sports Writers Association
- Kevin Banes, Government Relations

**Sport Coordinators**
- Al Roy, Baseball State Coordinator
- Tim Lincoln, G. Basketball State Coordinator
- Gary Van Derzee, Football State Coordinator
Scott Stuart, B. Ice Hockey State Coordinator
Mike Andrew, B. Soccer State Coordinator
Cathy Allen, Softball State Coordinator
John Coletta, B. Volleyball State Coordinator
Patti Perone, G. Volleyball State Coordinator (via phone)
Marty Sherman, Wrestling State Coordinator

**Guests**
Ashley Vanderwall, NYSPHSAA Intern
Rise Van Iderstine, Section 2
John Moriello, Sportswriters Association
Aileen Durrant, Retired Softball State Coordinator

A *motion to approve* the agenda of the October 16, 2018 Executive Committee meeting *carried*. Ferry/Ceruti

A *motion to approve* the July 24-25, 2018 Central Committee Meeting minutes as written *carried*. Mullins/Staves

**ORAL AND PRINTED REPORTS WERE PRESENTED BY ASSOCIATION OFFICERS AND STAFF**

**President Paul Harrica**
- Welcomed everyone to Saratoga.
- Attended some of the AD Workshops and congratulated Robert and Todd on a great job.
- Attended the NFHS Section 1 Meeting with Robert in Rhode Island.
- During the summer and Ad Hoc Committee looked at the length of sport seasons and the number of practices required to compete. Will be a discussion item later in the meeting.

**1st Vice President Julie Bergman**
- Welcomed everyone to Saratoga.
- Congratulated Paul on his Presidency.
- Looking forward to the Fall championship events.

**2nd Vice President Russell Bartlett**
- Welcomed everyone to Saratoga.
- Starting his tenure as an officer and thanked everyone for the opportunity.

**Past President Jim Osborne**
- Wished Paul good luck in his Presidency.
- Thanked Section V for hosting him at their Athletic Council meeting. He will be attending Section VI Athletic Council meeting in November and then will have attended all 11 Section’s Athletic Council meetings.
- Appreciates all everyone does as representatives of the Association.

**Executive Director Robert Zayas**

**NFHS Network**
- NYSPHSAA has signed a 10-year agreement with the NFHS Network for streaming of NYSPHSAA State Championships on its all-digital network. We are the 43rd NFHS-member state association to join the NFHS Network.
- The Network will provide live streaming through its online subscription platform at [www.NFHSNetwork.com](http://www.NFHSNetwork.com). Spectrum will retain the right to televise any NYSPHSAA Regional or State Championship events. At this time, all Fall State Championships will be streamed LIVE with the exception of Girls Tennis, Cross Country and Golf. Subscription costs are $9.95 a month, $25 a season, or $50 annually.

**NYSPHSAA Oversight Committee**
- The Oversight Committee was created to examine the classification placement of non-public and charter schools at the request of Sections.
• The committee met to address a concern presented by Section VII related to the classification placement of Mount Academy in Class D Boys Soccer. After reviewing the rationale of Section IX’s Classification Committee, the Oversight Committee determined they did not have a concern with Mount Academy Boys Soccer in Class D.
• Sections are reminded that the Oversight Committee will meet to review requests from Sections on a case-by-case basis.

**NOCSAE Baseball Stamp**
• Beginning January 1, 2020, all baseballs will be required to have the NOCSAE stamp from the Varsity level to the Modified level.

**Maximum Number of Games/Contests**
• On September 24, he met with the Athletics Committee of Superintendents at the Superintendent’s Conference in Saratoga Springs. The Superintendents in attendance supported the exploration of increasing the maximum number of games that were cut because of the fiscal reduction in 2009-2010.
• A letter from Dr. Jeff Rabey, Chair of the Athletics Committee, requesting that NYSPHSAA begin to explore and discuss increasing the maximum game limits was included in the meeting packet.

**Assistant Director Joe Altieri**

**Sport Committees/Meeting Liaison**
• Since July 25th, he was the NYSPHSAA liaison for the following committees/meeting: Indoor Track, Outdoor Track, Ice Hockey, Girls Basketball, Boys Basketball, Wrestling, Annual Sport Coordinator Meeting, NYS Federation and Section 3, 7, 8 Athletic Council meetings. He also attended various championship site meetings with coordinators to discuss planning details at venues. Minutes of each sport committee meeting have been provided to Officers, CAC and Executive Directors.
• NYSPHSAA Championship dates and sites were included in the meeting packet.

**NFHS Network**
• On Monday, October 15th, he and Chris Watson had a planning meeting with the NFHS Network to discuss Regional events. He will get information out to the Sections as to what Regional events the NFHS Network will be streaming.

**Championship Advisory Committee**
• He reported the Championship Advisory Committee met on September 21st via teleconference. Minutes of the meeting were included in the meeting packet.
• He noted President Harrica would be seeking approval for the reappointment of three committee members for four-year terms.

**Championship Administration**
• This November, three events will be conducted at new venues.
• The new uniform ticket prices will start this fall for all tournaments ($10 walk up, $8 online).
• With our new partnership with the NFHS Network and new arrangement with Spectrum, he will be working with the Network to help coordinate their production teams across the state for our fall events. The Network will be included in our championship planning conference calls to review details of online broadcasts. As of this meeting, the Network was planning to stream many of the fall championships.

**Championship Dates and Sites**
• NYSPHSAA Championship dates and sites through 2022 were included in the meeting packet.
• Action will be requested for championship sites for Indoor Track and Field and Cross Country.
• The Girls and Boys Basketball bid recommendations will be presented at the February 1st Executive Committee meeting as their recommendations will be reviewed by the CAC at their December meeting.

**Branding/Marketing**
• Digital marketing will continue for boys and girls soccer, football and using Google, YouTube TruView, and Facebook display and video ads. Field Hockey will be added this year also. We will pay for advertising in championship communities based on the number of clicks of our ads. We will be provided inventory for advertising on the NFHS Network broadcasts, so we will be able to utilize it for sponsors or a branding campaign.
• Other marketing and branding initiatives this Fall will include over 5,000 hotel key cards being distributed to fall championship hotels in addition to a grass roots marketing campaign where we will pursue youth sports clubs near our championship sites to market to those individuals. The campaign would use flyers and posters to promote our events.
NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame

- An application packet for Tracey Fuchs (NYSPHSAA HOF Class of 2018) has been forwarded to the NFHS for consideration into the NFHS Hall of Fame. Each state association can nominate one individual from their state each year.

Spring Semester Interns

- He welcomed Ashley Vanderwall, a Saint Rose Women’s Basketball student-athlete, and Brian Minutolo, a student at University at Albany, who started internships with us in early September for the fall semester.

Assistant Director Todd Nelson

Unified Sports

- Announced all 11 Sections will be offering Unified Sports during the 2018-19 school year.
- Anticipate having over 40 schools offer Unified Bowling and over 165 schools offer Unified Basketball. Two Sections have expressed an interest in offering Unified Cross Country in the Fall of 2019. Section 5 offered Modified Unified Basketball last year.
- This year over 4,000 students with and without disabilities are expected to participate in Unified Sports. We could not offer this life changing opportunity without our partners from Special Olympics. This is not only an interscholastic program but a leadership program as well. Each Section is required to hold a Youth Activation Summit in the Summit students are educated on the importance of inclusion and the acceptance of all. We have received countless emails and testimonials about how this program has positively affected the school culture.
- On behalf of our member schools and Special Olympics, we thank the Executive Committee for their support of this program. Anyone that would like to learn more or start a program at their school are encouraged to contact Todd at the NYSPHSAA office.

NYSPHSAA Mentoring Program

- Todd will be starting a mentoring program this year designed to assist first year or second year Athletic Administrators. All Athletic Administrators are invited to participate. There will be monthly 20-30 minute conference calls to discuss a variety of topics and issues. He will also forward information that he feels would be helpful to a new AD.
- As he travels around the state to various meetings, he will try to stop by to visit with the new ADs at their schools.
- If an Athletic Administrator would like to be part of the mentoring program, they can contact Todd at the NYSPHSAA office.

Sanctioning

- Schools are reminded if teams are traveling out of the state or hosting an interstate contest, they must file paperwork with NYSPHSAA to ensure the event is approved. If a school is hosting an interstate contest, they must complete an interstate contest form. Send the completed form to Todd in the NYSPHSAA office.
- If a school is attending an out of state event, they would complete the “Notice of Entry” form on the NYSPHSAA website. The host school is responsible to complete the interstate sanctioning forms and submit them to their state association or the NFHS. A list of interstate contests can be found on the sanctioning page on the NYSPHSAA website. Each event has a status of pending, approved, or denied. The AD is responsible to ensure the event is approved before attending or holding the event.
- Any questions please contact Todd at the NYSPHSAA office.

Assistant Director Kristen Jadin

Participation Survey

- Data is presented based on 99.49% return of the participation survey.
- More accurate, valid, and reliable data collection efforts were instituted.
- The data collected shows a total of 562,207 participants and reflects a historically consistent gender breakdown of 301,347 (53.6%) boys and 206,860 (46.4%).
- Since the 2016-2017 school year, there has been a decrease in participation by 8,857 students.
- The survey data results were included in the meeting packet and are available on the NYSPHSAA website.

Championship Information Packets

- Championship Information Packets will be available on the NYSPHSAA website for all participating championship teams/individuals.
- Packets include information regarding admission, gate lists, lodging, tournament schedule/order of events, uniforms, transportation, submitting roster/photos, etc.
NFHS Spirit of Sport Award

- This award seeks to recognize those individuals who exemplify the ideals of the positive spirit of sport that represent the core mission of education-based athletics. The award may be given in recognition of a specific act or for an activity of longer duration.
- The recipient could be a coach, athletic administrator, administrator, contest official, trainer, student-athlete or any others associated with the school or the school’s athletic program. (Example: it could be awarded to an individual (or group) that has demonstrated exemplary sportsmanship and/or citizenship in playing the game as it should be played; has exceeded normal expectations in assisting others within the school or community; or has overcome adversity or a challenging circumstance). The nomination must be for something that occurred between January 1, 2018 and January 31, 2019. Nominated individuals do not necessarily need to still be enrolled in high school at the time of the nomination.
- Contact Kristen at kjadin@nysphsaa.org with any nominee suggestions.

Special Programs

- **Community Service Challenge**: Team Up 4 Community platform has been a success so far. We have over 65 submissions for the Fall. Last year there was a total of 10 applications.
  - The data collected shows almost 3,000 students have participated in community service just for the Fall.
  - Deadline to apply for Fall is Monday, November 5 (Week # 19).
- **Captains Club**: A leadership guide to facilitate discussion with captains/student leaders has been added to the website. The guide provides helpful questions to ask to use Captains Club as a leadership development tool. All questions relate back to the Educational Framework for Interscholastic Athletics (competence, character, civility, citizenship).
- **Hazing Prevention Course**: Includes a facilitator’s guide, multimedia presentation, discussion topics, optional assessments, and certificate of completion available for FREE.
- **Life of an Athlete**: Links to free NFHS courses for student-athletes has been added to the Life of an Athlete webpage. The 2018-2019 NCAA Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete has also been added

Scholar-Athlete

- Scholar-Athlete online submission opens Monday, October 29.
- Pins were distributed at the mandatory Athletic Director workshops to all schools who participated in the program during the 2017-2018 school year. She asked Section Executive Directors and AD’s to let their Assistants and Administrative Assistants know what the pins are for as she has been getting phone calls asking what the pins were for.
- Certificates will continue to be sent from the NYSPHSAA office after each season’s deadline.
- Schools still need to apply to receive recognition. If a school did not participate last year or needs more pins, it can be indicated on the submission form.

**Director of Finance Lisa Hand**

**Balance Sheet**

- As of 08/31/2018, the Cash Balance is $831,247.
- Other receivables of $132,107 include $79,000 due from CP Sportswear.
- Impact tests inventory is approximately $95,000 due to purchase of more tests per contract.
- As of 08/31/2018 we have excess revenue over expenses of $419,017.
- We are waiting on the report from the Actuary to adjust the Post-Retirement Health Benefit which will decrease the excess revenue over expenses.
- The auditors were in the office this week.

**Income Statement**

**Revenues**

- Investments have earned $166,551 for the year which is an increase over last year’s earnings of $37,000.
- Overall, championships have netted a profit of $539,866, a decrease from 2016-17 of approximately $40,000 even though our revenue from CP Sportswear increased by $12,000. We earned over $264,000 from our contract with CP Sportswear.
- The decrease in championship revenue is mostly due to decreased attendance.
- Our office rental shows a loss of approximately $34,000.

**Expenditures**

**Administrative**

- Administrative expenses are in line with budgeted amounts.
Committees & Programs
- Overall Program and Committee expenses are underbudget by approximately $10,000.
- We were able to give $484,530 to the Sections through the NYSPHSAA Revenue Share Program.

Other
- The market value of our Investments has increased approximately $105,000 since year end 8/31/17.

Director of Communications Chris Watson

Fall Championship Badges
- The Fall championship souvenir badge and lanyards have been ordered and delivered to the NYSPHSAA office.
- Roughly 9,000 badges and lanyards have begun to be distributed for the upcoming state championships.

NFHS Network
- NYSPHSAA announced on September 20 we were partnering with the NFHS Network. This announcement was met with very good media attention and was good press for the association. This partnership allows people in non-Spectrum areas of the state, and even worldwide, to see our state championships. Streaming sporting events is the best way to view championships when you can’t be there, and this allows us to provide that opportunity.

Captains Club
- The September edition of the NYSCOPBA Captains Club has been released. It features Cicero-North Syracuse High School’s three sport student-athlete Jeremiah Willis. It has been one of our most viewed videos in the last year. It also features Jason Robinson, the first ever wheelchair athlete in Track & Field from Westmoreland High School, Section III. We are always looking for motivational or inspirational stories to tell. Please contact Chris at cwatson@nysphsaa.org or Kristen Jadin at kjadin@nysphsaa.org with a story idea.
- Noted on the website is a Leadership Guide for schools on how to use the Captain’s Club with teams and coaches.

Sport Landing Pages
- The sport landing pages on the Association’s website are in the process of being redesigned. The goal is to make the pages more user/fan friendly by removing the ‘clutter’ from the main page and placing important information on subpages. There will also be a place for coaches and coordinators to find the info and forms they need. We want to make the page as easy to manage as possible.

Director of Sales and Marketing Chris Joyce

Sponsorships
- Finalized renewals with MaxPreps, NYS Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee, and CSEA.
  - MaxPreps Teams App has been launched. The app can be a great resource for team management with features for communications, statistics, scheduling, and more.
  - NYS GTSC is offering free traffic safety programs and resources to NYSPHSAA member schools, including guest speakers, simulations, demonstrations, etc. Contact NYSPHSAA office for more information.
  - CSEA Excelsior Award winner will be announced soon and recognized at the Football Championships at the Carrier Dome.
- Penn Monto is the new official supplier of field hockey balls for the state championships.
- New World of Coaching publications will continue to be sent out thanks to our partnership with the American Dairy Association North East. Athletic Directors are encouraged to forward the messages along to their coaches.

Ticketing
- Each Section should have received their paper ticket allotment. If you have not received it or have any concerns, please let Chris know.
- Digital tickets are now available online for all Fall championships at gofan.co/NYSPHSAA.
- Sections should consider using GoFan for as many events as logistically possible. There are tremendous benefits to both fans and event administrators.

Championships and Marketing
- He is exploring new grassroots marketing opportunities for state championships to get information out to youth teams, clubs, and groups.
- We are experimenting with new video marketing campaigns on YouTube in addition to our Google Network and Facebook ads.

NYSPHSAA Endowment Fund
- He is exploring the feasibility of a NYSPHSAA Endowment fund.
  - Researching legal, financial, and operational possibilities associated with an endowment fund, per the current strategic plan.
• Goal is to have a proposal to the Executive/Central Committee by the end of 2018-19.
• If anyone has suggestions/ideas, please contact him.

Legal Counsel Renee James
• Last year in response to the “Me Too” movement, NYS amended a number of laws and regulations with respect to sexual harassment. Every employer is responsible to have a sexual harassment prevention policy by October 9, 2018. The Officers of the Association have adopted a policy which complies with the policy on the NYS website. She has made available to all Section Executive Directors a copy of the draft policy she prepared if Sections would like to use it. She recommended all Sections adopt this new policy as there are many new requirements. There is also a requirement for yearly training for all employees by BOCES or web-based. Any questions, contact her.
• Marshall Lawsuit – Involved the Duration of Competition regulation for a student with a disability. Although the Plaintiff was denied a preliminary injunction motion and the student has since graduated, the disability rights activists representing the student has continued with the lawsuit. Will keep us posted.
• Transfer Rule – Seeing an increased use of the health and safety waiver as a reason for students to transfer schools. The Transfer Committee will meet again to review the guidelines and clarify what falls under health and safety for consistency in all Sections.

SECTION CONCERNS
Section I – None
Section 2 – None

Section III
• Their boys golf coordinator would like to add “coaching during the match from the green to the tee during the regular season” in boys golf to be implemented in the 2019 season. Paul stated this will be referred to the Golf Committee.
• Inquired when there is a double dual meet (i.e., golf, cross country, track and field) instead of counting as 2 contests, they would like it counted as 1 contest. Paul stated Section 3 is the only Section that counts it as 2 contests. NYSPHSAA considers this 1 contest.

Section IV – None
Section V – None

Section VI
• Combining of schools application – annually vs. permanent unless notified of change. Paul stated this was discussed at the Section Executive Director’s meeting on Monday and they were in support of moving the issue forward.

Section VII – None

Section VIII
• Their wrestling chair inquired about the NYSPHSAA modeling a NYSPHSAA transgender rule after the NCAA transgender rule. Robert stated he had reached out to the Attorney General’s office over a year ago asking for an interpretation before moving forward with this and has not heard back from them. Will contact them again after the elections.

Section IX
• Have schools that are struggling with the Jewelry rule and would like the Handbook Committee to look at adding “and practice”. Paul stated this was discussed at the Section Executive Director’s meeting on Monday and will be referred to the Handbook Committee for further review.

Section X – None

Section XI
• Would like the Handbook Committee to look at the Amateur Rule to raise the monetary allotment to $500.
REPORTS FROM EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

Pupil Benefits.  Thomas McGuire
No Report

State Education Department.  Darryl Daily

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- New York State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (NYSHAPERD) Conference (November 14-17, 2018) in Verona, New York- See website: http://www.nysahperd.org/content/professional-development/nysahperd-conference.cfm
- New York State Council of Administrators Conference (November 14-17, 2018) in Verona, New York-See website: https://www.nysahperd.org/content/professional-development/Council-of-Administrators-Annual-Conference.cfm
- New York State Athletic Administrators Association (NYSAAA) Leadership Training Program and Certification Program- See website: http://nysaaa.org/contact-us
- NYSAAA now approved for CTLE credit.

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

- Collaborating with NYSHAPERD- Will meet at SED on August 6-7, 2018. Next meeting October 25, 2018. Reviewing National and NYS Learning Standards and Outcomes for NYS. Process and review team includes multiple representatives; (SED, ELA’s, BOCES, NYSHAPERD, NYSBAA, NYSUT and SAANYS, K-12 and Higher Education Institutions).

CONCUSSION MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES UPDATED (June 2018)

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

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

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

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

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

- Revisions to commissioner’s regulations 136.1-135.3 go into effect 7/1/18.
- Health examinations must now be completed on a required form.
- Grade levels for health examinations and required screenings have been revised.
- New guidelines are available for Health Examination, Vision Screening, Hearing Screening, and Scoliosis Screening. Due to changes in screening requirements it is important that school health personnel review the new guidelines.
The new guidelines and new required health exam form are on our website **NYSED School Health Services – Updates and New Information.** Questions may be directed to the Office of Student Support Services at 518-486-6090, or studentsupportservices@nysed.gov. http://www.p12.nysed.gov/sss/schoolhealth/schoolhealthservices/

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**GUIDELINES FOR COACHING (Updated January 2018)**


**QUALITY PHYSICAL EDUCATION PLAN REMINDER**

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

**Amendment of Section 100.5 and Addition of Section 100.20 to the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education to Implement the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children and Provisions Relating to Transfer Credits and Diploma Requirements for Physical Education. (BOR approved November 2017)**

- 5th year seniors and out of state transfer students changes
ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY Amendments (BOR approved at June 2017 meeting)
● 13 K-8 School Districts and APP
● Duration of Competition amended (Social emotional documentation.)
● Riflery added to Special Tryout Processes (Similar to Golf and Bowling protocol)

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

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

IMPORTANT HEALTH EDUCATION RELATED ITEMS
● MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION LEGISLATION (Effective July 1, 2018)
● Mental Health Education Legislation Chapter 390 of the Laws of 2016 amending Section 804 of Article 17 and states as of July 2018 all schools under the jurisdiction of the department will ensure their health education programs recognize the multiple dimensions of health by including mental health and the relation of physical and mental health so as to enhance student understanding, attitudes and behaviors that promote health, well-being and human dignity – http://public.leginfo.state.ny.us/lawssrch.cgi?NVLWO
● SED & Mental Health Association of NYS are collaborating as a stakeholder task force to develop guidance resources to implement the new mental health law by July 2018.
● SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL LEARNING GUIDELINES (BOE- Presentation May 2018)
● Introducing New Guidance and Resources for Social Emotional Learning | BR (D) 1
● Supplemental Presentation: Social Emotional Learning - Essentials for Learning, Essentials for Life
● NEW YORK STATE COMBAT HERION AND PRESCRIPTION OPIOID ABUSE CAMPAIGN
● At its meeting in January 2015, the Board of Regents convened a panel to discuss combatting opioid and heroin use and abuse. Presenters shared their thoughts on prevention, warning signs, intervention, referral, treatment, recovery, and outreach.
● In 2015, New York State enacted laws allowing schools to provide and maintain opioid antagonists (naloxone) on-site, and late last year, NYSED issued guidance and information for schools regarding opioid overdose prevention programs. Additional resources to combat opioid and heroin use and abuse include:
● Kitchen Table Toolkit. The Kitchen Table Toolkit was developed to assist individuals (parents, spouses, siblings, teachers, coaches, counselors, probation officers, etc.) with initiating conversations about heroin and opioid abuse. Information, resources, and supports are available, so no one needs to be alone in the fight to combat heroin and opioid abuse. Recognizing that addiction is not exclusive to heroin and opioids, this information may be applicable for alcohol and other drugs, also addressed in this toolkit. See page 12 for school-focused information.
● DEVELOPMENT OF RESOURCES TO EDUCATE ON NEED TO ENCOURAGE ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION
● Legislation (Summer 2016)-SED began working collaboratively with multiple organizations that promote organ and tissue donation to provide a toolkit that contains model exemplar lesson plans and best practice instructional resources on the importance and value of organ and tissue donation. Information will be shared as it becomes available. See: http://alliancefordonation.org/coming-soon-new-york-state-high-school-curriculum-organ-eye-and-tissue-donation
● Please note-APRIL is National “DONATE LIFE” month.

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

● In recognition of Problem Gambling Awareness Month (April), the Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services released a tool kit in collaboration with the New York State Education Department (NYSED) to help identify early problem gambling habits in teens.

● According to OASIS, “The new comprehensive Toolkit can be used by school administrators, educators, pupil personnel services, parent-teacher associations, parents, and community groups to teach students and parents about preventing underage gambling.”

● See: https://www.oasas.ny.gov/gambling/SchoolDistrictResources.cfm

COMMISSIONER’S REGULATIONS TO REQUIRE INSTRUCTION IN CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION (“Hands Only” CPR) AND INSTRUCTION IN THE USE OF AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS (Requirement began September 2015)

● Students in senior high school shall be provided instruction in hands-only cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an automated external defibrillator at least once before graduation.


● See link: https://yourethecure.org/aha/advocacy/details.aspx?BlogId=2&PostId=4139

TIC AND LYME DISEASE LEGISLATION (Summer 2016)

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


Noted that on Tuesday, October 23rd, there was a Public Hearing at the legislative offices to examine the current state of health, mental health, physical education program services and instruction in NYS schools and study “Best” practices.

NYS Athletic Administrators Association. Dr. Jim Wright, CMAA, Associate Ex. Director

CONFERENCE

● The Conference Program Schedule was included in the meeting packet. The conference format has changed to a three-day format with 8 LTI courses being offered. Two courses will be offered on Tuesday evening, two courses on Wednesday morning and four courses on Wednesday afternoon.

● The opening General Session will be held on Thursday morning. The Representative Board will meet on Wednesday afternoon.

● The Exhibit Hall Festival will be the formal opening of the conference. It’s scheduled from 6:00 PM-8:00 PM.

● A Red Cross Blood Drive sponsored by the NYSAAA and the NIAAA Emergency Network, will be held from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM in the Gallery (outside the exhibit hall) on Thursday morning.

● The Roy O’Neill Awards Banquet will be moved to back to Thursday evening.

● Registration is open for conference and hotel reservations online on our website. An “Early Bird” registration is offered at the rate of $265 until February 8th, 2019, at which time the rate will be increased to $295. Further discounts are given to those having RAA ($5); CAA ($10); CMAA ($15) certification.

● New AD’s or first timers are encouraged to attend an orientation workshop/reception on Thursday morning from 8:15 AM to 9:15 AM. Those attending will receive a complimentary gift as well as a complimentary voucher for one free LTI 500 level course that can be taken anywhere in the USA.

BOARD NEWS AND ACTIONS

● Committee Chair appointments approved: Timm Slade, CMAA as Certification Co-Chair; Kermit Moyer and Todd Gulluscio, CMAA as Membership Co-Chairs

● A $10 Membership Dues increase was approved for the 2019-2020 school year.

● Patrick Pizzarelli, CAA has accepted a newly created Ex-Officio position on the Representative Board as Liaison to the Section Executive Directors of the NYSPHSAA.

● Membership Services was removed from the Director of Professional Development’s responsibilities as they will now be part of the Membership Co-Chairs’ responsibilities.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

● Chapters 3, 5 and 8 will offer LTI courses this fall. Chapter 8 courses will be offered as part of a renewed Nassau BOCES contract during professional development days (dates & times TBA). The dates and times for the LTC and LTI courses in Chapters 3 and 5 are listed on the NYSAAA website and were included in the meeting packet.

● CAA Exams will be offered three times:
• Friday, November 2 at the NYSPHSAA Latham office 1:00 PM. This will probably be the last offering in NYS prior to the new requirements being added in January 2019.
• Friday March 15, 2019 at the conference at 8:00 AM.
• Monday, June 24, 2019 at 1:00 PM at the NYSPHSAA Latham office.
• A new contract with the Saratoga Hilton Hotel has been signed for their annual conference for 2021 through 2023. Dates are as follows: March 12-15, 2019; March 17-20, 2020; March 16-19, 2021; March 15-18, 2022; and March 14-17, 2023.
• New (increased) certification requirements have been announced by the NIAAA for 2019. They are listed on the home page on the NYSAAA website.
• The NYSAAA has renewed a membership in NYSCEA (New York State Council of Educational Associations). Gregg Warren, CMAA, Educational Initiatives Chair, will represent the association on this important council.
• On November 6, 2018, Section XI will be offering a new program on aspiring AD’s. The new program has 9 sessions over a 6-month period. It is an indoctrination program in anticipation of athletic director retirements. It will provide a background in local, NYSPHSAA and NFHS rules and ideas on what will be needed to be successful in that position.
• They are now on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram.

HALL OF FAME
• Announced the NYSAAA Hall of Fame Class of 2019: Liam Frawley, CMAA – Tappan Zee HS (1), Dr. Robert Christenson, CAA – Bellmore-Merrick & Northport-E. Northport Districts (11), Harold Fried, CAA – Pine Bush (9), Nick DeCillis – Middle Country, Sag Harbor & Center Moriches Districts (11), and James Zumbo – Fairport (5).
• The 2019 Alan Mallanda Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony will take place on Friday, March 15, 2019 as part of the David Martens Awards Luncheon.
• Nominations are now open for the 2020 Hall of Fame Class. Forms are downloadable from the NYSAAA website and are due by January 1, 2019 to Alan Mallanda, CMAA, Executive Director.

WALL OF HONOR
• Announced a new recognition program was approved last spring as proposed by the Veteran AD Committee to induct two candidates per year, selected by the committee members to be inducted to the NYSAAA “Wall of Honor”. The first inductees will be recognized at the 2019 David Martens Awards Luncheon. This recognition is established to recognize outstanding athletic administrators from years past (before the beginning of the NYSAAA in 1981) as well as other retired AD’s that may not qualify for the Hall of Fame. The 2019 Wall of Honor inductees are Richard Brown (Deceased) retired AD from Owego Free Academy (and father of Roger Brown, CMAA) and John “Mush” Moiseichik (Deceased) retired AD and legendary Football coach at Cortland HS (and father-in-law of Alan Mallanda, CMAA).
• A plaque will be presented to representatives of the recipients prior to the luncheon. Their picture and brief biography will be put on the NYSAAA website.
• Nominations are now open for the 2020 selection process for recognition in the NYSAAA “Wall of Honor”. Forms may be downloaded from their website and are due by January 1, 2019. Applications should be sent to Alan Mallanda, CMAA, Executive Director.

NIAAA/NFHS
• The NIAAA/NFHS Annual Athletic Directors Conference is scheduled for San Antonio, TX on December 15-18, 2018. Future sights include National Harbor, MD (2019), Tampa, FL (2020), Denver, CO and Orlando, FL.
• A number of LTI courses are being offered again this fall as webinars by the NIAAA. Information may be found on the NIAAA website and the NYSAAA website as to courses, dates, times and requirements.

Once again, we want to thank the NYSPHSAA and Dr. Robert Zayas, CAA for the continued support and partnership with the NYSAAA.
REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

**Budget and Audit Committee.** Julie Bergman, 1st Vice President
- The committee met on September 19th via teleconference.
- Items discussed:
  - Revenue Sharing Program with Spectrum
  - Freezing of the 2019-2020 membership dues
  - Reviewed the current championship ticket prices of $8.00 online and $10.00 at the door. No recommendation to change was made.

A motion to approve freezing membership dues for 2019-2020 by using the formula of $810 per school and $0.86 per student above 300 based on the 2014-2015 school enrollment numbers carried. Mullins/Carboine

**Championship Advisory Committee.** Greg Ransom, Chair
- The committee met on Friday, September 21, 2018 via conference call.

**Action Items**
- The committee supported the following proposals to be presented for action at the October 2018 Executive Committee meeting:
  - Softball Regionals Thursday through Monday
  - Indoor/Outdoor Track Wheelchair Procedures

**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:
  - Ice Hockey Officials Fees
  - Regional Tournament Rotation status

**For Review/Input, Championship Site Selections**
- The CAC voted to support the committees and staff in choosing the following Championship Site selections:
  - **Indoor Track** – Ocean Breeze Athletic Complex for 2020, 2021 and 2022.

**Other**
- **CAC Reappointments** – Action will be requested for the reappointment of CAC members Eileen Troy, Mark Ward and Mike Andrew for a 4-year term effective September 1, 2018-August 31, 2022.

**Future Meetings**
- Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at 11:00 AM in the NYSPHSAA office.

**Handbook Committee.** Patrick Pizzarelli, Coordinator
- The committee met on September 21, 2018 via teleconference.

**Discussion Items**
- **Representation Rule – Section IX Representation Rule Proposal-Girls Wrestling**
  - Robert Zayas explained the Section IX proposal to allow girls to wrestle with the boys’ team, via mixed competition, during the regular season and to also allow girls to wrestle in “girls only” regular season invitationalss.
  - No committee members expressed concern with the proposal.

- **Amateur Rule – Consider adding gift cards and gift certificates to further clarify “money”**.
  - Pat Pizzarelli, Handbook Committee Coordinator, presented the Handbook Committee’s proposal to revise the NYSPHSAA Amateur Rule to accurately reflect the intention of the rule and clarify gift cards and gift certificates are considered compensation. The proposed revision to the Amateur Rule would state, “Accepting money or other compensation (including gift cards and gift certificates) is prohibited. Allowable entry fees, travel, meals and lodging expenses is permitted.”
  - No committee members expressed concern with the proposal.

- **Transfer Rule - Consider adding a “Note” to clarify a student’s period of ineligibility may not be superseded by an action following the declaration of ineligibility**.
  - Patrick Pizzarelli, Handbook Committee Coordinator, presented the Handbook Committee’s proposal to revise the NYSPHSAA Transfer Rule by adding: “Note: a student’s eligibility is determined by the situation/ facts that exists at the time of registration.”
• This proposal will provide clarity to the NYSPHSAA Transfer Rule. Adding the “Note” will ensure schools and parents are aware that a student’s eligibility status cannot be changed by an action after the date of registration (i.e. purchasing of a home, moving the entire family into a district or legal separation).
• All Committee members supported the proposal.

• District of Residency
• The Committee was asked for their interpretation on “if a student must return to the residence of his/her parents when using the District of Residency waiver or could the student live with another family member or a family friend when returning to the district?”

  Comments:
  • If the parents are in fact living in the district and the son sleeps at a neighbor’s house, there is no way to know where they actually “live”.
  • Robert Zayas clarified that there is nothing in the rule requiring a student to “live” with his parents when returning to the district of residence in the district for which the parents live.
  • The “intention” of the rule is for the student to live with their parents, but there is nothing requiring the student to live with the parents.
• All Committee members supported the interpretation.

Future Meetings: December 19, 2018 at 9:00 AM; April 3, 2019 at 9:00 AM; June 19, 2019 at 9:00 AM.

Student-Athlete Development Committee. Kristen Jadin, Assistant Director

• The committee met on Monday, September 17, 2018 via teleconference.

Status Updates
• NFHS National Student Leadership Summit - Kermit attended the NFHS NSLS with 6 student-athletes from the NYSPHSAA SAAC. Kristen hopes to send at least one student-athlete from each section next year if the NFHS allows.
• NYSPHSAA SAAC Summit: November 23-25, 2018 – Kristen asked the SADC for volunteers to help with the Summit (speakers, running of the summit, transportation). NYSPHSAA will pay for expenses. Kristen’s goal is to turn this into a student leadership conference based on the data gathered from last year’s survey.

Discussion Items
• Mental Health Initiative
  • Kognito – On the list of the approved resources from the Mental Health Association of New York State (MHANYS). The Friend2Friend simulation and the At-Risk for Educators simulations were at the top of the list of recommendations from the NYSPHSAA SAAC Mental Health subcommittee.
  • Your Self Series – Free resource available online. This is hands on approach to learning, but not on the list of MHANYS approved resources.
  • Kristen has spoken with both companies and will continue the conversations. She is scheduled to speak with the Director of Education for MHANYS, Amy Malloy. The goal is to provide a resource specifically for coaches and student-athletes. Mike Gulino, Section I, is very familiar with Your Self Series and has used their resources often. He is currently working with schools on Mental Health legislation. He will speak with Your Self Series about a potential implementation model for NYSPHSAA member schools. He will also share some of the research related to mental health and student-athletes with the SADC.

• Scholar-Athlete Program
  • Kristen reported there was a concern regarding should all students used to calculate the team average be awarded a pin even if their individual average is below a 90 to the SADC. SAAC’s majority opinion was no.
  • SADC members will bring back to their Sections to discuss further. Will be on the agenda of the next SADC meeting

• Multi-Sport Athlete Award
  • The committee discussed the implementation of a multi-sport athlete award.
  • Kristen attended the NFHS Summer Meeting in July and learned many states have implemented a Multi-Sport Athlete Award as a way to encourage multi-sport participation in interscholastic athletics. A writable PDF certificate could be created and made available on the NYSPHSAA website.
  • The goal of the SADC would be to establish the criteria.
  • The committee unanimously approved to implement a Multi-Sport Athlete Award. Kristen and the SADC will put together a proposal for discussion for the February Executive Committee meeting for action in May.
Reminders

- Hazing prevention course is free for member schools. Please encourage in Sections.
- Community Service Challenge – Encourage in Sections. Partnered with TeamUp4Community. Easier to apply and collects data for NYSPHSAA. Shows the positive impacts student-athletes have in their community. There will be one challenge each season. Please promote use in Sections.

Future Items
- Next meeting: NYSAAA Conference – March 14 or 15, 2019
- Mental Health Initiatives Continued
- Scholar-Athlete
- Starting a Section SAAC
- Life of an Athlete – Continued discussion
- NYSPHSAA Leadership Conference
- Multi-Sport Athlete Award

Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. Kristen Jadin, Assistant Director
- The committee met on Sunday, September 16, 2018 via teleconference.

Status Updates
- Six student-athletes represented New York at the NFHS National Student Leadership Summit in Indianapolis, IN on July 23-25. Unified Sports are something they want to encourage within NYSPHSAA.
- The new Community Service Challenge platform (Team Up 4 Community) was approved by Executive Committee on May 4, 2018. Encourage other teams/section to utilize the platform.
- Hazing Prevention – promote use in school and section.

Items Discussion/Action Taken

Mental Health Initiative
- Kognito simulations were explained.
  - Friend2Friend is a simulation for adolescents that builds awareness, knowledge, and skills about mental health while reducing stigma. It prepares youth to recognize signs of distress, reach out to a friend they are concerned about, and help identify a trusted adult for support.
  - At Risk for High School Educators – educates educators about mental health and suicide prevention which supports improved student wellness and school safety.
- The Mental Health Association of New York State (MHANYS) suggests resources on their website. Kognito is going to be a suggested resource.
- Kristen will be looking at grants/funding to allow this course to be used in our member schools.

Scholar-Athlete Program
- The committee discussed should all students used to calculate the team average be awarded a pin even if their individual average is below a 90?
- Kristen explained the Scholar-Athlete program as some students were not aware of the program and others received pins but did not know what the program really entailed.
- The committee supports leaving the program as is with only students having a GPA of a 90 or above receiving a pin.

Multi-Sport Athlete Award
- Kristen attended the NFHS Summer Meeting in July and learned many states implemented a Multi-Sport Athlete Award as a way to encourage multi-sport participation in interscholastic athletics. A writable PDF certificate could be created and made available on the NYSPHSAA website.
- The goal of SAAC will be to help establish the criteria as they fully support the initiative.

Championship T-Shirts
- The committee discussed the importance of having the sport-specific logos on the back of the championship t-shirts.
- All were in favor of keeping the sport-specific logos on the shirts.

Executive/Central Committee Meetings
- Kristen would like one SAAC student to attend each meeting to report.
- Grace shared her experience and mentioned it was a positive one. She was able to see how each topic was discussed and how decisions are voted upon.

E-Sports
• The committee discussed E-Sports as a sport as the NCAA is now endorsing and providing scholarships for students who participate on E-Sports team. Other state associations across the country are also adopting this as a sport.
• There were various opinions from the committee on adopting E-Sports as a sport. One comment was from SAAC member Matt Weltmann, Section XI, who stated “I believe the responsibility of NYSPHSAA is to evolve as society evolves.”
• Kristen asked the SAAC representatives to go back to their schools/sections and ask other students their opinions regarding E-Sports for their next meeting.

Future Items
• Mental Health Initiative
• NYSPHSAA Leadership Conference

Future Meetings
• SAAC Summit: November 23-24, 2018 in Syracuse; Sunday, December 9, 2018; Sunday, February 24, 2019; Sunday, June 9, 2019.

Sportsmanship Committee. Kristen Jadin, Assistant Director
Status Updates
• Sportsmanship Promotion Survey
  • Promote in Section – decrease in the number of applications from last year. Will continue to include in Athletic Council meetings, NYSPHSAA News, social media, etc.
  • Kristen stated the survey will be available on our website in January.
• Stay in the Game
  • Decrease in recipients compared to the 2016-2017 school year. Please continue to promote and encourage in Athletic Council meetings.
• NYSPHSAA Coaches Appreciation Day
  • Year one was a success. The day seemed to be of significant value and coaches appreciated it.
  • It was suggested asking the NYSPHSAA SAAC for ideas on how to promote NYSPHSAA Coaches Day in the future.

Items Discussion/Action Taken
• Officials Appreciation Day
  • Ideas to promote the day were discussed. It will be continued to be researched and discussed at the next meeting.
• Sportsmanship Spotlight
  • Kristen suggested a spot on the NYSPHSAA website to highlight and promote sportsmanship. The section would be called the “Sportsmanship Spotlight.” Anyone could reach out to her to share sportsmanship stories. The story would then be shared on the NYSPHSAA website until another story is suggested. It was also suggested to look into putting a scroll onto a high traffic area of the website for more views.
  • The committee expressed concerns with the number of red cards in Boys Soccer. The issue will continue to be looked at.

Section Concerns
• Section XI has been tracking ejections and has a big concern with the number of red cards in boys soccer.
• Section VIII has been receiving concerns regarding teams/players/officials treating other teams unfairly due to racial backgrounds. Section V has the same issues. Also mentioned was supervisors hired for games do not know how to handle unsportsmanlike situations. May need training for supervisors.
• Section VI has concerns with the inability of officials to do their jobs. Believes this contributes directly to fans getting out of control.
• Section V recently had a big issue with a large football game at a neutral site. The game was shut down. In addition, there is an issue with boys soccer. On a positive note, the Section V Executive Council invested $25,000 into leadership conferences. All schools in Section V have students attending at least 1 out of the 3 conferences. Sportsmanship is a big topic addressed during these conferences.
• Section I has concerns with boys soccer. More effort and focus needs to be put on sportsmanship.

Future Items/Meeting
• Officials Appreciation Day
• Sportsmanship Spotlight
• Address increasing number of red cards
• Next meeting: Wednesday, April 10, 2019 at 1:00 PM
**Safety Committee.** Todd Nelson, Assistant Director

- The committee met on September 26, 2018 via teleconference.

**Items Discussion/Action Taken**

- **Concussion Management**
  - A copy of SED's document released in July that highlighted the changes to the Concussion Management Guidelines was included in the meeting packet.
  - BIANYS proposed recommendations to the Concussion Management Law were also included in the meeting packet. These included the requirement of school districts to have a concussion management team as well as return to play and return to learn protocols and that all high schools have a certified athletic trainer. NYSPHSAA participated in the discussions and supports the proposed recommendations.
  - Todd reported NYSPHSAA has partnered with EasyScat, a mobile app for coaches and medical professionals to use regarding potential head injuries. He highly encouraged schools to use the app. They will provide the app at a 35% discount to all our member schools. Schools can also take advantage of a greater discount by using a technology code through their local BOCES.

- **NYSPHSAA Practice Regulation**
  - The Safety Committee discussed the recommendation from the Sport Season Committee and had no reservation or opposition of having the minimum number of practices required for a student to represent their school in a scrimmage or game. There were no concerns for this being at the High School and Modified level.

- **NYSPHSAA Strategic Plan**
  - The Safety Committee was disappointed and frustrated by hesitation from the Executive Committee to approve the recommendation regarding the use of athletic training services for all high schools. The Committee continues to support the recommendation and would like the Executive Committee to approve the recommendation and hopes all high schools will work toward providing athletic training services for their student athletes. This recommendation is in line with many medical organizations recommendations to help minimize risk to student athletes.
  - He reported he had attended an outstanding presentation on overuse injuries from the University of Wisconsin. There is a lot of research and studies that address this topic. The University of Wisconsin also has a recommendation that addresses sport specialization and overuse injury. A sub-committee was formed and will make a report to the Safety Committee in the Spring of 2019.

- **Anyone Can Save a Life**
  - Committee members were asked to continue to promote and support the Anyone Can Save a Life program. This program is designed to have coaches work with their teams to develop a plan in case of a medical emergency during a practice or game. More information is available at www.anyonecansavealife.org.

- **Football Proposal**
  - The committee discussed and did not support the football proposal that would allow a JV player to play a minimum amount of plays in the Varsity game and not have to adhere to the minimum number of nights rest. Their concerns were that an injury can happen on any play and if it was a head injury, the symptoms may not manifest itself until 24 to 48 hours later. In that time, a student could have played a full JV game and increased risk to have further damage done. They were also concerned with the tracking of these plays.

- **Section Concerns**
  - Section 1 had a concern with the NYSPHSAA Lightening Policy. Currently, the policy states that if you see or hear lightening, you must suspend play or practice for a minimum of 30 minutes. Section 1 would like NYSPHSAA to consider developing a policy that uses WeatherBug to identify lightening in the area. The committee had some concerns with the concept and have been asked to take back to the Sections for further input.

**Best Practices for Athletic Training Services**

- Todd presented the Safety Committee’s proposal for discussion to add the following language to the NYSPHSAA recommendations in the NYSPHSAA Handbook, “NYSPHSAA supports the ‘Best Practice’ that every member High School has a Certified Athletic Trainer providing full-time coverage or access to the athletic program.”
  - The NYSPHSAA Strategic Plan contained a goal of increasing athletic training services to all member schools. The NYSPHSAA Safety Committee formed a sub-committee to look at three areas, (1) benefits of athletic training services, (2) obstacles of providing athletic training services, and (3) ways to provide athletic training
services. We all share the goal to minimize risk to student athletes participating in our athletic programs and Certified Athletic Trainers are imperative to meeting this goal.

- Bring back to the Sections for discussion for action at the February Executive Committee meeting.

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

Modified Committee. James Rose, Modified Co-Coordinator
- The committee met on Thursday, September 20, 2018 in the NYSPHSAA office. A synopsis from the meeting was included in the meeting packet.
- Reviewed the following items that were sent to the Safety Committee:
  - **Baseball** - “Should modified baseball players be allowed to use shoes with metal cleats?”
  - **Boys’ and Girls’ Soccer** - “Should there be a change to two 40-minute halves for boys’ and girls’ soccer?” and “Should the sliding tackle, overhead scissors kick, and flip throw-in be allowed in modified boys’ and girls’ soccer?”
  - If passed by the Safety Committee, they will become Action Items at the Spring 2019 Modified Committee meeting.
- Reported a survey for Modified Cheerleading was distributed by the NYSPHSAA office to schools with modified cheer teams. Modified cheerleading standards will be written after the Alisa Pacheco, Modified Cheerleading Coordinator, receives the survey results.
- Reported on discussion items defeated at their Fall meeting:
  - Rebranding the name of “Modified Athletics”
  - Boys’ and Girls’ Soccer: Allowing one time-out per half for girls and none for boys
  - Softball: Changing the maximum number of games
- Reviewed the following Action Items for their Spring meeting:
  - **Cross-Country**: “It is recommended that there be a minimum standard of six meets scheduled for modified cross country.”
  - **Football**: “Should 11-Man Football Game Rule #2 be edited to allow gap alignment in the 4-man, 5-man, and 6-man front?”
  - **Gymnastics**: “Should modified gymnasts be permitted to enter more than 3 slots per meet?”
  - **Boys’ Lacrosse**: “The following game rules will be added to modified boys’ lacrosse: The length of quarters, including a fifth quarter, shall be 10 minutes. In the event of a tie, there shall be one 4-minute sudden victory overtime. A goal will be disallowed after the horn sounds to indicate the end of the period.”
  - **Softball**: “Allow more scrimmages in modified softball.”
  - **Track and Field**: “It is recommended that there be a minimum standard of six meets scheduled for modified track and field.”
- **Boys’ & Girls’ Volleyball**: “Should the minimum time between contests of two nights’ rest for modified volleyball be reduced to one night?
- Reported the NYS Technical Handbook for Gymnastics is now going to include modified rules. The gymnastics handbook will be a combination of rules being used by current teams in Sections 7, 8, and 11, where gymnastics is being offered.
- Reported Girls’ Modified Lacrosse Coordinator, Beth Staropoli, shared that new girls’ lacrosse rules are being implemented at the high school level for the first time. They include real changes (the self-start, the new penalty zone—the clearing of a greater space for 8-meter free position and the placement of the defender on an 8-meter shot.) Beth believes these rules will have a great impact on the flow and safety of the game. These changes will need to be discussed, and the Modified Committee will either accept or reject them for the modified level for next spring. The impact they have at the high school level will have to be examined first.

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

Officials Coordinating Federation. Todd Nelson, Assistant Director
- The OCF met on Monday, October 15, 2018 in the NYSPHSAA office.
- Reported he had attended the National Association of Sports Officials meeting and shared they had some great resources for recruiting and retaining officials.
- Stressed we need to work with the officials as they are part of our interscholastic team.
• Encouraged Sections to send their reps to the OCF meetings. The more Sections attending, the better the support and the better relationship we can create.

GENERAL DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

Action Items

2019-2020 School Enrollment Numbers
• A motion to approve the school enrollment numbers for the 2019-2020 school year using grades 9, 10 and an average of 9/10 carried. Ferry/Staves

SED Age and Duration of Competition – Unified Sports
• A motion to approve NYSPHSAA Staff meet with SED to consider allowing a waiver of the Age and Duration of Competition based on the recommended parameters below carried. Wilson/Fallacaro
  1. Identification of the student with a classification as alternately assessed students.
  2. The data that would be collected for the review panel. APP fitness test would be given, and the scores would be compared to the fitness levels in the Mixed Competition regulations.
  3. Review panel. School Medical Director, Athletic Director, Special Education Director, Physical Education Teacher, and a Unified Sport Coach.
  4. Approval by the Review Panel.

(NSection 3: 2 No)

NYSAAA Resolution
• A motion to approve to support a NYSAAA resolution related to LTI Course 631 Administration: Emergency Management of Interscholastic Athletic Events carried. Ferry/Murphy

(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 no; Section 10: 2 yes; Section 11: 2 yes. 18 Yes/4 No)

Waiver of Representation Rule

A motion to approve the following reductions in the required number of contests carried. Ryan-Curry/Graczyk

• Skiing from 6 to 4 in Sections 2, 7, 9
• Indoor Track and Field from 6 to 4 in Sections 2, 7, 9
• Dual Meet Wrestling from 6 to 3 in Section 6
• Gymnastics from 6 to 4 in Section 9
• Indoor Track from 6 to 3 in Section 3

Friends and Neighbor

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

(Expire August 2020)

Section 1
French American School of New York
145 New Street
Mamaroneck, NY 10543
Grades 7-12

Section 3
Southside Academy Charter School
2200 Onondaga Creek Boulevard
Syracuse, NY 13207
Grades 7-8

Section 5
ROC Achieve Charter School
14 Mark Street
Rochester, NY 14605
Grades 7-8

Section 9
Faith Christian Academy
25 Golf Club Lane
Poughkeepsie, NY 12569
Grades 7-12
New Member
A motion to approve the following application for NYSPHSAA New Member status carried. Mullins/Santandera

Section 5
St. Francis-St. Stephen School
17 Elmwood Avenue
Geneva, NY 14456
Grades 7-8

Section 11
Riverhead Charter School
3685 Middle Country Road
Calverton, NY 11933
Grades 7-8

NYSPHSAA CAC Member Approval
A motion to approve the reappointment of Mike Andrew-Team Sports Representative, Mark Ward, At-Large Representative and Eileen Troy, At-Large Representative to the Championship Advisory Committee for four-year terms (September 1, 2018 to August 31, 2022) carried. Carbone/Staves

Discussion Items
Revision of Championship Philosophy to Allow Six Classes
- Kathy Hoyt, Executive Director of Section V, presented Section V’s proposal for consideration of revision to the classifications to allow six classifications for sports with more than 500 schools participating at the NYSPHSAA Championships effective the 2019-2020 school year.
- Based on the current NYSPHSAA Championship Philosophy, the following Championship formulas are used:
  - Team Sports (currently applies to Volleyball, Basketball, Soccer, Lacrosse, Field Hockey, Softball, Football, Baseball, Ice Hockey and Cheerleading)

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  - Combination Team/Individual Sports (currently applies to Cross Country, Skiing, Bowling, Wrestling (Oct. 2016), Girls Golf (Oct. 2016) and Rifle)

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- Cost associated with increasing some state championships by one class (officials, awards, etc.).
- This was a discussion item at the March 27, 2018 Football Committee meeting.
- This proposal was not supported by the Championship Philosophy Committee at their September 24, 2018 meeting.
- Items to consider when discussing at Section meetings:
  - Promoting and highlighting student-athletes. If we establish criteria to add a 6th class, then we would be able to highlight and promote another group of student-athletes at our championships.
  - Adding more revenue due to increased attendance at Sectionals and Championships.
  - Look at the equity of programs.

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

Classification Adjustment – Influx/Reduction
• Matt Walentuk, Executive Director of Section VII, presented a proposal to address an influx or decrease in enrollment numbers. If there is a 20% change in BEDS numbers between two consecutive school years for any school, NYSPHSAA will place the school in the appropriate classifications based on their current enrollment in August of the upcoming school year.
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NFHS Playing Rules When Available
• The NYSPHSAA Championship Philosophy Committee presented a proposal for consideration to use NFHS playing rules in all sports when available.
• The Championship Philosophy Committee reviewed data from a survey administered to coaches, officials and administrators in the Spring. The data showed coaches and officials are not in support of using NFHS playing rules in the sports of Girls Basketball, Girls & Boys Volleyball, nor Softball, however administrators asked for more information related to the use of NFHS rules. The Championship Philosophy Committee voted 6-4 in support of using NFHS Rules when available at the September 24th Championship Philosophy Committee meeting.
• This rule change would currently impact the sports of Girls Basketball (currently use NCAA rules), Girls & Boys Volleyball (currently use NCAA rules), Softball (currently use USA Softball Rules) and Girls Gymnastics (currently using USAGO rules). The NYSPHSAA is the only state in the United States using NCAA Basketball rules for girls’ basketball and only one of two states using NCAA Volleyball rules (Massachusetts uses NCAA Volleyball Rules as well).
• The State Sport Coordinators for sports not using NFHS Rules presented their rationales for staying with NCAA or USA rules:
  • **Patti Perone, Girls Volleyball**
    • Any rule modification by NYSPHSAA would result in a sanctionable action by the NFHS and NYSPHSAA would lose a vote for potentially three years. After reviewing the rules comparison with NCAA and NFHS, there are possible 45 plus rules that would need to be modified.
    • The biggest concern is loss of officials. Would lose about 45% of their current officials. There is already a shortage of officials. There would be a money issue for officials (i.e., new membership fees, uniform fees, rule book fees, line-up card fees, etc.).
    • Officials, coaches and players would be forced to play with a less progressive rules set. NCAA rules are more in alignment with USAV rules and offer up-to-date rules that govern the way coaches are teaching their athletes for a higher level of play.
    • Net and line violations are a concern
    • Safety concerns (i.e., being able to play with less than 6 players after the start)
    • Will change the fundamentals of the game
• Survey results overwhelmingly supported staying with NCAA rules with a very high number participating in the survey.

• **John Coletta, Boys Volleyball**
  • Concern with losing officials
  • Concern with 6 or 7 rules that could hinder athletes and athletic plays.
  • A very progressive sport – athletes going on to college where they play with NCAA rules
  • Would potentially take the game in the opposite direction
  • Would have to learn a whole new rule set

• **Tim Lincoln, Girls Basketball**
  • The Championship Philosophy Committee’s survey data showed overwhelming support from both the coaches and officials to stay with the NCAA rules. These are the members of the NYSPHSAA that are closest to the student-athletes and have the best knowledge of each specific sport.
  • A majority of the Girls Basketball Section Coordinators support the use of the NCAA rules.
  • His survey showed Section 3 voted 100% in favor of using NCAA rules, Section 7 was 93% in favor, Section 8 was 76% in favor, Section 9 was 85% in favor, Section 10 was 100% in favor and Section 11 was 100% in favor.
  • Concerned that we could lose quality officials that officiate both high school and college games. If the rules were to change, would those officials still be officiating at the high school level and what impact would that have on the State Tournament because we are sending the best officials from each Section.
  • The Championship Philosophy Committee did not listen to the views of the cracker barrel groups from the July Central Committee meeting where 4 of the 5 groups agreed that if it is not broken, there is no need to fix it.

• **Cathy Allen, Softball**
  • USA rules are age appropriate. We use JO 16 U.
  • USA Softball is the leader in development of softball rules. They are only involved with softball. They develop rules for all ages 6 to 96.
  • USA develops safety standards that are used by both NCAA and NFHS rules.
  • The approved bat list is used by all organizations.
  • The survey showed that as a Sport Committee, they need to do a better job informing our schools and coaches of the rule, rule books and rule interpretations.
  • The survey also showed Administrators wanted more information. The proposal never addressed that in their rationale but made the proposal to move all sports follow NFHS rules.
  • At least a minimum of 10-15 waivers would have to be made to maintain the current game as it is now.
  • The change in rules would have a great impact on many aspects of the game (i.e. pitching, bunting, double first base, equipment check by umpires, minimum number of participants…to name just 5)
  • NYSSO has expressed great concern over the use of NFHS. Areas affected would be uniforms, rule books, testing, rule interpretation, mechanics and cost to officials.
  • USA will develop and institute rules and then NFHS will add these rules 3 years after USA has adopted them.
  • Prior to 1986, Girls Softball used NAGWS rules. These rules were used in the early days of the sport and continued after Title IX. In 1986, NAGWS was being dissolved and NYS umpires and the Softball committee looked at ASA (USA). They found that ASA rules were very close to the current NAGWS rules and would be the best for NYS. The NYSPHSAA adopted the use of ASA (USA) in 1986 for that reason.
  • Since she began coaching in 1981 and in her 25 years as a Section Coordinator and nearly 20 years as State Coordinator, she has never had an issue contacting ASA/USA and getting information on rules and interpretation of rules.
  • The Softball Committee has discussed this issue at length. The current Softball Committee members support maintaining USA rules. They always look at what is best for the athletes on all levels of play and what is the best for all the schools, coaches and especially what is best for the game of softball in NYS.

**Practice Requirements**

• Robert Zayas, Executive Director, presented the Sport Seasons Ad Hoc Committee’s proposal to consider standardizing the practice requirement, by revising rule to: “A student must practice 6 times before representing his/ her school in a scrimmage or contest in all sports except football, gymnastics, wrestling, baseball and fencing which require 10 practices.”
A motion to approve amending the proposal to move fencing from 10 practices to 6 practices carried. Ferry/Simmons

The new proposal shall read, “A student must practice 6 times before representing his/ her school in a scrimmage or contest in all sports except football, gymnastics, wrestling and baseball which require 10 practices.”

• Standardizing the practice requirements will create consistency for all sports and students in regard to the amount of practice time required before a student is permitted to represent his/ her school. This revision will eliminate varying practice requirements for the team and individual for scrimmages and games/ contests. The reduction of practice requirements will also offer additional time to make adjustments in sport schedules including starting dates, length of the season, regular season games, scrimmages etc.

Sport Season Length

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

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

• The effective start date would be 2019-2020 pending signed venue contracts for Championship sites.

• So far, both coordinators for baseball and softball have expressed concern with the proposed change to the championship format.

E-sports

• Paul and Robert attended a presentation on E-sports at the NFHS Section 1 meeting in Rhode Island and found it very informative.

• Paul appointed Russell Bartlett, 2nd Vice President, as Chair of an Ad Hoc Committee to explore E-sports.

• Interested Sections will have the opportunity to have representation on the committee.

SPORTS ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

FALL SPORTS

Action Items

Football – Modification to the Participation Standard

• Gary Van Derzee, Football State Coordinator, presented the Football Committee’s proposal for a football player to be allowed to participate in both the junior varsity and varsity contests within the same week. The stipulation is that during one of the contests, the athlete would have a ten (10) play limit. During the other contest, the athlete would be free of any restriction on plays.

• In many areas, schools are facing declining roster sizes in their football programs due to decreasing enrollments and safety concerns surrounding the game of football. This has led to postponements and/or forfeits at either level. This proposal could possibly eliminate those concerns while at the same time protect our athletes. If a team has only 16-20 players dressed for a game, it is likely that some of those players never come off the field. This proposal could increase the roster size at any given game allowing players to receive a much-needed rest during the contest providing a safer environment for all.

A motion to revise football’s nights rest and maximum contest rules was defeated. Schmandt/Fallacaro

(The votes by Section: Section 1: 1 no; Section 2: 2 yes; Section 3: 2 no; 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. 13 No/8 Yes)
Cross Country Championship Site
A motion to approve Vernon-Verona-Sherrill High School as the site of the 2020 and 2022 NYSPHSAA Cross Country Championships and Chenango Valley State Park as the site of the 2021 NYSPHSAA Cross Country Championships carried. Staves/Carboine

Girls Volleyball – Adopt S.O.P. Format for all Regular Season Games
- Patti Perone, Girls Volleyball State Coordinator, presented the Girls Volleyball Committee’s proposal to adopt a Standard Operating Procedure for all regular season matches to have consistency and familiarity for players in all matches during the regular season effective Fall 2019.
A motion to approve Standard Operating Procedures for the regular season in Girls Volleyball was defeated. Ferry/Murphy
(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 no; Section 7: 2 no; Section 8: 2 no; Section 9: 2 no; Section 10: 2 no; Section 11: 2 no. 22 No)

WINTER SPORTS
Action Items
Wrestling – Scheduling of New Matches After Week #28
- Marty Sherman, Wrestling State Coordinator, presented the Wrestling Committee’s proposal no new matches may be scheduled after Week #28 unless they are a make-up for a cancelled match. Schools were scheduling matches at the end of the year to get wrestlers weigh-ins but not actually wrestling. This does not follow the spirit of the 50% rule.
A motion to approve requiring wrestling teams to finalize their schedule no later than the Saturday of Week #28 carried. (Section 1: 2 no; Section 4: 2 no; Section 6: 1 no) Ferry/Ryan-Curry

Wrestling – Pound Allowance for Sectional Tournaments due to School Closings
- Marty Sherman, Wrestling State Coordinator, presented the Wrestling Committee’s proposal to allow a pound allowance for all wrestlers competing in a Sectional tournament when schools are closed due to a weather emergency.
- This procedure is currently used throughout the entire regular season and the Wrestling Committee feels that this procedure should continue for Sectional tournaments.
A motion to approve to allow a pound allowance for all wrestlers competing in a Sectional tournament when schools are closed due to a weather emergency carried. Carboine/Schmandt

Wrestling – Extension of the Appeal Timeline
- Marty Sherman, Wrestling State Coordinator, presented the Wrestling Committee’s proposal that when a school is closed due to a weather emergency on the 3rd day of the appeal timeline, the wrestler will be given one extra day to appeal their original weight assessment.
- Currently the 3-day appeal timeline is strictly enforced and does not allow any deviation for school closing due to weather emergencies.
A motion to approve when a school is closed due to a weather emergency on the 3rd day of the appeal timeline, the wrestler will be given one extra day to appeal their original weight assessment carried. Mullins/Ryan-Curry

Indoor Track Championship Site
A motion to approve Ocean Breeze Athletic Complex as the site of the 2020, 2021 and 2022 NYSPHSAA Indoor Track and Field Championships carried. Ryan-Curry/Ferry

Discussion Items
Girls Wrestling – Representation Rule
- Greg Ransom, Executive Director of Section IX, presented Section IX’s proposal to add the following language to the NYSPHSAA Representation Rule: NOTE: for the sport of girls wrestling, a girl may wrestle during the regular season as a member of the boys team via mixed competition and also compete in tournaments organized specifically for girls, as long as she does not exceed the maximum number of points (20) during the regular season.
- This proposal would permit a female wrestler to wrestle as a member of the boys team via mixed competition, while also permitting the female wrestler to wrestler only against girls. The goal would be to increase participation in girls wrestling and eventually remove this “NOTE” from the representation rule.
- Effective 2019-2020 season.
- Bring back to the sections for discussion for action at the February Executive Committee meeting.
Boys Ice Hockey – Video Replay Protocol

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

- The proposed protocol is below:
  1. **Video Replay** - Per adoption in May 2018, video replay is permissible in any postseason game (where available) for the purposes of determining goals, undetected goals and for determining correct time on the game clock. In order to reverse an on-ice ruling, the replay must include conclusive video evidence.
  2. **On-Ice Officials Procedure** - The referee must use a video monitor located at ice level to review any of the criteria. An On-Ice Official makes the final decision.
  3. **Video Replay Criteria** - The following criteria are subject to the use of video replay and may be reviewed through either referee’s discretion or by a coach’s challenge:
     1. A puck crossing the goal line
     2. A puck entering the net before the goal frame is dislodged
     3. A puck entering the net before or after expiration of time at the end of a period, a whistle, or referee’s determination that play has stopped
     4. A puck directed into the net by a hand or a distinct kicking motion
     5. A puck deflected into the net by an official
     6. To establish the correct time on the game clock
     7. To determine if an attacking player prevented the goalkeeper from defending the goal in accordance of Rule 7-13.5
     8. To determine if a puck is directed or deflected into the net by a high stick
  4. **Non-Detected Goal** - In situations where a non-detected goal is awarded, officials will reset the game clock accordingly. If penalties occur prior to or after the undetected goal, these penalties will be enforced regardless of team.
  5. **Allowable Time for Review** - Any potential goal requiring video review must be reviewed prior to or during the next stoppage of play. No goal may be awarded (or 140 disallowed) as a result of video review once the puck has been dropped and play has resumed.
  6. **Team Timeout Request/Coach’s Challenge** - A team may use its timeout for the purpose of reviewing situations that are in the video replay criteria or a potentially non-detected goal. If the challenge is successful, the team retains its timeout. If the challenge is unsuccessful, a timeout is charged to the challenging team. This timeout policy applies to any video replay procedure used. An on-ice official makes the final decision. For a time out to be granted, a coach must:
     - Declare, from the onset of the request, that the time out is for purpose of video review. A coach may not request a video review if the time out is taken for another purpose. A coach may not stall in any manner prior to requesting the review.
     - Identify the specific video replay criteria requested to be reviewed
     - When any aspect of the video replay criteria is challenged, it allows the referee to utilize all aspects of the review criteria to be judged (e.g., high stick challenged, but video shows the puck was kicked into the goal).
     - When a video review, due to technical issues with the video replay system, is unable to provide an adequate review, a team time out will not be charged.
     - If a team does not have a timeout remaining, they may not make a challenge.
  - The use of Video Replay has been approved for use starting with the 2018 - 2019 season in accordance with the NFHS Rulebook. The criteria and protocol for the use of video replay is determined by the individual State Association adopting its use. The protocol being proposed blends current NCAA protocol and criteria that the NYSPHSAA State Committee and NYS Ice Hockey Officials Association feels is necessary for high school hockey in NYS. The Committee also believes this protocol will provide a simplistic and consistent approach to use of video replay in postseason across the state.
  - **Effective Start Date**: Winter 2018 - 2019 Season. The committee is proposing this as a one-year pilot and would like to review the protocol after one year of use. At this time, the committee will revise the policy and seek approval for changes or keep the protocol indefinitely.
  - Action item for the February Executive Committee meeting.
SPRING SPORTS

Action Items

**Softball – Standardize Regional Play to Only Thursday to Monday prior to State Tournament**

- Cathy Allen, Softball State Coordinator, presented the Softball Committee’s proposal for Regional play to be scheduled Thursday through Monday only, prior to the State Tournament, beginning the 2019 season.
- Setting a schedule of certain days for regional contests to be completed would help maintain a fair and equitable schedule. This would allow for the same play and rest periods for teams heading to Regionals and coming out of Regionals across the state and additionally keep Sections accountable in maintaining similar schedules (to other Sections). This has been a discussion for some time. The committee voted 10-1 in favor of this proposal.

A motion to approve Regional play to be scheduled Thursday through Monday only, prior to the State Tournament in Softball carried.  
(Ceruti/Ryan  
(Section 1:  2 no)

**Federation Boys Tennis Championships**

- Robert Zayas, Executive Director, presented the Boys Tennis Committee’s proposal to revise the format of the NYSPHSAA/ NYS Federation Boys Tennis Championships.
- The rationale for this proposal is to offer an equitable, healthy and safe NYSFSSAA Boys Tennis Federation State Championship for all participating associations to include NYSPHSAA, PSAL, NYSAISAA, and CHSAA. This opportunity would allow for all four association champions in both singles and doubles to commit to compete in an organized championship event that is not scheduled concurrently with any of the named associations’ championships.
- It is suggested that the Boys Tennis Federation Championship be scheduled for week #49 of the scholastic calendar, as the NYSPHSAA Boys Tennis State Championship and other association championships are scheduled on or before week #48. This schedule adheres to the USTA Regulations for tournament participation of sanctioned events and would also allow all competitors appropriate rest periods between championship events.
- This proposal must provide each of the four associations the opportunity to appoint an association coordinator to participate in tournament responsibilities, such as to complete a tournament draw or round robin format based on the number of participating associations to give all competitors equal contests, to structure the rules and guidelines of competition not limited to scoring, coaching, officiating, etc., keep and report results, secure a venue, athletic trainers, provide first aid/AED and awareness of emergency procedures for the benefit of all in attendance.
- This proposal originated from the 2017 NYSPHSAA Boys Tennis Committee and the 2018 Boys Tennis Committees after many concerns were raised of the current format and schedule.

A motion to approve revising the format of the NYSPHSAA/NYS Federation Boys Tennis Championships carried.  
(Schmandt/Murphy)

**Wheelchair Track & Field Athletes**

- Robert Zayas, Executive Director, presented a proposal to have a standard scoring procedure for all wheelchair athletes participating in NYSPHSAA regular season and post season competition in the sports of Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field.
- Over the past three seasons, two wheelchair track and field athletes have participated in track and field at the modified and high school level. Now that they are entering the high school level of competition, a uniformed and consistent procedure for scoring and competing during the regular season and post season needs to be established.
- A committee consisting of the Boys and Girls Track and Field State Coordinators, NYSPHSAA office staff, the athletic directors and coaches from the two schools involved and the families of the two athletes was formed to develop a proposal. The NYSPHSA office staff surveyed all the state associations to inquire on any current procedures and practices utilized within their state. Pennsylvania has had a procedure in place that has worked well for them for over 10 years. The committee had a lengthy discussion on all the possible options and agreed to model this proposal after the PIAA procedure. The committee feels that this will be fair to all students and teams competing in the sport of Track and Field.

A motion to approve a standard scoring procedure for all wheelchair athletes participating in NYSPHSAA regular season and post season competition in the sports of Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field carried.  
(Ceruti/Graczyk)
Discussion Items

Baseball – Pitcher/Designated Hitter Rule

- Al Roy, Baseball State Coordinator, presented the Baseball Committee’s proposal to adopt the following Pitcher (P)/Designated Hitter (DH) Rule. *The designated hitter and the pitcher may be the same person. If the pitcher bats for himself, he is treated as two separate positions – a pitcher and a designated hitter (abbreviated P/DH on the lineup card) – and may be substituted for as such (i.e. if a player who starts the game as the P/DH is relieved as the starting pitcher, he may not return to the mound even if he remains in the game as the DH, and he may not play any other defensive position after being relieved as pitcher.)* This rule will be provided as another option for coaches to utilize.

- This proposal will further support the NYSPHSAA Pitch Count Rule and limit the throwing and wear and tear on the starting pitcher’s arm when they are placed in the field after pitching. Additionally, it gives the coach flexibility with his lineup card. For further clarification, if a coach lists his starting pitcher as just “P” on the lineup card, the pitcher can go to a position after he pitches; if a pitcher is listed as “P/DH”, he can only pitch or DH in the game (or be removed from the game). Currently, the NFHS Rule is the only Designated Hitter Rule in place.

COMBINING OF SCHOOLS
The following combining school teams have been approved by the respective leagues and sections for the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 school years and are presented for your information. (Eligibility Standard #6)

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Port Byron & Union Springs

Solvay & Lyncourt

Oriskany & Westmoreland

Waterville & Morrisville-Eaton
Jamesville-Dewitt & Fayetteville-Manlius
East Syracuse-Minoa, Bishop Grimes, Liverpool & Chittenango
Fayetteville-Manlius & Chittenango
Sandy Creek & Pulaski
Mount Markham & Cooperstown
Auburn & St. Joseph
Morrisville-Eaton & Stockbridge Valley
Morrisville-Eaton & Hamilton

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Afton & Harpursville

Bainbridge-Guilford & Afton
Bainbridge-Guilford, Afton & Harpursville
Binghamton & Seton Catholic

Candor & Spencer Van Etten

Charlotte Valley & South Kortright
Charlotte Valley & Stamford

Chenango Valley & Harpursville
Cherry Valley-Springfield & Sharon Springs

Deposit & Hancock

Football (V, M)
Cross Country (V, M)
B. Soccer (M)

Football (M)
Cross Country (M)
B. Soccer (M)

Football (V, M)
B. Soccer (V, M)

G. Gymnastics (V)
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B. Soccer (V, M)
Field Hockey (V)
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Football (V, M)
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B. Soccer (V, M)
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B/G Track & Field (V, M)
Baseball (V, M)
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G. Swimming (V)
Baseball (M)
Softball (M)
Football (V, M)
B/G Cross Country (V, M)
B. Golf (V)
Field Hockey (V, M)
G. Volleyball (V, JV, M)
B/G Tennis (V)
B. Wrestling (V, JV, M)
B/G Basketball (V, JV, M)
B/G Track & Field (V, JV, M)
Baseball (V, JV, M)
Softball (M)
B. Tennis (V, JV)
Downsville, Livingston Manor & Roscoe (9)

- B/G Track & Field (V, M)
- B. Soccer (V, M)
- B/G Track & Field (V, M)
- Softball (V)
- B/G Golf (V)
- B/G Cross Country (V, M)

Downsville & Roscoe (9)

Elmira & Elmira Notre Dame
Gilbertsville-Mt. Upton & Morris
Greene & Oxford Academy
Harpursville & Afton

Ithaca City School & EAC Montessori School

Ithaca City School, Dryden, Lansing, Susquehanna Valley & UE
Lansing & Southern Cayuga
Laurens, Cherry Valley-Springfield & Milford
Odessa Montour & Trumansburg
Odessa Montour & Watkins Glen

Oxford Academy & Gilbertsville-Mt. Upton
Richfield Springs & Owen D. Young (3)
Schenevus & Worcester
Sidney & Gilbertsville-Mt. Upton
Sidney, Delaware Academy & Unatego
South Kortright & Andes

South Kortright, Andes & Jefferson
Unatego & Franklin
Unatego & Unadilla Valley
Union Springs & Port Byron

- B/G Track & Field (V, M)
- B. Soccer (V, M)
- B/G Track & Field (V, M)
- Softball (V)
- B/G Golf (V)
- B/G Cross Country (V, M)
- G. Soccer (V, M)
- Baseball (V, M)
- Softball (M)
- B. Swimming (V)
- B/G Cross Country (V, M)
- B/G Track & Field (V, M)
- B. Wrestling (V, M)
- Football (V, M)
- B. Golf (V)
- G. Cheerleading (V)
- G. Volleyball (V, JV, M)
- B/G Indoor Track (V)
- B/G Track & Field (V, M)
- B. Cross Country (M)
- B/G Soccer (M)
- G. Tennis (M)
- G. Volleyball (M)
- B/G Basketball (M)
- B. Wrestling (M)
- G. Ice Hockey (V)
- B. Wrestling (V)
- B/G Indoor Track (V)
- G. Golf (V)
- Football (V, M)
- B. Swimming (M)
- Baseball (V, M)
- Football (V, M)
- G. Basketball (V, JV, M)
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- B. Golf (V)
- B/G Basketball (V, JV, M)
- Softball (V, M)
- Baseball (V)
- Baseball (M)
- Football (V, JV, M)
- Wrestling (V)
- B/G Soccer (V, JV, M)
- B/G Cross Country (V, M)
- Football (V, M)
- Field Hockey (V, JV, M)
- B/G Bowling (V)
- Wrestling (V, M)
- B/G Indoor Track (V)
- Baseball (V, JV)
- B. Tennis (V)
- Softball (JV)
Walton & Delaware Academy
Wells & Lake Pleasant
Indian Lake & Long Lake
Minerva & Newcomb
Plattsburgh & Seton Catholic
Elizabethtown/Lewis & Westport
Peru, Saranac, Beekmantown & Seton Catholic
Beekmantown & Saranac
Lake Placid & Keene

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
Lake Placid, Saranac Lake, & Tupper Lake
Plattsburgh & Chazy
Saranac, Peru, & Northern Adirondack
AuSable Valley & Peru
Plattsburgh & Seton Catholic
Lake Placid & AuSable Valley
Lake Placid & Saranac Lake

East Rockaway & Malverne

Lynbrook South MS & Lynbrook North MS
Elmont, Floral Park, Carey, New Hyde Park & Sewanhaka

Elmont, Floral Park, Carey & Sewanhaka
Floral Park, Carey & Sewanhaka
Carle Place & Wheatley

MacArthur & Division

HB Thompson MS & Southwoods MS
East Meadow & Clarke
Great Neck North HS/MS & Great Neck South HS/MS
Turtle Hook MS & Lawrence Road MS

Herricks & Roslyn
Carey & New Hyde Park
Southside & East Rockaway
East Meadow, Clarke, Levittown Division & MacArthur

Wrestling (V, JV)
All Modified Sports as needed
All Sports/All Levels
All Sports/All Levels
Football
B/G Soccer (V, M)
G. Swim
Gymnastics
B/G Cross Country
B. Ice Hockey (V)
B. Nordic Skiing
B. Ice Hockey
G. Ice Hockey
Football
Gymnastics
Cross Country
B. Ice Hockey
G. Ice Hockey
G. Ice Hockey
B. Ice Hockey
G. Alpine Skiing
B. Tennis

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East Rockaway & Malverne

B/G Soccer (V, JV)
G. Tennis (V)
B/G Winter Track (V)
All Modified Sports
B/G Golf (V)
B/G Swimming (V)
Gymnastics
B/G Bowling (V)
Rifle (V)
B. Tennis (V)
G. Tennis (V)
Wrestling (V, JV)
Field Hockey (V, JV)
Football (V, JV)
G. Gymnastics
B. Volleyball
G. Swimming & Diving
B. Golf

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Wrestling (V, JV)
Wrestling (V)
B. Swimming
SENIOR ALL-STAR CONTESTS
The following contests were approved by the Executive Director per Executive Committee authorization and are presented for your information. (Eligibility Standard #9).

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REPORTS FROM CONSULTANTS

Legislative Lobbyist – Kevin Banes

- Gave an overview of what he and the Association worked on related to government relations specific to legislators’ proposals & interviews during the last legislative session that would have an impact on high school sports and the Association.
- Home School Legislation – An issue that continues. It would allow home schooled students to participate in interscholastic sports. Have been successful in past years from preventing the bill to move in the Senate and Assembly. Last year the bill passes in the Senate. He and Robert met with the sponsor of the bill and the chair and some members of the Senate Education Committee to share our concerns with the legislation. They also went to the Assembly and shared our concerns and were successful in preventing it to move into the Assembly.
- Tackle Football for kids 12 and under – A proposal that doesn’t directly impact the Association but there are concerns if it were to become law, eventually it would affect interscholastic sports. They met with the Assembly member who supports this legislation and shared our concerns about the fundamentals of the sport and how it would be taught and shared some of the activities we’ve been strongly involved in regarding
concussion management protocols. They let the Assembly member know we had resources available that would be helpful in providing some type of protocols for concussion management.

- Prohibiting Marksmanship Programs in High School – The rationale behind the legislation introduced by a Democrat from Manhattan, was she thought it was an NRA supported bill which contributes to school violence. They met with the sponsor of the bill and voiced our concerns with the legislation. These programs are in communities where guns are part of the culture (i.e., hunting). Safety and responsibility are also taught in these programs.
- He stated we have been successful in articulating the rules that are created by the Association and how they are aimed towards fairness in competition.
- Gave a brief overview on the upcoming elections in November.

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

- Annual conference will be held November 14-15, 2018 at Turning Stone.
- Conference registration and schedule are available on-line.

A motion to approve adjournment of the October 2018 Executive Committee meeting on Tuesday, October 16, 2018 at 1:30 PM carried.  

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

Dr. Robert Zayas
Executive Director

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