SYNOPSIS OF ACTIONS
May 2, 2014 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Via Conference Call

ACTION ITEMS

1. P3  Approved the agenda of the May 2, 2014 Executive Committee meeting.
2. P3  Approved January 31, 2014 Executive Committee meeting minutes.
4. P20 Defeated a motion to the use of NFHS Rules for all applicable sports.
5. P20 Tabled eliminating “Academic Advantage” as one of the waivers of the NYSPHSAA Transfer Rule beginning with the 2014-2015 school year.
6. P20 No action was taken on requiring parents to be “legally” separated (i.e. legally binding separation decree from a court of competent jurisdiction) beginning with the 2014-2015 school year.
7. P20 Approved revising Rule 23-Professional Tryouts for clarification purposes.
10. P20 Defeated Girls Basketball to utilize a 35 second shot clock.
12. P21 Approved the Field Hockey waiver of the uniform rule 1-5-1, section K and 1-5-1, Section L which pertains to the side inserts only for the 2015-2017 seasons.
15. P21 Approved Whiteface Mountain and Mt. Van Hoeuvenburg as the site of the 2015 NYSPHSAA Ski Championships.
16. P21 Approved Kenmore West High School (6) as the site of the 2015 NYSPHSAA Girls Gymnastics Championships.
18. P21 Defeated allowing coaches to play in the practice round of the Boys Golf Championships at their own expense in a supervisory capacity.
19. P22 Approved permitting one Board of Education approved track & field coach per qualified athlete, free entry into the State Track & Field Championships (Indoor &Outdoor) with a limit of 6 coaches per school.
20. P22 Approved forming a new Class D (only) rotation for sub-regional and regional games in Girls Basketball to begin with the 2014-2015 season.
21. P22 Approved Boys Volleyball changing the current cut-off numbers.
22. P22 Approved Friend and Neighbor Status for:
   Section VI: Northern Chautauqua Catholic School
   Section VI: St. Mary’s School for the Deaf
   Section IX: Harmony Christian School
23. P22 Approved the appointment of Christine Ralbovsky as a new staff member.
24. P22 Approved the following reductions in the required number of contests:
   Section III: Outdoor Track & Field from 6 to 4 contests.
   Section V: Boys Tennis from 6 to 3 contests in Section 5.
25. P23 Approved two-year pilot program in Modified Football
26. P33 Approved adjournment.
The Executive Committee meeting was called to order by President Eileen Troy at 10:00AM on Friday, May 2, 2014. Executive Director Robert Zayas introduced Christine Ralbovsky, the newest staff member of the Association who will be replacing Eileen Davis, Distribution and Accounts Receivable Clerk, who is retiring after 17 years with the Association. Executive Director Robert Zayas introduced members of the Executive Committee and took attendance as follows:

**Officers & Staff**
- President Eileen Troy
- First Vice President Stephen Broadwell
- Second Vice President James Osborne
- Past President Mark Ward
- Executive Director Robert Zayas
- Assistant Director Robert Stulmaker
- Assistant Director Todd Nelson
- Dir. of Marketing & Media Joseph Altieri
- Media Content Coordinator Joseph Agostinelli
- Treasurer Lisa Arnold
- Counsel Renee James
- Secretary Sandra Schanck

**Past Presidents**
- Kathryn Faber
- Karen Lopez
- Patrick Pizzarelli

**Section Representatives**
- Section 1: Karen Peterson, Jennifer Simmons (proxy for James Mackin)
- Section 2: Kathy Ryan, Wayne Bertrand (proxy for Kathy Ryan in afternoon), Robert McGuire
- Section 3: Barbara Felice, Michael Carbone
- Section 4: Ben Nelson (proxy for Julie Bergman), Chris Durdon
- Section 5: Kimberly Henschaw, Craig Veley
- Section 6: Cindy Bullis, Don Scholla
- Section 7: Patricia Ryan-Curry, Joseph Staves
- Section 8: Chris Ceruti, John Piropato, Patrick Pizzarelli (proxy for John Piropato in afternoon)
- Section 9: Robbie Greene, Jim Wolfe
- Section 10: Lori Brewer, Paul Harrica, Carl Normandin (proxy for Paul Harrica in afternoon)
- Section 11: Lisa Lally, Timothy Mullins
Section Ex. Directors
Jennifer Simmons (1)  Karen Lopez (7)
Wayne Bertrand (2)  Nina Van Erk (8)
John Rathbun (3)  Carl Normandin (10)
Ben Nelson (4)  Don Webster, Asst. Ex. Director (11)
Ed Stores (5)
Timm Slade (6)

Ex-Officios
Alan Mallanda, Ex. Director-NYSAAA
Dave Garbarino, President-NYSAAA
Darryl Daily, SED
Jim Rose, Modified Co-Coord.

Sports Coordinators
Judy Hartmann, Boys Volleyball
Patti Perone, Girls Volleyball
Cathy Allen, Softball
Pete Bly, Girls Basketball
Dave Hennessey, Girl Winter Track
Oscar Jensen, Boys Winter Track

Guests
Ken Slentz, Deputy Commissioner-NYSED
Chrissy Klepper, NYSPHSAA Intern
Brian O’Connor, NYSPHSAA Intern
Greg Ransom
Frank Venezia, Marvin & Co.
Kevin Banes, Legislative Liaison
John Pizzi, Ex. Director-AISAA
Eric Race-Johnson City HS
Steve Nolan-Modified Football Chairman

A motion to approve the agenda to the May 2, 2014 Executive Committee meeting carried.  Harrica/Ceruti

A motion to approve the January 31, 2014 Executive Committee Meeting minutes as written carried.  Felice/McGuire

President Eileen Troy introduced Ken Slentz, NYSED Deputy Commissioner who thanked the group for being given the opportunity to attend and speak. He stated that education in New York is in a period of significant change. Being proactive in moving forward is going to be
critical in providing opportunities for our kids. He recommended and encouraged the Association to take a different tact of perseverance and grit by:

- generating a white paper which emphasizes from a research perspective how participation in interscholastic athletics contributes towards college and career readiness in a citizen based student.
- Identifying school districts that are effective models when it comes to tight budgets. They have developed efficient ways to manage their interscholastic athletic programs to continue to provide opportunities to students but doing so in the confines of the taxpayers.
- Look at options to make sure we are maintaining opportunities needed for our students at less of a cost to the school district and taxpayers.

He thanked the Association for our time and support of SED. He thanked Darryl Daily for his work at SED.

ORAL AND PRINTED REPORTS WERE PRESENTED BY ASSOCIATION OFFICERS AND STAFF

President Eileen Troy
- Reported she attended the Skiing, Indoor Track, Wrestling, Boys and Girls Basketball, Ice Hockey State Championships.
- She also attended the Cheer Invitational at Onondaga Community College and the Federation Basketball Tournament.
- Commended the volunteerism that exists through the State and thanked the Sport Coordinators and Committees for what they do in conducting our State Championships.
- Commended the NYSPHSAA staff for their hard work and for all they do for our student athletes.

1st Vice President Steve Broadwell
- Reported he attended the Boys and Girls Basketball, Wrestling, Ice Hockey State Championships and the Cheer Invitational.
- Stated he is looking forward to the Spring Championships.
- Commended the volunteerism that exists through the State and thanked the Sport Coordinators and Committees for what they do in conducting our State Championships.
- Commended the NYSPHSAA staff for their hard work and for all they do for our student athletes.

2nd Vice President Jim Osborne
- Reported he attended the Boys and Girls Bowling State Championship.
- Commended the Sport Coordinators and Section Coordinators for the great job they do in running the State Championships.
- Commended the NYSPHSAA staff for all they do for our student athletes.
Past President Mark Ward

- Reported he had attended the Boys Swimming, Wrestling, Boys and Girls Basketball and Girls Gymnastics State Championships.
- Commended the Sport Coordinators and Section Coordinators for the great job they do in running the State Championships.
- Commended the NYSPHSAA staff for all they do for our student athletes.
- Announced the nomination of Paul Harrica, Section X, as the Chief School Officer Representative in the officer rotation vacancy of 2nd Vice President.

Executive Director Robert Zayas

- Stated his appreciation of the staff doing a phenomenal job in helping the Association be successful.
- Reminded the fiscal reductions put into place in January 2009 and voted on again and approved in October 2012 will end with the 2014-2015 school year.
- Reported the Association has received some good press over the last two weeks due to the launching of the Unified Sports Pilot program in Section 2 and competitive cheerleading being recognized as a sport by the NYS Board of Regents.

Future of Ball Adoption

- The NYSPHSAA staff continues to work on the potential implementation of an optional statewide ball adoption program to begin in the 2016-2017 school year.
- The revenue generated from the ball adoption program would be shared with the participating Sections through the NYSPHSAA Revenue Share program.
- A tentative timeline has been established.

Coaching Certification

- The NYSPHSAA and the NYSAAA are working together to positively impact the future of New York State Coaching Certification requirements. An ad hoc committee is currently developing a revised coaching certification curriculum to propose to the NYSED Certification Department. The goal is to streamline the process to make it more affordable and less cumbersome to obtain a coaching certification in New York.

Athletic Shopping Regulations

- The Transfer Committee met on February 10th and discussed the need to implement rules and regulations to prohibit “Athletic Shopping.” Discussion revolved around the need to better define “Corresponding change of address” as it pertains to residency. The Transfer and Handbook Committees would like to continue to discuss the potential implementation of the following to the NYSPHSAA Transfer Rule:
  1. The entire family unit must move to the new residence.
  2. The entire family unit must abandon the previous residence.
  3. Must provide proof of a utilities bill at the new residence.

Combining of Teams

- The Combining of Teams Ad Hoc Committee met on April 3 to discuss the future of the graduated scale which was approved as a two year pilot at the January 2013 Executive Committee. The Committee discussed the need to collect data pertaining to the number of schools who are taking advantage of the graduated scale, how many students/teams
the graduated scale is impacting and how the combining of teams rules can be improved for the future. The committee is scheduled to meet again on June 10.

Transfer Committee
- The Transfer Committee met on February 10. Discussion took place regarding the need for greater consistency of interpreting the transfer rule, transfers for athletic purposes and the number of students using “academic advantage” to gain immediate eligibility. The Committee recommended the elimination of academic advantage as one of the waivers of the transfer rule as well as requiring “legal” separation as one of the six exemptions of the transfer rule. Both items were forwarded to the Handbook Committee.

New England Student Leadership Conference
- NYSPHSAA will participate in the New England Leadership Conference scheduled for July 15-18 at Stonehill College, Easton, MA.
- NYSPHSAA will pay the Conference and Registration Fees which includes all boarding and meals. The Section, school or student will pay for and arrange travel to/from the conference location.
- Each Section may select two students to attend the conference. Selections must be submitted to the NYSPHSAA office by May 23.
- Participating students will be requested to speak about their experience at a Section Athletic Council meeting during the Fall of 2014.
- The conference will focus on Respect, Positive Values, Perspective, Sportsmanship, Teamwork, Healthy Lifestyles, Community Service and Self-Evaluation.

Assistant Director Bob Stulmaker
State Championships/Regionals 2014-2015
- The updated schedule of known dates/sites for 2014-2015 was included in the meeting packet.

State Sports Coordinator
- After serving as State Football Chairman for 33 years, Dick Cerone has stepped down. A replacement to fill Dick’s last two years will be announced in July.
- He thanked Dick for all his years of dedicated service to the student-athletes, coaches and officials not only in New York State but nationally.

Scholar/Athlete Team Award Program
- A list of the Winter 2013-2014 State Championship teams was included in the meeting packet.
- The Spring 2014 deadline to apply for the Scholar/Athlete Team Award is Friday, May 16, 2014.
- School of Distinction Award applications are to be completed following the Spring 2014 deadline and must be received no later than June 30, 2014 in order to be placed on the NYSPHSAA “Academic Honor Roll”.

NYS Federation of Secondary Schools Athletic Association
- The next meeting of the NYSFSSAA is May 14, 2014.
• He congratulated Scotia High School (2), the Class A Boys Basketball Federation Champion, Westhill High School (3), the Class B Boys Basketball Federation Champion and Utica-Notre Dame (3), the Class B Girls Basketball Federation Champion.

Community Service Challenge
• Schools should have submitted their application to their Section by May 1.
• Section winners are due to the NYSPHSAA office by June 1.
• The State winner will be announced in early June and recognized at the Central Committee meeting in July.

Officials Coordinating Federation
• Lou Pettinelli, a long time OCF member, passed away on March 25, 2014.
• A Fact Finders Hearing was held on Friday, March 28, 2014 involving Section 6 and Section 6 officials.
• The next meeting of the OCF is Saturday, May 10, 2014 at 9:00 AM via conference call.

Assistant Director Todd Nelson

Unified Sports
• The NYSPHSAA has partnered with Special Olympics New York for the Unified Basketball Pilot Program in Section 2.
• Teams participating in the Unified Basketball program are comprised of students with and without disabilities.
• A joint news conference was held on April 22nd to launch the program. Practice began on April 1st and competition began May 5th.
• The teams will compete in six separate contests during the month of May with a culminating event held at the Glens Falls Civic Center on May 31st.
• Schools participating in this initiative are: Averill Park, Ballston Spa, Columbia, Glens Falls, Guilderland, Mechanicville, Mohonasen, Queensbury, Saratoga Springs, Schenectady, Shenendehowa and South Colonie.
• Each school has also formed a Youth Activation Committee (YAC) to help increase awareness and acceptance of students with disabilities. They also help support the Unified Basketball team.
• Following the pilot program, a recommendation will be made to the Central Committee for Unified Sports to be adopted as a new program of the NYSPHSAA.
• Section 5 has expressed interest in expanding the program into their Section during the 2014-2015 school year.
• If any other Section is interested in the Unified Sports Program, please contact Todd Nelson.

Cheerleading
• The second annual East and West Regional Cheerleading Invitationals were held on February 9th (West) at the SRC Arena in Section III and February 22nd (East) at Sullivan Community College in Section IX. More than 80 schools participated in both events with winners being awarded in four divisions.
• On Tuesday, April 29th, the NYS Board of Regents unanimously approved competitive cheer to be recognized as a sport commencing with the 2014-2015 school year.
The Cheerleading Committee will meet on May 20th to discuss their recommendations on how cheerleading would work within our rules and regulations and the State Education’s rule and regulations. Those recommendations will be brought to the Central Committee meeting in July. Each Section is asked to bring an Administrator and a coach to get a perspective from both sides to the meeting.

The Association’s and SED’s initial plan is for next year to be a transition year for the Association’s member schools with full implementation for the 2015-2016 school year.

NFHS Courses
Go to www.nfhslearn.com for sport specific courses, elective courses and free courses for those who need additional education. Many of these courses are free and are a great resource for our schools.

Director of Marketing & Media Joe Altieri
Sponsorship
“Contributing” sponsorships secured for the winter championships were: USA Wrestling, Monroe County Sports Commission, NY Bankers Association, Proctor & Gamble, Pearle Vision, Flips Audio, Sanitech, Albany CVB, NYS Wrestling Association, American Dairy Association (premium sponsor for Federation Tournament separate from NYSPHSAA).

Sponsorship meetings or calls were conducted with the following prospects: Forever Fierce, Rawlings and Brine. Presenting sponsorship proposals of $10,000 or more were presented to Navy (2), MileSplit and Bauer in March. Major corporate sponsorship proposals for April will be reported at the July meeting.

Championship Marketing/Other
Television and radio campaigns were implemented for the following winter sports: Boys and Girls Basketball, Ice Hockey and Wrestling. Radio campaigns will be implemented for baseball, softball, boys and girls lacrosse.

The 2013-2014 branding campaign continues to be executed. New signage and tournament branding materials were purchased and installed at the winter championships. With several sports being broadcast by TWC, the NYSPHSAA brand was highly visible and promoted.

Reported with the inception of the Unified Sports program, he was responsible for organizing the press conference and elements related to the conference including press kits, decals, shirts and curtain backdrop.

Championship Financial Report
Winter online ticket sales yielded $23,456 in revenue with 2,519 tickets being sold. Boys swimming sold 1,428 online tickets which was 79% of its total admissions. Online ticket sales are growing fast in all sports.

Radio rights fees for broadcasts totaled $6,000.

The $30,000 bed tax award from Warren County for boys basketball was used towards tournament print/radio/TV marketing, promotional giveaways to fans (iPad sleeves & foam fingers), team breakfasts at the hotel, committee gifts, bracket boards, banners, decals and other signage.
Media/Broadcasting

- Time Warner Cable Sports Channel will broadcast the following championships this spring: girls lacrosse finals, boys lacrosse semifinals and finals and softball (2 classes).
- Press releases have been distributed for the following: Hall of Fame, Scholar Athlete, Willsboro Theatre Awards, Ice Hockey schedule change, Wrestling seeding, Winter Championships, NY Spirit of Sport Winner, Tickets on Sale for Wrestling and Basketball, NFHS Coach of the Year (2 from New York).

Summer Interns

- Courtney Tedeschi, a graduate of Berne-Knox-Westerlo High School (Section 2) and sophomore track athlete at DePaul and Jessica Marinsein, a graduate of Guilderland (Section 2) and a sophomore at Cortland, will begin a summer internship in the marketing department at the Association in June.

Spring Interns

- He acknowledged and thanked Chrissy Klepper and Brian O’Connor, the Spring interns, for their utmost professionalism and great work this semester.

Media Content Coordinator Joe Agostinelli

Website

- From February 24 to March 16 (Winter Sports Championship season) the website received 107,228 visits, a 22.15% increase over the Fall championship time frame. 59,573 of these visits were unique visits to the website, 22.62% increase over the Fall championship time frame.
- During the Winter Championships, there were 419,339 page views on the website. The average visit to the website lasted 4:02.
- The heaviest traffic with 35,865 visits, 19,463 unique visitors and 111,000 page views was between Friday, February 28 and Saturday, March 1.
- In the coming weeks, minor changes will be made to the home page on the website to feature social media more and incorporate Facebook more into posts. Overtime Sports will also be more prominently featured.

Social Media

- Growth continues on all of NSPHSAA’s social media webpages. The Facebook page has increased its ‘likes’ to over 1,100. Twitter has more than 4,500 followers. Our YouTube page has had over 37,000 views since its launch over the summer. Massena’s game winning goal in the NYSPHSAA Hockey semifinal quickly became the most watched video on our YouTube page with over 5,000 views.
- Social media initiatives, such as Tuesday trivia, Photo of the Week on Fridays, and giveaways from the American Dairy Association continue to help increase the reach of our social media.
- Social media was also utilized during the NYSPHSAA boys basketball finals for contests.

Souvenir Badges

- Souvenir badges for the spring NYSPHSAA Championships have arrived. BagTags, which produced the fall souvenir badges also created the spring badges. The NCAA continues to be featured on the back of all the badges.
Souvenir badges were also ordered for our sponsors for the spring events, along with the Time Warner TV crews.

**iWanamaker**
- iWanamaker, a company out of Colorado, will provide live scoring of this spring’s NYSPHSAA Boys and Girls Golf Championships. Training webinars on this initiative will be held with the committees throughout the spring. Sections have also been given the opportunity to utilize iWanamaker for live scoring of their tournaments. All Section boys and girls golf coordinators have the information.

**Battle of the Fans**
- Norwich (Section 4) was crowned the 2014 Battle of the Fans Champion. Over 1,000 votes for the competition were conducted through our Facebook page. All of the videos and stories from each finalist visit to a game night and their original entry video are located on the Sportmanship page on our website. The other finalists this year were Skaneateles (Section 3) and Pleasantville (Section 1).

**Treasurer Lisa Arnold**
- Frank Venezia, CPA, from Marvin & Company reviewed our audit reports as of August 31, 2012 and August 31, 2013. He reported our financial statements were materially correct and in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

**Balance Sheet**
- Reported we have a very strong cash position and are able to meet all our current obligations. We now have sufficient liquid assets (cash and investments) to also meet our post-retirement health benefit liability.
- Net assets continue to increase. We went from a negative $374,000 in fiscal year 2011 to a positive $1.8 million in fiscal year 2013, an increase of $2.2 million. $1.6 million of the increase was due to a reduction in the post-retirement health benefit liability and approximately $200,000 was attributable to unrealized gains in investments.

**Income Statement**

**Revenues**
- Investment income continues to be strong, with an overall 6% return on investment.
- Championships are over budget mainly due to the T-shirt contract with CP Sportswear and sport specific sponsorships being applied to their sport. The analysis of each sport was included in the meeting packet.
- Items for resale are significantly under budget showing a net profit of $21,000 as of April 4th, down from $34000 at this time last year. Rulebook sales continue to decrease due to the fact that many of these rulebooks are available on line. The continuing decrease in this income item has been accounted for in our 2014-15 budget.
- Sponsorship revenues are over budget by $66,000. Total sponsorships are $552,000; $387,000 in general sponsorships with an additional $165,000 in sport specific sponsorships that are part of the net championship revenue.
Expenditures

- Office Rental expense is at $33,000. The space has been occupied since January. The National Grid accounts have been switched over as of January so the tenants are now paying the utilities for that space. Also, we received our first rent check from the tenants in April so we should start to see a decrease in the expense for this fiscal year and actually net a profit for fiscal year 2015.

- Office expense is over budget by $6,800. This includes the cost of championship lanyards of $9,000 that were not budgeted for.

- NYS Federation expense is over budget by $8,000. All the meal & hotel reimbursements to the schools are charged to this line item which was not accounted for in the budgeted amount. This has also been accounted for in the 2014-2015 budget.

Programs & Committees

- Scholar Athlete/ School of Distinction is over budget by $11,000 due to the cost of the scholar athlete lapel pins.

Overall, the financial health of the Association is good. We continue to build our net assets.

Legal Counsel Renee James

- Reported there have been thirteen appeals to the Association Appeal Panel for the 2013-2014 school year.

- Reported in the fall, the Association will be holding a legal conference for Section Executive Directors and their legal counsels to review cases and appeals we have had this year. If anyone has issues they would like addressed at this conference, please email them to Renee.

- Reported she and Robert attended the NFHS Legal Conference in Indianapolis last week and found that many states across the country are experiencing the same issues we are.

- Reported on May 21st she will be arguing the Pena case in Rochester.

SECTION CONCERNS

**Section 1** inquired about all sports abiding by a uniformed officials submission deadline of no more than three weeks prior to the state championship event. This was discussed by the CAC who recommended asking the Sport Coordinators for their input and feedback. Every sport has specific dynamics as to how it needs to be run and making it a uniformed rule of officials names being submitted 3 weeks before a state championship could be counterproductive. This item will be brought up again at the next CAC meeting and discussed at the next OCF meeting. Sport Coordinators will be contacted again for their input. It will also be a discussion item at the Central Committee meeting in July.

**Section 2** voiced a concern with residency as it relates to the Transfer Policy. They felt residency and academic advantage should go together.
Section 3 requested a reduction in the number of required contests from 6 to 4 in Track & Field to be eligible for sectional or state competition. They also voiced a concern with several private schools in their Section who do not follow New York State coaching certification rules and are asking the Association to address the issue. They submitted a proposal from their Athletic Council to balance the number of varsity team sport contests offered during the winter regular sport season to a maximum of 20 contests, starting with the 2015-2016 school year, by increasing the number of varsity basketball games from 18 to 20. (This proposal is to be taken back to the Sections for discussion and then for a vote at the Central Committee meeting in July).

Section 4 submitted a proposal from their Athletic Council in consultation with Section 3 to balance the number of varsity team sport contests offered during the winter regular sport season to a maximum of 20 contests, by increasing the number of Varsity (only) basketball games from 18 to 19 during the 2014-2015 school year and by increasing the number of Varsity (only) games from 19 to 20 for the 2015-2016 school year. (This proposal is to be taken back to the Sections for discussion and then for a vote at the Central Committee meeting in July).

Section 5 requested a reduction in the number of required contests from 6 to 3 in Boys Tennis to be eligible for sectional or state competition.

Section 7 inquired as to why we are looking at increasing games in only one sport. They felt we should look at all sports being allowed to increase games.

Section 9 requested the Budget & Audit Committee to review the idea of permitting all NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame Inductees and a guest free admission to all NYSPHSAA Championships as part of their honor.

REPORTS FROM EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

State Education Department. Darryl Daily

Professional Development Opportunities

- “Let’s Move Active Schools” is a new program to support schools in creating a culture of physical activity. Money is available to districts through the “Let’s Move Active Schools” program. Website: www.letsmoveschools.org/
- NYS Athletic Administrators Association Leadership Training Program. Website: www.nysaaa.org/page.cfm?page=leadership.cfm
- NYS Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (NYSAHPERD). Conference (November 19-22, 2014) in Verona, NY. Website: www.nysahperd.org/content/professional-development/nys-ahperd-conference.cfm
Dignity for all Students Act (DASA)

- Section 52.21 and Part 80 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education have been amended and a new Subpart 57-4 has been added to the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education to implement the Coursework or Training in Harassment, Bullying and Discrimination Prevention and Intervention required under the Dignity for All Students Act.
- It is required that schools need to create policies and guidelines to be used in school training programs to discourage the development of discrimination or harassment and to enable employees to prevent and respond to discrimination or harassment.
- School professionals applying for a certificate or license on or after January 1, 2014 must complete training on the social patterns of harassment, bullying and discrimination.
- Teacher and school leadership preparation programs must include at least 6 hours of training in Harassment, Bullying and Discrimination Prevention and Intervention.
- A new Subpart 57-4 of the Commissioner’s Regulations was added to establish standards under which the Department will approve providers of this training.
- For questions, go to: www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/certificate/dasa-applicant.html

Concussion Courses

- Reminded concussion courses are required for physical education teachers and coaches every 2 years.
- The NFHS/CDC Concussion Course is now approved to be used by coaches in New York State as part of the Concussion Management and Awareness Act requirement.
- The direct link to the NFHS concussion Course is: www.nfhslearn.com/electiveDetail.aspx?courseID=38000
- Physical Education teachers still have to complete the Heads Up, Concussion in Youth Sports every 2 years. Website: www.cdc.gov/concussion/HeadsUp/online_training.html

Regents Reform Items Questions

- Suggested frequently visiting the NYSED website for updates and clarification on topics including Common Core Standards, APPR, data-driven instruction, Student Learning Objectives or teacher and leader effectiveness.
- For updated information, go to http://engageny.org/
- For specific questions related to Regents reform, go to www.engageny.org/contact
- For specific questions for SLO’s, go to educatoreval@mail.nysed.gov

New Guidelines for Health Appraisals (Health Exams)

- More detailed questions are being asked related to concussion and cardiac history on the health history recommended sample form.
- The process will not change.
- Includes Medical Certificate of Limitation sample for Adaptive PE.
Connecting Health and Physical Education to the Common Core Standards (AAHPERD-New name is “SHAPE”)

- Enhancement, not replacement for quality PE.
- For professional development, go to www.aahperd.org/whatwedo/prodev/common-core-state-standards-webinars.cfm

Consideration of Cheerleading as a Sport

- The sport of competitive cheer was approved by the State Education Department
- Information on the transition period to come.

Coaching Course Providers

- Make sure your certificates are updated. Check with Darryl Daily, Associate in Physical Education if a new template is needed.

Quality Physical Education Plan Reminder

- Keep plan current.
- Update plan frequently to ensure high-quality programs are being offered.
- Make sure your plan is aligned with the current regulations and/or National and NYS Standards.
- For technical assistance or specific questions, contact Darryl Daily at ddaily@mail.nysed.gov.
- Physical Education Plans must be filed both at the local level and at the Department. They can be sent as a hard copy or as an emailed attachment to the Department. Email format is preferred.

Disability Student Waiver for Senior Athletic Competition

- An amendment was made to Section 135.4©(7)(ii)(d) of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education relating to eliminating the one additional season restriction by allowing students with disabilities to participate in a non-contact sport for one or more additional seasons if they meet all of the specified criteria for the waiver.

Selection Classification Reminder


REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

Budget and Audit Committee. Steve Broadwell, 1st Vice President

- Reviewed the meeting summaries and recommendations of the Budget and Audit Committee and the Compensation Committee.
- The committee reviewed and endorsed the proposed 2014-2015 budget.

Championship Advisory Committee. Assistant Director Bob Stulmaker presented the report.

- The committee met on Tuesday, April 8, 2014.
- The committee approved extending the present Officials Fees and Policies for the 2014-2015 school year.
• The committee approved permitting one (1) Board of Education approved Track and Field Coach per qualified athlete free entry into the State Track & Field Championships (Indoor and Outdoor) with a limit of six (6) coaches per school.
• The committee approved the Girls Basketball Committee’s recommendation for a new Class D (only) rotation for Sub-Regional and Regional final games starting in 2015.
• The committee approved the Girls Basketball Committee’s recommendation to change the start times of the Class D and Class C Championship games played on Sunday to 10:00AM and 11:45AM.
• The committee approved the change in the Classification cut-off numbers in Boys Volleyball effective with the 2015 season and to change the winter Regional cut-off numbers beginning in 2014-2015.
• The committee approved the inclusion of the Weight Throw at the 2015 Indoor Track and Field State Meet.
• The committee approved all variation sports seek approval from the CAC prior to presenting changes to classification cut-off numbers to the Executive/Central Committees on a uniform calendar. (May Executive Committee meeting each year, for one year in advance of the effective date.)
• The committee was not in favor of coaches playing in the practice round of the Boys Golf Championships at their own expense in a supervisory capacity.
• The committee discussed when Sections need to submit officials for State Tournaments. The Sport Coordinators will be contacted to receive their input, reasoning, etc.
• The next meeting of the CAC is scheduled for July 8, 2014 at 9:00 AM via conference call.

Handbook Committee. Patrick Pizzarelli presented the report.
• He reviewed the minutes of the March 4, 2014 and April 7, 2014 Handbook Committee meetings.

Action Items Approved and forwarded on to the Executive Committee

March 4, 2014 Meeting:
• Consider revising the Professional tryout rule for clarification to a “specific” professional sports team and their affiliates.
• Consider the addition of “academic advantage will not be considered” to the “NOTE:” at the bottom of page 108 of the NYSPHSAA Handbook.
• Consider requiring parents to be “legally separated” as one of the exemptions of the Transfer Rule.
• Consider the addition of “athletic shopping” regulations to better define “corresponding change of address”.
• Consider defining “summer” as July 1 – August 31.
• Consider defining tryout as: A tryout consists of a sport specific demonstration in front of professional scouts. This does not include the playing of games where scouts are present. This would include placing students in front of professional scouts to perform drills specific to that sport, independent of the playing of a game.
April 7, 2014 Meeting:

- Revised previous definition of “summer” from the March 4, 2014 Handbook Committee meeting at the recommendation of Robert Zayas to the definition utilized by NYSED, “Summer is defined as the last day of the school year until the Sections official Fall Sports start date.”
- Determined it was best to delay action on the implementation of “athletic shopping” regulations until more discussion and evaluation could take place.
- Consider the addition of DASA language into the NYSPHSAA Handbook to Rule 27.

Sportsmanship:
“Note: As of July 1, 2013, The Dignity for All Students Act (Dignity Act – Section 52.2, Part 80 and 57-4) is to provide all public schools with an environment free from harassment, bullying (including cyber bullying) and discrimination, as well as to foster civility in public schools. The Dignity Act focuses on the prevention of discriminatory behaviors, including harassment/bullying, through the promotion of educational measures meant to positively impact school culture and climate, which includes the interscholastic programs.”

Future Items For Consideration

- A subcommittee is in the process of being created to examine the rules and regulations pertaining to foreign and international students.
- Robert Zayas informed the committee Robbie Green was no longer able to chair the committee and asked if any committee member was interested in assuming the position to please let him know.
- Eileen Troy will appoint Patrick Pizzarelli as Chair of the Handbook Committee at the July Central Committee meeting.

Life of An Athlete Committee.

- Our March meeting in Saratoga was cancelled due to inclement weather. We are rescheduling a teleconference for May.
- Our video “What It Takes” is edited and should be available in May. The updates for the website have been given to Joe Agostinelli and should be online soon.
- Thad attended John Underwood’s winter update and has the latest information on nutrition, powerback diet and sleep. He can send it to you if you call or email him at tlawrence@ccs.edu or (315) 796-0499.
- John Underwood will be hosting 4 summer sessions of Life of an Athlete training for student athlete leadership and adult comprehensive trainings at the Olympic Training Center in Lake Placid. The dates are June 1-5, 5-8 and July 8-11, 11-14. Registration forms can be found on line http://www.123contactform.com/form-890544/LOA-Summer-Sessions-2014.
- John is also available for workshops in your section or schools. He can be reached at 518-796-6337.
- **Next Meeting:** May 21, 2014 at 10:00 AM via teleconference
Safety Committee, Assistant Director Todd Nelson

Wrestling Advisory Committee

- The Wrestling Advisory Committee asked the Safety Committee and the Wrestling Committee to discuss the following two items:
  - Consider changing the language on the skin infection form which would require the doctor to sign and date verification of when the student athlete is no longer contagious with a skin infection and is able to return to full participation. A concern was raised that the change may increase costs to parents for a second visit to the doctor. Without the second visit or confirmation that the skin infection is not contagious, it is difficult to prevent the spread of the skin infection to other wrestlers.
  - Concern that students are failing the hydration test during the minimum weight certification process in order to gain more time to “suck weight”. The Wrestling Advisory Committee would like further discussion with the Safety Committee and Wrestling Committee on potential penalties for a second hydration failure.
- The Wrestling Committee will discuss both topics at their meeting on May 13th.

Concussion Management

- He reminded that the Concussion Management Law went into effect on July 1, 2012 and that coaches, physical education teachers, school nurses, and certified athletic trainers were required to take an approved Concussion Management course. Those individuals are required by law to take an approved course every two years. At the time of implementation of the law, the only approved course was the CDC Concussion Course. Since that time, the NFHS Concussion Course has been approved and is an approved course for coaches only.
- Please remind your schools that coaches, physical education teachers, school nurses, and certified athletic trainers will need to retake the approved courses if they took it two years ago.
- The NYSPHSAA is currently in negotiations with Impact to continue our relationship with them to provide a reduced rate for our member schools for baseline and post-injury tests.

Modified Committee Recommendations

- The Safety Committee discussed the following recommendations from the Modified Committee:
  - Section IV Football Pilot Program
  - Reduction in the minimum number of practices required for Cross Country, Winter and Outdoor Track.
- The discussion on these items was favorable and should continue at the Section level for possible action in July or next September.

Football Discussion Items (Heat Acclimatization and Contact Days)

- As directed by the Executive Committee, the Safety Committee discussed Heat Acclimatization and Contact Days.
- The Safety Committee agrees with the Football Committee that the current regulations and education we have in place are sufficient in addressing the Heat Acclimatization concerns.
• The Safety Committee also agrees with the Football Committee to continue to discuss different options on limiting the number of contact days prior to a contest. The NYSPHSAA office staff will gather information from other states on their current regulations on limiting the amount of contact days prior to a contest. The information will be shared with the Football and Safety Committees for their next meeting.
• The NFHS continues to discuss both issues at the national level.

Section Concern
• Section 11 had a concern regarding adult base coaches not being required to wear hard shell helmets while coaching in the field during games. They currently require coaches wear hard shell helmets while coaching the bases in baseball and softball.
• The Safety Committee is requesting the Baseball and Softball Committees discuss this topic and make a recommendation. The Safety Committee will review the recommendation at the October meeting.

Anyone Can Save a Life
• The NYSPHSAA still has “Anyone Can Save a Life” workbooks in our office. If any school would like workbooks for their coaching staff, contact Todd at tnelson@nysphsaa.org.

Modified Committee. Jim Rose, Co-Coordinator
• The minutes of the April 4, 2014 meeting were included in the meeting packets.

Discussion Items for the Executive Committee
• Modified Tryouts Rule #17 editorial change.
• Promotion Rule revision proposal.
• Use of “With Section/League approval…” language.
• Section IV Modified Football Pilot Program

Information Items
• Girls’ Lacrosse. Although using the girls’ lacrosse U-15 stick-checking rule became available this year, it has not been possible to use the rule across the state due to officials unavailability. The US Girls’ Lacrosse rulebook requires two officials be assigned to games, and one of these officials must be a “locally rated” varsity official to use the U-15 rule. There are not enough officials and also not enough locally certified officials to allow for consistent U-15 rule application in modified games.
• There is still a need for Modified sport coordinators for girls’ gymnastics and boys’ and girls’ tennis. If anyone is interested, please contact Jim Rose.
• The Fall meeting of the Modified Committee is scheduled for Friday, September 26, 2014 at 9:30AM at the NYSPHSAA office.

Sportsmanship Committee. Assistant Director Todd Nelson

Sportsmanship Promotion Survey
• April 30th was the deadline for the Sportsmanship Promotion survey.
• Each school that completed the survey will receive a certificate.
• After April 30th, each Section will submit 3 or 4 schools that will receive a Sportsmanship Plaque from the NYSPHSAA. Each Section will also select from the plaque award
winners nominations for consideration for the State Banner Award. Nominated schools will have to submit supporting documentation to the NYSPHSAA office by May 23rd.

- Winners of the Sportsmanship Promotion Banner Award will be announced in the beginning of June and recognized at the July Central Committee meeting.

**NAIA 5 Star Leadership Program**

- May 30th is the deadline for schools to submit their application for the NAIA 5 Star Leadership Program.
- The requirements and application can be found on the NYSPHSAA website.
- Each school that successfully completes all the requirements will receive a NAIA 5 Star Leadership Banner to hang in their school.

**Battle of the Fans**

- The first ever Battle of the Fans Banner was presented to Norwich City School District (4) on April 8, 2014.
- Norwich was one of four finalists selected along with Pleasantville High School (1), Skaneateles High School (3) and Pittsford School District (5).
- Other schools that submitted applications were Saratoga High School (2), Cleveland High School (6), Rhinebeck High School (9), Maple Grove High School (6) and North Rose Wolcott High School (5).
- He thanked all the schools for participating in this new and exciting program and hoped more schools will be involved next year.

**Stay in the Game**

- The NYSPHSAA office staff will be collecting disqualification lists from each Section at the end of the Spring season. They will compare the disqualification list against the membership list and any school that did not have any disqualifications during the school year will receive a decal to put on their Stay in the Game Banner sponsored by Time Warner Cable.
- He thanked Time Warner Cable for their sponsorship.

**Flagrant Fouls**

- A Section raised a concern regarding flagrant fouls during a contest. Discussion centered on should the penalty be more severe for a flagrant foul, especially when a student is hurt or injured or when there had been multiple fouls during the same season. The representatives were asked to go back to their Sections for further discussion.

**GENERAL ACTION ITEMS**

**2014-2015 Budget**

A motion to approve the 2014-2015 Budget and salary agreements carried.

Harrica/Mullins
Use of NFHS Rules for All Applicable Sports

A motion to table the use of NFHS Rules for all applicable sports until the Central committee meeting in July so that Superintendent Representatives can participate in the discussion and voting was defeated. Nelson/Simmons

A motion to approve the use of NFHS Rules for all applicable sports was defeated. McGuire/Henshaw

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

Elimination of “Academic Advantage”

A motion to approve eliminating “Academic Advantage” as one of the waivers of the NYSPHSAA Transfer Rule beginning with the 2014-2015 school year was tabled until the July Central Committee meeting. Harrica/Mullins

Data on transfers gathered from the Sections is to be sent to Robert by June 1st. He will compile the information and send it out to all the Sections for discussion. This will be a Discussion Item at the Central Committee meeting in July with a possible vote at the October Executive Committee meeting.

Require “Legal” Separation

No action was taken on requiring parents to be “legally” separated (i.e. legally binding separation decree from a court of competent jurisdiction) beginning with the 2014-2015 school year. This item is to be taken back to the Sections for discussion.

Professional Tryouts

A motion to approve revising Rule 23-Professional Tryouts for clarification purposes carried. McGuire/Felice

It will now read, “23. PROFESSIONAL TRYOUTS: No tryouts for, or practice, with a specific professional team and their affiliates, are approved except during the summer vacation. A student who participates in such a tryout is ineligible to represent the school in that sport.”

Definition of Tryout

A motion to approve to define “Tryout” in the NYSPHSAA Handbook carried. Mullins/Veley

“A tryout consists of a sport specific demonstration in front of professional scouts. This does not include the playing of games where scouts are present. This would include placing students in front of professional scouts to perform drills specific to that sport, independent of the playing of a game.”

Definition of Summer

A motion to approve to define “Summer” in the NYSPHSAA Handbook carried. Scholla/Lally

“the last rating day of the school year until the Sections official Fall Sports start date.”

Use of 35 Second Shot Clock in Girls Basketball

A motion to approve for Girls Basketball to utilize a 35 second shot clock was defeated.
Girls Swimming & Diving Qualifying Standards
A motion to approve the 2014-2015 NYSPHSAA Girls’ Swimming and Diving Qualifying Championship Meet Standards carried. Lally/Peterson

Field Hockey Uniform Waiver
A motion to approve the Field Hockey Committee’s request for a waiver of the uniform rule 1-5-1, section K and 1-5-1, Section L which pertains to the side inserts only for the 2015-2017 seasons carried. Mullins/Ceruti
NOTE: The Field Hockey Committee recommended that all uniforms purchased after June 2014 should be in compliance with current NFHS field hockey rules.

Addition of “DASA” Language to Handbook
A motion to approve adding “DASA” language to Rule 27-Sportsmanship carried. Staves/McGuire
“Note: As of July 1, 2013, the Dignity for All Students Act (Dignity Act – Section 52.2, Part 80 and 57-4) is to provide all public school students with an environment free from harassment, bullying (including cyber bullying) and discrimination, as well as to foster civility in public schools. The Dignity Act focuses on the prevention of discriminatory behaviors, including harassment/bullying, through the promotion of educational measures meant to positively impact school culture and climate, which includes the interscholastic programs.”

Section Participation in 2014-2015 NYSPHSAA Championships & Regionals
A motion to approve for Section participation in 2014-2015 NYSPHSAA Championships and Regionals as per NYSPHSAA Constitution, Article V, 5 carried. Bullis/Brewer

2015 NYSPHSAA Ski Championships
A motion to approve Whiteface Mountain and Mt. Van Hoeuvenburg as the site of the 2015 NYSPHSAA Ski Championships carried. McGuire/Felice

2015 NYSPHSAA Girls Gymnastics Championships
A motion to approve Kenmore West High School (6) as the site of the 2015 NYSPHSAA Girls Gymnastics Championships carried. Staves/Lally

Officials Fees and Policies
A motion to approve extending the Officials Fees and Policies for the 2014-2015 school year carried. Ryan-Curry/Harrica

Golf Practice Round
A motion to approve allowing coaches to play in the practice round of the Boys Golf Championships at their own expense in a supervisory capacity was defeated. Nelson/Wolfe
Track & Field Coach Free Entry
A motion to approve permitting one Board of Education approved track & field coach per qualified athlete, free entry into the State Track & Field Championships (Indoor & Outdoor) with a limit of 6 coaches per school carried.  Peterson/Carboine

Girls Basketball Class D Rotation
A motion to approve forming a new Class D (only) rotation for sub-regional and regional games in Girls Basketball to begin with the 2014-2015 season carried.  McGuire/Staves

Girls Basketball Championship Sunday Starting Times – Class C & D
A motion to approve to modify the start times of the Class D and C Girls’ Basketball Championships on Sunday to be played at 10:00AM and 11:45AM beginning with the 2015 Championships carried.  Scholla/Wolfe

Boys Volleyball Classification Cut-Off Numbers
A motion to approve in Boys Volleyball changing the current cut-off numbers from 1000 and up for Division I and 999 and down for Division II to 950 and up for Division I and 949 and down for Division II and to change the winter Regional cut-off number to 340 and up for Class B and 339 and down for Class C/D carried.  Veley/McGuire

Friend and Neighbor
A motion to approve the following applications for NYSPHSAA Friend and Neighbor status carried.  (Expire August 2015).  Bullis/Carboine

Section 6
Northern Chautauqua Catholic School
336 Washington Avenue
Dunkirk, NY 14048
Grades 7-8

St. Mary’s School for the Deaf
2253 Main Street
Buffalo, NY 14214
Grades 7-12

Harmony Christian School
1790 Rt. 211E
Middletown, NY 10941
Grades 7-12

New NYSPHSAA Staff Member
A motion to approve the appointment of Christine Ralbovsky as a new staff member carried.  Wolfe/Lally

Reduction of Spring Contests
A motion to approve the following reductions in the required number of contests carried.  Carboine/Brewer

- Outdoor Track & Field from 6 to 4 contests in Section 3.
- Boys Tennis from 6 to 3 contests in Section 5.

Modified Football Changes – Pilot Program
- Jim Rose, Modified Co-Coordinator, presented Section IV’s proposal to adopt a two-year pilot program in Modified Football that will allow implementation of revised modified football rules for the 2014 and 2015 Modified Football seasons.
A motion to approve the following two-year pilot program in Modified Football carried.

Nelson/Scholla

“Section IV shall be permitted to adopt a two-year pilot program in modified football that will allow implementation of revised modified football rules carried. Each school participating shall be required to provide injury data from its 2013 modified football season practices and games, to serve as a baseline of information prior to its participation in the pilot program. The injury report must be completed again after the 2014 and 2015 seasons, and submitted to the local Sections, Todd Nelson at NYSPHSAA and modified state football coordinator Steve Nolan.

With Sectional approval, other Sections may participate in this pilot program, contingent upon submission of baseline data prior to participation in the program, and completion of annual injury reports.”

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

2014 NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame Inductees

- The Class of 2014 NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame inductees are: Karen Lopez (7), Administrator; Dr. Mira Martincich (8), Administrator; Robert Southworth (3), Coach; Hermon Card, Official; Mary Onken, Official and Carl Yastrzemski (11), Athlete.
- The six inductees will be honored this summer at the NYSPHSAA’s Annual Hall of Fame Banquet on Wednesday, July 30th at the High Peaks Resort in Lake Placid.

Inclusion of the Weight Throw in Indoor Track & Field

- Oscar Jensen, Boys Indoor Track State Coordinator, presented the Boys and Girls Indoor Track & Field Committees’ proposal requesting the inclusion of the Weight throw at the 2015 Indoor Track & Field State Tournament.
- Rationale: It would provide another event for throwers in indoor track; it would increase participation; it would teach and develop a new skill area and it would provide another opportunity for college scholarships.
- The Championship Advisory Committee supports this proposal.

Modified Promotion Rule

- Jim Rose, Modified Co-Coordinator presented the proposal to revise the Modified 9th Grade Promotion Rule.
- The proposal reads, “In schools where no junior varsity program is provided in a specific sport, a ninth grade modified contestant may be promoted to the varsity team at any point in the season if he/she displays the skills and maturity to compete at the varsity level. A promoted ninth grade contestant is eligible to participate immediately upon promotion providing that he/she has completed the necessary number of required practices for that specific sport. The contestant may not exceed the total number of contests as outlined by the NYSPHSAA High School Sports Standards chart.”
- Rationale: As enrollments continue to drop, the smaller schools are fighting to keep teams viable. Some schools, in an attempt to keep both modified and varsity teams
alive, have the bare number of contestants at both levels. Any situation resulting in the loss of contestants at the varsity level may warrant the promotion of a ninth grade student or students in order to sustain a varsity team.

- This item will be considered for “action” at the July Central Committee meeting.

**Modified Tryout Rule**

- Jim Rose, Modified Co-Coodinator presented the proposal to revise the Modified Rule 17-Tryout Rule.
- The proposal reads, “The tryout period for a modified athlete shall be defined as participation in a maximum of three (3) out of five (5) consecutive practice days of the high school season. During the tryout period, the modified athlete may not return to the modified program until the athlete’s tryout is complete.”
- Rationale: There are times and special circumstances when a student athlete misses the beginning of the High School season due to issues outside of their control. This recommendation would allow the student a try-out period and at the end of the try-out period an opportunity to return to the modified level.
- This item will be considered for “action” at the July Central Committee meeting.

**Modified Recommendation Language “With Section/League Approval”**

- Jim Rose, Modified Co-Coodinator, presented the Modified Committee’s proposals that motions may continue to come from the NYSPHSAA Modified Committee with the language “With Section/League Approval” language.
- Rationale: The modified representatives felt that the modified program is unique in many ways: they have many small schools with great diversity in size, geographic distance between the schools, and disparities in athletic strength. They do not participate in post-season play, nor do they compete outside of their Sections. They felt because they dealt with younger, less-developed athletes, they should be allowed more discretion and less legislation in order to serve the needs of the children in their Sections.

**Variation Sports Classification Cut-Off Numbers**

- Executive Director Robert Zayas presented the proposal to consider all variation sports to receive CAC approval prior to presenting changes to classification cut-off numbers to the Executive/Central Committee and to abide for a uniformed calendar of the May Executive Committee meeting each year.
- Rationale: To provide greater consistency amongst the variation sports and to allow the CAC to review the proposals at a specific time each year.

**Mixed Competition Guidelines**

- Executive Director Robert Zayas presented the Mixed Competition Ad Hoc Committee’s proposal to consider the implementation of guidelines to assist schools, superintendents and Sections when interpreting “significant adverse effect” in terms of Mixed Competition requests.
- Rationale: Currently schools, superintendents and Sections are interpreting “significant adverse effect” differently. By implementing a standard set of guidelines, more consistency and uniformity would be possible when boys wish to play on a girls’ team.
- This item will be considered for “action” at the Central Committee meeting in July.

**Combining of Schools**
The following combining school teams have been approved by the respective leagues and sections for the 2014-2015 school year, and are presented for your information. (Eligibility Standard #6)

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Southampton & Tuckahoe
East Islip & Cleary
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Smithtown East & Smithtown West

Pierson & Bridgehampton

Saxton & S. Ocean

East Hampton, Springs & Montauk
Half Hollow Hills East & Half Hollow Hills West

Half Hollow Hills West & Half Hollow Hill East

Greenport & Southold

Saxton, S. Ocean & Oregon
Beach & Udall

Southampton & Ross

East Hampton, Bridgehampton & Pierson

Golf (All Levels)
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B/G Fencing (V)
B/G Badminton (V)
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B/G Tennis (V, JV)
B/G Winter Track (V)
Wrestling (V, JV)
Greenport, Southold & Mattituck
B/G Lacrosse (V, JV)
B/G Track (V)

Port Jefferson & Knox
Football (V, JV, Mod.)
G. Soccer (JV)
Baseball (V, JV)
G. Lacrosse (JV)

East Hampton, Bridgehampton, Pierson, Springs & Montauk
Football (Mod.)
Wrestling (Mod.)
B/G Lacrosse (Mod.)

Center Moriches & East Moriches
Football (Mod.)
G. Gymnastics (V)
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B/G Winter Track (V)
B. Golf (V)
B. Track (V)

Sachem East & Sachem North
G. Gymnastics (V)
William Floyd, Eastport, Westhampton, Center Moriches
G. Gymnastics (V)

Southold & Greenport
G. Soccer (V, JV)
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East Hampton & Montauk
G. Soccer (Mod.)

Brentwood & Bay Shore
G. Swimming (V)

Sayville & Bayport
B/G Swimming (V)

Deer Park & North Babylon
G. Swimming (V)

Smithtown West & Smithtown East
B/G Swimming (V)
G. Bowling (V)
G. Golf (V)

East Hampton & Pierson
G. Tennis (Mod.)

East Hampton & Bridgehampton
B. Volleyball (V, JV, Mod.)

Centereach & Newfield
B/G Bowling (V)
B/G Lacrosse (V, JV)
G. Track (V)

Huntington & Harborfields
B. Swimming (V)

Mattituck, Greenport & Southold
Wrestling (V, JV)

Accompsett, Great Hollow & Nesaquake
G. Gymnastics (Mod.)

Sagamore & Sequoya
G. Gymnastics (Mod.)
B. Swimming (Mod.)

Seneca & Samoset
G. Gymnastics (Mod.)
B. Swimming (Mod.)

Mattituck, Southold & Greenport
B/G Lacrosse (V, JV, Mod.)

S. Ocean & Saxton
B. Lacrosse (Mod.)

Candlewood & West Hollow
B. Swimming (Mod.)

Oakdale & Ronkonkoma
B. Swimming (Mod.)

Gelinas & Murphy
B. Swimming (Mod.)

Nesquaque, Great Hollow & Accompsett
B. Tennis (Mod.)

East Hampton, Springs, Bridgehampton & Pierson
B. Track (Mod.)
**Senior All-Star Contests**

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

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**REPORTS FROM CONSULTANTS**

**NYS Athletic Administrators Association.** Dave Garbarino, President

**CONFERENCE**

- A very successful NYSSAA 2014 Athletic Directors Conference is complete and the 2015 conference is in the planning stages already. President Dave Garbarino (Binghamton, Section IV), took office at the conclusion of the conference and is now working with his planning team for next March.
- The general session speakers were all excellent, and the workshop presentations were very well done. The highlight of the conference was Bill Curry, former NFL player, and college coach, who did the second general session and a workshop. The reviews were the best they have received in many years. Paul Kreider from Hershey, PA spoke on leadership skills, and Dr. Greg Shelly of Ithaca College did an outstanding job at the Leadership Breakfast.
- The Roy O’Neill Awards Banquet was streamlined and included visual aids in presentations of awards to 11 chapter award recipients and three special awards.
• The first Hall of Fame induction class was held during The Dave Martens Awards Luncheon. They are in the final stages of selecting their second class for 2015. Nominations for the 2016 class are now being taken. Information and forms are available on their website. The postmark deadline is December 1st of this year (2014).

• The Sparky Rector Drop In Center was moved into the exhibit hall for two days, as suggested by their members, and seemed to receive more activity. The association will be transitioning into a virtual Sparky Rector Drop In Center on their website over the next couple of years.

• There were 12 exhibitor information workshops on Wednesday afternoon in which exhibitors presented to attendees on their products and services. They will review this and decide whether to continue next year, as the attendance was very light.

BOARD NEWS AND ACTIONS

• The new officers of the NYSAAA Executive Board are: Dave Garbarino, President; Dr. James Wright, CMAA, President-Elect; and Murphee Hayes, CAA, Vice President. She will be the first female president in the 33 year history of the NYSAAA. Peter Shambo, CMAA is now the Immediate Past President. Mike Giruzzi was elected to another 2 year term as Treasurer, and Roger Brown, CMAA will continue in his second year as Secretary. Dennis Fries, CMAA continues as the State Liaison to the NIAAA.

• In other action by the Board, the NYSAAA will require all board members to have a minimum of a CAA certification by 2016 in order to serve on the Board. Those currently on the Board who do not meet this requirement will have three years to complete the CAA requirement. The Board felt that it should serve as a role model for all athletic administrators in NYS relative to professional development.

• The NYSAAA continues to work in conjunction with the NYSPHSAA on two task forces to make some changes in NYS Commissioner’s Regulations. One is a task force on coaching certification, and the other is a task force on athletic administrator certification.

• Steve Young, CAA was appointed by President and confirmed by the Board as their new state Leadership Training Coordinator and Chair. He was previously assistant Chair to Don Webster, CMAA who has resigned due to his new position with Section XI as Executive Director. The NYSAAA would like to thank and recognize Don for his outstanding leadership over the years and wish him well in his new position. The NYSAAA is now seeking a new assistant Chair to help Steve with LTI in the state.

• NYSAAA is also seeking a replacement for the position of Resolutions Chair to replace Jamie Harter who has moved on to a new principal position.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

• The NYSAAA and Nassau BOCES continue to partner in offering 6 Leadership Training Courses in Nassau County. BOCES is providing a grant for up to 15 athletic directors to
take each course. Other LTC’s were offered last fall in Section 6, and a second will be offered this spring in Section 2 at a date to be announced.

- The CAA Exam was offered again at the conference on Friday morning. Three athletic administrators took the exam.
- The NYSAAA Handbook for Athletic Administrators is being transitioned to a digital format which will be moved to our website as a member resource.
- Over 75 athletic administrators took six LTI Courses at the conference in March. This number continues to grow each year.
- The Section I Summer Institute will again be offered on Cape Cod the last week of June with 15 LTI courses offered. Information is on the NYSAAA website along with registration forms.

**MEMBERSHIP**
- Once again, the NYSAAA has received an NIAAA commendation for maintaining an 80% membership. Once again, they are the highest membership state in the nation.
- NIAAA has challenged all states to achieve their highest membership ever by one or more. NYS would need to increase membership by 32 this year to achieve this goal.

**WEBSITE**
- Athletic Administrators are encouraged to visit the NYSAAA website regularly to keep up on the latest information and association news. Information changes regularly. Links are provided between the NYSPHSAA and NYSAAA as well as other professional associations on each of their respective websites.
- The website has been updated. It will also feature on-line registration for their next conference and other functions.
- The next newsletter is going to be released in early May. Past issues can also be found on the website.
- Conference photos can be found and accessed on their Shutterfly website ([www.nysaaa/shutterfly.com](http://www.nysaaa/shutterfly.com)) using the password “member” to gain access. Photos can be downloaded or purchased from Shutterfly.

**NIAAA/NFHS**
- The NIAAA/NFHS Annual Athletic Directors Conference is scheduled for National Harbor, near Washington, DC, December 13-16. Future sights include Orlando, FL; Nashville, TN; Phoenix, AZ; and San Antonio, TX.
- The new textbook, “Handbook for Athletic Administrators”, written by and for athletic administrators, is now on sale. The regular price is $49.95; however, NIAAA members receive a discount. Ordering information can be found on the NIAAA website. NYSAAA is offering a limited supply of these excellent textbooks at $25 each until they are gone. They can be purchased through the Executive Director at the NYSAAA Office.
• At this year’s national conference in National Harbor, Dr. John Foley, CAA will be posthumously inducted into the NIAAA Hall of Fame. He will be the fourth New Yorker to be the recipient of this prestigious honor by the NIAAA. Preceding him were Dave Martens, Alan Mallanda, CMAA, and Otis Sennett.

• Six LTI courses are being offered this spring and next fall as webinars by the NIAAA. Information may be found on their website and the NYSAAA website as to courses, dates, times and requirements. This has proven to be a very popular way of picking up LTI courses in the comfort and convenience of one’s home at times available to each attendee. Two nights of two hours each completes each course.

• Dennis Fries, CMAA; Alan Mallanda, CMAA; Dave Garbarino; and Peter Shambo, CMAA attended the NIAAA Section One meeting in Burlington, VT. Vermont hosted the spring meeting as preliminary to their state conference.

Other

• They thanked the NYSPHSAA and Robert Zayas for the continued support and partnership with the NYSAAA. Together, this kind of relationship can only benefit the student athletes of New York State.

NYS Council of Administrators. Jim Rose, Past President.

• Their annual conference will be held November 19, 2014.
• The COA Director’s Handbook is available on their website.
• They are continuing the COA Administration Courses and are looking at the possibility of issuing a certificate as a certified leader in physical education.

A motion to approve the adjournment of the May 2014 Executive Committee meeting on Friday, May 2, 2014 at 3:00PM carried. Ceruti/McGuire

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Zayas
Executive Director

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