NYSPHSAA
State Championship
Site/ Facility Bid

BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS
2019, 2020, & 2021

Doubleday Field/ Damasche Field
Venue Name

Cooperstown / Oneonta, NY
Location

Due Date/ Time: January 10, 2018 @ 10:00 AM
* Bids must be delivered in a sealed envelope.
(Please provide a minimum of 20 copies of the bid)
**BID INFORMATION:**

**BID RELEASE DATE:** September 8, 2017

**BID RETURN DUE DATE/ TIME:** January 10, 2018 @ 10:00 AM

* All bids must be delivered in a sealed envelope to:

  NYSPIHSAA
  Attn: Championship Site Bid (Baseball)
  8 Airport Park Blvd.
  Latham, NY 12110

**Sport Committee/ Staff Review Date/ Time:** January 10, 2018 @ 10:00 AM

**EXECUTIVE/ CENTRAL COMMITTEE APPROVAL:** February 2, 2018
NYSPHSAA
Championship Site Bid

BASEBALL

Thank you for your interest in hosting the New York State Public High School Athletic Association’s BASEBALL Championships. The NYSPHSAA is a non-profit, voluntary, educational service organization composed of 783 public, parochial, and private schools dedicated to providing equitable and safe competition for the students of its member schools. Membership is open to secondary schools providing interschool athletic activities for boys and girls in grades 7-12.

PROCESS:
All NYSPHSAA State Championship sites will be open for bid by any NYSPHSAA Section/Member School and their respective communities in New York State; NYSPHSAA retains sole control over the administration of State Championship events and is the sole rights holder. All expenses and revenues are collected and dispersed by NYSPHSAA.

All site bids will be for a three year period, unless rationale is provided for a shorter or longer term, and must be endorsed by the Section Executive Director.

The NYSPHSAA Executive/Central Committee will approve all State Championship sites/facilities, taking into consideration the recommendations of the State Sports Committee and the NYSPHSAA Executive Director/Office Staff.

Each proposal will be scored from 1 (Not favorable for the event) 3 (acceptable) to 5 (Excellent for the event) on the following criteria by the Sport Committee and the NYSPHSAA Staff:

- Size/Quality of facility
- Effectiveness of site committee
- Spectator interest
- Handicap accessibility
- Proposed Expenses (Total Costs)
- Parking
- Volunteerism
- Sponsorship/Community financial commitment
- Hotel Room Rates & Availability
- Restaurants
- Security provisions
- Location

*Note:* qualifications will not be based solely upon score.
All sealed bids will be opened by the State Sport Committee and the NYSPHSAA Executive Director/Office Staff on the date/time specified on page 2 of this document. Once bids are submitted, no revisions, modifications or adjustments will be permitted. The Championship Advisory Committee will review the recommendations of the Sport Committee and the NYSPHSAA Executive Director/Office Staff to provide input to the Executive/Central Committee.

All bids must be submitted on the enclosed document.

A minimum of 20 copies must be submitted in ONE enclosed envelope.

All bidders must provide an individual or individuals available via teleconference on the day of the Sport Committee meeting to answer any questions the Sports Committee/Staff may have.

The successful facility will be required to provide the association with a contract, stipulating all proposed and agreed upon terms and conditions, within 30 days following the presentation to the Sports Committee and NYSPHSAA Staff.

**Timeline:**
When appropriate, bids will be released 12-14 months prior to the expiration of the current contract/agreement.
BASEBALL
EVENT SPECIFICS

PROPOSAL DATES:
For the purpose of this bid, the NYSPHSAA BASEBALL Championships are scheduled for the following dates:

- Week #49 (NYSPHSAA Calendar) June 6-8, 2019
- Week #49 (NYSPHSAA Calendar) June 12-13, 2020
- Week #49 (NYSPHSAA Calendar) June 11-12, 2021

The NYSPHSAA BASEBALL Championships will last 3 day(s).

The approximate start/ end times are as follows:
- Set Up: 3:00 PM Thursday
- Day 1: 7:00 AM-8:00 PM Friday
- Day 2: 7:00 AM-8:00 PM Saturday

Past Event Specifics:

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Approximate Number of Participating:
- Athletes: 500
- Teams: 20
- Officials: 23

ACCOMMODATIONS:
Hotel Room Nights Needed for participating athletes, teams and officials:
- Day Before: 50 Hotel Room Nights
EVENT:
To host this event, the site/facility must:
- Ability to play 10 games on Friday of tournament.
- Ability to play 5 games on Saturday of tournament.
- Need to have five practice sites.
  - Cooperstown High School
  - Oneonta High School
  - Damastike Field (Oneonta)
  - Wilber Park (Milford)
  - Lawrens High School (Lawrens)

  Indoor facilities
  - Cooperstown High School
  - Oneonta High School

* Additional event specs listed on pages 7-14 (locker rooms, parking, Wi-Fi, seating capacity, etc.)
SITE/FACILITY SPECIFICS

SITE LOCATION:
Section: 3  Venue Name: Doubleday Field  Damaske Field
Venue Name:  Damaske Field  City: Cooperstown  Oneonta

Number of restaurants within a 10 mile radius of venue: 100

Number of hotels within a 10 mile radius of venue: 100

Number of hotel rooms within a 10 mile radius of venue: 3-4,000

Site/Facility Distance:
From Section VI office  to  Damaske Field (1st)  Damaske Field (2nd)
355 Harlem Road  From Section XI office
West Seneca, NY 14224  180 E. Main Street, Suite 302
MILES: 237  MILES: 233
252  215

Site/Facility Distance:
From NYSPHSAA  to  Damaske Field (1st)  Damaske Field (2nd)
8 Airport Park Blvd.
Latham, NY 1210
MILES: 73
79

Negotiated Hotel(s):

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ATTACHMENT "A" - Please attach a commitment letter, for the length of the bid, from the hotel(s) with a negotiated room rate for the dates listed on Page 5. Be sure to include any added value (i.e. complimentary breakfast, complimentary Wi-Fi, etc.) NYSPHSAA requires a 30-1 comp room ratio.

Free breakfast at each w/complimentary WiFi

Banquet Facility:
Is there an area to accommodate a pre-event banquet (See Page 5 for specifics)- Yes X No

Cost of banquet facility: $20/person for buffet meal at Otsego Resort

- Team photo to be taken with lake setting just like done with Hall of Famers.
- Trying to bring in Hall of Famers with event
PROPOSED CHAMPIONSHIP COST:

* Please list all related championship costs to be paid by NYSPHSAA.

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Pre Event Bouquet                                        | $20/person - could be passed to athlete trying to get local sponsor |

COST: $1,000

*Contributions/ Donations: $15,500

TOTAL COST: $16,500

*Contributions/ Donations are not considered "NYSPHSAA Sponsorships."
*CONTRIBUTIONS/ DONATIONS:
Please list all contributions/donations associated with this event; must include a letter of guarantee. No deliverables will be associated with contributions/donations. NYSPHSAA shall handle all “sponsorships” associated with NYSPHSAA Championship events. LIST BELOW:

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<td>National Baseball Hall of Fame</td>
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Does the Facility/Venue have a Per-ticket sold fee?  Yes ☐  No ☒  If yes, amount $____

Does the Facility/Venue have a Credit Card fee? Yes ☐  No ☒  If yes, amount %____

Pay rates determined by NYSPHSAA for personnel checked “NO” on page 8. NYSPHSAA will NOT pay negotiated rates; those must be included in total facility cost on page 8.

Ticket Takers: $15 Per hour
Ticket Seller: $15 Per Hour
PA Announcer: $30 Per game (Team)/ $15 per hour (Individual)
Scoreboard Operator: $30 Per game (Team)/ $15 per hour (Individual)
Athletic Trainer: $35 Per hour
FACILITY: Doubleday Field

Total Seating Capacity: 10,000
- Chair back seating? Yes [x] No [ ] Some [x] N/A [ ]
- Handicap seating? Yes [x] No [ ]
- Ability to charge admission? Yes [x] No [ ]
- Separate entrance available for teams/coaches? Yes [x] No [ ]
- Area for vendor set-up? Yes [x] No [ ]
  - Any limitations for vendor set up? Limited space

Number of Parking Spaces available onsite: 140 spaces

Additional parking available near the site/facility? Yes [x] No [ ]
  - If "Yes" number of parking spaces: 2400

VIP parking in designated area? Yes [ ] No [x]
  - Not currently but possible

Team Bus parking designated area onsite? Yes [ ] No [x]
  - If "Yes" how many spots: ______
  - If "No" how far is the designated team bus parking area? 2 miles couple blocks - but drop off available

Broadcast ready? Yes [ ] No [x]

WiFi? Yes [x] No [ ]

Would arrange - dare for Hall of Fame Classic

Media accommodations? Yes [x] No [ ]
  - If "Yes" please describe:
    - Box area on 3rd base line would be set up with tables/chair
    - Area is covered

Number of team locker rooms available for use: 0 on site - school available 1 mile away
  - Do all locker rooms have showers and restroom facilities? Yes [x] No [ ]

Number of officials/referee locker rooms available for use: 1
  - Do all locker rooms have showers and restroom facilities? Yes [x] No [ ]

Number of restrooms at facility: 2

Would there be a designated "hospitality" area for NYSPHSAA use? Yes [x] No [ ]
Catering Service availability: Yes ☒ No ☐

Concession availability: Yes ☒ No ☐

Will facility have staff available to assist with hanging of Championship banners? Yes ☒ No ☐

All NYSPHSAA events are smoke and alcohol free activities. Please describe how alcohol and tobacco sponsor signs/ banners/ messages, if any, located at the facility will be covered or otherwise not advertised/ displayed during the time of use of the facility:

Does not apply at Doubleday Field.
Banner coverage at Damaschke Field in Onunta

Facility Photos/ Diagram
ATTACHMENT “C”- Please attach any photos or diagrams of the site/ facility.

Emergency Policy
NYSPHSAA requires each competition facility/ site to have an emergency plan including sufficient AEDs in place during the entire length of time to conduct the event. Describe the measures in place to address any/ all emergencies that could occur affecting participants and spectators.

Each facility being used has shelter in case of weather and an AED present on site. Emergency personnel will also be on call and readily available.
### MISCELLANEOUS:

**Event/ Tournament Director:**

Name: Matthew K. Hazzard  
Position (i.e. coach, athletic director, facility manager, etc.) Executive Director  
Telephone Number: 607-547-9983  
E-Mail: mhhazzard@cooperstowncharters.org

**Person available to answer questions during bid opening:**

Name: Matthew K. Hazzard  
Phone #: 607-547-9983 / 607-227-9497

**Has this facility hosted a NYSPHSAA event in the past?**  
Yes [ ]  No [X]

If "Yes" please list most recent:

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List other events (sporting events, concerts, youth tournaments, etc.) in your area during the time of this event:

- **Cooperstown Dreams Park** - 101 Little League aged teams in Cooperstown, Area 6 weekly tournament.
- **Cooperstown All-Star Village** - 50 additional teams in Oneonta, NY?

Describe promotional activities to be conducted for this event:

- National Baseball Hall of Fame media outlets, Fan Fest Experience, TV & Radio promotion.
Volunteerism:
Describe the volunteerism for this event:

We will utilize the many non-profit organizations and volunteers we have to handle:

- Concessions
- Ushering
- Ticket sales
- Merchandise sales
- And other tasks as assigned

We have a robust and active Sports Booster Club, Rotary, Lion's Club and various other volunteer organizations to help facilitate.
Please list any other pertinent information pertaining to this proposal:
ENDORSEMENT SIGNATURES

NYSPHSAA

The following officials/representatives have reviewed this bid and provide endorsement, support and approval. We are confident our site/facility meets all requirements to host a successful State Championship event.

Section Executive Director
Section: 3
Name: John Rathbone
Signature: [Signature]
Date: 11/20/17

Facility Manager
Name: Lee L. Barow
Signature: [Signature]
Date: 11/20/17

Application Completed by:
Section: 3
Name: Matthew K. Hazen
Organization/Section/School: Cooperstown Chamber of Commerce
Address: 31 Chestnut St.
(Street)
Cooperstown, NY 13326
(City, Zip)
Signature: [Signature]
Date: 11/20/17

Please direct any questions or concerns pertaining to this bid to Joe Altieri, NYSPHSAA Assistant Director, at 518-690-0771 or Altieri@nysphsaa.org
October 4, 2017

To whom it may concern:

The Hampton Inn Oneonta New York would be willing to offer the Cooperstown Chamber of Commerce and the New York State Public High School Athletic Association a rate of $99.00 per night. This rate would be available for the following dates: June 6-9, 2019, June 11-14, 2020 and June 10-13, 2021.

If I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me via e-mail at hope.kablir@hilton.com or by phone at 607-433-9000 ext. 501.

Thank-You for your consideration,

Hope Kablr
General Manager
November 2, 2017

Dear Matt Hazzard,

The Holiday Inn Oneonta would like to be part of the NYS Public High School Baseball Tournament for June 6-9 2019, June 4-7, 2020 & June 3-6, 2021. We would be able to offer a rate of $99.00 a night plus tax and that rate would include a hot & cold breakfast buffet.

It would be our pleasure to work with you at the Cooperstown Chamber and the High Schools attending the tournament to make it a successful event.

If you have any further questions or need any additional information do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Kayla Barlow
Director of Sales
November 2, 2017

Mr. Matthew Hazzard, Executive Director
Cooperstown Chamber of Commerce
31 Chestnut Street
Cooperstown, NY 13326

RE: NYS High School Baseball Championships
Use of Doubleday Field

Dear Matt:

The purpose of this correspondence is to confirm that the Village of Cooperstown Board of Trustees on June 26, 2017 approved use of Doubleday Field for championship games related to the above tournament at no cost on the following dates of the event:

- June 6-8, 2019
- June 12-13, 2020
- June 11-12, 2021

If you require any additional information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Teri L. Barown, RMC
Village of Cooperstown
November 1, 2017

Robert Zayas, Executive Director
NYSPHSAA
8 Airport Park Blvd
Latham NY 12110

RE: New York State Public High School Athletic Association
Baseball Championships 2019-2021

Dear Mr. Zayas;

This letter is intended to confirm that Oneonta Outlaws Baseball Club, Inc. holds the lease for Damaschke Field from the City of Oneonta. This lease permits the Outlaws to use the field for other activities and events in addition to the traditionally scheduled baseball season.

I would like to offer NYSPHSAA the opportunity to hold their 2019 - 2021 championship baseball games in Oneonta rent-free ($0.00) for Damaschke Field.

On site concessions would remain with the Oneonta Outlaws Baseball Club, Inc. and Outlaw Family Fun, LLC.

Sincerely,

Gary Laing, President

GL/ba

Board of Directors:
Gary J. Laing, President  Michael F. Getman, Secretary/ Treasurer

ONEONTA OUTLAWS
Damaschke Field • 15 James Georgeson Ave. • Oneonta, NY 13820
Mailing Address: PO Box 806 • Oneonta, NY 13820
Tel: (607) 432-8326 • Fax: (607) 432-1995
Web: www.oneontaoutlaws.com
New York State Baseball Championships
Proposal
2019-2021

Hosted by Cooperstown Chamber of Commerce
Cooperstown and Oneonta, NY

Find us from anywhere at: www.cooperstownschamber.org
Dear Selection Committee:

It is with great excitement that the Cooperstown Chamber of Commerce submits our proposal to be the host site of the 2019-2021 New York State Public High School Athletic Association Baseball Championships.

Being the home of baseball, and one of the premiere destinations in central New York, we feel confident that Cooperstown would be the ideal location to host this wonderful event. With numerous accommodations, restaurants, and attractions including the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum and Doubleday Field, where many of the greatest players in history, including Ted Williams, Mickey Mantle, Hank Aaron, and Cal Ripken, Jr. have played, our small village of 1,800 people, welcomes hundreds of thousands of visitors to the community and Otsego County each year. In 2019, the Baseball Hall of Fame will celebrate its 80th anniversary and on September 6, 2020, historic Doubleday Field, which plays host to over 300 games per season, will celebrate its 100th anniversary.

Enclosed in this packet you will find information pertaining to our proposal to host the championship and what it would mean to our community. New York State is the only place in the country that can host its state baseball championships in the “Home of Baseball.” The economic impact would be significant and the experience for the participants themselves to play in the home of baseball would be unique like no other championship can offer.

We thank you in advance for your consideration and hope that we can host this wonderful event!

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Matthew K. Hazzard
Executive Director, Cooperstown Chamber of Commerce
607.547.9983 (o) 607.227.9497 (c)
mhazzard@cooperstownchamber.org
History of Doubleday Field (As Seen On National Baseball Hall of Fame Website)

Doubleday Field is renowned the world over, a recognizable name to baseball fans despite the fact that it's nestled in the center of a village of only 2,000 inhabitants. But in Cooperstown it has remained, on what was once a cow pasture owned by Elihu Phinney, hallowed ground for more than eight decades.

To tell the story of Doubleday Field, one has to start with the Mills Commission, which was appointed in 1905 to determine the origin of baseball. Though the committee considered much evidence, the testimony of Abner Graves in support of Abner Doubleday figured prominently. Both Graves and Doubleday had attended school together in Cooperstown. In letters to the committee, Graves claimed to have been present when Doubleday made changes to a local version of "town ball."

The committee's final report, on Dec. 30, 1907, stated, in part, that "the first scheme for playing baseball, according to the best evidence obtainable to date, was devised by Abner Doubleday at Cooperstown, N.Y. in 1839."

Doubleday Field in 1919 & Present Day (National Baseball Hall of Fame Library)

The citizens of Cooperstown appreciated the acclaim Doubleday had brought to their small village, but did not find a suitable way to acknowledge it for many years. When National League President John Tener came to Cooperstown in 1916, he visited the Phinney lot, a plot of ground once believed to have been used by Doubleday and other Cooperstown schoolboys to play the first game of baseball in 1839, and suggested that the cow pasture be turned into a memorial to Doubleday.
Doubleday Field construction began in 1919 at which the first game would be played on September 6, 1920 between Milford and Cooperstown, in which the National League President would be present. Starting in 1940, the hugely popular Hall of Fame Game, an in-season exhibition between two major league teams, would become an annual event that played host to the likes of Mickey Mantle, Hank Aaron, and many other Hall of Famers who would step into the same batter’s box used today. In 1959, the owner of the Boston Red Sox, Tom Yawkey would donate the first base section of the stands.

This 9,791-seat ball field is surrounded in its idyllic setting with quaint houses and majestic trees to serve not only as a destination for baseball fans, but baseball teams from around the country. Owned and operated by the Village of Cooperstown, the field will play host to 350 baseball games this year.

**History of Damaschke Field**

Historic Damaschke Field, located in Oneonta, New York, has a 3,700-person capacity as a mixture of fixed seat and bleacher seating. Damaschke Field is one of the oldest, most historic ballparks still in use. Opening in 1906 as Elm Park, the facility played host to numerous stars from the early years of baseball, including Hall of Famers Babe Ruth and Roger Hornsby. A permanent Grandstand was erected in 1939.

The facility boasts some of the closest seats available in minor league baseball as well as a picnic area and new buildings that were part of a 2007 renovation. Only a short walk from downtown Oneonta, Historic Damaschke Field has become a staple of summertime entertainment in the Tri-County area.

The field has been a longtime home of the area’s minor league baseball teams including the Oneonta Red Sox (1966), Oneonta Yankees (1967-1998), and the Oneonta Tigers (1999-2009). It currently serves as the home field for a collegiate summer baseball team, the Oneonta Outlaws in the New York Collegiate Baseball League.
Championship Contacts

Matthew Hazzard, Championship Director, Executive Director Cooperstown Chamber

Hanna Bergene, Office Operations at hanna@cooperstownchamber.org, 607.547.9983

Gary Laing, Damaschke Field Representative at 607.432-6326

*Athletic Trainers and Emergency Personnel will be present at each Championship Site

Economic Impact

Using the National Baseball Hall of Fame’s economic figures of $500 per individual with an estimated 400 players/coaches and families, this Championship could bring an estimated $800,000-$1,000,000 in additional economic impact to the area.

Support/Donations

- National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum will donate tickets to each participant/coach that must be used that weekend
- Letters of Support Courtesy of:
  - New York State Senator, James Seward
  - Cooperstown Mayor, Jeff Katz
  - Oneonta Mayor, Gary Herzig
  - Cooperstown Central School Superintendent, Dr. William Crankshaw
  - Section III Executive Director, Jon Rathbun
- The Holiday Inn in Oneonta, and Hampton Inn Oneonta will each provide a 55% room discount rate
- Doubleday Field, Damaschke Field, and Red Dragon Baseball Field (SUNY Oneonta) will be available at no cost to the Championship

Game Schedule

Four teams from each of the five NYS Classes (AA, A, B, C, D) will participate in the state tournament. There will be 10 total games on Friday to be held at three different locations, and five total games on Saturday at two different locations.
Game Locations

- Doubleday Field
  1 Doubleday Ct
  Cooperstown, NY 13326

- Damaschke Field
  15 James Georgeson Ave
  Oneonta, NY 13820

- Red Dragon Baseball Field
  108 Ravine Parkway
  Oneonta, NY 13820

Practice Locations:

- Cooperstown High School (Cooperstown)
- Oneonta High School (Oneonta)
- SUNY Oneonta (Oneonta)
- Damaschke Field (Oneonta)
- Wilber Park (Milford)
- Laurens High School (Laurens)
**Proposed Game Schedule**

*Special lights would be rented for Doubleday Field Night Games*

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Parking

For Doubleday Field: All buses will be directed to the Red Trolley Lot on Friday (.2 miles from the field) and to the Cooperstown High School on Saturday after dropping off participants. 
For Damaschke Field: All buses will be able to park directly outside ballpark.

Pre-Game

At the conclusion of the previous game each team will be allowed to place their equipment bags on the warning track outside the dugout until the previous team(s) clear. Teams can warm-up throw in the outfield only and pitchers in the designated bullpen areas. Grounds crews will reline the field fresh for each game.

Game Timing

Each game will be 7 innings per NYSPHAA rules

Post-Game

At the conclusion of each team’s first game, after shaking hands with opposing team, all teams are asked to please gather their team belongings and move off the field to the designated area for all post game discussions.

After Championship games, awards will be in front of the home plate area. Teams playing the following game will be asked to remain off the field until all awards have been issued. An extra 30 minutes has been allotted to the schedule.

Hospitality Area

There will be a hospitality area available for all coaches, athletic directors, school administrators, and other VIPs outside both ballparks. A pass must be shown to gain entrance.

Lockers Rooms

Damaschke Field provides locker room facilities for each team. At each other facility, please arrive dressed to play.

November 7, 2017

Dear Selection Committee —

I am writing this letter on behalf of the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum to offer our support for the Cooperstown Chamber of Commerce’s bid to bring the New York State Public High School Athletic Association State Baseball Championships to Cooperstown and Otsego County.

Each year, nearly 300,000 people from around the world make the trip to Cooperstown to visit the Museum and experience the beauty and splendor of our region. Cooperstown and the Baseball Hall of Fame serve as the spiritual home of our National Pastime. Holding the New York State Baseball Championship at historic Doubleday Field, where many Hall of Famers, from Babe Ruth to Hank Aaron to Ken Griffey Jr. have played, is a perfect fit.

If the Cooperstown Chamber of Commerce is successful in its bid to host the New York State Baseball Championship, we are prepared to offer our support by inviting the players, coaches, and NYSPHAA officials to visit the Museum, free of charge. As an organization dedicated to honoring the vast history of our game, from the youth leagues to the majors, as well as Baseball’s all-time greatest contributors, we appreciate the teamwork and dedication it takes to be successful in this great game at every level, and we would be honored to have these young athletes visit Cooperstown.

We hope that the Selection Committee will choose to hold the New York State Baseball Championship Tournament in Cooperstown, giving the teams a chance to play on one of New York’s most historic baseball diamonds, while enjoying all that Cooperstown has to offer.

Sincerely,

Jeff Idelson  
President
NYSPHSAA
Championship Advisory Committee
8 Airport Park Blvd.
Latham, N.Y. 12110

RE: Cooperstown Chamber of Commerce
Baseball Championships Site Bid

Dear Committee Members:

I am writing to express my strong support for the Cooperstown Chamber of Commerce and their bid to bring the New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) State Baseball Championships to Cooperstown and Otsego County.

Each year, nearly 300,000 people from around the world make a pilgrimage to Cooperstown to visit the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum and the surrounding region. The Village of Cooperstown is recognized around the globe as the unofficial “Birthplace of Baseball” and is home to Major League Baseball’s annual Hall of Fame induction ceremony. Crowning New York State’s high school baseball champions at historic Doubleday Field, where many Hall of Famers themselves once played, is a home run.

The Cooperstown Chamber of Commerce has worked consistently with area organizations and businesses to host large-scale events. The area has ample hotel space and other needed support facilities to accommodate players and spectators.

I appreciate any consideration you may give the Cooperstown Chamber of Commerce and their bid to host the NYSPHSAA State Baseball Championships. If you are in need of any additional information, please feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES L. SEWARD
State Senator

JLS:jb:jt
November 3, 2017

To Whom It May Concern;

The Village of Cooperstown completely supports the Cooperstown Chamber of Commerce’s efforts to bring the New York State Baseball Championships to historic Doubleday Field. Doubleday, the mythical “birthplace of baseball,” presents a unique opportunity for your players – the chance to roam the same field where Babe Ruth, Mickey Mantle, Hank Aaron and other legends played.

With over 300 scheduled games a year, Doubleday Field is one of the most used ballparks in the country. Teams of all ages – from high school to adult tournaments – come from all over the country to the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum, Doubleday Field and our other attractions. The economic effects of tourism are powerful in Cooperstown and the immediate area, with year-round shops and restaurants catering to tourists and locals alike. Because Doubleday Field is intimately connected to the people who live in Cooperstown, it is often true that tournaments bring out local spectators, who relish the chance to see quality baseball in their hometown ballpark. Cooperstown would be an ideal setting for a state championship.

The Board of Trustees and I are fully behind the Cooperstown Chamber of Commerce’s efforts to bring the New York State Baseball Championship to Doubleday Field and hope that you see, as hundreds of thousands of people see every year, how special it is to come to Cooperstown and its historic ballpark.

Sincerely,

Jeff Katz

Mayor, Village of Cooperstown
December 6, 2017

Matt Hazzard, Executive Director
Cooperstown Chamber of Commerce
31 Chestnut Street
Cooperstown, NY 13326

Dear Mr. Hazzard:

On behalf of the people of the City of Oneonta, NY, I greatly appreciate and support your efforts to bring the New York State Baseball Championships to the village of Cooperstown and the City of Oneonta, NY.

The City of Oneonta has a proud history with baseball at all levels. Damaschke Field has been home to both the New York Yankees’ and the Detroit Tigers’ farm teams. Numerous Major League All Stars had their start playing in Damaschke Field. Among the many who have spent time in Oneonta are Babe Ruth, Mickey Mantle, Bernie Williams, Curtis Granderson, and John Elway (who played baseball before he pursued a career in football).

While here, I am confident that visitors can find much to enjoy in the City of Oneonta including our historic downtown’s unique shops and restaurants, our beautiful parks, and our two fine colleges—SUNY Oneonta and Hartwick College.

Please let me know how I can be of assistance in bringing the New York State Baseball Championship to Oneonta, NY.

Sincerely,

Gary Herzig
Mayor
November 20, 2017

Robert Zayas
8 Airport Blvd
Latham, New York 12110

Dear Robert,

Section III Athletics is proud to join Cooperstown/Otsego County and their Local Organizing Committee by inviting the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Baseball Committee to consider holding your state championships in Section III for the 2019-2021 seasons.

We are highly enthusiastic about this event and we are confident that you will find everything in Central New York that you need for outstanding competition. From our athletic venues, cost of housing and meals, experience and expertise of volunteers to our central location, our area and organizing committee has exactly what you are looking for.

The fact that we have successfully hosted these types of events a number of times gives us great confidence in encouraging you to bring this championship back to Section III. Should you choose Cooperstown/Otsego County for your competition, I will commit the total and complete support of the 104 schools within Section III. Our knowledgeable volunteers could provide you with the highest level of organization, attention to detail and experience and competence to assure the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Baseball Committee a high quality and smooth running competition.

Thank you in advance and we look forward to working with you again.

Sincerely,

John Rathbun
Executive Director

Cc: Matthew Hazzard