



# Section IX Athletics

Robert Thabet, Executive Director

**Section IX Athletic Council Meeting**  
**Wednesday, May 15, 2013 at 9:30 a.m.**  
**Mt. St. Mary College – Hudson Hall Auditorium**

1. Call to Order: Bob Thabet
  2. Pledge of Allegiance: Bob Thabet
  3. Financial Report: Jim Osborne
  4. Review of Meeting Materials – Jim Osborne
  5. Approval of April 16, 2013 Minutes
  6. Gary Theodore – Nugent & Haeussler
  7. Welcome Athletic Directors
  8. Section IX NYSPHSAA Representatives – Roberta Greene and Jim Wolfe
  9. Baseball – Senior All Star Game – **Back from the Leagues**
  10. Highland Residential Center – Application for Membership – **Back from the Leagues**
  11. Cheerleading – **Back from the Leagues**
  12. Girls Cross Country Section IX Chairperson – **Back from the Leagues**
  13. Mergers for 2013-2014
  14. Dr. William Moran Award 2013 – Jolene Porter
  15. Section IX 2013-2014 Dues
  16. Section IX Directory 2013-2014
  17. Non-Public School Classification Committee – Tom Cassata
  18. Coaching Workshop – Alan Baker
  19. Spring Sport Chairs:
    - a. Baseball Dave Onusko
    - b. Boys Golf Tom Howe
    1. Range Finders
    - c. Boys Lacrosse Bob Slate
    - d. Boys Tennis Urvashi Gupta and LuAnn McCarthy
    - e. Track & Field Joe Iatauro and Eric McLaughlin
    - f. Girls Golf Bill Earl
    - g. Girls Lacrosse Wendy Crandall
    - h. Softball Bruce Guyette
  20. Chair Reports:
    - a. Girls & Boys Modified Sports Jeremy Weber & Helenanne Gillinder
      1. Waiver of Promotion Rule for Track Meets
      2. Flexibility with Student Transfers After Normal Tryout Period
      3. Stick Checking Girls Lacrosse
      4. Track & Field Modified Rubber Soled Shoes
      5. 3-Point Shot Modified Basketball
    - b. Safety Janet Carey
    - c. Chemical Health Marco Lanzoni
    - d. Officials Coordinator Dennis Burkett
    - e. Eligibility Fred Ahart
    - f. Sportsmanship Glen Maisch
  21. New Business
  22. Old Business
  23. Adjournment
- Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, June 11, 2013 at TBA at 7:00 a.m.



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## **NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Meeting Highlights – May 3, 2013**

### **Robert Zayas - Executive Director, NYSPHSAA**

- A. Update on the Media Content Coordinator position
- B. Website Update

### **Robert Stulmaker, Assistant Director, NYSPHSAA**

- A. 2013-2014 State Championship Dates and Sites (enclosed)
- B. Spring 2013 deadline to apply for the Scholar-Athlete Team Award is Friday, May 17, 2013
- C. School of Distinction Award Applications are to be completed and submitted no later than June 30, 2013.
- D. Community Service Challenge:
  - 1. Application submitted to Section IX by May 1, 2013.
  - 2. Section IX winner application to NYSPHSAA by June 1, 2013.
  - 3. NYSPHSAA winner announced in June and recognized at August Central Committee.

### **Todd Nelson – Assistant Director, NYSPHSAA**

- A. Non-Public Schools and State Championship (report enclosed)
- B. Unified Sports/Special Olympics – Pilot Program  
NYSPHSAA and Special Olympics of New York will partner on a project entitled Unified Sports Pilot Program to begin in the Spring of 2014, with the schools of Section II in the sport of basketball.
- C. Cheerleading – East and West Invitational proposed for 2013-2014.

### **Report to the Executive Committee**

- 1. A. NYSAAA 2014 Athletic Director Conference is scheduled for March 12-15, 2014 at the Saratoga Hilton and Conference Center.
  - B. Spring NYSAAA Newsletter will be out in early May.
  - C. The NIAAA/NFHS annual Athletic Directors Conference is scheduled for Anaheim, California, December 14-17, 2013.
- 2. Handbook Committee – Ms. Roberta Greene  
Please refer to the discussion items and motion items. (Report enclosed)
- 3. Championship Advisory Committee – Mr. Robert Stulmaker  
The CAC is recommending to extend the current 2012-2013 Official Fees and Policies through the 2013-2014 school year.

4. Safety Committee – Mr. Todd Nelson (Report enclosed)
  - A. Wrestling Advisory Committee – Procedure for wrestlers who cannot pass the hydration test due to a medical condition or medication.
  - B. Concussion Management – NYSPHSAA is seeking SED approval of the NFHS Course.
  - C. Section Discussion Items:
    1. Modified Girls Lacrosse checking – U15/U13 rules.
    2. Modified Track & Field shoes – Plastic plates on the bottom of shoes.
    3. Tennis Proposal – Maximum number of games in a day.
    4. Early season heat acclimatization guidelines.
    5. Limiting the number of full contact days prior to a game.
  - D. Anyone can Save a Life:  
Website: [www.anyonecansavealife.org](http://www.anyonecansavealife.org)

5. Modified Athletics (Report enclosed)

6. Sportsmanship – Mr. Todd Nelson
  - A. Survey has been sent to all Sectional Representatives
  - B. NAIA 5 Star Leadership Program (Document enclosed)

7. Football Classification Cut-off Numbers for 2014-2015

Class	Cut-Off	Schools	Percentage
AA	930 – Up	88 schools	19.73 %
A	570-929	89 schools	19.95 %
B	365 – 569	91 schools	20.40 %
C	240 – 364	87 schools	19.50 %
D	0 – 239	91 schools	20.40 %

8. NYSPHSAA – Transgender Guidelines (Draft Policy enclosed)

9. State Education Department – Mr. Darryl Daily
  - A. Selection Classification will be replaced with the program “Interscholastic Athletic Placement Process.”
  - B. SED is reviewing the NFHS Concussion Management Program with a possible implementation in the near future.

10. General Action Items: (Report enclosed)  
Approved – Not Approved – Tabled

