



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
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

2013-2014 NYSPHSAA Championship

Dates/Sites

Fall 2013

Nov 2-4	G Tennis	Tri City Tennis Center, Latham (2)
Nov 9	B/G Cross Country	Queensbury High School (2)
Nov 15	Boys Volleyball	Civic Center, Glens Falls (2)
Nov 16	Federation Cross Country	Bowdoin Park, Wappingers Falls (1)
Nov 16-17	G Soccer	SUNY Cortland, Homer HS, Tompkins Cortland CC (3)
Nov 16-17	Field Hockey	Cicero-N. Syracuse HS, Cicero (3)
Nov 16-17	G Volleyball	Civic Center, Glens Falls (2)
Nov 16-17	B Soccer	Middletown HS (9)
Nov 22-23	G Swimming/Diving	Ithaca College, Ithaca (4)
Nov 22-23	Football East Semifinals	Dietz Stadium, Kingston (9)
Nov 22-23	Football West Semifinals	Sahlen's Stadium, Rochester (5)
Nov 29-Dec 1	Football Finals	Carrier Dome, Syracuse (3)

Winter 2013-2014

Feb 24-25	Boys/Girls Skiing	Bristol Mountain, Canandaigua (5)
Feb 28-Mar 1	Boy Swimming/Diving	Webster-Schroeder HS, Webster (5)
Feb 28-Mar 1	Wrestling	Times Union Center, Albany (2)
March 1	Girls Gymnastics	TBA
March 1	Boys/Girls Indoor Track/Field	Barton Hall - Cornell University, Ithaca (4)
March 1	Rifle (Regional)	TBA
March 1-2	Boys/Girls Bowling	Babylon Lanes (11)
March 8	Boys Volleyball (Regional)	Section 3 TBA
March 8-9	Ice Hockey	Memorial Auditorium, Utica (3)
March 14-16	Girls Basketball	Hudson Valley Community College, Troy (2)
March 14-16	Boys Basketball	Civic Center, Glens Falls (2)
March 21-23	Boys/Girls Federation Basketball	Times Union Center, Albany (2)

Spring 2014

May 29-31	B Tennis	National Tennis Center, Flushing (NYC)
May 31-June 2	B Golf	Cornell University, Ithaca (4)
June 4	B Lacrosse East Semis	Stony Brook University (11)
June 4	B Lacrosse West Semis	Cicero-North Syracuse HS, Cicero (3)
June 6-7	B/G Track & Field	Cicero-North Syracuse HS, Cicero (3)
June 6-7	G Lacrosse	SUNY Cortland (3)
June 6-8	G Golf	SUNY Delhi (4)
June 7	Softball	Moreau Park, South Glens Falls (2)
June 7	B Lacrosse Finals	Hofstra University, Hempstead (8)
June 7	Baseball	Binghamton (4)
June 8	Federation Golf	Bethpage State Park, Farmingdale (8)



FUTURE DATES/ SITES as of 5/3/13

FALL		2014-15	
G. Tennis	Date	Nov. 1-3	
	Site	Tri-City Tennis Center, Latham (2)	
B/ G X-Country	Date	Nov. 8	
	Site	Section 10	
G. Volleyball	Date	Nov. 15-16	
	Site	Glens Falls CC (2)	
B. Soccer	Date	Nov. 15-16	
	Site	Middletown HS (9)	
G. Soccer	Date	Nov. 15-16	
	Site	SUNY Cortland/ Homer HS/ Tompkins Cortland (3)	
Field Hockey	Date	Nov. 15-16	
	Site		
G. Swimming	Date	Nov. 21-22	
	Site		
Football	Date	Nov. 28-30	
	Site	Carrier Dome, Syracuse (3)	
B. Volleyball		Nov. 15-16	
	Site	Glens Falls CC (2)	
WINTER		2014-15	
Skiing	Date	Feb. 23-24	
	Site		
G. Gymnastics	Date	Feb. 28	
	Site		
Wrestling	Date	Feb. 27-28	
	Site	Times Union Center, Albany (2)	
B. Swimming	Date	March 6-7	
	Site		
B/ G Bowling	Date	March 7-8	
	Site		
B/ G Ind. Track	Date	March 7	
	Site		
Ice Hockey	Date	March 14-15	
	Site		
G. Basketball	Date	March 20-22	
	Site	HVCC (2)	
B. Basketball	Date	March 20-22	
	Site	Glens Falls Civic Center (2)	
Rifle (Regional)	Date	March 7	
	Site		
B. Volleyball (Reg.)		March 7	
	Site		
SPRING		2014-15	
B. Tennis	Date	May 28-30	
	Site	USTA Complex, Flushing (NYC)	
B. Golf	Date	May 30-31, June 1	
	Site		
B/ G T&F	Date	June 5-6	
	Site	SUNY Albany (2)	
G. Lacrosse	Date	June 5-6	
	Site	SUNY Cortland (3)	
B. Lacrosse	Date	June 6	
	Site		
Baseball	Date	June 6	
	Site	Binghamton (4)	
Softball	Date	June 6	
	Site	Moreau Park, So. Glens Falls (2)	
G. Golf	Date	June 5-7	
	Site	SUNY Delhi (4)	



NYSPHSAA Executive Committee

May 3, 2013

Todd Nelson
Assistant Director

Non-Public Schools and State Championships:

I was asked to compile a report on the number of NYSPHSAA State Championships that have been won over the past 5 years by public and non-public schools in all sports (see attached document). Below is a breakdown of the number and percentage of public and non-public schools in our association as well as a breakdown of State Championships won by both groups.

Total Number of NYSPHSAA Member Schools ('13-'14)	783
Total Number of Charter/Non-Public Members	75
Total Number of Public Schools	708
Percentage of Charter/Non-Public Members	9.50%
Percentage of Public Schools Members	90.42%
Total Number of Championships Won ('08 - '13)	1,067
Total Number of Championships Won (Charter/NP)	66
Total Number of Championships Won (Public)	1,001
Percentage of Championships Won (Charter/NP)	6.19%
Percentage of Championships Won (Public)	93.81%
Total Number of Individual Championships (08-13)	632
Individual Championships Won (Charter/NP)	40
Individual Championships Won (Public)	592
Percentage of Individual Championships (C/NP)	6.32%
Percentage of Individual Championships (Public)	93.67%
Total Number of Team Championships (08-13)	435
Team Championships Won (Charter/NP)	26
Team Championships Won (Public)	409
Percentage of Team Championships Won (C/NP)	5.97%
Percentage of Team Championships Won (Public)	94.02%



HANDBOOK COMMITTEE MINUTES
April 12, 2013 – Conference Call

ATTENDANCE:

Robbie Greene
Steve Broadwell
Julie Bergman
Darryl Daily
Renee James
John Gallagher
Robert Zayas
Todd Nelson

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1) Foreign Exchange/ International Students- Section 7 submitted four concerns for the committee to review and take possible action upon. The Committee determined three of the four items should be included in the summer conference as cracker barrel items. Those items being:

1) Review and consider language change to clarify the intent of the wording in the last sentence of Item 9 #2 on page 96....“if the student has not played the sport competitively.”

2) Consider Foreign Student scenarios pertaining to CSIET programs, bona fide students and being subject to the transfer rule.

3) Reviewing the significance of a F1 Visa and J1 Visa that appears on the Foreign and International Student Reporting Form and bring clarity as to how it applies to the 3 options listed on the form.

2) Reviewed the limitation on the number of varsity scrimmages permitted.

3) Discussed the safety of athletes in the sport of football when ball is uncatchable; the NFHS Football Rules Committee would need to address this item if there were interest since NYSPHSAA abides by NFHS Football rules.

MOTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION:

1) Add the word “**prior**” to (*or other persons with whom the student has resided for at least six months prior.*)

Pg. 97, B. INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS, 1. International Student Definition
Pg. 108, 30. TRANSFER, b.

2) Add *NOTE: Any contests leading up to Sectional play is considered “regular season” to explain practicing seven consecutive days in the post season is permitted.*

Pg. 103, 22. PRACTICE SESSIONS, b.

3) Add *"Athletes are not permitted to practice before the form has been submitted. Athletes are not permitted to compete without approval"* to FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS. This is similar language contained in the International Student portion of the Handbook on pg. 97.

Pg. 96, A. FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS

4) Add *"prior to the start of the season"* to *"Schools within each section may choose to move up but not down in classification prior to the start of the season."*

Pg. 181, Classification Procedure

5) Revise *"BASEBALL – Battery candidates shall have at least fifteen practice sessions"-* to - *"Battery candidates shall have at least thirteen practice sessions."*

Pg. 112, 32. BASEBALL

6) Amend the Duration of Competition rule on Pg. 96 to reflect the current Commissioner of Education Duration of Competition Rule set forth on pages 46 and 47.

Pg. 96 DURATION OF COMPETITION

7) Add to By-laws and Eligibility Standards: *"Any meetings of the NYSPHSAA Central and Executive Committees or any committee thereof may be conducted by telephone or video conference or any means of communication through which the participants may simultaneously participate and hear each other during the meeting. Such participation shall constitute personal presence at the meeting."*

Pg. 92 Bylaws and Eligibility



NYSPHSAA Executive Committee

May 3, 2013

Todd Nelson Safety Committee Report

Attendance for Safety Committee Meeting on April 19, 2013:

The following individuals participated in the Safety Committee meeting. Jim Rose (1), Pat Grasso (4), Kim Henshaw (5), Fred Thornely (6), Jen Yaeger (7), Rich Schaub (8), Janet Carey (9), Erika Backus (10), Tim Mullins (11), Paul Lasinski (NYSATA), Lou Rende (CAT), Darryl Daily (SED), Tim Shay (DOH), Kitty Gelberg (DOH), Marty Sherman (Wrestling Chairmen), John O'Bryan (pediatrician).

Wrestling Advisory Committee:

The Wrestling Advisory Committee has asked for input by the Safety Committee on a procedure for wrestlers who cannot pass the hydration test due to a medical condition or medication. The Safety Committee feels that all wrestlers and athletes should be properly hydrated when participating in interscholastic athletics. If a student cannot pass the hydration test by obtaining the necessary reading of a refractometer then a physician should be able to provide proof that a student is hydrated in a timely manner before the student is allowed to continue with the process. The Wrestling Advisory, Safety, and Wrestling Committees will work on a procedure that will be followed by all sections to address this scenario.

The NYSPHSAA Wrestling Committee was asked to consider approving a 3 day dual meet tournament. Both the Wrestling Advisory Committee and Safety Committee have reservations about allowing a wrestler to potentially compete in 15 matches over a 3 day period. Both committees have recommended that the Wrestling Committee not approve this format.

Concussion Management:

The new Zurich guidelines were distributed to the committee in their entirety and in a summary form. The new guidelines served to reinforce the guidelines that are recommended by the NYSPHSAA and in the NYS Concussion Management Law. Please see the attached documents. Robert Zayas and I also met with representatives from the State Department of Education and Dan Schuester from the NFHS, to discuss their concerns regarding the NFHS Concussion Course. SED had some concerns related to more prevention items being included in the NFHS course. Dan has assured us and SED that those items can and will be added to the course content. SED has indicated that if those items are added to the course content then they would approve the NFHS course for coaches only. We are hopeful that this will be approved for the Fall of 2013.

Section Discussion Items:

The following items will need to be discussed at the Section Athletic Council. All of these items will be on the agenda of our committees in the Fall of 2013 for possible action and/or recommendations to the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee. Section Executive Directors are asked to invite the representatives of your section to the athletic council meeting to be part of the discussion. The NYSPHSAA office staff is available to provide assistance as needed.

1. Modified Girls Lacrosse Checking – U15/U13 rules (modified, lacrosse, and safety rep)
2. Modified Track and Field shoes – Plastic plates on bottom of shoes (modified, T/F, and safety rep)
3. Tennis Proposal – max number of games in a day (tennis and safety rep)
4. Early season heat acclimatization guidelines (football and safety rep)
5. Limiting the number of full contact days prior to a game (football and safety rep)

Anyone Can Save a Life:

The NYSPHSAA has been approached about a national program, ***Anyone Can Save a Life***. I have listed the website and contact information for this program below. The Safety Committee feels that this program could benefit our member schools and our student athletes. The program is strictly voluntary and requires a very little amount of resources to implement. The Safety Committee encourages schools to examine the program and hopefully implement in their athletic department. The program has proven to save lives around the country.

Website: www.anyonecansavealife.org

Contact person: Karen Acompora
Louis J. Acompora Memorial Foundation
www.la12.org
Heart Screen New York
Parent Heart Watch Board of Directors
www.parentheartwatch.org
P.O. Box 767 Northport NY 11768
Tele/Fax 631-754-1091
k-acompora@la12.org

April 2013

To: Modified Athletics Representatives
Section VIII Athletic Council

From:

Re: Spring 2013 Meeting Report
NYSPHSAA Committee for Modified Athletics

The spring meeting of the State Committee for Modified Athletics took place on April 12, 2013 in Latham, New York. A synopsis of the meeting is as follows:

I. Items that will go to the State Executive Committee:

Modified Fall Season Starting Date

Motion:

"With sectional/league approval, the modified program fall season starting date will be the 4th Monday of August."

II. Item that will go to the State Safety Committee

Modified Girls' Lacrosse Editorial Changes

Motion:

"The following editorial changes will be made in the modified girls' lacrosse Game Rules and Game Conditions (Reference: NYSPHSAA handbook, page 150):

Delete existing Game Rule #4, which reads 'Modified stick-checking in modified girls' lacrosse, as outlined in the US Lacrosse Rulebook under the Girls' Youth Rules-Level A, may be used.'

Substitute the following as Game Rule #4: 'The US Lacrosse Rulebook U-15 checking rule will be used for the modified girls' lacrosse program: Regular stick checking. Any check to the head is an automatic red card.'

If passed, this item will become an Action Item at the Fall 2013 Committee meeting.

III Items which will occur before the Fall 2013 Modified Committee meeting:

- Modified sports coordinators are encouraged to contact their respective high school sports coordinators to improve communications
- Efforts to secure modified sport coordinators for girls' gymnastics and boys' and girls' tennis
- Appropriate report presentations by fall and spring winter sports coordinators. The following sports are scheduled for review: baseball, cross country, field hockey, football, boys' and girls' lacrosse, boys' and girls' soccer, softball, boys' and girls' tennis, track and field, and wrestling,

IV Discussion Item

Should there be Flexibility with Student Transfers after Normal Try-Out Period?

The Committee discussed what happens when new modified transfer students enter a school during the third week of high school try-outs and wish to be promoted to the high school level of sports. Currently, after they are selection-classified, they are permitted to try out, but may NOT return to the modified level of play, because they have practiced/played with high school students beyond the two-week allowance. We would have to keep them at the high school level. Should we be more flexible? Some Committee members felt that these modified students should stay at the modified level of play when they transfer in, and not be permitted to S/C; let them get acclimated to their new school. We do not yet know them or their talents, and a mistake could be bad. The suggestion was made that the item needs discussion at the sectional level, and the representatives were asked to take it back.

What does this Section think?

V. Action Items for Next Meeting

A. Combined Modified/Varsity Track Meets

Motion :

"Promotion Regulation shall be waived for Boys' and Girls' outdoor track and field, permitting schools with section/league approval the option of running combined modified and varsity outdoor track and field meets, alternating events." (see Track and Field, pages 153-154)

In the interim, modified track and field sport coordinator Teresa Lee will develop an Order of Events for Combined Modified/Varsity Track Meets for pages 153-154 of the state handbook. This will assist the sections in understanding the design of the combined track meet. The Order will be forwarded to the sections prior to the Fall 2013 meeting.

What does this Section think of the use of a combined Modified/Varsity Track meet design? It is already been approved and is in effect for Swimming and Diving in the State.

Would we use it in our section? Should other sections be allowed to do so as a cost-saving option?

B. 3-Point Shot in Modified Basketball

Motion

"With sectional/league approval, the 3-point shot may be used in modified boys' and girls' basketball."

This concept was introduced last year and failed to pass at the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee level because of facility and technique concerns. It is being revisited, with the approval of the modified boys' and girls' basketball sport coordinators.

What does our section think of allowing modified athletes to use the 3-point shot?

IV. Information Items

1. Many sections in New York State reported that continued cuts are occurring at both the modified and JV levels. The Committee for Modified Athletics is supporting designs that will help us to maintain, save and support participation while keeping costs down.
2. Selection Classification will now be known as the Interscholastic Athletic Placement Process (IAPP). It remains a State Education Department procedure, overseen by our new state representative, Darryl Daily. Each school's athletic director must approve whether his/her student will go through the placement process, not the parent or coach. The fitness test standard will be the 85th percentile of the student's age on the Presidential Fitness Test. It is understood that the Presidential Fitness test is being phased out in favor of the NYS Fitnessgram, but the Presidential test will still be used for IAPP. The process may still be used to move a high school aged athlete down to the modified level of competition, if a student-athlete would be better served competing with younger athletes at the modified level. NYS is still hoping to find a university that will compile fitness data and look at revised fitness standards. The legal counsel of the State is concerned with the appeal waiver; all appeals will be turned back to the medical director of each school district, who ultimately is responsible for his/her own students.

The date of implementation of the IAPP is still unclear; it is unlikely that it will be used before 2014. We hope that it would start at the beginning of a school year, as opposed to midyear, or a January 1 date. It would be messy otherwise. Of course, it is the decision of each school district to determine if they will allow their student-athletes to be moved up or down at all. In addition, the use of regional fitness testing with unbiased examiners is still being talked about; it has merit as probably the most honest method of testing.

3. The new baseball/softball substitution rule was passed at the state level this winter and is available for our use at the sectional or league level. It is a good way to increase participation. The option is currently in use in four sections in the State this spring.
4. There are currently designs of track shoes that have an added plastic plate on the sole. This plastic plate has nubs on it that are unsafe, especially on tracks that are not all-weather, or are wet. Be cautious of what your track athletes are wearing. Track and Field (Outdoor and Indoor) Game Rule #1. Equipment states that *'Only sneakers or shoes with molded rubber soles and molded cleats are permitted in the modified program.'* (Reference: NYSPHSAA handbook, page 153).
5. Need for Modified Gymnastics and Tennis Sports Coordinators. We continue to be in need of a NYS modified sport coordinator for girls' gymnastics, and a boys' and girls' tennis sport coordinator. If you have interest in filling one of these roles, please let us know; your participation on the State Committee would be welcome!

NYSPHSAA Modified Committee Meetings for 2013-2014

The following meeting dates were established for the 2013-2014 school year:

Fall Meeting	Friday, October 11, 2013	9:30 AM
Spring Meeting	Friday, April 4, 2014	9:30 AM

The meetings will take place at the NYSPHSAA office in Latham, NY.

If you wish to have us bring items from our section to the State meetings for consideration, please speak up at our local meetings, or put your thoughts in writing for discussion. Contact your modified sectional representatives if you have suggestions, concerns or good ideas. Change starts at the local level; we encourage and welcome your input and participation.

Modified Committee Meeting on April 12, 2013 –notes taken by Jeremy Weber

Approved unanimously - “with sectional/league approval, the modified program fall season starting date will be the 4th Monday of August”. (For this year that would be Monday, August 26th)

Action Items for Fall – Need guidance from Section 9 on vote

- 1) Waiver of promotion rule for track and meets, similar to Swimming/Diving, to provide relief to small league in Section 4 - this year they approved an emergency provision that allowed this and they are looking to get this approved for next year
- 2) Flexibility with Student transfers after normal tryout period - an example would be a 7th or 8th grade student transfers to a school and might be able to play at the JV or Varsity level but they transferred at the tryout period
- 3) Stick-Checking in Girls Lacrosse- Currently following the U-13 – modified checking – want to follow the U-15 rules for modified which would allow regular checking - the rationale is the concern that if we use the u-13 rule there will be a number of 8th grade who at age 14, will be playing with checking and then we are asking them to forget that part of the game when they are on our fields.
- 4) Track and Field is allowed to wear flats that have plastic molded soles that have plastic parts that are very sharp, the proposal is to only allow modified athletes in track to have rubber soled shoes
- 5) They want to allow the 3 point shot in modified basketball

Items of note:

- 1) Wayne County will start modified basketball on October 21, 2013
- 2) Section 8 is doing a baseball pitch count pilot
- 3) IAPP – Interscholastic Athletic Placement Process (replaces Selective Classification) Presidential 85% for age – School Medical Director would be the appeal for maturity and for fitness levels

Next Meeting is Friday October 11th at 9:30am

Nassau County Baseball

Over the last few years the topic of pitch counts has become a very large issue. In trying to be proactive and provide a plan that is believed to be safer and more comprehensive a sub-committee from the Nassau County Baseball Coaches Association has recommended that the modified baseball programs adopt this rule modification. Below is the recommendation of the committee followed by the current New York State rule.

Rule Modification

Pitch Count Recommendations:

For All Modified Level Baseball games in Section 8, Students age 14 and under

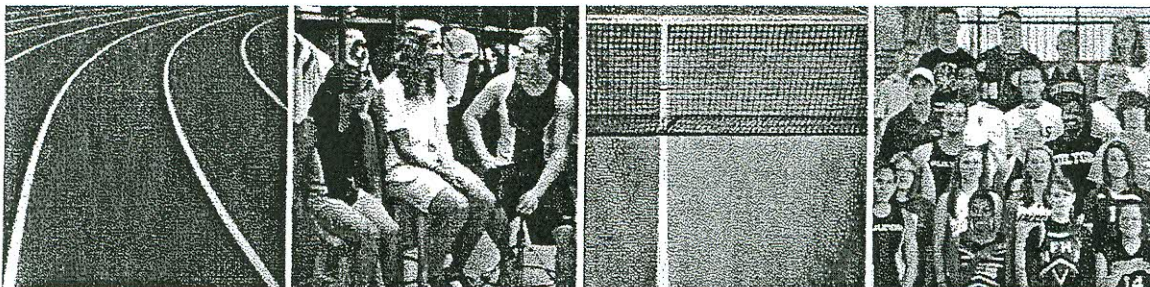
- Pitch count totals must be kept by the coach for every pitcher on his team that pitches in a game or scrimmage
- A pitcher must be removed from the game or scrimmage if they reach 35 pitches in one inning.
- Over 20 pitches in a game or scrimmage: 0 days rest needed
- Over 35 pitches: 1 day rest is required before being able to pitch again in a game or scrimmage
- Over 55 pitches: 2 days rest is required before being able to pitch again in a game or scrimmage
- Over 65 pitches: 3 days rest is required before being able to pitch again in a game or scrimmage
- 85 pitches is the maximum amount a student may pitch in one game. 4 days rest is required before being able to pitch again in a game or scrimmage.
 - The pitcher may finish pitching to a batter when he reaches the maximum of 85.
 - If a student throws 85 pitches in one game, their next appearance **IN THE SAME CALENDAR WEEK** should not be more than 2 innings /40 pitches. i.e.:
Monday/Saturday scenario is the same calendar week; therefore limit the pitches.
- A student that pitches more than 50 pitches in a game may not be moved to the catcher position during the same game.
- Coaches must keep their own pitch counts and submit a record of such to their Chairperson or Director of Athletics at the end of each week???

Current New York State Modified Pitching Guidelines

A pitcher may pitch no more than 12 full innings in any one calendar week and no more than 7 innings in any one game. After pitching 4 or more full innings in any one game there must be at least 2 nights of rest before pitching again. When removed, the contestant may play any other position.



CHAMPIONS OF CHARACTER FIVE-STAR LEADERSHIP SCHOOL AWARD PROGRAM
PARTNERSHIP WITH THE NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL
ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.



CHAMPIONS OF CHARACTER FIVE-STAR LEADERSHIP SCHOOL AWARD PROGRAM



The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) *Champions of Character* is a program designed to create a character-driven athletics and activities program one student, one parent and one coach at a time.

Champions of Character provides the training and resources to help those who works in athletics make character development a priority.



Champions of Character was developed by the NAIA, which formally teaches character through athletics at its member colleges and universities.

The program provides the framework for a partnership with New York State Public High School Athletic Association, Inc. to recognize schools that are dedicated to leadership and character development.

The *Champions of Character Five-Star Leadership School Award* program addresses the essential knowledge and skills needed to develop leaders and a character-driven high school athletic and activities program. The program introduces a range of topics of interest to athletes, activities participants, parents and coaches who want to be successful and to contribute to a positive high school experience and promote character-driven high school activities.

This *Champions of Character* presentation includes:

- Explanation of the five components of the NYSPHSAA program
- Requirements for reporting to NYSPHSAA
- Resources for supporting the program



CHAMPIONS OF CHARACTER FIVE-STAR LEADERSHIP SCHOOL AWARD PROGRAM
PARTNERSHIP WITH THE NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL
ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

CHAMPIONS OF CHARACTER FIVE-STAR LEADERSHIP SCHOOL AWARD PROGRAM (2013-2014)

All New York State Public High School Athletic Association, Inc. member schools have the opportunity to win the *Champions of Character* Five-Star Leadership School Award. Those schools that complete the requirements will receive a championship banner (or complimentary pennant with the sportsmanship award banner) to hang in their gymnasiums, a digital banner to post on their website, and community recognition.

To win the award, a school must



Star 1 — Participate in the NYSPHSAA Community Service Project in the given year



Star 2 — Send its Athletics Director to the New York State Athletic Administrators Association spring convention in the given year.



Star 3 — Meet NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Promotion Award requirements during a school year



Star 4 — Require its head coaches to complete online *Champions of Character* Character-Driven Coaching course online found at ChampionsofCharacter.org



Star 5 — Show one chapter of the *Champions of Character* video series to all school team members of all sports and activities, as well as the parents of all team members, and coaches

The principal of each school that qualifies for the *Champions of Character* NYSPHSAA Five-Star Leadership School Award will be asked to confirm that all of the above criteria have been met prior to the presentation of the award. A suggested form is included in the resources section.

New York State Public High School Athletic Association Transgender Guidelines

The NYSPHSSAA recognizes the value of participation in interscholastic sports for all student athletes. The NYSPHSSAA is committed to providing all students with the opportunity to participate in NYSPHSSAA activities in a manner consistent with their gender identity and the New York State Commissioner of Education's Regulations.

The Dignity For All Students Act (DASA) prohibits discrimination and/or harassment of students on school property or at school functions by students or employees. The prohibition against discrimination includes discrimination based on a student's actual or perceived sex and gender. Gender includes a person's actual or perceived sex as well as gender identity and expression.

A transgender student's home school will perform a confidential evaluation to determine the appropriate team assignment for the prospective student athlete. Guidelines for making this determination are set forth below.

Definitions:

For purposes of these guidelines the following definitions will apply:

Transgender person: A person whose gender identity does not match the sex assigned to him or her at birth. This cross gender identification is often referred to as gender dysphoria. A transgender individual who is born female bodied but identifies as a male is referred to as a transgender man. A transgender person who is born male-bodied but identifies as female is referred to as a transgender woman.

Gender Identity: A person's deeply felt internal sense of being male or female.

Gender Expression: A person's external characteristics that is socially defined as either masculine or feminine, such as dress, mannerisms, speech patterns and social interactions.

Privacy Policy:

All discussions and documentation at each level of the process shall be kept confidential to the extent permitted by law unless the student and the family make a specific request in writing.

Procedure:

1. The student's home school will be the first point of contact for determining the student's eligibility to participate in a particular sport.
2. The student and the parent(s)/guardian must notify the Superintendent and the Athletic Director of the District in writing that the student has a different gender identity than the gender identity on the student's birth certificate and would like the opportunity to participate in interscholastic athletics. The request must state each sport the student wishes to participate in.
3. The school will determine the teams that the student is eligible to participate in.

The school may use the following criteria to determine participation:

-Gender identity used for school registration and other school purposes.
(Information can include participation in other school activities etc,)

-Medical documentation (Medical documentation can include, but is not limited to evidence of counseling, hormone therapy, letters from medical personnel certifying the student's gender identity. Medical personnel can include doctor, therapist or other qualified professionals)

-Gender Identity related advantages for approved participation (information can include the size and skill of the student)

Once a member school has rendered a decision the Superintendent or Athletic Director shall notify the NYSPHSAA office and the Section Executive Director in writing of the decision. The notification shall state the student's classified gender and the sports that the student would like the opportunity to participate in if they are selected through the try-out process.

NYSPHSAA:

The NYSPHSAA will appoint an Equity liaison. The liaison will only become involved in the process if requested by the District. The Equity liaison will act in an advisory capacity only and will facilitate access to information regarding gender identity as it relates to interscholastic sports.

A parent of a transgender student denied participation under these guidelines should appeal directly to the Commissioner of Education. The Commissioner of Education is currently reviewing the implications of DASA and the Mixed Competition Rule. Therefore, any member school appealing the decision of the home

school of the transgender student granting the student the opportunity to participate in interscholastic sports based on the Mixed Competition Regulation of the Commissioner of Education must also appeal directly to the Commissioner of Education.

IX. General Action Items

Approved	(A) Consider approval of the 2013-2014 NYSPHSAA Budget.	Steve Broadwell, NYSPHSAA Vice President
Approved	(A) Consider approval to request SED to recognize cheerleading as a sport for the 2013-2014 school year.	Todd Nelson, NYSPHSAA Assistant Director
Approved	(A) Consider approval to continue the East/ West Cheer Regional Invitational events during the 2013-2014 school year.	Todd Nelson, NYSPHSAA Assistant Director
Approved	(A) With sectional/league approval, consider approval for the modified program Fall season starting date to be the 4th Monday of August.	James Rose, Modified Committee
Approved	(A) Consider approval to extend the current 2012-2013 Officials Fees and Policies through the 2013-2014 school year, expiring June 30, 2014.	Bob Stulmaker, NYSPHSAA Assistant Director
Approved	HANDBOOK (Approved items would take effect September 1, 2013) (A) Consider adding the word "prior" to (or other persons with whom the student has resided for at least six months prior.) Pg. 97, B. INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS, 1. International Student Definition Pg. 108, 30. TRANSFER, b.	Handbook Committee
Approved	(A) Consider adding the following "NOTE: Any contests leading up to Sectional play is considered "regular season" to explain practicing seven consecutive days in the post season is permitted. Pg. 103, 22. PRATICE SESSIONS, b.	Handbook Committee
Approved	(A) Consider adding "Athletes are not permitted to practice before the form has been submitted. Athletes are not permitted to compete without approval" to FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS. This is similar language contained in the International Student portion of the Handbook on pg. 97. Pg. 96, A. FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS	Handbook Committee
Approved	(A) Consider adding "prior to the start of the season" to "Schools within each section may choose to move up but not down in classification <u>prior to the start of the season.</u> " Pg. 181, Classification Procedure	Handbook Committee
Approved	(A) Consider revising "BASEBALL – Battery candidates shall have at least fifteen practice sessions"- to - "Battery candidates shall have at least thirteen practice sessions." Pg. 112, 32. BASEBALL	Handbook Committee
Approved	(A) Consider amending the Duration of Competition rule on Pg. 96 to reflect the current Commissioner of Education Duration of Competition Rule set forth on pages 46 and 47. Pg. 96 DURATION OF COMPETITION	Handbook Committee
Approved	(A) Consider adding to By-laws and Eligibility Standards: "Any meetings of the NYSPHSAA Central and Executive Committees or any committee thereof may be conducted by telephone or video conference or any means of communication through which the participants may simultaneously participate and hear each other during the meeting. Such participation shall constitute personal presence at the meeting." Pg. 92 Bylaws and Eligibility	Handbook Committee
Approved	STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS (A) Consider approval for the Boys Volleyball State Championship to be played on Friday, November 15, 2013 at the Glens Falls Civic Center (2).	Boys Volleyball Committee
Approved	(A) Consider approval for the continuation of the existing qualifying times/scores in Girls Swimming & Diving for the 2013-2014 school year.	Girls Swimming & Diving Committee
Approved	(A) Consider approval for the 2014 Boys Swimming/Diving Championships to be held at Webster-Schroeder High School (5).	Boys Swimming & Diving Committee
Tabled	(A) Consider approval for Cornell University (4) to be the site of the 2014-2016 Boys State Golf Championships.	Boys Golf Committee
Approved	(A) Consider approval for Section participation in 2013-2014 NYSPHSAA Championships and Regionals as presented, as per NYSPHSAA Constitution, Article V, 5.	Bob Stulmaker, NYSPHSAA Assistant Director

Approved	(A) Consider approval to appoint Scott Stuart to a 5 year term effective as the Ice Hockey Coordinator effective September 1, 2013 through August 31, 2018.	<i>Ice Hockey Committee</i>
Approved	(A) Consider approval to appoint Eileen Shultis to a 5 year term as the Girls Bowling Coordinator effective September 1, 2013 through August 31, 2018.	<i>Girls Bowling Committee</i>
Approved	(A) Consider approval to appoint Mike O'Connell to a 5 year term as the Boys Bowling Coordinator effective September 1, 2013 through August 31, 2018.	<i>Boys Bowling Committee</i>
X.	<i>Discussion/ Information Items</i>	
Approved	(D/I) Football committee's recommendation to change in the classification cut off numbers for the 2014-2015 school year to be reviewed by sections and voted upon at the August Central committee meeting.	<i>Todd Nelson, NYSPHSAA Assistant Director</i>
No Action Taken	(D/I) Classification- BEDS numbers for a two year period.	<i>Todd Nelson, NYSPHSAA Assistant Director</i>
No Action Taken	(D/I) Classification- Eliminate the use of ungraded numbers/percentage.	<i>Todd Nelson, NYSPHSAA Assistant Director</i>
No Action Taken	(D/I) Athletic Director passes for the 2013-2014 school for those Athletic Directors who have entered their school's beginning of school information online (via MaxPreps) by a specified date in the Fall.	<i>Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director</i>
No Action Taken	(D/I) Transgender guidelines.	<i>Renee James, Legal Counsel</i>

General Action Items

Approved	(A) Consider approval of the 2013-2014 NYSPHSAA Executive & Central Committee meeting dates.	<i>Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director</i>
Approved	(A) Consider approval for the use of distance measuring devices in the sport of Boys golf as stated by the USGA rules for all NYSPHSAA regular season, sectional and State Championship events. The use of cell phones is prohibited.	<i>Boys Golf Committee</i>
No Action Taken	(A) Consider approval for coaches and competitors to play in the practice rounds of the State Golf Championships. Coaches will also be permitted to be on the course in a supervisory and coach capacity.	<i>Boys Golf Committee</i>

NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC. RECEIVED

APPLICATION FOR NYSPHSAA MEMBERSHIP

MAR 27 2013

1. Applying school must complete all information in Part I.
2. Applying school should forward application to the Section Athletic Council for approval.
3. Section Athletic Council approves application in Part II.
4. Section Athletic Council forwards approved application to NYSPHSAA Executive Director for NYSPHSAA Executive Committee approval at the next scheduled meeting.

NYSPHSAA, INC.

PART I School Information: to be completed by the applying school, then forwarded to the Section Athletic Council for approval.

Name of School HIGHLAND RESIDENTIAL CENTER
 Athletic Director William Connolly
 Address 29 NORTH CHODIKEE LAKE ROAD
 City/State/Zip HIGHLAND, N.Y. 12528
 Phone 845-691-4006 E-Mail Address Farooq.mallik@oces.state.ny.us
 SED Code (12 digit #) 620823978231

* Enrollment:	Boys	Girls
Grade 7	1	10
Grade 8	12	10
Grade 9	54	0
Grade 10	33	0
Grade 11	8	0
Grade 12	4	0
Sec. UNG	0	0

Signature of Chief School Officer indicates that this school is registered with the NYS Education Department and represents an agreement that the applying school will follow all NYS Education Department regulations and New York State Public High School Athletic Association bylaws, eligibility standards and sports standards.

(Signature of Chief School Officer)

* Please use figures from the October BEDS of the current school year.

PART II Section Approval: TO BE COMPLETED BY SECTION ATHLETIC COUNCIL

TO: NYSPHSAA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Section (1-11) Athletic Council has approved on _____ (date)

for Section membership.

(name of applying school)

We request approval for this school to become a member of the NYSPHSAA, Inc.

Section President

Section Secretary/Director

NOTE: Section Athletic Council forwards approved application to the NYSPHSAA Executive Director for Executive Committee approval at their next scheduled meeting.

After Executive Committee approval the new member will be invoiced for applicable membership fees.

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Section IX Athletics

Robert Thabet, Executive Director

CHEERLEADING

Cherie Ramsey

Secretary Jim Osborne reviewed the recent Cheerleading Committee Meeting. The East-West Invitational 2012-2013 was very successful.

1. The Cheerleading Committee requested NYSPHSAA to ask the New York State Education Department to recognize Cheerleading as a sport for 2013-2014. [Back to the Leagues.](#)
2. If SED does not move forward with the NYSPHSAA request then the Cheerleading Committee requests the NYSPHSAA Central Committee to vote to approve Cheerleading as a sport using the recommended guidelines from the Cheerleading Committee. [Back to the Leagues.](#)
3. Request the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee approve for 2013-2014 an East-West Invitational. [Back to the Leagues.](#)

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Dr. Paul Padalino
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Glen R. Maisch
Director

Office of Teaching Initiatives
89 Washington Avenue
Education Building
Albany, New York 12234

Dear Mr. Thabet,

I write this recommendation for Joseph Cahill as a candidate for the Section IX Girls Cross-Country Coordinators Position. Mr. Cahill has distinguished himself as a teacher of Physical Education and Interscholastic Coach since being hired in the Kingston District in 2006. I was one of Mr. Cahill's teacher's when he attended KHS, so I have known him for many years.

Joseph Cahill has been an inspiration to the students at Kingston High School, has begun many "New PE" programs, and has coached three sport seasons each year he has been at KHS. He has done a great job recruiting students to participate on cross-country, winter track and spring track at all levels from modified through varsity teams. We all know that graduation success increases when students become invested in their school. I believe Mr. Cahill is familiar with Section Cross-Country workings as he assisted Mr. Steve Lo Turco as Girls Coordinator this past season.

Respectfully yours,

Glen R. Maisch



Coach Joe Cahill
Kingston High School
403 Broadway
Kingston, NY 12401
845-901-9261

jcahill@kingstoncityschools.org
jmcrun2000@gmail.com

April 17, 2013

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Joseph Cahill and I writing to express my interest in the Section IX Girls' Cross Country Coordinator position that has become available. I have been involved in the sport of cross country for the past fourteen years of my life as a competitor in high school and college and as a coach at Onteora and Kingston for the past seven years.

I have been a competitor and coach in Section IX and will assume the responsibility of keeping a great tradition of competitive running going for as long as I am in the Coordinator's position.

This past fall I worked closely with Mr. Steve LoTurco on the responsibilities I will be assuming if given this role. I am very excited to be presented with this opportunity and thank you greatly for your time and consideration.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have.

Thank You,

Joseph M. Cahill

Joseph M. Cahill

SECTION IX SPORTS
2013-2014 DUES

SCHOOL: _____

CLASS: _____

Girls

Basketball _____

Bowling _____

Cross Country _____

Field Hockey _____

Golf _____

Gymnastics _____

Lacrosse _____

Skiing, Alpine _____

Skiing, Nordic _____

Soccer _____

Softball _____

Swimming _____

Tennis _____

Track, Indoor _____

Track Outdoor _____

Volleyball _____

Boys

Baseball _____

Basketball _____

Bowling _____

Cross Country _____

Football _____

Golf _____

Ice Hockey _____

Lacrosse _____

Skiing, Alpine _____

Skiing, Nordic _____

Soccer _____

Swimming _____

Tennis _____

Track, Indoor _____

Track, Outdoor _____

Wrestling _____

Superintendent's Signature: _____

Athletic Director's Signature: _____

SHARE: \$315. per sport

NUMBER OF SPORTS: _____

2013-2014 DUES: \$ _____

2013-2014 NYSAAA DUES: \$ 90.00

2013-2014 NIAAA DUES: \$ 60.00

TOTAL \$ _____

Return all forms to:

James M. Osborne, Section IX Treasurer
 Orange-Ulster BOCES
 53 Gibson Road
 Goshen, New York 10924

PLEASE KEEP ONE COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS; RETURN ONE COPY BY THE DUE DATE OF
 June 12, 2013. THANK YOU.

Your School District will be billed.

New York State Public High School Athletic Association, Inc.

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Todd Nelson, Assistant Director
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May 1, 2013

Dear Athletic Administrator,

It is Sports Participation Survey time once again! We are asking your assistance in gathering the sports participation data. This information is crucial to the NYSPHSAA and our sports committees.

Please use the enclosed sample form as a WORKSHEET to tabulate the information prior to entering the **MEMBERS ONLY** section of the NYSPHSAA website.

AVAILABLE: SURVEY WILL BE AVAILABLE ONLINE – Beginning May 2, 2013 (Thursday)
DIRECTIONS: DEADLINE June 6, 2013 (FRIDAY)

- STEP #1** Please log onto our website at www.nysphsaa.org and select **MEMBERS ONLY** box, then click on **PARTICIPATION SURVEY**.
- STEP #2** Enter your **HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING BEDS CODE NUMBER** provided by the State Education Department. (Ends in a number, NOT "00")
Please complete the survey for each high school including all the related middle/junior high schools in your district.
- STEP #3** Enter the information in all fields that pertain to your school and athletic program.
- **YEAR:** Use information from the **2012-2013** school year.
 - **DATA REQUESTED:** You need to record the number of teams and the number of athletes for each level of play for the interscholastic teams that you sponsor.
 - **NO PROGRAM:** If you have no program in a particular sport, you must check the "NO PROGRAM" box.
 - **MIXED COMPETITION:** Mixed competition individuals should be tallied as participants of the sport/team in which they participate. For sports (including cheerleading) that have students participating under MIXED COMPETITION, under the SPECIFIC COLUMN please submit the numbers of male/female students in the area provided. Boys on Girls teams under (F) and Girls on Boys Teams (M).
 - **MERGED TEAMS:** Merged teams (athletes participating on one team from multiple schools) must only be entered by the **HOST SCHOOL**.
- STEP #4** Print a copy of your submissions for your records prior to hitting "SUBMIT".
- STEP #5** Submit data.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Robert Zayas
Executive Director