



# Section IX Athletics

Robert Thabet, Executive Director

## Section IX Athletic Council Meeting

Tuesday, November 26, 2013

Orange-Ulster BOCES,

Carl P. Onken Conference Center, Room B/C at 9:30 a.m.

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 September 24, 2013 Minutes
6. Mr. William Hecht and Mr. Rosario Agostaro
7. Proposed Resolution – Robert Thabet
8. Amendment to the Constitution – Doug Murphy
9. Section IX NYSPHSAA Representatives – Roberta Greene and Jim Wolfe – Meeting Highlights
10. Rondout Valley Participation Request – Dennis Burkett
11. Rondout Valley Gymnastics – Alan Baker
12. Fees for Sectional Contests – Bob Thabet
13. Reserve Fund/Investment Policy – Bob Thabet
14. Mergers 2013-2014 – Jim Osborne
15. New York State Selection Classification – Bob Thabet
16. BEDS Report – Jim Osborne
17. Dutchess County Applications into Section IX – Robert Thabet
18. Dave Onusko Resignation – Baseball Chairman, Section IX
19. Fall Chair Reports:
  - a. Cross Country Jim Glover and Joe Cahill
  - b. Football Dave Coates and Glen Maisch
  - c. Boys Soccer Pete Ferguson
  - d. Girls Soccer Diane Wanser
  - e. Field Hockey C.J. Bull-Knuth
  - f. Girls Swimming Pat Ryan
  - g. Girls Tennis Selina DeCicco
  - h. Volleyball Toni Woody
20. Winter Chair Reports:

a. Girls Basketball	Steve Boucher	g. Gymnastics	Lee Ann Pazoga
b. Boys Basketball	Fred Ahart	h. Nordic Ski	Jon Stern
c. Ice Hockey	Frank Alessandrino	i. Alpine Ski	Janet Carey
d. Girls & Boys Indoor Track	Mike White	j. Bowling – Girls	Erena O'Brien
e. Boys Swimming	Scott Warner	Bowling – Boys	Theresa Eckert
f. Wrestling	Jeff Cuiilty		
21. Chair Reports:

a. Girls & Boys Modified Sports	Steve Boucher & Michelle Henn
b. Safety	Janet Carey
c. Chemical Health	Marco Lanzoni
d. Officials Coordinator	Dennis Burkett
e. Eligibility	Fred Ahart
f. Sportsmanship	Glen Maisch
22. New Business
23. Old Business
24. Adjournment: Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, January 14, 2014 at Marlboro Intermediate School at 9:30 a.m.
25. Event Security Training: Mr. Jay Hammes Noon – 1:30 p.m.



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## Proposed Resolution

The creation of a regional athletic office to service the clerical functions of both the Mid-Hudson Athletic League and the Orange County Interscholastic Athletic Association.

Therefore, be it resolved by the Section IX Athletic Council that the independence of both the MHAL and OCIAA will be maintained indefinitely and that both leagues will still continue to maintain their own schedules, rivalries, championships, meetings and continue to conduct their own business.

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Robert Thabet  
Executive Director  
Section IX Athletics



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November 4, 2013

To Section IX Athletics,

I would like to propose an amendment to the Section IX Constitution in regards to governance and representation. Specifically, representation of Superintendents on the Section IX Athletic Council. This would have the two thirds affirmative vote increased from ten to twelve. This would allow the Superintendents in each county (Dutchess, Orange, Sullivan and Ulster) a voice on the committee.

Thank you for your consideration,

Douglas E. Murphy  
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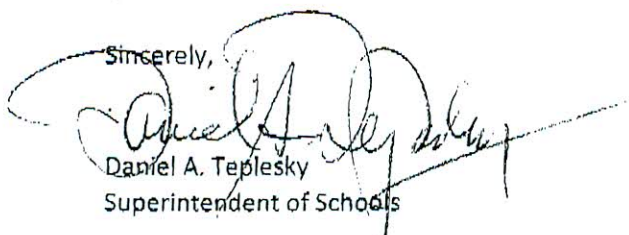
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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Daniel A. Teplesky  
Superintendent of Schools

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## NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Meeting

October 24, 2013

### Highlights

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

1. SED meeting to discuss items impacting the Association
  - A. Mixed Competition
  - B. Coaching Certification
  - C. Selection Classification
2. Crown Awards  
Official medal and trophy suppliers for NYSPHSAA
3. Future Ball Adoption – Discussion with the top ball manufacturing companies to discuss potential statewide ball adoption, those companies include: Nike, Rawlings, Wilson and Spalding. NYSPHSAA revenue sharing program would be utilized. Looking at 2014 with ball adoption 2016-2017 school year.
4. Revenue Share Program – Time Warner sponsorship has allowed NYSPHSAA to share revenue with the eleven sections. Time Warner Cable is the official television and digital partner for the next decade.

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

1. State Championship/Regional schedule sites for 2013-2014 (enclosed)
2. Scholar/Athlete Team Award – Fall deadline is Friday, December 6, 2013
3. Community Service Challenge:
  - A. May 1, 2014 – Deadline for schools to submit projects to the Sections.
  - B. June 1, 2014 – Deadline for the Sections to submit their winners to NYSPHSAA.
  - C. School/Team will again be recognized at the Central Committee Meeting in July.

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

1. Classification – School Districts should verify BEDS information that is being sent to SED. The NYSPHSAA Executive Committee will review the report and recommend approval at the January meeting.
2. Unified Sports: Pilot program in Section II with NYSPHSAA partnering with Special Olympics. NYSPHSAA has begun dialogue to help sustain this type of program in the future. Ten to fifteen schools are participating in the pilot program.
3. Cheerleading – West Invitational February 9, 2014 at the SRC Arena in Syracuse. East Invitational February 22, 2014 at Sullivan County Community College. NYSPHSAA is continuing to work with SED to recognize Cheerleading as a sport.

### **Joe Altieri – Director of Marketing and Media Relations**

Sponsorship – The American Dairy Association will be the presenting sponsor for Football and Boys/Girls Basketball.

Championships – A branding campaign will be implemented at all championships this fall with new NYSPHSAA signage.

Media/Broadcasting – Time Warner Cable will broadcast the following Championships this Fall – Girls Tennis, Boys Soccer Finals, Football East-West Semi-Finals and Finals.

### **Joe Agostinelli – Media Content Coordinator**

1. Website – All fall sports pages have been developed and championship information is current.
2. Souvenir Badges – The fall NYSPHSAA Championships have been designed and ordered for all of the sports.

### **NYSAAA – Alan Mallande**

1. 2014 Athletic Director Conference is scheduled for March 12-14 at the Saratoga Hilton.

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

1. Concussion Management – Schools have been reminded to keep Concussion Management at the for-front of all of their discussions with coaches, players and parents.
2. Wrestling Hydration – See Safety Committee Report enclosed.
3. Football – No action at this time regarding
  - A. Heat Acclimatization
  - B. Full Contact Limits

### **Modified Sports**

1. Discussion – Flexibility with Student Transfers after Normal Tryout Period – Back to the Leagues.
2. Items for the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee (Report Enclosed)
3. Sportsmanship Report – (Report Enclosed)

### **Raised from the Floor:**

1. Create an Ad-hoc Committee to review Sport Classification.
2. Change the NCAA 30-second shot clock rule to 35 seconds for Girls Basketball – Tabled to allow Boys and Girls Basketball Committee to meet.
3. May Executive Committee Meeting – Review and consider all NYSPHSAA sports to use NFHS rules.



## **Action Items:**

### **Proposal:**

Consider approval of the 2014-2015 membership dues using the suspended calculation formula of \$810. per school and \$0.86 per student, above 300, based upon the 2013-2014 school enrollment numbers.

### **Proposal:**

Consider approval to allow sport committees to meet face-to-face beginning with the winter and spring committees during the 2013-2014 school year.

### **Rationale:**

The association needs to administer greater oversight and provide sport committees with the best opportunity to organize and coordinate a successful state championship event. Areas of focus during the meetings must cover emergency action procedures, communication issues and budgetary topics. A template agenda will be utilized for each meeting.

### **Proposal:**

Consider approval to modify All-Star contests to read “c. A contestant may participate in any approved senior all-star athlete contest in the same sport during the school year (26 Senior All-Star Contest, page 105)

### **Rationale:**

If the section approves the “All-Star Contest” the students should be permitted to participate.

### **Proposal:**

Consider the elimination of calculating ungraded students in the school enrollment numbers.

### **Rationale:**

Many schools have included ungraded students in the graded numbers of the BEDS Report. A majority of the students in the ungraded population do not play nor are eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics.

### **Proposal:**

Section IX requests a reduction in Alpine & Nordic Skiing, Indoor Track & Field and Gymnastics from 6 to 4 contests for 2013-2014 school year.

### **Proposal:**

To eliminate the present statement on page 2. #6 of the Apparatus Requirements. To replace #6 with the following statement.

“If a facility cannot provide a vault runway length necessary for a gymnast to perform a SALTO type vault, the involved coaches and Athletic Directors can provide scheduling adjustments to ensure gymnast’s performance of said SALTO vault. These arrangements should be discussed and resolved at the pre-season Coaches Meeting.” Information sent to Section IX schools having Gymnastics.

### **Proposal:**

Waiver of the promotion rule as it pertains to Outdoor Track & Field meets. “Promotion regulations shall be waived for Boys and Girls Outdoor Track & Field, permitting schools with Section/League approval the option of running combined modified and varsity Outdoor Track & Field meets, alternating events.” (Reference: NYSPHSAA Handbook, Track & Field, pages 153-154 and above events enclosed.)

<i>General Action Items</i>		
APPROVED	(A) Consider approval of the 2014-2015 membership dues using the suspended calculation formula of \$810 per school and \$0.86 per student above 300, based upon the 2013-2014 school enrollment numbers. (Pg. 63)	Budget/ Audit Committee
APPROVED	(A) Consider approval to allow sport committees to meet face-to-face beginning with the winter and spring committees during the 2013-2014 school year. (Pg. 64-74)	Budget/ Audit Committee
APPROVED	(A) Consider approval of the trustees of the new 401k and Safe Harbor match pension plan. (Pg. 75)	Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director
APPROVED	(A) Consider approval of signers on NYSPHSAA investment account. (Pg. 76)	Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director
APPROVED	(A) Consider approval to modify the scoring of the NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame selection process. (Pg. 77)	Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director
APPROVED	(A) Consider approval to modify All-Star contests to read "c. A contestant may participate in <u>any</u> approved senior all-star athlete contest in the same sport during the school year." (26 Senior All-Star Contest, page. 105) (Pg. 78)	Handbook Committee
APPROVED	(A) Consider the use of ungraded students for future classification figures. (Pg. 79)	Todd Nelson, NYSPHSAA Assistant Director
APPROVED	(A) <b>Reduction of Contests:</b> Section IX requests a reduction in Alpine & Nordic Skiing, Indoor Track & Field, and Gymnastics from 6 to 4 contests for the 2013-2014 school year. (Pg. 80)	Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director
APPROVED	(A) Consider approval if a wrestler exceeds the six (6) permitted tournaments allowed within the 20 point limitation, said wrestler shall be ineligible for the remainder of the season. (Pg. 81)	Wrestling Sport Committee
APPROVED	(A) Consider approval to amend the vault runway restrictions in gymnastics. (Pg. 82-87)	Gymnastics Sport Committee
APPROVED	(A) Consider approval to change the umpire rotation for the Softball State Championships. (Pg. 88-90)	Softball Committee
APPROVED	(A) Consider approval of the site for the 2014 Rifle regional. (Pg. 91)	Bob Stulmaker, NYSPHSAA Assistant Director
APPROVED	(A) Consider approval of the site for the 2014 Gymnastics State Championship. (Pg. 92)	Bob Stulmaker, NYSPHSAA Assistant Director
APPROVED	(A) Consider amending modified track & field rules to state that only "rubber" molded soles and "rubber" molded cleats are permissible. (Pg. 93)	Modified & Safety Committee
APPROVED	(A) Consider approval to add Boys and Girls Outdoor Track & Field to number (4) of the Promotion Rule found on page 136 of the NYSPHSAA Handbook. (Pg. 94-95)	Modified Committee
APPROVED	(A) Consider approval to use the US Lacrosse U-15 "Checking Rule" for modified girls Lacrosse (NYSPHSAA Rule #4 Page 150). (Pg. 96)	Modified Committee
APPROVED	(A) Consider approval to modify Rule #8 Page 149 to "there will be no time counts for advancing the ball" in the sport of modified boys lacrosse. (Pg. 97)	Modified Committee
APPROVED	(A) Consider approval to modify Rule #10 Page 149 to "a horn shall be used whenever the ball goes out of bounds" in the sport of modified boys lacrosse. (Pg. 97)	Modified Committee
REVIEWED	<i>Discussion/ Information Items</i>	
	(D/I) 2013-2014 Membership dues update.	Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director
APPROVED *	(D/I) Modified rule to permit three-point shot with league and section approval.	Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director
REVIEWED		
FOOTBALL/SAFETY	(D/I) Future of print edition of the NYSPHSAA Handbook.	Handbook Committee
COMMITTEE	(D/I) Early season heat acclimatization guidelines.	Safety & Football Committee
	(D/I) Limiting the number of full contact days prior to a game in football.	Safety & Football Committee
	<b>* Amended to read the 10 second rule will be waived at the modified level for Girls Basketball</b>	



**NYSED PHYSICAL EDUCATION, HEALTH EDUCATION, and ATHLETICS UPDATE**  
**October 2013**

**1. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED HARD WORK WITH PROMOTING and PROVIDING HIGH-QUALITY PHYSICAL EDUCATION, HEALTH EDUCATION and ATHLETIC PROGRAMS IN NEW YORK STATE.**

- See website: **Let's Move Active Schools-** <http://www.letsmoveschools.org/>
- New program to support schools in creating a culture of physical activity in schools. **Money is available to districts through this program.**
- Additional resources for professionals:
- <http://www.wheresmype.org/downloads/Association%20between%20school-based.pdf>
- [http://www.wheresmype.org/downloads/Healthier Students Are Better Learners Basch Vision pages 12 18 extract .pdf](http://www.wheresmype.org/downloads/Healthier%20Students%20Are%20Better%20Learners%20Basch%20Vision%20pages%2012%2018%20extract.pdf)
- <http://www.isbe.net/news/2013/aug28.htm>

**2. New Item: 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 (DASA)**

The Dignity for All Students Act (DASA) added Article 2 to the Education Law (Education Law §§10 through 18), to require, among other things, school districts 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. These provisions took effect on July 1, 2012.

In June 2012, the Legislature enacted Chapter 102 of the Laws of 2012, which amended the Dignity Act to include a requirement that school professionals applying for a certificate or license on or after July 1, 2013 complete training on the social patterns of harassment, bullying and discrimination. \* **In June 2013 the Legislature amended the effective date to January 1, 2014.**

## **NYSED PHYSICAL EDUCATION, HEALTH EDUCATION, and ATHLETICS UPDATE October 2013**

The following regulations changes have been made:

- Part 52 of the Commissioner's Regulations were amended to require teacher and school leadership preparation programs to include at least six 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.
- Part 80 of the Commissioner's Regulations were amended to require that anyone applying for an administrative or supervisory service, classroom teaching service or school service certificate or license on or after July 1, 2013, shall have completed at least six clock hours of coursework or training in Harassment, Bullying and Discrimination Prevention and Intervention.

### **3. Reminder-Concussion Courses legislation courses required for physical education teachers and coaches every 2 years:**

- [http://www.cdc.gov/concussion/HeadsUp/online\\_training.html](http://www.cdc.gov/concussion/HeadsUp/online_training.html)
- Great News! The Concussion (NYSED and DOH) Committee has reviewed the revised NFHS/CDC Concussion Course. It is now approved to be used by coaches in New York State as part of the Concussion Management and Awareness Act requirement (every 2 years).

\*All NFHS course are accessed at [www.nfhslearn.com](http://www.nfhslearn.com). The direct link to the Concussion Course is <http://www.nfhslearn.com/electiveDetail.aspx?courseID=38000>. Note-Physical education teachers would still have to complete the **Heads Up, Concussion in Youth Sports** (every 2 years) It is available at [http://www.cdc.gov/concussion/HeadsUp/online\\_training.html](http://www.cdc.gov/concussion/HeadsUp/online_training.html).



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**4. REGENTS REFORM ITEMS QUESTIONS:**

- Suggest going back frequently to NYSED website for updates and clarification; Topics including Common Core Standards, APPR, data-driven instruction, Student Learning Objectives or teacher and leader effectiveness.
- For updated information see: <http://engageny.org/>
- Specific questions for Regents reform: <http://www.engageny.org/contact>
- Specific questions for SLO's: [educatoreval@mail.nysed.gov](mailto:educatoreval@mail.nysed.gov)

**5. NEW GUIDELINES FOR HEALTH APPRAISALS (Health Exams)**

- Released August 2013.
- See site:  
<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/sss/schoolhealth/schoolhealthservices/SchoolHealthExaminationGuidelines.pdf>
- Asking more detailed questions related to concussion and cardiac history on the health history recommended sample form.
- Note: The process will not change.
- Includes Medical Certificate of Limitation sample for Adaptive PE.

**6. COMMON CORE DISCUSSION- Professionals (Representatives from NYSAHPERD and BOCES) are working on draft examples for Common Core Shifts (ELA & Math) related to Physical Education and Health Education.**

- See: <http://www.engageny.org/resource/common-core-shifts/>

**7. CONNECTING HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION TO THE COMMON CORE (AAHPERD)**

- See: <http://www.aahperd.org/whatwedo/prodev/common-core-state-standards-webinars.cfm>

**8. NYSED Coaching Course First Aid/CPR/AED latest additions:**

**\*FIRST AID**

- Emergency Care & Safety Institute (ECSI) (Please send a copy of your card)
- Sports First Aid & Injury Prevention-NYS Coaches
- First Aid, CPR, & AED, Essentials-NYS Coaches
- Health Care Provider CPR & AED
- American Safety & Health Institute (ASHI) Advanced First Aid

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**\*CPR/AED**

- American Red Cross Courses (Please send a copy of your certificate) :
  - Adult & Child CPR/AED
  
- Emergency Care & Safety Institute (ECSI) (Please send a copy of your card)
  - Sports First Aid & Injury Prevention-NYS Coaches
  - First Aid, CPR, & AED, Essentials-NYS Coaches
  - Health Care Provider CPR & AED

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November 2013

*The 2013-2014 State Championships are officially underway; this is truly an exciting time of the year.*

*The NYSPHSAA has undergone change in a few areas as we continue to evaluate the progress of the association. Our state championship medals have been completely redesigned, along with the association's website. Attendees at this Fall's championships will see a greater emphasis on the promotion of the NYSPHSAA logo and brand.*

*I am hopeful you have an opportunity to attend one of the many State Championships over the course of the next month. I would like to wish all of the participants the best of luck and thank the coaches and coordinators for their dedicated efforts!*

Robert J. Zayas  
NYSPHSAA Executive Director

#### 10-SECOND RULE WAIVED FOR MODIFIED GIRLS BASKETBALL:



On October 24, 2013, the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee approved a waiver of the newly implemented NCAA women's basketball 10-second rule for **MODIFIED** girls basketball for the 2013-2014 season.

This waiver was granted for modified girls basketball to allow the sections an opportunity to review the rule and its implications at the modified level. The 10-second rule will be used in girls basketball at the high school level beginning with the 2013-2014 season.

#### LACROSSE BALL RULE CHANGE:

Please be aware that all lacrosse balls for the 2014 girls' and boys' seasons should include the labeling that says "Meets NOCSAE Standard." If the balls have this labeling, the game may be played; if the balls do not include this labeling, the game must be delayed until balls are available with the labeling.

This is a new rule mandated in the interest of safety by the NFHS and US Lacrosse; there was a one year implementation period.



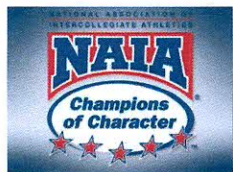


## FALL CHAMPIONSHIP TWC BROADCASTS:



The NYSPHSAA has announced the following Fall State Championships will be broadcast on the Time Warner Cable Sports Channel during the month of November: Girls Tennis Singles and Doubles, Boys Soccer Finals, Football Semifinals (East & West), and the Football Finals.

## NAIA 5 STAR LEADERSHIP PROGRAM:



The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) and the NYSPHSAA have partnered to provide member schools the opportunity to participate in the NAIA 5 Star Leadership Program. Schools that complete all 5 stars of the program will receive a banner highlighting the accomplishment, completely funded by the NAIA. For more information, please contact Todd Nelson, NYSPHSAA Assistant Director at [tnelson@nysphsaa.org](mailto:tnelson@nysphsaa.org)

## MAXPREPS (ROSTERS AND PHOTOS):



For all team sports, schools will be required to post their team photo and roster on MaxPreps in order for it to be published in the State Championship program. Schools must have the access code we provided during the Athletic Director Workshops; if your school has misplaced this code, or has any

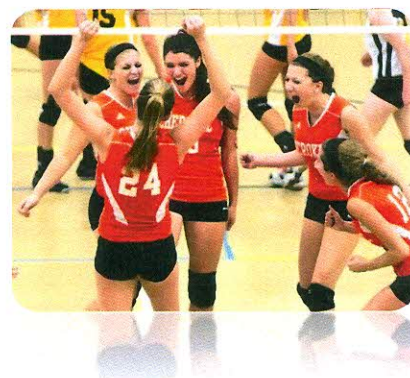
questions regarding the MaxPreps system, please contact Joe Agostinelli (NYSPHSAA Media Content Coordinator at 518.690.0771 or [jagostinelli@nysphsaa.org](mailto:jagostinelli@nysphsaa.org)).

For individual sports, each Section sport coordinator will be responsible to ensuring individual sport rosters and photos are provided to the NYSPHSAA for inclusion in the State Championship program.

## SANCTIONING:

A reminder to all schools that if one of your teams is traveling out of the New York state, "notice of entry" must be completed by going to the NYSPHSAA website. Schools can check the status of any interstate contest by clicking on the sanctioning under the AD and Coaches tab.

A bordering state sanctioning form must be completed when hosting an event involving a school from a bordering state including Canada. For single games a school's only responsibility is to ensure the school they are participating against is a member school or an approved school of their respective state association. For any questions or clarifications please contact Todd Nelson in the association office at 518.690.0071.



## STAY IN THE GAME:

The NYSPHSAA would like to encourage schools to hang their "Stay In The Game" banners to promote the recently implemented program. As a reminder the program will recognize any member school district that has zero disqualifications for all teams at all levels during the entire school year. Once schools are successful, they will receive a decal of the year in which they accomplished the goal. All schools reaching the goal will be acknowledged at the summer meeting.





## SCHOLAR/ATHLETE PROGRAM:



Friday, May 16, 2014 – SPRING.

This marks the 23rd year of the NYSPHSAA Scholar/Athlete Program. This program continues to grow leaps and bounds with more teams, schools and student-athletes being recognized each year. So that all of your students and teams receive the recognition that they deserve, it is imperative that schools file by: Friday, December 6, 2013 – FALL, Friday, February 28, 2014 – WINTER,

When teams receive a Scholar/Athlete Team Award for the academic school year they are then eligible for the NYSPHSAA School of Distinction Award. To receive this award NYSPHSAA must receive all applications by June 30, 2014.

## BATTLE OF THE FANS:



The NYSPHSAA will work with member schools to collect short videos for consideration. NYSPHSAA is looking for fans that have fun and interesting ways to promote positive sportsmanship during interscholastic athletic events. The NYSPHSAA will recognize one school as the NYSPHSAA "Battle of the Fans" State Champion from videos submitted by our member schools as to why they should win "Battle of the Fans." Be sure to visit NYSPHSAA.org for more information about this exciting program.



The Michigan High School Athletic Association hosted this program for the past two years with great success. Information and criteria about the program was shared with the schools at the mandatory AD workshops this Fall. To view examples of videos submitted in the state of Michigan, please visit [www.mhsaa.org](http://www.mhsaa.org) and look for Battle of the Fans. There are excellent videos on this website to demonstrate the type of videos NYSPHSAA is looking to have submitted by our member schools.

## LOOKING AHEAD:

<b>November 2-4</b>	<b>Girls Tennis Championships</b> (Tri-City Tennis Center- Latham, NY)
<b>November 9</b>	<b>Cross Country Championships</b> (Queensbury High School)
<b>November 15</b>	<b>Boys Volleyball Championships</b> (Glens Falls Civic Center)
<b>November 16-17</b>	<b>Girls Volleyball Championships</b> (Glens Falls Civic Center)
<b>November 16-17</b>	<b>Girls Soccer Championships</b> (Cortland, NY)
<b>November 16-17</b>	<b>Boys Soccer Championships</b> (Middletown, NY)
<b>November 16-17</b>	<b>Field Hockey Championships</b> (Cicero-North Syracuse High School)
<b>November 22</b>	<b>Football East Semifinals</b> (Dietz Stadium)
<b>November 22</b>	<b>Football West Semifinals</b> (Sahlen's Stadium)
<b>November 29 &amp; Dec. 1</b>	<b>Football Championships</b> (Carrier Dome)

## QUOTE TO REMEMBER:



*"Little things make the big things happen."*

- John Wooden



# Section IX Athletics

Robert Thabet, Executive Director

## **Section IX Athletics Reserve Fund/ Investment Policy**

Section IX Athletics will keep a reserve fund to cover unforeseen expenditures that is approximately the same amount as the total budget for the previous year. The funds will be divided between current bank accounts and/or money market investments and certificates of deposit. The Section IX Executive Director, at various times, will recommend these investments to the Section IX Investment Committee for approval.

This committee will consist of three (3) members who are also members of the Section IX Athletic Council. They will be nominated for a term of two (2) years by the Executive Director. The Committee nominations will be confirmed by a majority vote of the Section IX Athletic Council.

The Section IX auditor will review the reserve fund and investments annually. Any amendments to the Reserve Fund/ Investment Policy will require a positive vote of 2/3 of the Section IX Athletic Council.



## SECTION IX

### CURRENT CLASSIFICATION OF SCHOOLS - BEDS NUMBERS FOR 2014-2015

(Please be aware that the numbers reported will be compared to the SED BEDS numbers when their report is finalized)

SCHOOL	NYS PHSAA ENROLLMENT SED #	FB	VB	XC	FH	B LAX	G LAX	BASK SOC BB SB	Spr. Track Wrestling	SCHOOL	NYS PHSAA ENROLLMENT SED #	FB	VB	XC	FH	B LAX	G LAX	BASK SOC BB SB	Spr. Track Wrestling
John S. Burke	382	B	C	C		C	C	B	II	New Paltz	579	A	B	B		C	C	A	II
Chapel Field	33			D				D	II	NFA	2627	AA	AA	A		A	AA	A	I
Chester	241	C						C	II	James I. O'Neill	369	B	C	C		C	C	B	II
John A. Coleman	131		D	D	C			D	II	Onteora	332	C	C	C	C		B	B	II
Cornwall	817	A	A	B		B	B	A	I	Pine Bush	1360	AA	AA	A	A	A	AA	A	I
Dover * (406)	355	B	C	C	C			B	II	Pine Plains (Stissing)	224	D	D	D	C		C		II
Eldred	161	D	D	D				D	II	Port Jervis	686	A	B	B			A	A	I
Ellenville ** (409)	407	B	C	C	C			B	II	Red Hook	503	B	B	B	C	C	A	A	II
Fallsburg	288	C	C	C				B	II	Rhinebeck	279	C	C	C	C		C	C	II
Allynwood at Family School	36		D	D				D	II	Rondout	486	B	B	B	B	C	A	A	II
F.D.R.	966	AA	A	A	A	B		AA	I	Roscoe	67	D	D	D			D	D	II
Goshen	668	A	B	B				A	I	S.S. Seward	204		D	D			C		II
Highland	433	B	C	C		C	C	B	II	Saugerties	701	A	A	B		B	A	A	I
Kingston	1432	AA	AA	A	A	A	A	AA	I	Spackenkill	401	B	C	C	C		B	B	II
Liberty	325	C	C	C				B	II	Sullivan West	274	C	C	C			C	C	II
Livingston Manor	92	D	D	D				D	II	Tri-Valley	265	C	C	C			C	C	II
Marlboro	475	B	B	B				B	II	Tuxedo	233		D	D			C		II
Middletown	1679	AA	AA	A		A	A	AA	I	Valley Central	1119	AA	AA	A		A	AA	A	I
Millbrook	286	C	C	C	C	C	C	B	II	Walkill	806	A	A	B		B	A	A	I
Minisink	1020	AA	A	A		A	A	AA	I	Warwick	1067	AA	AA	A		A	AA	A	I
Monroe-Woodbury	1767	AA	AA	A		A	A	AA	I	Washingtonville	1095	AA	AA	A		A	AA	A	I
Monticello	740	A	A	B				A	I	Wawarsing Christian	13								
Mount Academy	136			D					II	Webutuck	171		D	D	C		C		II
*** Includes Wawarsing Christian Academy 13 *** Includes Downsville * Includes Webutuck 171																			
2014-2015 Current Sport Exceptions Classifications																			
5 Classes										3 Classes									
Girls Volleyball AA 1040 - Up A 690 - 1039 B 436 - 689 C 256 - 435 D 0 - 255										Field Hockey A 915 - Up B 450 - 914 C 449 - Below									
Football AA 930 - Up A 570 - 929 B 365 - 569 C 240 - 364 D 0 - 239										Boys Lacrosse A 1000 - Up B 590 - 999 C 0 - 589									
Basketball-Soccer-Baseball-Softball AA 910 - up A 480 - 909 B 280 - 479 C 170 - 279 D 0 - 169										Girls Lacrosse A 1050 - Up B 650 - 1049 C 0 - 649									
Cross Country A 911 - up B 470 - 910 C 260 - 469 D 0 - 259										Spring Track Wrestling Div. I 600 - Up Div. II 0 - 599									
Ice Hockey Division I 1100 & Above Division II 1099 & Below																			

Combining of Schools Information Class AA - 50 % / Class A - 40 % / Class B/C - 30% / Class D - 20 %



October 22, 2013:

Robert Thabet  
Executive Director  
Section IX Athletic Council

There comes a time when we must reevaluate our priorities and make a decision that is not only right for us as individuals, but also best for the greater good of all concerned. It was not without some doubt and sense of loss that I arrived at this decision. After several months of thought and careful consideration, I realized it would be in the best interests of all parties concerned for me to step away from my position as the Section IX Baseball Chairman.

My experience has been both rewarding and eye opening. My rewards came from serving with so many dedicated and professional individuals. Your time, insight, and dedication to the Section IX athlete are beyond reproach. My eyes were opened to the massive amount of time, care, concern, and hard work the Section IX Council, committees, and chairmen contribute each and every year.

Since the basis of my decision is family based, I am confident you will understand my situation and will forgive me for the poor timing of my decision. The baseball committee consists of several uniquely qualified individuals who no doubt will continue serving with the same dedication and concern they have demonstrated over the past several years. They have given me a tremendous amount of support and for that I am truly thankful to each and every one of them.

It has been my pleasure working for and being associated with the Section IX Athletic Council. Good luck to you all and may God continue to guide you in all your thoughts and decisions.

Sincerely,

David Onusko



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## **RELEASE FROM LIABILITY AND HOLD-HARMLESS AGREEMENT**

In consideration for receiving permission from the federal government to enter upon the premises of West Point, New York, and to use government facilities and property for the purpose of indoor track meets during the 2013-2014 season, the receipt of such permission being hereby acknowledged, I, the undersigned\*, intending to be legally bound, waive and release for myself, my heirs, executors, and administrators any and all claims, demands, and any other causes of action whatsoever that I may have against the Department of the Army, the United States Military Academy, and their agents, officers, employees, representatives, servants, successors, and assignees arising out of my participation in the track meets, including, but not limited to, any and all loss, damage, death or injuries suffered or sustained to or upon my person or property as a result of my participating in the track meets, and while in, on or upon the premises of West Point during the track meets.

I am gratuitously using the said area for my sole benefit; and know therefore, in order to avail myself use of the United States Government land to participate in a track meet thereon, I agree to hold the United States Government and the United States Military Academy, their officers, representatives, agents, and employees harmless for any injuries or damages I may sustain to myself or cause to others by reason thereof.

I understand and acknowledge that participation in the track meets, and use of the United States Government premises, facilities, equipment and services offered by participation in the completion bear certain known risks and unanticipated risks which could result in INJURY, DEATH, ILLNESS OR DISEASE, PHYSICAL OR MENTAL, OR DAMAGE to myself, to the minor identified below, or to my property. I understand and acknowledge those risks may result in personal claims against United States Government and the United States Military Academy, their officers, representatives, agents, and employees, or claims against me by spectators or other third parties. These risks include but in no way are limited to the following: (1) the risks involved in the use of premises, facilities, equipment and services; (2) the acts, omissions or negligence in any degree of the United States Government and United States Military Academy, their officers, representatives, agents, and employees, or third parties; (3) latent or apparent defects or conditions in equipment, property, or the facilities used for track meets; (4) my own physical condition, or my own acts or omissions; (5) rescue, first aid, emergency treatment or services rendered or failed to be rendered by the United States Government and the United States Military Academy, their officers, representatives, agents, and employees.

I understand and acknowledge that the above list is not complete or exhaustive, and that other risks, known or unknown, identified or unidentified, anticipated or unanticipated, may also result in injury, death, illness, disease or damage to myself, to the minor identified below, or to my property.

The undersigned\* further agrees that he or she will indemnify and will hold harmless the Department of the Army, the United States Military Academy, or their agents, officers, employees, representatives, servants, successors, and assignees from any and all costs, charges, claims, demands and liabilities of any kind arising from the willful or negligent acts of the undersigned\*.

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Nothing to the contrary contained, it is understood and agreed that the privileges herein afforded me are in the nature of a privilege, and are not contractual in nature, and that such is revocable at will by the United States Government and the United States Military Academy.

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SIGNATURE OF PARTICIPANT

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PRINTED NAME

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DATE

The undersigned certifies that he / she is the parent or legal guardian of, and has the authority to sign this release for, \_\_\_\_\_ (name of participant), and agrees that he or she will assume liability for any loss, damage, injury, death, claims, demands, actions, or causes of action that may be brought by the above participant, or by his / her representative, as a result of the subject activities.

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SIGNATURE OF GUARDIAN  
(If applicable)

\* Minor children must have the consent of their parent / guardian.