



Section IX Athletics

Robert Thabet, Executive Director

Section IX Athletic Council Meeting
Tuesday, January 6, 2015
Orange-Ulster BOCES, Carl P. Onken Conference Center at 9:30 a.m.

1. Call to Order: Bob Thabet
2. Pledge of Allegiance: Bob Thabet
3. Review of Meeting Materials – Jim Osborne
4. Approval of November 25, 2014 Minutes
5. Financial Report: Jim Osborne
6. Budget 2015-2016 – Bob Thabet
7. Section IX NYSPHSAA Representatives – Roberta Greene and Jim Wolfe
8. NYSPHSAA
9. Back from the Leagues
 - a. Maximum Number of Contests
 - b. Standard Week Calendar
 - c. Transgender Guidelines
 - d. Field Hockey Chairperson
 - e. Application for Admission
10. Baseball Exceptional Senior Game – Jeremy Weber
11. Winter Chair Reports:

a. Girls Basketball	Steve Boucher	g. Gymnastics	Lee Ann Pazoga
b. Boys Basketball	Fred Ahart	h. Nordic Ski	Nick Mancuso
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		
12. Chair Reports:
 - a. Girls & Boys Modified Sports Jeremy Weber & Michelle Henn
 - b. Safety Janet Carey
 - c. Chemical Health Marco Lanzoni
 - d. Officials Coordinator Dennis Burkett
 - e. Eligibility Fred Ahart
 - f. Sportsmanship Glen Maisch
13. New Business
14. Old Business
15. Adjournment: Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, March 10, 2015 at John A. Coleman Catholic High School at 9:30 a.m.
16. Executive Session Meeting



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Section IX Athletics 2015-2016 Proposed Budget

EXPENDITURES:

SALARIES:

Section IX Executive Director	\$ 30,600.00
Section IX Officials Negotiator / MHAL Coordinator	\$ 48,960.00
Section IX Treasurer/Secretary	\$ 29,376.00
Section IX Eligibility Chairperson	\$ 5,100.00
Social Security/Comp/Unemployment	\$ 9,000.00
Total	\$ 123,036.00

Equipment	\$ 5,000.00
Supplies	\$ 6,000.00
Catering	\$ 2,000.00
Travel/Conference	\$ 6,000.00
Membership	\$ 1,000.00
Audit	\$ 6,000.00
Awards	\$ 12,000.00
Paychex Services	\$ 1,000.00
Total	\$ 39,000.00

Boy's Sport Programs	\$ 114,500.00
Girl's Sport Programs	\$ 89,500.00

Expenditure Total \$ 366,036.00

SPORT BOYS GIRLS

Baseball	\$ 7,000.00	
Basketball	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 16,000.00
Cross Country	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
Field Hockey		\$ 3,000.00
Football	\$ 22,000.00	
Golf	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Gymnastics		\$ 3,000.00
Ice Hockey	\$ 3,000.00	
Lacrosse	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Modified Sports	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Softball		\$ 7,000.00
Skiing Alpine	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
Skiing Nordic	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Soccer	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00
Swimming	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
Tennis	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Track & Field	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 12,500.00
Winter Track	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Wrestling	\$ 14,000.00	
Volleyball		\$ 8,000.00

Total \$ 114,500.00 \$ 89,500.00

INCOME:

Section IX Dues \$225.(per varsity team) x 836 teams	\$ 192,375.00
Section IX Gate Revenue & Time Warner Contract & Sponsors	\$ 145,877.00
Section IX Insurance per school fee \$454. x 46 schools	\$ 20,884.00
NYSAAA-NIAAA Dues per school \$150. x 46 schools	\$ 6,900.00

Total Income \$ 366,036.00

Section IX	2013-2014		2014-2015		2015-2016	
Dues Charge per varsity team	\$315.00	-1.3%	\$250.00	-20%	\$225.00	-10%
Insurance Charge per District	\$454.00	0.0%	\$454.00	0.0%	\$454.00	0.0%
NYSAAA-NIAA Dues Charge per District	\$150.00	0.0%	\$150.00	0.0%	\$150.00	0.0%

New York State Public High School Athletic Association
Executive Committee Meeting – January 30, 2015

Fairness in High School Athletic Competition
Balancing the maximum # of contest by length of the sport season
& creating a common starting date for each sport season
by utilizing the NFHS weekly/yearly calendar.

Action Item
 Discussion/ Information Item

Presenter:

Carl Normandin- Executive Director Section 10

Proposal:

A method to balance the “maximum number of varsity/Jv contest” based on the actual length of the three (3) respective sports seasons, starting the 2015-2016 school year.

1st Recommendation-

- ❖ Fall- 15 weeks -16 contests for the sports of Field Hockey, Soccer, Cross Country, Swimming/Diving & Tennis
Note-20 contests: *Volleyball, 9 Football (Per NYSPHSAA Sports Standards)
- ❖ Winter- 20 weeks- 20 contests for the sports of Basketball, Bowling, Ice Hockey, Wrestling (20 Pts.)
Note- 16 contests: Rifle, Skiing & Winter Track, Cheer (12 Contests) (Per NYSPHSAA Sports Standards)
- ❖ Spring- 15 weeks- 16 contests for the sports of Golf, Lacrosse, Outdoor Track, Tennis
Note-20 contests: *Baseball, *Softball (Per NYSPHSAA Sports Standards)

*Note-These (3) three respective sports have the opportunity to play (2) two contest(s) in a day per NYSPHSAA sports standards. It is also recommended that (2) two contest per week be played each week, with the exception of the sport of football.

2nd Recommendation-

Clarify the common sport season starting date for all fall, winter and spring seasons based on the NFHS weekly/yearly calendar. (*see attach calendar*)

- ❖ **Fall** sport season may start on the Monday of week #7-based on the NFHS calendar for (Varsity/JV)
- ❖ **Winter** sport season may start on the Monday of week #19 -based on the NFHS calendar for (Varsity/JV)
- ❖ **Spring** sport season may start on the Monday of week #36 -based on the NFHS calendar for (Varsity/JV)

Rationale:

To establish/balance the “maximum number of varsity/JV contest” based in part on the actual length of the three (3) sports seasons, while also using each sports “state championship tournament” as a guide date to help determine a consistent method for establishing yearly calendar events (*i.e. starting & ending dates and NYSPHSAA /Section mtg. dates*) starting the 2015-2016 school year.

1st Recommendation-This proposal will require a reduction of contest(s) by two (2) in the sports of B/G Tennis & B/G Golf to bring these sports in line with all of the other Fall & Spring sports. The sport of B/G basketball would increase by one (+1) to balance that sport with the rest of the winter sports in that respective (20 week) season. Estimated cost saving may vary on a per district basis –I.e. Coaching salaries based on # of weeks -facility rentals for practice/contest &/or transportation cost for practice/contest.

This contest adjustment is based in part on the assumption that the current NYSPHSAA moratorium is scheduled to expire in June 2015. This proposal will provide an overall balance of the maximum # of contest based on the actual length of each sports season.

2nd Recommendation-This proposal will establish a fair and consistent starting date for every student –athlete, coach and interscholastic program as a member school in NYSPHSAA. This will also help better balance out the number of weeks per sports season based on proposal #1 by using the NFHS weekly/Yearly calendar. This will also reduce the amount of overlap from the post season of one sport to the start up of the next sport season our athletic communities. It also creates some needed recuperative down time both physically, socially and emotionally for everyone involved in interscholastic athletics. This “transition phase” also supports NYSPHSAA’s mantra that: “We are High School” and we are “educationally based” entity.

Proposal Originated:

Section 10 Athletic Council

Budget Impact:

- No Budget impact to NYSPHSAA
- No Budget impact to the Section
- No Budget impact to the Leagues

Notes:

Current (# of games)/Proposed (#of games)

<u>Fall (15 weeks)</u>	<u>Winter (20 weeks)</u>	<u>Spring (15 weeks)</u>
Field Hockey-16/16	Basketball- <u>19/20</u>	Baseball-20/20*
Soccer -16/16	Bowling-20/20	Softball-20/20*
Cross Country-16/16	Ice Hockey-20/20	Lacrosse-16/16
Volleyball-20/20*	Wrestling-20/20	Track & Field-16/16
Football- 9/9	Rifle- 16/16	B. Tennis- <u>18/16</u>
G. Swim/Diving-16/16	Skiing- 16/16	B/G Golf- <u>18/16</u>
G. Tennis- <u>18/16</u>	Winter Track- 16/16	
	Cheer- 12	

*These sports have the ability to play 2 contest(s) in day per NYSPHSAA handbook.

Attachments:

1. Summary Document of week numbers for NYSPHSAA Championships
2. NYSPHSAA “Calendar weeks” using NFHS Standardized system
3. NFHS Standardized Calendar of weeks
4. Spreadsheet illustration for **Example** purposes for the sports of “Soccer” for the week by week breakdown based on the common established NYSPHSAA start date and the “State/regional Tournament.”

NYSPHSAA Calendar of Weeks

The following pages contain a standardized procedure for numbering calendar weeks; **this would not be a change**, but simply a procedure to use in the future. This system, designed by the NFHS and utilized by many state associations throughout the country, has been designed as a long-term method for uniformly rolling back or advancing the calendar.

All weeks start with Sunday and end with Saturday. Week No. 1 is always the first full week in July, Sunday through Saturday. Thanksgiving always falls on Thursday in Week 21.

By implementing this standardized procedure, NYSPHSAA Sectionals, Regionals and Championship dates could be established years in advance. In addition, a uniformed sports start date (Fall, Winter and Spring) could be established for ease of scheduling. The NYSPHSAA Championships would fall on the week numbers below:

Sport	Fall 2015	Future	Fall 2015
		Future	
Fall Start Date (First Monday)	Week #7	Same	
Tennis Championships	Week #17	Same	
Cross Country Championships	Week #19	Week #18	
Girls/ Boys Soccer Championships	Week #19	Same	
Field Hockey Championships	Week #19	Same	
Girls Swimming & Diving Championships	Week #20	Same	
Girls/ Boys Volleyball Championships	Week #20	Same	
Football Semi-Finals	Week #20	Same	
Football Championships	Week #21	Same	
Sport	Winter 2016	Future	Winter
		Future	
2016			
Winter Start Date (First Monday)	Week #19	Same	
Girls/ Boys Skiing	Week #34	Same	
Wrestling Championships	Week #34	Same	
Boys Swimming Championships	Week #34	Same	
Girls Gymnastic Championships	Week #34	Same	
Girls/ Boys Bowling Championships	Week #35	Same	
Girls/ Boys Indoor Track & Field Championships	Week #35	Same	
Competitive Cheer Championships	Week #35	Same	
Girls/ Boys Basketball Championships	Week #36	Week #37	
<i>*Note: Approximately Every ten years, the Basketball Championships will have to be on week #36 because of the Easter Holiday and the conflict with the Federation Championships; <u>normally held on Week #37.</u></i>			
Ice Hockey Championships	Week #36	Same	
Girls/ Boys Federation Basketball	Week #37	Week #38	
Sport	Spring 2016	Future	Spring
		Future	
2016			
Spring Start Date (First Monday)	Week #36	Same	
Boys Tennis Championships	Week #47	Same	Boys Golf
Championships	Week #47	Same	Girls/ Boys

Lacrosse Championships
Field Championships
Championships
Championships
Baseball Championships

Week #48
Week #49
Week #49
Week #49
Week #49

Same Girls/ Boys Track &
Same Girls Golf
Same Softball
Same
Same



NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

SENIOR ALL-STAR CONTEST Application

PLEASE NOTE: PARTICIPANTS MAY ONLY BE THOSE SENIORS WHO ARE NO LONGER INVOLVED IN SECTIONALS, REGIONALS OR STATE COMPETITION. ATHLETES PARTICIPATING IN THIS CONTEST ARE NO LONGER ELIGIBLE IN THIS SPORT.

Sport or Activity Baseball

- 1. Name of Contest Section 4 Exceptional Senior Baseball Game Date 6/7/15
2. Site of Contest Dutchess Stadium, Cantina, Crown or Roughneckside H.S.
3. Co-sponsoring school, league or section Section 4 (MHAAL + OCIAA)
4. School personnel responsible for contest supervision: Name Jeremy Weber Address 2824 Church Street, Pine Plains Zip NY Phone 518-348-7161 ext 1316
5. School personnel responsible for screening and selection of contestants: The coaches that are selected along with Section 4 Baseball Committee
6. School personnel responsible for screening and selection of coaches: Section 4 Baseball Committee (Jeremy, TD, Tim + James)
7. Net profit to be donated to the following charitable or educational programs: N/A
8. Contestants will be insured by: Own School Other(list)
Liability insurance supplied by sponsor: Section [checked] Other (list)*
*Attach certificate of insurance Section to supply insurance
9. Signature of host Athletic Administrator (if applicable): [Signature]
10. Uniforms are to be supplied by: Athletes will wear school uniform - possible sponsor donation of hat
11. Officials' organization to assign contest officials: Section 4 will assign officials
12. Within two weeks of completion of the contest, all of the following must be mailed to Secretary/Treasurer of the Section sanctioning the contest:
1. Complete roster of participants 3. Injury report
2. Complete financial report 4. Complete awards report

Completed application presented and approved by Section

Date Section Executive Director

NOTE: Contests approved by the Section must be mailed for recording to: Robert Zayas, Executive Director New York State Public High School Athletic Association, Inc. 8 Airport Park Boulevard Latham, NY 12110

NYS PHSA, Inc. USE ONLY: Application complete Date Application returned as incomplete

Executive Director

Section 9 Exceptional Senior Baseball Game

We are looking to have one exceptional senior baseball game. The date(s) we are looking at is Sunday June 7th, Monday June 8th or Tuesday June 9th.

Possible Sites Discussed: Dutchess Stadium, Cantine Field, Gruner or Poughkeepsie.

A player nomination form will be developed that coaches fill out and return before the section 9 seed meeting (5/21). No school is guaranteed a selection. Coaches who would like to coach the game will also send in their name to be considered by the section 9 seed meeting. At the seed meeting the baseball committee will decide who will be coaching which teams. Coaches whose teams have better records will be preferred for coaching spots. The coaches who are chosen by the baseball committee will meet to go through the player nominations on Saturday May 23rd and decide who has made the game and then which team they will be on.

There will not be any practices.

Players from section 9 teams will be selected but any team still involved in regional or state play will not be allowed to have their players compete in the game.

The players will wear their school uniforms. If we can get a sponsor to donate hats for the players, that would be great.

Insurance would be through each individual school. Possible blanket policy by Section 9.

We would be looking to have umpires donate their time for the games.

There would be a small admission (probably around \$5 dollars) charge to cover the cost of umpires fees and a dozen baseballs for the game.

No individual awards would be given but we would be looking to have a company donate something like t-shirts for each participating player and coach to take home with them after the event. The "shirt" would say something like "Section 9 Exceptional Senior Baseball Contest"



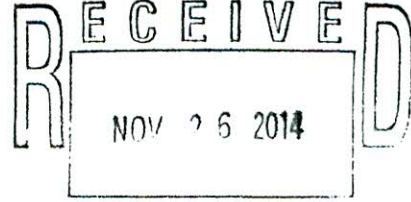
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November 24, 2014



NYSPHSAA, INC

The Honorable Merryl Tisch, Chancellor
NYS Board of Regents
State Education Building
89 Washington Avenue
Albany, NY 12234

Dear Chancellor Tisch:

On behalf of the New York State School Boards Association, we urge you to approve the coaching certification requirements proposal which was presented to you from the New York State Public High School Athletic Association, Inc.

In reviewing the proposal, we are convinced that amending current regulations to provide an additional opportunity for how coaches may be certified will help to expand the number of individuals who will become involved in the profession of coaching and will greatly assist school districts in securing adequate numbers of individuals to serve in these important roles.

If you have any questions related to this matter, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Timothy G. Kremer
Executive Director

cc: Members of the NYS Board of Regents
Commissioner Dr. John King, NYS Education Department
✓ Robert J. Zayas, NYS Public High School Athletic Association, Inc.



Like all coaches in New York State, Tara Graziadel of Gates Chili High School attend a series of classes to become certified. A state group is calling for online training as an option.

On Board Online • December 15, 2014

By Cathy Woodruff
Senior Writer

Fans of the Colton-Pierrepont girls' basketball team in St. Lawrence County were sweating out a nail-biter before the team even played a game this year: Would the district find a coach in time to have a season at all?

Luckily, a certified replacement for a coach who bowed out on short notice appeared just in time. But Superintendent Joseph Kardash said such stressful, last-minute scrambles to fill coaching positions are all-too-common in his rural area.

"Many of us constantly struggle to find certified coaches for any sport," he said.

Athletic directors from all over the state say they also have trouble finding strong candidates with the time and financial means to sit through New York's battery of coaching certification courses.

The issue has become so critical in the eyes of the New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYPHSAA) that the organization is asking the state Board of Regents to approve an alternative path to coaching certification.

The option relies on online training developed by the National Federation of State High School Associations, which is used in some 40 other states said NYPHSAA Executive Director Robert Zayas.

NYPHSAA isn't looking to replace or water down New York's existing series of certification courses, which have been around for more than 30 years, Zayas said. Rather, he said, the aim is to retain the current training model while adding an online version that would provide a more affordable and less time-consuming alternative.

"We want to encourage more good potential coaches out there to get off the sidelines," Zayas told *On Board*.

Coaching candidates training under New York's current system can expect to spend some 120 hours in class to complete the three main courses: Principles and Philosophies of Interscholastic Athletics, Health Sciences, and Techniques of Coaching.

Those coaching courses come on top of required training in CPR, first aid, anti-bullying provisions of the Dignity for All Students Act, concussion awareness and child abuse recognition, as well as fingerprinting and background checks mandated under the Safe Schools Against Violence in Education (SAVE) act.

While the time required is significant, "the Number 1 thing is definitely the cost," said Fayetteville-Manlius Athletic Director Scott Sugar. "We estimate that a new, non-teacher coach could spend at least \$1,000 to become properly certified."

The NFHS Accredited Interscholastic Coach training recommended by NYPHSAA includes four online courses. One, Concussion in Sports, already is recognized and required in New York. The other NFHS courses correspond with New York's requirements under the current model, according to NYPHSAA officials.

Each NFHS course costs \$35 to \$50, except for the concussion course, which is free. The typical cost for one of the current New York courses is \$300 or more, officials said.

NYSSBA is supporting the NYPHSAA proposal. "It just makes sense," said Executive Director Timothy G. Kremer.

A spokesman for the State Education Department said staff members were reviewing the proposal. It could come before the Regents for action as early as the board's Dec. 15 and 16 meetings.

Several athletic directors from around the state told *On Board* they frequently must pass over otherwise well-qualified coaching candidates with experience and enthusiasm for a sport and, instead, go with candidates who already are certified - even if those candidates have little experience with the particular sport they will be coaching.

In some regions of the state, it can be particularly hard to find coaches in sports such as diving, field hockey, wrestling and volleyball.

"People tell me all the time: 'I'd really like to coach, but I'm not sure I want to go through the time it takes to go through the process or the cost,'" said Penfield Athletic Director Peter Shambo, who served on a committee that examined the issue for NYPHSAA.

Findings of a NYPHSA survey of athletic administrators underscore the extent of the problem:

- 65 percent of those who responded said they had to remove coaches because they could not get certified within the time required by their districts.
- 77 percent said they had coaches stop coaching because of the certification process.
- 90 percent cited cost as a major deterrent to getting coaches certified.

"I am all for certification, and I don't want to have anyone circumventing anything to coach," said April Wertheim, a longtime high school athletic director in Syracuse. But, at the same time, she told *On Board*, "It's very hard for people to commit to all that."

Districts vary in their policies for providing leeway. Some require any candidate for a coaching position, even as an unpaid volunteer assistant, to have completed all certification courses and other requirements before he or she can be appointed. Others will hire a coach without full certification if the candidate commits to completing all required courses within time frames set under New York regulations.

Having a teaching degree and certification can help relieve some of the training requirements, but athletic directors say the number of teachers available to coach also is smaller than it used to be. That means districts need to turn more frequently to non-teachers for coaching assignments, they said.

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Appendix B

MONTHLY MILEAGE REPORT

NAME(Print): _____

ADDRESS: _____

Date	From	To	Purpose	Total Mileage	Tolls
TOTAL					

Reimbursement for _____ miles @ .575/mile) _____
 Reimbursement for tolls (Receipts must be attached) _____
 Total Reimbursement Claimed _____

Signature of Claimant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Section IX Treasurer: _____ Date: _____



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2014-15 SECTION 9 DUALS

12 TEAM BRACKET

ROUND OF 16	QUARTERFINALS	SEMI's	FINALS
TWO SITES / 2 MATS / TUESDAY 12/16/14		ONE SITE / 2 MATS / WEDNESDAY 12/17/14	
DAY # 1 at WARWICK VALLEY		DAY # 2 at NEWBURGH FREE ACADEMY	

