



Section IX Athletics

Robert Thabet, Executive Director

Section IX Athletic Council Meeting

Tuesday, November 25, 2014

John A. Coleman Catholic High School at 9:30 a.m.

430 Hurley Avenue, Hurley, NY 12443

1. Call to Order: Bob Thabet
2. Pledge of Allegiance: Bob Thabet
3. Review of Meeting Materials – Jim Osborne
4. Approval of October 21, 2014 Minutes
5. Financial Report: Jim Osborne
6. Section IX NYSPHSAA Representatives – Roberta Greene and Jim Wolfe
 - a. NYSPHSAA General Action Items
 - b. Fairness in High School Athletic Competition
7. NYSPHSAA
8. Section IX Mailing Address – Bob Thabet
9. Back from the Leagues
 - a. Track & Field – Classification Numbers
 - b. Section IX Softball Chairperson
10. Section IX Field Hockey Chairperson Resignation – Bob Thabet
11. 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
12. 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 Culty		
13. 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
14. New Business
15. Old Business
16. Adjournment: Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, January 6, 2015 at Orange-Ulster BOCES, Carl P. Onken Conference Center at 9:30 a.m.
17. Executive Session Meeting



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NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Meeting Thursday, October 23, 2014 - Highlights

Robert Zayas - Executive Director, NYSPHSAA

- A. General Liability Insurance:
NYSPHSAA recently signed an agreement with Loomis and LaPann, Inc.
- B. "Similar Circumstances": New York State Education Department has notified NYSPHSAA of their intent to remove "similar circumstances" from the Commissioner's Duration of competition Regulations. Page 46 of the 2012-2014 NYSPHSAA Handbook. Proposed amendment of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education (see attached).
- C. Coaching Certification Requirements: The NYSPHSAA and NYSAAA are currently working on a proposal to present to the New York State Education Dept. to streamline coaching certification requirements. More information will be provided in the coming months.

Robert Stulmaker, Assistant Director, NYSPHSAA

- A. State Championship and Regional sites for 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 are enclosed.
- B. Scholar/Athlete Team Award – The Fall 2014 deadline to apply for awards is Friday, December 5, 2014.
- C. Community Service Challenge:
 - 1. May 1, 2015 – Deadline for schools to submit projects to the Section
 - 2. June 1, 2015 – Deadline for the section to submit their winner to NYSPHSAA.
 - 3. School/Team will again be recognized at the Central Committee Meeting in July.

Todd Nelson – Assistant Director, NYSPHSAA

- A. Unified Sports – A committee will be meeting in October to discuss the future of Unified Sports in NYSPHSAA several sections have expressed a strong interest in participating in a pilot program during the 2015-2016 school year.
- B. Fuel Up to Play 60 – The NYSPHSAA and the American Dairy Association have partnered to deliver the Fuel Up to Play 60 program. The pilot programs focus on how to maximize the nutritional component of the student athletes on the teams.
- C. Cheerleading Invitational –
In preparation for the possible 2016 NYSPHSAA State Championship in Competitive Cheerleading, the NYSPHSAA will be holding 3 invitational events during 2014-2015 winter season.
 - February 21, 2014 – Section 2 Guilderland High School
 - February 28, 2014 – Section 11 Bayshore High School, Long Island
 - March 7, 2014 – Section 5 Rochester Institute of Technology

NYSPHSAA Modified Committee Report

Report enclosed to be given by Section IX Representative Michelle Henn and Jeremy Weber.

Todd Nelson – Sportsmanship

- A. Time Warner Stay in the Game – Focus on Positive Sportsmanship.
- B. NAIA 5 Star Leadership Program – To be recognized as NAIA 5 Star Leadership School you must complete:
 - Star 1 – Participate in the NYSPHSAA Community Service Project
 - Star 2 – Attendance at the NYSAAA Conference
 - Star 3 – Complete the NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Promotion Survey
 - Star 4 – All varsity lead coaches, complete the online Champions of Character Coaching course
 - Star 5 – Show one short online video at a mandatory meeting for parents, coaches, and players
- C. Battle of the Fans – Schools need to submit 3 minute video to the NYSPHSAA office. The deadline for video submission is January 12, 2015.
- D. Sportsmanship Standard #27 Back to the Leagues
Discussing the possibility of adding language to the Sportsmanship Standard that would allow Sections and/or Leagues the option of extending the period of ineligibility to a player or coach who has been disqualified for unsportsmanlike behavior, depending on the circumstances for the disqualification.

Cheerleading

- A. Competitive Cheerleading Sport Standards
- B. Competitive Cheerleading Championship
- C. Dual Season Competition for Competitive Cheerleading

New York State Public High School Athletic Association Transgender Guidelines – DRAFT ENCLOSED

Balancing the maximum number of contest by length of the sport season and creating a common starting date for each sport season. Committee will be formed to review recommendations.

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CPR/AED – To be mandated in the high school exposure vs. certification

Items for discussion enclosed.

NYSAAA Conference is Wednesday, March 18 to Friday, March 20, 2015.

NYSPHSAA – General Action Items

NYSPHSAA – Standing Committee Items

General Action Items

Defeated	1. (A) Consider approval to permit jewelry in accordance with the NFHS Track & Field Rule book.	<i>Girls & Boys Track & Field and Cross Country Committees</i>
Defeated	2. (A) Consider approval of Glens Falls (2) as the site for the 2015-2018 Girls & Boys Volleyball Championships.	<i>Girls & Boys Volleyball Committee</i>
Approved	3. (A) Consider approval to change the site of the 2015 Boys Lacrosse Championships to Vestal High School (4).	<i>Boys Lacrosse Committee</i>
Approved	4. (A) Consider approval to change the site of the 2015 Bowling Championships to Strike-N-Spare Lanes (3).	<i>Girls & Boys Bowling Committee</i>
Approved	5. (A) Consider approval to change the date of the rifle regionals to Saturday, February 28, 2015.	<i>Rifle Committee</i>
Approved	6. (A) Consider approval to add an at-large entry into the NYSPHSAA Division II Ice Hockey Championships.	<i>Ice Hockey Committee</i>
Approved	7. (A) Consider approval of NYSPHSAA wrestling skin infection form.	<i>Wrestling Committee</i>
Approved	8. (A) Consider approval of the post season option for the minimum weight certification program.	<i>Wrestling Committee</i>
Approved	9. (A) Consider approval of NYSPHSAA Competitive Cheerleading standards to begin in the winter season of 2014.	<i>Competitive Cheer Committee</i>
Approved	10. (A) Consider approval of NYSPHSAA Competitive Cheerleading Championships to begin in the winter season of 2016.	<i>Competitive Cheer Committee</i>
Approved	11. (A) Consider approval for dual participation (Fall & Winter) in competitive Cheer to begin Fall 2015.	<i>Competitive Cheer Committee</i>
Approved	12. (A) Consider approval of waivers of the representation rule for various sports and Sections.	<i>Sections I, II, III, VII</i>
Approved	13. (A) Consider approval of Assistant Girls Swimming & Diving Coordinator (Pat Ryan) and Girls Soccer Coordinator (Joe Vasile-Cozzo).	<i>Bob Stulmaker, NYSPHSAA Assistant Director</i>
Approved	14. (A) Consider approval of Friends and Neighbors.	<i>Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director</i>

Discussion/ Information Items

	1. (D/I) NYSPHSAA regulations of Executive and Central Committee representatives.	<i>Superintendent Cracker Barrel Session- July 2014</i>
	2. (D/I) Approved NYSPHSAA guidelines being included in the Handbook.	<i>Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director</i>
Section IX	3. (D/I) NYSPHSAA Transgender Guidelines.	<i>Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director</i>
	4. (D/I) NYSPHSAA State Championship site selection policies and procedures.	<i>Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director</i>
	5. (D/I) Ball adoption RFP.	<i>Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director</i>
Committee	6. (D/I) Maximum game limits. <i>BALANCE the SPORT SEASON</i>	<i>Section XI/ Carl Normandin</i>
	7. (D/I) Approved Senior All-Star Contests & Combining of Teams.	<i>Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director</i>

Standing Committees

Approved	1.	Budget/ Audit Committee – Jim Osborne (A) Consider approval of membership dues for 2015-2016, by using the Formula of \$810 per school and \$0.86 per student above 300, based upon the 2015-2016 school enrollment numbers.	Budget/ Audit Committee
Approved		(A) Consider approval to maintain ticket prices for the 2015-2016 Championships.	Budget/ Audit Committee
---	2.	Championship Advisory Committee – Ted Woods	
Approved	3.	Handbook Committee – Pat Pizzarelli (A) Consider approval to eliminate the “Educational Waiver” as one of the waivers of the NYSPHSAA transfer rule beginning with the 2015-2016 school year with the addition of “ <i>educational waivers will not be considered as an undue hardship</i> ” to the “NOTE:” following the transfer exemptions within the NYSPHSAA Handbook.	Transfer Committee
Approved		(A) Consider approval to add the following to Corresponding Change of Residency within the NYSPHSAA transfer rule to begin with the 2015-2016 school year: “ <i>For athletic eligibility a residency is changed when one is abandoned by the immediate family and another residency is established through action and intent. Residency requires one’s physical presence as an inhabitant and the intent to remain indefinitely.</i> ”	Transfer Committee
Approved		(A) Consider approval to revise the 4th exemption of the Transfer Rule to read: “ <i>4. A student from divorced or ‘legally’ separated parents who moves into a new school district with one of the aforementioned parents. Such transfer is allowed once every six months. The legal separation agreement must address custody, child support, spouses support and distribution of assets and be filed with the County Clerk or issued by a Judge.</i> ”	Transfer Committee
---	4.	Life of an Athlete Committee – Patti Murphy/Thad Lawrence	
---	5.	Safety Committee – Todd Nelson	
Approved	6.	Modified Committee – James Rose (A) Consider approval for the NYSPHSAA Executive Director to provide a wavier of the Promotion Rule if a team is dropped by a district.	Modified Committee
Approved		(A) Consider approval to eliminate “sudden victory” in Modified Basketball with one 4-minute overtime period.	Modified Committee
Approved		(A) Consider approval to reduce the required number of cross country practices (13 to 11) and Track & Field practices (15 to 13).	Modified Committee
Defeated		(A) Consider approval to allow the 3-point shot in modified basketball with Section and League approval.	Modified Committee
Approved		(A) Consider approval to allow up to 50% of the maximum number of games scheduled for each modified level sport may be designated as scrimmages with Section/ League approval.	Modified Committee
	7.	Officials Coordinating Federation – Dennis Burkett	
	8.	Sportsmanship Committee – Todd Nelson	
	9.	Student Leadership – Bob Stulmaker	



November 2014

NEW COACHING CERTIFICATION CHILD ABUSE LAW

In early August, it was reported that Governor Cuomo signed a law that will further protect children by requiring coaches who currently hold or are applying for a temporary coaching license or professional coaching certificate to complete two hours of training on potential child abuse.

The NYSPHSAA has been assured this will not result in any "additional" courses to be taken to meet this requirement since coaches already take this course. Furthermore, it is the understanding of NYSPHSAA that coaches were not on the previous mandated reporter list; the new law will now add coaches to the mandated reporter list.



EDUCATIONAL WAIVER

The Executive Committee voted 19-2 at the October 23, 2014 Executive Committee meeting to eliminate the educational waiver to begin with the 2015-2016 school year. The membership of the NYSPHSAA believed many students/ schools were gaining an "athletic" advantage by receiving "educational" waivers.

The following will be added to the NYSPHSAA Handbook:

"Note: Educational waivers will not be considered as an undue hardship."



READY TO VOTE?

Sections should be prepared to vote on the following items at the January 30, 2015 Executive Committee meeting; the official agenda and packet will be released on Monday, January 13th:

- Maximum number of contests and standard week calendar.
- Volleyball, Tennis, Wrestling and Cheer Championship sites.
- Adding the "guidelines" for transfer hardships and mixed competition to the Handbook
- Transgender Policy

LEGAL SEPARATION

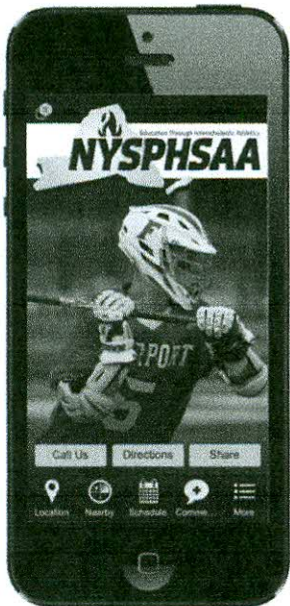
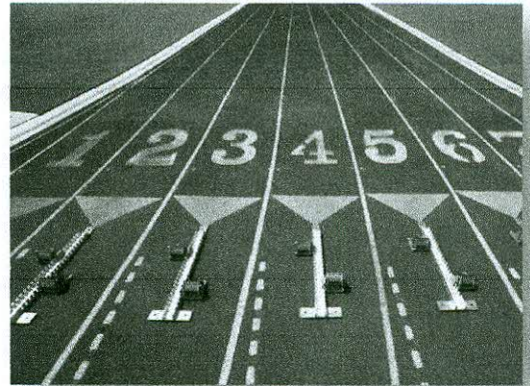
At the October 23, 2014 Executive Committee meeting the following was approved as a revision to the 4th exemption of the Transfer Rule to read: *"4. A student from divorced or 'legally' separated parents who moves into a new school district with one of the aforementioned parents. Such transfer is allowed once every six months. The legal separation agreement must address custody, child support, spouses support and distribution of assets and be filed with the County Clerk or issued by a Judge."* This revision will take effect with the 2015-2016 school year.



TRANSFER RULE

The Executive Committee voted on October 23, 2014 to revise the language of the transfer rule by adding the "shaded" language below:

a. A student in grades 9-12 who transfers, with a corresponding change in residence of his/her parents (or other person with whom the student has resided for at least six months) shall become eligible after starting regular attendance in the second school. A residence change must involve a move from one school district to another. *For athletic eligibility a residency is changed when one is abandoned by the immediate family and another residency established through action and intent. Residency requires one's physical presence as an inhabitant and the intent to remain indefinitely.* The purpose of this addition was to provide clarity to the meaning of "residency."



NYSPHSAA MOBILE APP

The NYSPHSAA has launched a FREE mobile app to provide more effective communication with member schools, student-athletes, parents and fans. The mobile app includes state championship locations, brackets, results and other details pertaining to the 32 NYSPHSAA sanctioned events. Other information accessible on the app is photo galleries, calendars, staff directory and sport specific information. Be sure to download the NYSPHSAA App Today!

SCHOLAR/ATHLETE TEAM AWARD

This is the 24th year of the Scholar/Athlete Program. Each year the number of students, schools and teams recognized continues to increase. The deadline to apply for this Fall is **Friday, December 5, 2014**. It is great to see that not only do our student-athletes excel on the field, courts and in the pools but they excel in the classroom as well.

NYSPHSAA JEWELRY RULE REMAINS FOR TRACK & FIELD

In June the NFHS Track and Field Rules Committee voted to remove the prohibition of the wearing of jewelry in track & field and cross-country. The NYSPHSAA Handbook specifically prohibits the wearing of jewelry in ALL sports with the exception of Golf and Bowling.

The NYSPHSAA Safety Committee met in early October and rejected the exemption. The request for the exemption was placed on the October 23rd Executive Committee agenda and not approved. The Executive Committee voted 13-6 not to add the sports of track & field and cross country to the exemptions of the NYSPHSAA jewelry rule; jewelry continues to be prohibited in the sports of track & field and cross country in New York.



COMPETITIVE CHEERLEADING

Competitive Cheerleading is to be a fully recognized sport starting with the sectional start date of the winter season. The NYSPHSAA and the NYSED will recognize two different types of cheerleading: (1) Traditional Cheer and (2) Competitive Cheer. The difference between the two is whether or not a cheer squad stunts and/or tumbles as defined by AACCA. Traditional cheer squads will not stunt and/or tumble and will not be subject to the rules and regulations of the NYSPHSAA nor the NYSED. Competitive Cheer squads will be able to stunt and/or tumble and will be subject to all NYSPHSAA and NYSED rules and regulations whether they attend competitions or not during the season.



The NYSPHSAA Executive Committee voted on the Specific Sport Standards for Competitive Cheerleading, as well as some other items recommended by the Cheerleading Committee, at the October 23rd Executive Committee meeting. A full list of these approved items can be found on the Cheerleading landing page on the NYSPHSAA website at www.nysphsaa.org.

NYSPHSAA RULE INTERPRETATION:

Question: How many games must a basketball player be an eligible participant in order to play in the post season?

Answer: A basketball player must be an eligible participant (in uniform/ listed in the official book) for 6 games in order to play in the post season, as per the NYSPHSAA representation rule. In "team" sports a student must be an eligible participant; however in individual sports the student must actually represent their school six times.

COACHING CERTIFICATION

NYSPHSAA and NYSAAA recently teamed up to provide the New York State Education Department with a proposal seeking an alternative option for coaching certification. The proposal is requesting five NFHS online courses be considered the equivalent to the three current required coach certification courses.

The proposal, included information pertaining to the NFHS online training programs that are currently utilized by nearly 40 states throughout the country. The 100+ page proposal document also provided information concerning the rationale for these recommendations, a quantitative data analysis of a survey of 522 New York High School Athletic Directors, and a detailed crosswalk between the current course offerings and the proposed option.

"I am extremely optimistic the work of the NYSAAA and NYSPHSAA will be positively received by the New York State Education Department. This initiative is focused on encouraging more individuals to get involved in coaching the youth of New York State" said, Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director.



LOOKING AHEAD:

November 8	Girls/ Boys Cross Country Championships
November 14	Boys Volleyball Championships
November 15-16	Girls Volleyball Championships
November 15-16	Girls Soccer Championships
November 15-16	Boys Soccer Championships
November 15-16	Field Hockey Championships
November 15	NYS Federation Cross Country Championships
November 19-22	NYS AHPERD Conference
November 21-22	Girls Swimming & Diving Championships
November 21-22	Football East/ West Semi-Finals
November 29-30	Football Championships
December 5	Deadline Fall Scholar Athlete
January 12, 2015	Deadline for "Battle of the Fans" submissions



QUOTE TO REMEMBER:

"Whatever you do, strive to do it so well that no man living and no man dead and no man yet to be born, could do it any better."

— Benjamin Elijah Mays



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, letter from medical personnel certifying the student's gender identity. Medical personnel can include doctor, therapist or other qualified professional.)

-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.



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-19/20	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- 18/16
G. Swim/Diving-16/16	Skiing- 16/16	B/G Golf-18/16
G. Tennis- 18/16	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 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 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

***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; normally held on Week #37.

Ice Hockey Championships	Week #36	Same
Girls/ Boys Federation Basketball	Week #37	Week #38

Sport	Spring 2016	Future
Spring Start Date (First Monday)	Week #36	Same
Boys Tennis Championships	Week #47	Same
Boys Golf Championships	Week #47	Same
Girls/ Boys Lacrosse Championships	Week #48	Same
Girls/ Boys Track & Field Championships	Week #49	Same
Girls Golf Championships	Week #49	Same
Softball Championships	Week #49	Same
Baseball Championships	Week #49	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 BOY'S LACROSSE
- Name of Contest EXCEPTIONAL SENIOR GAME Date 6/5/2015
 - Site of Contest DIETZ STADIUM, KINGSTON, NY
 - Co-sponsoring school, league or section SECTION 1X
(for events sponsored with any outside organization, college or university)
 - School personnel responsible for contest supervision: Name ROBERT SLATE
Address SAUGERTIES H.S. Zip 12477 Phone 845-247-6500
 - School personnel responsible for screening and selection of contestants: SECTION 1X
VARSITY LACROSSE COACHES
 - School personnel responsible for screening and selection of coaches: SECTION 1X
BOY'S LACROSSE COMMITTEE
 - Net profit to be donated to the following charitable or educational programs: ALS or
ALZHEIMERS - TBD
 - Contestants will be insured by: U.S. LACROSSE / BOLINGER ☒ Own School
Liability insurance supplied by sponsor: ☒ Section ☐ Other (List)* Other(list)
***Attach certificate of insurance**
 - Signature of host Athletic Administrator (if applicable): _____
 - Uniforms are to be supplied by: ANACONDA SPORTS & SCHOOLS
 - Officials' organization to assign contest officials: MID HUDSON LACROSSE OFFICIALS
 - Within two weeks of completion of the contest, all of the following must be mailed to
Secretary/Treasurer of the Section sanctioning the contest:
 - Complete roster of participants
 - Complete financial report
 - Injury report
 - 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

NYSPHSAA, Inc. USE ONLY:

Application complete _____ Date _____
Application returned
as incomplete _____

Executive Director