



Section IX Athletics

Gregory Ransom, Executive Director

Section IX Athletic Council Meeting

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

Orange-Ulster BOCES, Carl P. Onken Conference Center at 9:30 a.m.

1. Call to Order: Greg Ransom
 2. Pledge of Allegiance: Greg Ransom
 3. Review of Meeting Materials – Jim Osborne
 4. Approval of September 17, 2015 Minutes
 5. Financial Report: Jim Osborne
 6. Section IX NYSPHSAA Representatives – Roberta Greene and Jim Wolfe
 7. NYSPHSAA Report
 8. Combining of Teams – Greg Ransom
 9. Back from the Leagues
 - a. Football Classification Proposal
 - b. Track and Field Chairperson
 - c. Baseball Chairperson
 - d. Boys Lacrosse Change of Calendar Weeks #48 to #49
 - e. Field Hockey Exceptional Senior Game
 - f. Softball – Protective Hard Shell Helmets
 - g. Baseball – 2 Day NYSPHSAA State Championship
 10. Rule 25 Representation
 11. Wrestling – Section IX Duals
 12. Fall Chair Reports:
 - a. Cross Country Jim Glover and Joe Cahill
 - b. Football Dave Coates and Glen Maisch
 - c. Boys Soccer Pete Ferguson and Tony Martelli
 - d. Girls Soccer Diane Wanser
 - e. Girls Swimming Pat Ryan
 - f. Field Hockey Debra Beam
 - g. Girls Tennis Selina DeCicco
 - h. Volleyball Antonia Woody
 13. Chair Reports:
 - a. Girls & Boys Modified Sports Jeremy Weber & Michelle Henn
 - b. Safety Janet Carey
 - c. Chemical Health Marco Lanzoni
 - d. Eligibility Fred Ahart
 - f. Sportsmanship Glen Maisch
 14. New Business
 15. Old Business
 16. Adjournment
- Next Meeting Date:
Tuesday, November 24, 2015 at Coleman Catholic High School Auditorium at 9:30 a.m.

SECTION
IX
ATHLETICS

APPLICATION PACKET FOR COMBINING OF TEAMS

Section IX Athletics
P.O. Box 656
Goshen, NY 10924
Gregory Ransom, Executive Director

General Merger Information

SECTION IX ATHLETICS

Section IX, a member organization of the New York State Public High School Athletic Association (hereafter referred to as NYSPHSAA) has adopted the following procedures for combining of teams within member school districts.

Student bodies of NYSPHSAA member public school districts within Section IX, may be combined for interscholastic athletic competition and field a common participating team with the consent of the Section IX Athletic Council.

1. Mergers will be evaluated on a yearly basis. Application for combining of schools must be made annually. NYSPHSAA classification procedures will apply for all contests.
 2. Where applicable, the combined teams may play in a higher classification as dictated by the NYSPHSAA classification policy.
 3. When the application to field a common participating group is made, one of the schools shall be designated to administer the program.
 4. The petitioning schools shall not institute, or be party to, legal proceedings against Section IX, OCIAA, MHAL, or NYSPHSAA in matters associated with combining of team applications.
- **IT IS WITHIN THE RIGHTS OF THE SECTION IX ATHLETIC COUNCIL, AND THE LEAGUES WITHIN, TO EXERCISE ITS JUDGMENT TO ASSURE THAT SCHOOL DISTRICTS APPLYING FOR A COMBINATION OF TEAMS DO NOT USE THIS RULE TO GAIN AN ATHLETIC ADVANTAGE OVER OTHER MEMBER SCHOOL DISTRICTS.**

Documents should be sent to:

**Section IX Athletics
Combining of Schools Committee
PO Box 656
Goshen, NY 10924**

Fax: 845-291-7306

Statement of Purpose for Combining of Schools:

*This document is to be completed by the Host School and signed by all Athletic Director's that are a party to the request.

The Statement of Purpose is a letter that is to be written by the host school and addressed to the Combining of Schools Committee. Within this document, the host school shall provide details of the requested merger such as:

The sport, level(s), host school, combining school(s), reason for combining, number of athletes from combining schools, experience of athletes from combining schools, future plan and/or steps being taken for combined schools to develop individual programs, and any other helpful information.

APPLICATION PROCESS

1. The Application, which includes the Statement of Purpose and the Combining of Teams Request Form, including the signature page, must be completed and sent to the Section IX Combining of Schools Committee within the confines of the timelines listed below*:

Fall Sports: January 15th (Football Mergers must be received by January 1st)

Winter Sports: March 15th

Spring Sports: May 15th

**Extensions beyond the above dates may be considered by the Executive Director on a case by case basis. Requests for extensions and the circumstances must be provided in writing. However, this does not guarantee approval.*

2. The Combining of Schools Committee will review all documents with Section IX Sport chairperson.
3. The Combining of Schools Committee will send its recommendation to the leagues for a vote.
4. Leagues will bring their recommendations back to the Section IX Athletic Council for a vote pending school board approval.
5. If approved by the Council, combining schools bring request back to their board of education for approval.
6. If approved at Board of Education level, Resolutions from all involved combining schools must be sent to the combining of schools committee before request is considered ratified.
7. Once the Section IX Athletic Council has approved the combining of teams, the Executive Director, or designee, will submit the combining of teams to NYSPHAA for approval.

Combining of Teams Form

School year _____ Sport _____

Host school district _____

Contact Person _____ Phone _____

Host enrollment number (9-10-11 plus ungraded) _____ Current classification _____ *

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Combining school district(s) _____

Combining school enrollment (9-10-11 plus ungraded) _____ Current classification _____ *

_____ First request _____ Subsequent request (previously approved)

Program administered by _____

Practices to be held at _____

Home contests to be played at _____

Reason for combining of teams – Please check the appropriate reason(s):

_____ Insufficient number of participants

_____ Inadequate facilities

_____ Other (please explain)

*** Five sport classification numbers 2015-16**

AA – 910 and up A – 480-909 B – 280-479 C – 170-279 D – 169 and below

Class AA – 50% Class A – 40% Class B/C - 30% Class D - 20%.

Combining of Schools Signature Page

The following signatures are required to validate this request. The request cannot be approved without any of the following:

Requesting (Host) School District

Superintendent of Schools: _____

Board of Education President: _____

High School Principal: _____

Athletic Director: _____

Combining School District

Superintendent of Schools: _____

Board of Education President: _____

High School Principal: _____

Athletic Director: _____

Combining School District

Superintendent of Schools: _____

Board of Education President: _____

High School Principal: _____

Athletic Director: _____

Combining School District

Superintendent of Schools: _____

Board of Education President: _____

High School Principal: _____

Athletic Director: _____

Combining of Teams - Chairperson Comments

(Chairperson sends completed form to Combining of Schools Committee)

Host School: _____

Combining School(s): _____

School Year: _____

Sport: _____

Level(s): _____

Notes: _____

Sport Chairperson Signature: _____

Combining of Teams Request

(This form goes to leagues for approval)

✓ Application completed by all schools

✓ Chairperson has reviewed request

Host School: _____

Combining School(s): _____

School Year: _____

Sport: _____

Level(s): _____

Combining of Schools Committee Recommendation:

League Approval: YES / NO

If "NO", reason for
rejection: _____

League President Signature: _____

***For Section Use only – DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE.**

MHAL League Action:

_____ Approved

_____ Defeated

League President: _____ Print Name: Antonia Woody Date: _____

Please attach a statement to support the league action.

OCIAA League Action:

_____ Approved

_____ Defeated

League President: _____ Print Name: Michael Bellarosa Date: _____

Please attach a statement to support the league action.

Section Action:

_____ Approved

_____ Defeated

Executive Director: _____ Print Name: Gregory Ransom Date: _____

Please attach a statement to support the section action.

Section IX Athletic Council meeting – September 17, 2015

Boy's Lacrosse – Length of Season

- NYSPHSAA has determined that Boy's Lacrosse will be a 13 week season with the state finals being held in week 48 of the new calendar system.
- Historically over the years the lacrosse season has averaged 13.9 weeks.
- We all know how challenging the spring season can be: weather, field conditions, holidays, trips, proms, testing, etc...
- All of the above can and HAS caused teams to play multiple games in the same week, back to back games, 3 games in 4 days, etc...
- Obviously this is not optimal for the health and safety of the athletes - nor for good competition.
- This issue was discussed in detail during a conference call in late August with my fellow NYS section coordinators.
- At this time we are requesting that Boy's Lacrosse be recognized as a 14 week season and that the championship game moved to week 49 of the calendar. Specifically - that this be done for this school year.
- This would mean that the Championship games be moved from June 4 to June 11 this school year. We in Section IX are hosting the finals once again this year and I have confirmed with Dave Coates that Faller Field is available to accommodate the change in date.
- I realize that schedules have been approved for the spring - but I believe that there is more than enough time to adjust the dates as this would give us more time to fit in the games scheduled.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me directly - my cell number is 845-532-6054.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Slate
Section IX Boy's Lacrosse Chairman



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.

Sport or Activity Field Hockey

1. Name of Contest Senior All-Star Game Date Nov. 10, 2015 6pm
2. Site of Contest Dietz Stadium, Kingston NY
3. Co-sponsoring school, league or section _____
(for events sponsored with any outside organization, college or university)
4. School personnel responsible for contest supervision: Name Deborah Beam
Address 180 Willow Glen Rd, Red Hook Zip 12571 Phone 845-758-9502
5. School personnel responsible for screening and selection of contestants: Not Necessary; all senior
(12th grade) Field Hockey players will be able to play in game if not attending state championships.
6. School personnel responsible for screening and selection of coaches: Deborah Beam-Will ask for
volunteers /rotate each year
7. Net profit to be donated to the following charitable or educational programs: _____
8. Contestants will be insured by: Students own school Own School
Other(list) _____
Liability insurance supplied by sponsor: _____ Section _____ Other (List)* _____
***Attach certificate of insurance**
9. Uniforms are to be supplied by: We will have pinnies available/athletes can wear reversible pinnie
10. Officials' organization to assign contest officials: Section 9 Officials have donated their service.
11. 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
 2. Complete financial report
 3. Injury 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:
Nina Van Erk, 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

To: Championship Advisory Committee
From: Ed Dopp & Al Roy State Baseball Coordinators NYSPHSAA Baseball Committee
Re: NYSPHSAA Baseball Committee Two Day State Championship Proposal
Date: September 3, 2015

While the baseball committee has been discussing the two day format for the past five years, at the committee meeting prior to the 2015 Championship Tournament in June the baseball committee unanimously supported the proposal going forward. Since that time each sectional coordinator was asked to communicate and share the information with their executive directors and athletic councils.

It is this committee's position that a two day format would be highly beneficial to the quality of play in championship games, offer greater safety to our student athletes, allow for weather flexibility and potentially provide greater publicity and revenue opportunities as compared to the current one day format. This is the basis for this proposal, to be approved as a two year experiment for the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 school years. The proposed two day format follows the current formats implemented by nineteen (19) of the twenty four (24) team sports' state tournaments and would also mirror the current two day regional round.

Although baseball rules permit schools to play double headers, few schools have indicated that they do in fact play double headers during the regular season. The two day format would not put teams in a position to play the two most important games of the season in an unusual format.

It is the baseball committee's recommendation to utilize option A as this provides the greatest flexibility in case of inclement weather. We have met with the officials' organization and have plans in place to service the two day tournament with no increase in cost. Presently on average eighteen of the twenty schools participating arrive in Binghamton on Friday night incurring the cost of lodging and meals. Under the proposed two day format only ten of the twenty schools will incur the expense of a night's lodging and meals.

It is interesting to note the high percentage of schools which play their 10:00 AM semi final contest that go on to win the state championship. (Supporting documentation attached)

The tentative budget for a two day tournament will be comparable to the expenses for the current one day format of prior years. The costs for years 2014, 2015 and the proposed budget:

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2 day tournament</u>
Trainers	\$900	\$1900	\$1940
Grounds crews	\$1800	\$1680	\$1300
Facility coordinator	\$1378	\$1040	\$945
Site chairmen	\$750	\$875	\$815
P/A announcer/scoreboard	\$690	\$1110	\$1200
Security	\$1464	\$910	\$1090
<u>Ticket seller/takers</u>	<u>\$2615</u>	<u>\$2160</u>	<u>\$2390</u>
Totals	\$9597	\$9675	\$9680

The rationales as to why this proposal improves the championship tournament are:

Health & Safety:

- The weather in the Binghamton area at the time the Championship tournament is held is usually hot and humid. Over the years many student athletes have experienced fatigue and dehydration. We unfortunately do not have documentation to verify the many situations; we do provide the following two examples
- In 2005 The Edmeston High School team had its semi final game go into extra innings. After the championship game several of the student athletes were sick and treated for dehydration
- In 2015 the Saratoga Springs High School team played the 1:00 PM contest which went into extra innings. After a brief rest they played the championship game at approximately 4:00 PM. On the way home to Saratoga Springs a student athlete was sent to the hospital for severe dehydration. This would likely not have happened with a two day tournament. While this year's weather was good for playing baseball it was not as hot and humid as we've experienced in years past

Quality of Play:

- From a baseball standpoint a two day tournament will improve the quality of play in the championship round. Rested players will produce a higher quality of baseball currently being seen in the semi-final round
- The two day format would be consistent and in better alignment with the regional schedule
- Nineteen of twenty-four team sports play one contest per day in NYSPHSAA championship tournaments – both boys and girls

Quality of Play & Safety:

- Currently statewide very few teams play doubleheaders during the regular season, this would be alleviated with a move to the two day alignment
- A two day tournament would provide better options in the event of inclement weather. The tournament, if need be could revert to the current one day format in the event of inclement weather

Quality of play & Equity:

- A two day tournament would put teams on even footing for the championship round. In this way BOTH teams would be equally rested and hydrated rather than the possibility of one team being rested and hydrated while the other has a short turn around time
- Utilizing a Friday/Saturday format, with Sunday being a rain date, really only requires student athletes to miss one day of classes
- The championship day format would provide for increased opportunities for broadcasting coverage, souvenir sales, increased gates all of which could increase revenue

PROPOSED SCHEDULES FOR TWO DAY BASEBALL TOURNAMENT

OPTION A

FRIDAY SEMIS:

THREE SITES WITH LIGHTS GAME TIMES 4:00 & 7:00 PM

TWO SITES WITHOUT LIGHTS GAME TIMES 2:00 & 5:00 pm

IF ONE OF THE SITES WITH LIGHTS IS UNAVAILABLE WE WOULD UTILIZE TWO
ADDITIONAL SITES WITH SINGLE GAMES AT 4:00 PM

SATURDAY FINALS:

ONE SITE GAME TIMES 11:00 AM; 2:00 & 5:00 PM

ONE SITE GAME TIMES 11:00 AM & 2:00 PM

COACHES MEETINGS COULD BE HELD ON THURSDAY VIA CONFERENCE CALL OR AT
THE GAME SITE ONE HOUR PRIOR TO THE CONTEST

PICNIC CAN BE HELD FRIDAY FROM 4:00 TO 7:00 PM. TEAMS PLAYING THE SECOND
GAME CAN EAT PRIOR TO THEIR GAME. TEAMS PLAYING THE FIRST GAME CAN EAT
AFTER THEIR GAME WITH THE LOSING SCHOOL RETURNING HOME AND THE TEAMS
THAT WON CAN EAT AND GO TO THEIR HOTEL.

UMPIRES CAN MEET AT NOON FRIDAY TO HAVE THEIR EQUIPMENT AND UNIFORMS
INSPECTED, REVIEW THREE MAN ROTATIONS AND RECEIVE THEIR GAME
ASSIGNMENTS. THE COST FOR UMPIRE LODGING WILL REMAIN THE SAME OR
POSSIBLY DECREASE AS AN UMPIRE THAT COMPLETES HIS TWO ASSIGNMENTS MAY
CHOOSE TO RETURN HOME AND NOT STAY OVERNIGHT.

IN CASE OF WEATHER THE SCHEDULE WILL BE ADJUSTED FOR SATURDAY AND SUNDAY
WITH SUNDAY AS THE SCHEDULED RAIN DATE.

PROPOSED SCHEDULES FOR TWO DAY BASEBALL TOURNAMENT

OPTION B

SATURDAY SEMIS:

USE FIVE SITES GAME TIMES 2:00 & 5:00 PM

SUNDAY FINALS:

ONE SITE GAME TIMES 11:00 AM; 2:00 & 5:00 PM

ONE SITE GAME TIMES 11:00 AM & 2:00 PM

COACHES MEETINGS COULD BE HELD ON FRIDAY VIA CONFERENCE CALL OR AT THE GAME SITE ONE HOUR PRIOR TO THE CONTEST

PICNIC CAN BE HELD SATURDAY FROM 5:00 TO 8:00 PM. TEAMS PLAYING THE SECOND GAME CAN EAT PRIOR TO THEIR GAME. TEAMS PLAYING THE FIRST GAME CAN EAT AFTER THEIR GAME WITH THE LOSING SCHOOL RETURNING HOME AND THE TEAMS THAT WON CAN EAT AND GO TO THEIR HOTEL.

UMPIRES CAN MEET AT NOON SATURDAY TO HAVE THEIR EQUIPMENT AND UNIFORMS INSPECTED, REVIEW THREE MAN ROTATIONS AND RECEIVE THEIR GAME ASSIGNMENTS. THE COST FOR UMPIRE LODGING WILL REMAIN THE SAME OR POSSIBLY DECREASE AS AN UMPIRE THAT COMPLETES HIS TWO ASSIGNMENTS MAY CHOOSE TO RETURN HOME AND NOT STAY OVERNIGHT.

IN CASE OF WEATHER THE SCHEDULE WILL BE ADJUSTED TO COMPLETE THE TOURNAMENT ON SUNDAY.

2015-16 SECTION 9 DUALS

12 TEAM BRACKET

ROUND OF 16		QUARTERFINALS		SEMI's		FINALS	
TWO SITES / 2 MATS / TUESDAY 12/15/15				ONE SITE / 2 MATS / WEDNESDAY 12/16/15			
DAY # 1 at GOSHEN				DAY # 2 at NEWBURGH FREE ACADEMY			
1-MONROE WOODBURY							
BYE		1-MONROE WOODBURY		<div>DRAFT</div>			
		BYE					
WASHINGTONVILLE		6:30 p.m. / MAT #1					
5:00 p.m. / MAT #1							
GOSHEN							
SAUGERTIES							
5:00 p.m. / MAT #2							
PINE BUSH							
		6:30 p.m. / MAT #2					
BYE							
4-WARWICK VALLEY		4-WARWICK VALLEY					
		BYE					
DAY # 1 at WALLKILL							
3-WALLKILL		3-WALLKILL		SECTION 9 D1-DUAL MEET CHAMPIONS 2015-2016			
BYE		BYE					
MONTICELLO		6:30 p.m. / MAT #1					
5:00 p.m. / MAT #1							
VALLEY CENTRAL							
MIDDLETOWN							
5:00 p.m. / MAT #2							
CORNWALL							
		6:30 p.m. / MAT #2					
BYE							
2-MINISINK VALLEY		2-MINISINK VALLEY					
		BYE					
				1-RED HOOK			
				7:00 p.m. / MAT #2			
				2-NEW PALTZ			
				SECTION 9 D2-DUAL MEET CHAMPIONS 2015-2016			

ASSESSMENT DATES AND ASSIGNMENTS: (based on 787 wrestlers from 2014-15)**NORTHERN SITE:****NEW PALTZ**

DATE	SCHOOLS ASSIGNED:	EST# WRESTLERS	START TIME	ASSIGNED ASSESSOR	PHONE
MON 11/16/15	NEW PALTZ	24	3:00 pm	JOHN GOFF	800-1336
	RONDOUT VALLEY	23	3:30 pm	BOB COUDREY	518-2795
	HIGHLAND/MARLBORO	44	4:00 pm	SUSAN ABEL	987-3050 x12162
	SAUGERTIES	39	5:00 pm	CRAIG OLENICZAK	988-3030
	ONTEORA	20	5:45 pm	SHARON DELMONICO	590-2669
	RED HOOK	25	6:15 pm		
	ESTIMATED TOTAL:	175	7:30 pm		

WESTERN SITE:**PORT JERVIS**

DATE	SCHOOLS ASSIGNED:	EST# WRESTLERS	START TIME	ASSIGNED ASSESSOR	PHONE
TUES 11/17/15	PORT JERVIS	17	3:00 pm	JOHN GOFF	800-1336
	ELDRED / SULLIVAN WEST	13	3:30 pm	BOB COUDREY	518-2795
	LIBERTY	7	3:45 pm	SUSAN ABEL	987-3050 x12162
	WARWICK VALLEY	31	4:00 pm	CRAIG OLENICZAK	988-3030
	TRI-VALLEY-FALLSBURG	10	4:45 pm	SHARON DELMONICO	590-2669
	MONTICELLO	23	5:00 pm		
	CHESTER	13	5:30 pm		
	MINISINK VALLEY	52	6:00 pm		
	ESTIMATED TOTAL:	166	7:30 pm		

TEAMS BRINGING WRESTLERS FOR MAKE-UP's
SHOULD CALL PRIOR TO ARRIVAL**EASTERN SITE:****NEWBURGH**

DATE	SCHOOLS ASSIGNED:	EST# WRESTLERS	START TIME	ASSIGNED ASSESSOR	PHONE
WED 11/18/15	NEWBURGH	42	3:00 pm	JOHN GOFF	800-1336
	MONROE WOODBURY	76	4:00 pm	BOB COUDREY	518-2795
	TUXEDO	20	5:15 pm	SUSAN ABEL	987-3050 x12162
	VALLEY CENTRAL	44	5:30 pm	CRAIG OLENICZAK	988-3030
	WASHINGTONVILLE	34	6:15 pm	SHARON DELMONICO	590-2669
	ESTIMATED TOTAL:	216	7:30 pm		

TEAMS BRINGING WRESTLERS FOR MAKE-UP's
SHOULD CALL PRIOR TO ARRIVAL**MAKE-UP SITE:****NEWBURGH**

DATE	SCHOOLS ASSIGNED:	EST# WRESTLERS	START TIME	ASSIGNED ASSESSOR	PHONE
THURS 11/19/15	CORNWALL	32	3:00 pm	JOHN GOFF	800-1336
	WALKKILL	30	4:00 pm	BOB COUDREY	518-2795
	KINGSTON	30	4:30 pm	CRAIG OLENICZAK	988-3030
	MAKE UP's	20	5:15 pm		
	ESTIMATED TOTAL:	112	5:45 pm		

TEAMS BRINGING WRESTLERS FOR MAKE-UP's
SHOULD CALL PRIOR TO ARRIVAL**CENTRAL SITE:****PINE BUSH**

DATE	SCHOOLS ASSIGNED:	EST# WRESTLERS	START TIME	ASSIGNED ASSESSOR	PHONE
FRI 11/20/15	PINE BUSH	43	3:00 pm	JOHN GOFF	800-1336
	BURKE	5	4:00 pm	BOB COUDREY	518-2795
	GOSHEN	26	4:15 pm	SUSAN ABEL	987-3050 x12162
	MIDDLETOWN	50	4:45 pm	CRAIG OLENICZAK	988-3030
	ELLENVILLE	14	5:15 pm		
	ESTIMATED TOTAL:	138	6:00 pm		

TEAMS BRINGING WRESTLERS FOR MAKE-UP's
SHOULD CALL PRIOR TO ARRIVAL**MAKE-UP SITE:****PINE BUSH**

DATE	SCHOOLS ASSIGNED:	EST# WRESTLERS	START TIME	ASSIGNED ASSESSOR	PHONE
SAT 11/21/15	MAKE-UP's	20	9:00 am	JOHN GOFF	800-1336
	ESTIMATED TOTAL:	20	10:30 am	BOB COUDREY	518-2795

MAKE-UP SITE:**PINE BUSH**

DATE	SCHOOLS ASSIGNED:	EST# WRESTLERS	START TIME	ASSIGNED ASSESSOR	PHONE
MON 11/23/15	MAKE-UP's	15	3:00 pm	JOHN GOFF	800-1336
	ESTIMATED TOTAL:	15	4:30 pm		

ESTIMATED GRAND TOTAL: 842**JEFF CUILTY****591-1498**

October 2015

Re: Fall 2015 Meeting Report - NYSPHSAA Committee for Modified Athletics

The fall meeting of the NYSPHSAA Committee for Modified Athletics took place on October 2, 2015 in Latham, New York. A synopsis of the meeting is as follows:

I. Items that will go to the State Executive Committee in October 2015:

A. Modified Wrestling Proposal

Motion:

"Modified Wrestling Game Condition #6.c) shall be edited to read:

'With section/league approval, a sudden victory overtime period shall be permitted in modified wrestling. . The method of overtime must be determined at the onset of the event. Wrestlers may start in the standing position or in the 'Referees' Criteria' based on the NFHS wrestling rulebook for sudden victory. The overtime period shall not exceed 30 seconds.'

The motion passed 16-0-2. This item will be moved as an Action Item for implementation this winter season.

B. Modified Wrestling Alternative Uniform

Motion:

"With section/league approval, modified wrestlers have the option of wearing an alternative to the traditional singlet. Options may include a form-fitting compression shirt and compression shorts, or a form-fitting compression shirt under the school uniform singlet."

The motion passed 18-0. The item will be moved as an Action Item for implemented in the winter season.

II. Items that will go to the State Safety Committee in October

Modified Wrestling Proposal

Motion:

"Modified Wrestling Game Conditions #1.b) and 6.b shall be edited to read:

1.b) 2 Point Meets are any competitions where a wrestler or wrestlers compete in 3 or 4 bouts. and

6.b) If a contestant competes in two, three or four bouts per contest, the time periods will be either: (1) Three 1 minute periods, or (2) 1st Period: 1 minute; 2nd and 3rd Periods: 1 ½ minutes."

The motion passed 16-0-2. If it is passed by the Safety Committee, it will be moved to the Executive Committee as an Action Item for implementation this winter season.

III Items which will occur before the Spring 2016 Modified Committee meeting:

A. Completion of sectional Fall 2015 football pilot program post-season injury surveys by sections participating in pilot program; preparation of final Fall 2015 football pilot program

results by modified football coordinator Steve Nolan; recommendation for adoption of rule changes

- B. Sub-committee will meet to develop recommendations from the modified sections and modified sport coordinators to the Modified Committee and Safety Committee regarding reduction of number of practice days required before modified level scrimmages/games
- C. Georgia McCarthy from Section 11, in collaboration with boys' and girls' modified basketball sport coordinators Steve Hummel and Jim Miller, will design a Survey Monkey document to collect state-wide Middle School and high school coaches' opinions of the use of the 3-point shot in modified boys' and girls' basketball

IV. Discussion Item for Next Meeting
Reduction in Required Practice Days

V. Action Item for Next Meeting of NYSPHSAA Modified Committee

Proposed Changes in Modified Starting Weeks

Motion:

"The modified sections may be more restrictive and have the option of establishing their modified sport season starting weeks after the NYSPHSAA starting weeks:

The starting week for the modified fall season will be Week 8 .

The starting week for the modified winter season will be Week 20.

The starting week for the modified spring season will be Week 37."

The motion passed 18-0.

Proposed Change in Fall Season Starting Week for Section 7

Motion:

"Section 7 requests a change in their fall season starting week from Week 8 to Week 7."

The motion passed 18-0.

Proposed Field Hockey Rule Change

Can modified field hockey players play an aerial ball? This will be voted on in the spring for next year.

VI. Information Items

1. Post-Season Football Injury Survey Report. Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 9 are participating in the second year of the modified football pilot program during the Fall 2015 season. The cumulative data collected after the first year of the pilot program displayed no increase in the total number of injuries, and consistent numbers in concussions, strains and sprains, fractures, abrasions and contusions, as compared to previous years when the pilot program was not in effect. There were no catastrophic injuries or deaths. When reviewing feedback related to the changes to the rules in modified football, the overall reaction was positive from coaches at both the modified level and the varsity level. All of the coaches and directors who provided feedback felt that the rule changes made a significant positive impact in terms of modified athletes learning the game and being prepared for the next level. In relation to football development, especially at schools with limited numbers of participants, the rule changes were felt to limit injuries due to the increased teaching of fundamentals by coaches. Another factor was the increased involvement of upper level coaches in helping to teach skills needed at upper levels. In

programs where athletes transition from modified to varsity, coaches felt that the athletes were better prepared for the next level of play as a result of the modified rule changes.

A final decision as to whether or not the football pilot program will be adopted will occur at the Modified Committee's Spring 2016 meeting, after the injury data of the second year of the pilot program is collected and analyzed. Modified football sport coordinator Steve Nolan will go through all of the data, prepare a final report.

2. Use of 3-Point Shot in Modified Boys' and Girls' Basketball. The NYS sections are split on this issue, and discussion continues. Last spring's anticipated survey of the opinions of state modified and high school coaches did not happen, so the issue was tabled at this meeting.

3. Proposal to Reduce Required Number of Practice Days. A sub-committee was established to develop recommendations to the State Safety Committee and Modified Committee regarding possible reductions in the number of practice days required before modified level games. Our existing standards may be outdated. Does our section have recommendations regarding this issue? The recommendations from our section are due by December 15, 2015.

4. The State Modified committee is requesting that each section have someone designated as the modified football wrestling representative.

5. Does Section 9 have modified cheerleader do stunts and tumbling? If so, they must be following the rules from the State in terms of competitive cheerleading.

NYSPHSAA Modified Committee Spring Meeting: Friday, April 1, 2016 - 9:30 AM



Section IX Athletics

Robert Thabet, Executive Director

Section IX Athletics Conflict of Interest Policy

The purpose of this conflict of interest policy (the "Conflicts Policy") is to ensure that the Section IX Athletics covered personnel act in the Section IX best interest and comply with the applicable regulations set forth under New York State Not for Profit Law and the Section IX Constitution and By-Laws.

Article 1 – Definitions

1. Covered Personnel

The Section IX Athletic Council members, officers and persons in positions to exercise substantial influence over the affairs of Section IX shall be "covered persons" under the Conflicts Policy.

2. Interested Person

Any covered person who has a direct or indirect financial interest (as defined below) or a potential conflict of interest (as defined below).

3. Conflict of Interest

A conflict of interest may exist whenever an individual owes a duty to more than one person or organization, or when an individual's interests or concerns are potentially inconsistent with, or divergent from, the interests of Section IX Athletics.

4. Family

Family of a person included his or her spouse or domestic partner, ancestors, brothers and sisters, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

5. Financial Interest

A person has a financial interest if the person has, directly or indirectly, through business, investment or family:

- a. An ownership or beneficial interest in any corporation of 35% or more than 5% in a partnership or professional corporation with which Section IX has or may have a transaction or arrangement,
- b. A compensation arrangement with Section IX or with any entity or individual with which Section IX transaction or arrangement, or
- c. A potential ownership or investment in, or compensation arrangement with, any entity or individual which Section IX is negotiating a transaction or arrangement.

Compensation includes direct and indirect remuneration as well as gifts or favors that are not insubstantial.

A financial interest is not necessarily a conflict of interest. Under Article III, Section 2 a person who has a financial interest may have a conflict of interest only if the Section IX Athletic Council decides that a conflict of interest exists.

6. Related Party Transaction

A related party transaction includes any transaction, agreement or any other arrangement in which an interested person has a financial interest and in which Section IX is a participant. A transaction, agreement or other arrangement may be a related party transaction even if the Section IX Athletic Council determines that a conflict of interest does not exist.

Article II Procedures

1. Duty to Disclose

In connection with any actual or possible conflict of interest or any potential related party transaction, an interested person must disclose the existence of any financial interest and be given the opportunity to disclose all material facts to the Section IX Athletic Council considering the proposed transaction or arrangement.

2. Determining whether a Conflict of Interest or Related Party Transaction exists.

After disclosure of the financial interest and all material facts, and after any discussion with the interested person, he/she shall leave the Athletic Council Meeting while the determination of a conflict of interest is discussed and voted upon. The remaining Section IX Athletic Council members shall decide if a conflict of interest exists.

3. Procedures for Addressing the Conflict of Interest or Related Party Transaction.

- a. At the request of the Section IX Athletic Council, an interested person may make a presentation at the Section IX Meeting, but after the presentation shall leave the meeting during the discussion, and vote upon, the transaction or arrangement involving the possible conflict of interest.
- b. An interested person is prohibited from attempting to improperly influence and Athletic Council deliberation or voting related to the transaction or arrangement involving a possible conflict of interest or related party transaction.
- c. The President of Section IX shall, if appropriate, appoint a disinterested person or committee to investigate alternatives to the proposed transaction or arrangement. In the event the proposed transaction involves a related party transaction in which the interested person has a substantial financial interest, then a disinterested person or committee must be appointed to investigate alternative transactions to the extent they are available.
- d. After exercising due diligence, the Section IX Athletic Council shall determine whether Section IX can obtain with reasonable efforts a more advantageous transaction or arrangement from a person or entity that would not give rise to a conflict of interest or related party transaction.

- e. If a more advantageous transaction or arrangement is not reasonably possible under the circumstances not producing a conflict of interest or that do not constitute a related party transaction, the Athletic Council shall determine by a majority vote of the disinterested committee members whether the transaction or arrangement is in Section IX best interest, for its own benefit and whether it is fair and reasonable. In conformity with the above determination it shall make its decision as to whether to enter into the transaction or arrangement.
 - f. If the transaction involving a possible conflict of interest constitutes a related party transaction; then the disinterested committee members shall only approve the transaction or arrangement if it is fair, reasonable and in the Section IX best interests, and shall record in the minutes of the meeting at which such transaction is approved the basis for the Athletic Council approval, that a majority of the committee members present at the meeting approved the transaction and that alternative transactions were considered.
4. Violations of the Conflict of Interest Policy
- a. If the Athletic Council has reasonable cause to believe an interested person has failed to disclose actual or possible conflicts of interest, it shall inform him/her of the basis for the belief and afford him/her the opportunity to explain the alleged failure to disclose.
 - b. If, after hearing the interested person's response and after making further investigation as warranted by the circumstances, the Athletic Council determines the person failed to disclose an actual or perceived conflict of interest, it shall take appropriate disciplinary and corrective action.

ARTICLE IV RECORDS OF THE PROCEEDINGS

The minutes of the Athletic Council shall contain:

- a. The names of the persons who disclosed or otherwise were found to have a financial interest or other personal interest in connection with an actual or possible conflict of interest, the nature of the financial interest or personal interest, any action taken to determine whether a conflict of interest was present, and the Athletic Council decision as to whether a conflict of interest existed.
- b. No voting member of the Athletic Council, whose jurisdiction includes compensation, directly or indirectly, from Section IX either individually or collectively, is prohibited from providing information to any committee regarding compensation.

ARTICLE V COMPENSATION

- a. A voting member of the Section IX Athletic Council who receives compensation, directly or indirectly, from Section IX for services is precluded from voting on matters pertaining to that member's compensation.
- b. No voting member of the Athletic Council, whose jurisdiction includes compensation, directly or indirectly, from Section IX either individually or collectively, is prohibited from providing information to any committee regarding compensation.

ARTICLE VI ANNUAL STATEMENTS

Prior to a person's initial appointment and annually thereafter, each Athletic Council member, officer, employee, agent shall sign a statement (1) whereby the individual identifies, to the best of the person's knowledge, any entity of which such person is an officer, director, trustee, member, owner or employee and with which the Section IX has relationship, and any transaction in which Section IX is a participant and in which the person might have a conflicting interest and (2) which affirms such person:

- a. Has received a copy of the Conflict of Interest Policy
- b. Has read and understood the Conflict of Interest Policy
- c. Has agreed to the Conflict of Interest Policy, and
- d. Understands that Section IX is a charitable entity, and, in order to maintain its federal tax exemption, it must engage primarily in activities, which accomplish one or more of its tax-exempt purposes.

ARTICLE VII PERIODIC REVIEWS

To ensure that Section IX Athletics operates in a manner consistent with its charitable purposes and does not engage in activities that could jeopardize its tax-exempt status, periodic reviews shall be conducted. The periodic reviews shall, at a minimum, include the following subjects:

- a. Whether the compensation arrangements and benefits are reasonable, based on competent survey information and the result of arm's length bargaining.
- b. Whether partnerships, joint ventures, and arrangements with management organizations conform to Section IX written policies, are properly recorded, reflect reasonable investment or payments for goods and services, further charitable purposes and do not result in inurement, impermissible private benefit or in an excess benefit transaction.

ARTICLE VIII USE OF OUTSIDE EXPERTS

When conducting the periodic reviews as provided for in Article VII, Section IX may, but need not, use outside advisors. If outside advisors are used, their use shall not relieve the Athletic Council of its responsibility for ensuring periodic reviews are conducted.

Date: _____