



# Section IX Athletics

Gregory Ransom, Executive Director

## Section IX Athletic Council Meeting

Tuesday, March 15, 2016

John A. Coleman Catholic High School at 9:30 am

1. Call to Order: Greg Ransom
2. Pledge of Allegiance: Greg Ransom
3. Review of Meeting Materials – Jim Osborne
4. Approval of January 5, 2016 Minutes
5. Financial Report: Jim Osborne
6. Section IX NYSPHSAA Representatives – Roberta Greene and Jim Wolfe
7. NYSPHSAA Office Report
8. Combining of Teams – Greg Ransom
9. NYSAAA – Mike Kroemer
10. Council of Administrators and APHERD – Antonia Woody
11. Section IX Legal Representation – Greg Ransom
12. Winter Chair Reports:
  - a. Basketball – Boys Fred Ahart
  - b. Basketball – Girls Steve Boucher
  - c. Ice Hockey Frank Allessandrino
  - d. Alpine Skiing Janet Carey
  - e. Nordic Skiing Nick Mancuso
  - f. Boys Swimming Scott Warner
  - g. Winter Track Mike White
  - h. Wrestling Jeff Culty
  - i. Bowling Theresa Eckert and Erena O'Brien
  - j. Gymnastics Lee Ann Pazoga
  - k. Cheerleading Cherie Ramsey
13. Spring Chair Reports:
  - a. Baseball Jeremy Weber & James Ryan
  - b. Boys Golf Tom Howe
  - c. Girls Golf Bill Earl
  - d. Boys Lacrosse Bob Slate
  - e. Girls Lacrosse Wendy Crandall
  - f. Boys Tennis Urvashi Gupta
  - g. Track & Field Matt Hemmer and Brian Halling
  - h. Softball Tom Cassata and Steve Boucher
14. Chair Reports:
  - a. Girls & Boys Modified Sports Jeremy Weber & Michelle Henn
  - b. Safety Janet Carey
  - c. Chemical Health Marco Lanzoni
  - d. Eligibility Fred Ahart
  - e. Officials Coordinator Dennis Burkett
  - f. Sportsmanship Glen Maisch
15. New Business
16. Old Business
17. Adjournment of Section IX Meeting
18. Section IX Executive Session

Next Meeting Date:

Tuesday, April 19, 2016 at Orange-Ulster BOCES, Carl Onken Conference Center at 9:30 a.m.



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## Section IX Athletics 2016-2017 Proposed Budget

### EXPENDITURES:

#### SALARIES:

Section IX Executive Director	\$ 36,050.00
Section IX Officials Negotiator / MHAL Coordinator	\$ 50,428.00
Section IX Treasurer/Secretary	\$ 30,257.00
Section IX Eligibility Chairperson	\$ 5,253.00
Social Security/Comp/Unemployment	\$ 10,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 131,988.00</b>

Equipment	\$ 7,048.00
Supplies	\$ 7,000.00
Catering	\$ 3,000.00
Travel/Conference	\$ 7,000.00
Membership	\$ 2,000.00
Audit	\$ 6,000.00
Awards	\$ 15,000.00
Paychex Services	\$ 2,000.00
Legal Fees	\$ 6,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 55,048.00</b>

Boy's Sport Programs	\$ 116,000.00
Girl's Sport Programs	\$ 93,500.00

<b>Expenditure Total</b>	<b>\$ 396,536.00</b>
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SPORT	BOYS	GIRLS
Baseball	\$ 7,000.00	
Basketball	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 16,000.00
Cheerleading		\$2,500.00
Cross Country	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
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	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 13,000.00
Winter Track	\$ 10,500.00	\$ 10,500.00
Wrestling	\$ 14,000.00	
Volleyball		\$ 8,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 116,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 93,500.00</b>

### INCOME:

Section IX Dues \$225.(per varsity team) x 855 teams	\$ 192,375.00
Section IX Gate Revenue & Time Warner Contract & Sponsors	\$ 176,377.00
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
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 396,536.00</b>

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%

Section IX	2016-2017	
Dues Charge per varsity team	\$225.00	0.0%
Insurance Charge per District	\$454.00	0.0%
NYSAAA-NIAA Dues Charge per District	\$150.00	0.0%





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## **NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Meeting Meeting Highlights January 29, 2016**

1. Synopsis of Actions from October 22, 2015 Executive Committee Meeting
  - a. Approved in Softball all adult base coaches would be required to wear a hard shell protective helmet while on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> baselines during the game starting with the 2016 season.
2. NYSPHSAA Championship Philosophy, Guidelines and Process

The Committee voted unanimously to affirm the current philosophy. There was no support on the committee to consider adding an additional classification in the sport of football.

The Committee reviewed the entire philosophy document and made recommendations for minor changes and revisions.
3. Robert Zayas - Executive Director
  - a. Strategic Plan 2017-2022 to establish direction and priorities, focus energy and resources, simplify decision making. Each Section needs 1 representative to serve on the NYSPHSAA Strategic Planning Committee.
  - b. Soccer uniforms waiver has expired. Beginning with the 2016 NYSPHSAA Soccer season teams will be required to abide by NFHS Soccer Rule 4-Article 1—Section 1.a. “The home team shall wear solid white jerseys, solid white socks, and the visiting team shall wear dark jerseys and socks.”
  - c. Beginning with the 2016-17 school year NYSPHSAA and its 11 Sections will begin a five year agreement with Spalding as the official ball for the sports of Volleyball, Soccer, Football, Basketball, Baseball and Softball. Sections will be provided a specific number of Spalding balls needed for the Sectional Finals. The host school for other sectional events will be responsible for providing the adopted ball for play in the opening rounds of Sectional play.
4. Joe Altieri – Assistant Director
  - a. Boys Tennis Championship will be played at USTA National Tennis Center on the Indoor Courts this Spring.
  - b. Tickets are on sale for all Winter Championships.
  - c. Championship Dates and Sites: Updated copy through 2020 is attached.

5. Todd Nelson – Assistant Director

- a. Safety-Heat Index and Wind chill Procedure  
The Safety Committee is not looking to recommend a change to the current policy but they are looking to recommend a procedure that is reliable and accurate for our member schools to use therefore the NYSPHSAA office staff is currently meeting with Accuweather and Weather Bug to finalize the manner in which our member schools can reliably and accurately obtain the heat index and wind chill temperature for the area of their school or contest.
- b. Sportsmanship – Artificial Noisemakers – Back to the Leagues  
The Sportsmanship Committee will be getting feedback from the Sections regarding artificial noisemakers. The Committee may make a recommendation on artificial noisemakers and send that recommendation to the Executive Committee.
- c. Modified Committee – Spring Discussion Items – 4/1/16
  1. Football Pilot Program – Injury reports to Todd Nelson
  2. Minimum number of practices – Sections should have discussed.
  3. Survey of 3 Point Shot Boys and Girls Basketball
  4. Sport Committee Report
  5. Modified Start Dates for winter and spring

6. Kristin Jadin – Special Program Coordinator

- a. Scholar Athlete – Next Deadline is Monday, March 14, 2016
- b. Captains Club – The 1<sup>st</sup> Captains Club took place on Tuesday, Jan 12, 2016. The next Captains Club is Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. The link has been distributed to all Athletic Directors.
- c. Life of an Athlete Program will transition into the Student Athlete Development Committee.
- d. Student Athlete Advisory Committee  
Pending approval – 7 students highly interested in being part of the Committee.

7. Championship Advisory Committee – CAC

- a. Baseball – 2 day tournament format – The CAC provided a favorable recommendation.
- b. Girls/Boys Lacrosse – 4 Classes  
The sport meets the current championship philosophy. If approved at the January Executive Committee Meeting a recommendation on the cut off numbers will be on the May Agenda.
- c. Football – Classification cut off numbers for 2016-2017 to remain the same if approved by the Executive Committee.

8. Handbook Committee

- a. The Committee agreed that attendance should be mandatory for all member schools at the annual eligibility workshop.
- b. Single Soccer Official – See Action Item
- c. Discussion on whether ineligible students should be able to practice but not compete in a game/contest. The Committee agreed that ineligible students should not practice.



Approved	<b>General Action Items</b> 1. (A) Consider approval of a fourth classification in the sport of boys & girls Lacrosse.	<i>Boys &amp; Girls Lacrosse Committees</i>
Approved	2. (A) Consider approval of a two-day format for the NYSPHSAA Baseball Championships to begin in 2017.	<i>Baseball Committee</i>
Approved	3. (A) Consider approval to establish a \$205 fee and structure for Cheer judges beginning with the 2016 NYSPHSAA Championships.	<i>Todd Nelson, NYSPHSAA Assistant Director</i>
No Vote	4. (A) Consider approval for the sport of Softball to abide by the ASA non-approved bat list beginning with the 2016 season.	<i>Softball Committee</i>
Approved	5. (A) Consider approval, upon the recommendation of the football committee, to keep the football classification numbers the same for the 2016 & 2017 football seasons.	<i>Football Committee</i>
Approved	6. (A) Consider approval of 2016-2017 School Enrollment Numbers.	<i>Todd Nelson, NYSPHSAA Assistant Director</i>
Approved	7. (A) Consider approval of the creation of a Student-Athlete Development Committee.	<i>Kristen Jadin, NYSPHSAA Special Programs Coordinator</i>
Approved	8. (A) Consider approval of the creation of a Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.	<i>Kristen Jadin, NYSPHSAA Special Programs Coordinator</i>
Motion Postponed	9. (A) Consider approval to permit the PSAL into the Federation component of the NYSPHSAA Girls Tennis Championships.	<i>Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director</i>
Approved	10. (A) Consider approval of waivers of the representation rule for various Sections in several sports.	<i>Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director</i>
Approved	11. (A) Consider approval of Friends & Neighbors and new member schools.	<i>Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director</i>

**Discussion/ Information Items**

1. (D/I) Single soccer official rule:

*"It is permissible to conduct a soccer game with a single official, provided both teams agree to a single referee before the game begins"*

*Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director*

**NYSED PHYSICAL EDUCATION, HEALTH EDUCATION, and ATHLETICS UPDATE**  
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**1. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

- **Professional Development Opportunities:**
- New York State Athletic Administrators Association (NYSAAA) Leadership Training Program and Certification Program- See website:  
<http://www.nysaaa.org/page.cfm?page=leadership.cfm>
- **<http://www.nysaaa.org/prof-development/certification-program>**
- New York State Athletic Administrators Association (NYSAAA) Annual Conference (March 16-18, 2016) in Saratoga Springs  
<http://www.nysaaa.org/conference/program-information>
- New York State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (NYSAHPERD) Conference (November 18-21, 2016) in Verona, New York- See website:  
<http://www.nysahperd.org/content/professional-development/nys-ahperd-conference.cfm>
- New York State Council of Administrators Conference (November 18-19, 2016) in Verona, New York-See website:  
  
**<https://www.nysahperd.org/content/professional-development/new-york-state-council-of-administrators.cfm>**
- American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Dance and Recreation AAHPERD-Now called "SHAPE", National Conference (April 5-9, 2016) in Minneapolis, Minnesota- See website:  
<http://www.aahperd.org/whatwedo/convention/>

**2. THE SIGNING of THE EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT (ESSA)**  
**STATEMENT FROM EDUCATION COMMISSIONER MARYELLEN ELIA (December 2015)**

- *"We still have to review the new law closely, and there are a number of questions we have to find answers for, questions about evaluations, assessments, and accountability."*



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- *"But it's apparent that President Obama and the Congress have struck a balance between maintaining high standards for our nation's students and providing states with the flexibility to implement their own strategies."*
- *"In New York, we will continue to challenge our students to ensure they're ready for life after high school, either on a college campus or in the workplace. The Every Student Succeeds Act will let us move forward to implement the new, higher standards and improve our schools. Our goal is to help our students build better lives through education. ESSA is another tool to help us complete that task."*

### **3. ESSA QUICK FACTS (From SHAPE -January 2016)**

- School health and physical education are identified as part of a student's "well-rounded" education.
- School districts will be able to access funding from Title I, Title II and Title IV through their state department of education. *As more information comes available in the future, SED will communicate how that may be accomplished.*
- Funding previously allocated to school districts through the Carol M. White Physical Education Program from the U.S. Department of Education will no longer exist. The funding available in the block grants through Title IV will replace the PEP grant funding.
- ESSA funding for Titles I, II and IV will begin to flow to states on July 1, 2016. The regulatory and implementation process for accessing funding will be developed throughout the first half of 2016 by the U.S. Department of Education and Congress. SHAPE America will keep members updated as this process progresses. *SED will communicate more information in the future as it comes available from USDOE.*

### **4. NEW GUIDANCE HIGHLIGHTS IMPACT OPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT HEALTHY STUDENTS (From USDOE bulletin sent on 1/15/16)**

- <http://www2.ed.gov/policy/elsec/guid/secletter/160115.html>
- Toolkit available: Healthy Students promising Futures-State and local Action Steps and practices to improve School Based Health
- See link: <http://www2.ed.gov/admins/lead/safety/healthy-students/toolkit.pdf>
- **Promote Healthy School Practices Through Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Health Education.** More physical activity and more nutritious food



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throughout the school day can improve a student's health and academic outcomes. <sup>[ 7 ]</sup> School learning environments should be designed to include opportunities for daily physical activity and high-quality, nutritious school food. To create these opportunities, schools can assess the effectiveness of their policies and practices using the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) School Health Index and School Health Guidelines to Promote Healthy Eating and Physical Activity. Schools can get access to even more technical assistance and support materials by signing up to be school champions through the *Let's Move! Active Schools* initiative. LEAs can develop strong Local Wellness Policies that are deeply integrated into individual school improvement plans. As research has shown, comprehensive health education leads to fewer students using tobacco or alcohol, and fewer delinquent behaviors. <sup>[ 8 ]</sup> Schools can use CDC's Health Education Curriculum Analysis Tool (HECAT) to determine how well their health education programs address these and other topics.

#### **5. ATHLETIC PLACEMENT PROCESS for INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC PROGRAMS-APP (Formerly Selection Classification Program) (New- For Fall 2015)**

- Effective: Fall Season 2015
- See:  
<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/pe/documents/Athletic%20Placement%20ProcessRevisedAUG2015.pdf>
- APP Frequently Asked Questions found at:  
<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/pe/toolkitdocs/FAQ-AthleticPlacementProcessforInterscholasticAthleticPrograms4-23-15.docx.pdf>

#### **6. MIXED COMPETITION GUIDELINES REVISED TO REFLECT APP**

- Please see:  
[http://www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/pe/documents/Mixed\\_CompensationFinalAug2015.pdf](http://www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/pe/documents/Mixed_CompensationFinalAug2015.pdf)

#### **7. COACHING COURSES**

- **New-NFHS** (NYS Specific) Coaching course pathway (NYSED, NYSPHSAA and NYSAHA collaborated) is now approved by NYSED as an alternative pathway. Not a replacement but, another alternative for coaches to complete the required course work.
- Note: If already in previous NYSED Coaching Course track stay with it.
- See NFHS process below:  
<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/pe/toolkitdocs/Coaching%20CourseNFHSecond%20PathwayGuideline.%2007-01-DD.Finaldocx.pdf>  
  
<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/pe/toolkitdocs/INTERNSHIP%20EVALUATION%20FINAL%20FORM%206-29-15.DD-%20NFHS1.pdf>



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- Please make sure your certificates are updated (Check with Darryl Daily-Associate in Physical Education if need new provider template)
- Please send in yearly evaluations to Darryl Daily at SED (Send to [darryl.daily@nysed.gov](mailto:darryl.daily@nysed.gov))
- If interested in becoming a provider for traditional NYSED Coaching Courses please contact NYSED at (518) 474-5922.

#### **8. TRANSGENDER GUIDANCE DOCUMENT**

- Transgender and Gender-Nonconforming-Students Guidance Document BOR approved July 20, 2015:
- <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/dignityact/>
- <http://www.nysed.gov/Press/Transgender-and-Gender-Nonconforming-Students-Guidance-Document>

#### **9. REMINDER-CONCUSSION COURSES LEGISLATION-COURSES REQUIRED FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHERS AND COACHES (Every 2 years):**

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

\*All NFHS course are accessed at [www.nfhslearn.com](http://www.nfhslearn.com). The direct link to the Concussion Course is <http://www.nfhslearn.com/electiveDetail.aspx?courseID=38000>.

\*Note-Physical education teachers would still have to complete the **Heads Up, Concussion in Youth Sports** (every 2 years) It is available at [http://www.cdc.gov/concussion/HeadsUp/online\\_training.html](http://www.cdc.gov/concussion/HeadsUp/online_training.html).

#### **10. QUALITY PHYSICAL EDUCATION PLAN REMINDER**

- Is your district plan current? Is your plan frequently updated to ensure high-quality programs are being offered? Is your plan aligned with the current regulations and/or National and NYS Standards? Recommend updating minimum of 7 years. With ESSA coming into effect this would be valuable to districts to justify funding.
- If you need technical assistance or have specific questions contact Darryl Daily at [ddaily@mail.nysed.gov](mailto:ddaily@mail.nysed.gov)
- According to CR 135.4 -Physical Education Plans must be filed both at the local level and at the Department. Plans can be sent as a hard copy or as an e-mailed attachment to the Department. E-mail format is preferred.

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**11. IMPORTANT HEALTH RELATED ITEMS**

**A. NEW YORK STATE COMBAT HEROIN AND PRESCRIPTION OPIOID ABUSE CAMPAIGN**

- A new Kitchen Table Toolkit is available as part of the campaign.
- The toolkit features two new videos which can be used by parents, teachers, and community members to help begin conversations with youth concerning the health risks and dangerous consequences of heroine and prescription painkiller abuse.
- See link:  
[http://combatheroin.ny.gov/sites/default/files/resources/DiscussionGuideTableToolkit2\\_Web.pdf](http://combatheroin.ny.gov/sites/default/files/resources/DiscussionGuideTableToolkit2_Web.pdf)
- The Kitchen Table Toolkit was developed to assist individuals (parents, spouses, siblings, teachers, coaches, counselors, probation officers, etc.) with initiating conversations about heroin and opioid abuse. Information, resources, and supports are available so no one needs to be alone in the fight to combat heroin and opioid abuse. Recognizing that addiction is not exclusive to heroin and opioids, this information may be applicable for alcohol and other drugs, also addressed in this toolkit. See page 12 for school-focused information

**B. COMMISSIONER'S REGULATIONS TO REQUIRE INSTRUCTION IN CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSITATION ("Hands Only" CPR) AND INSTRUCTION IN THE USE OF AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFILIBRATORS**

- Students in senior high school shall be provided instruction in hands-only cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an automated external defibrillator at least once before graduation.
- See link for memo to the field:  
<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/pe/toolkitdocs/memo-CPR%20instruction%20in%20HS-%20Sept%202015.pdf>
- See link:  
<https://yourethecure.org/aha/advocacy/details.aspx?BlogId=2&PostId=413>



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Phone: 518-474-5922



2015-2016 NYSPHSAA Championship  
DATES/SITES



**Fall 2015**

Oct 31/Nov 1-2	G Tennis	Tri City Tennis Center, Latham (2)
Nov 14	B/G Cross Country	Monroe-Woodbury High School (9)
Nov 14-15	G Soccer	SUNY Cortland, Homer HS, Tompkins Cortland CC (3)
Nov 14-15	B Soccer	Middletown HS (9)
Nov 14-15	Field Hockey	Maine Endwell HS (4)
Nov 21	B Volleyball	Suffolk County Community College (11)
Nov 21	Federation Cross Country	Bowdoin Park, Wappingers Falls (1)
Nov 21-22	G Volleyball	Glens Falls Civic Center (2)
Nov 20-21	G Swimming/Diving	Ithaca College, Ithaca (4)
Nov 20-21	Football East Semifinals	Dietz Stadium, Kingston (9)
Nov 20-21	Football West Semifinals	Cicero-No. Syracuse HS (3)
Nov 27-29	Football Finals	Carrier Dome, Syracuse (3)

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**Winter 2015-2016**

Feb 5-6	Girls Ice Hockey (Regional)	Albany Academy Hockey Rink (2)
Feb 22-23	B/G Skiing	Whiteface/Mt. Van Hoevenburg, Lake Placid (7)
Feb 26-27	Wrestling	Times Union Center, Albany (2)
Feb 27	Girls Gymnastics	Shaker HS (2)
February 27	Rifle (Regional)	West Point (9)
March 4-5	Boys Swimming/Diving	Erie Community College Buffalo (6)
March 5	Boys Volleyball (Regional)	Westmoreland HS (3)
March 5	B/G Indoor Track/Field	Cornell University (4)
March 5	Cheerleading	Onondaga Community College (3)
March 5-6	B/G Bowling	Airport Lanes, Cheektowaga (6)
March 12-13	Ice Hockey	Harborcenter, Buffalo (6)
March 11-13	Girls Basketball	Hudson Valley Community College, Troy (2)

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March 11-13	Boys Basketball	Civic Center, Glens Falls (2)
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March 18-20	Boys/Girls Federation Basketball Tournament of Champions	Times Union Center, Albany (2)
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**Spring 2016**

June 8	B Lacrosse East Semis	Hofstra University (8)
June 8	B Lacrosse West Semis	Cicero-No. Syracuse HS (3)
June 2-4	B Tennis	National Tennis Center, Flushing (NYC)
June 3-5	G Golf	Bethpage State Park, Farmingdale (8)
June 4-6	B Golf	Cornell University, Ithaca (4)
June 10-11	B/G Track & Field	Cicero-North-Syracuse HS (3)
June 11	Softball	Moreau Park, South Glens Falls (2)
June 11	Baseball	Binghamton (4)
June 10-11	G Lacrosse	SUNY Cortland (3)
June 11	B Lacrosse Finals	Middletown HS (9)
June 12	Federation Golf	Bethpage State Park, Farmingdale (8)



# Standard Calendar of Weeks (NYSPHSAA State Championships- 7 Year Calendar)

2/3/2016

	Wk #	# of Wks	Fall 2015	Fall 2016	Fall 2017	Fall 2018	Fall 2019	Fall 2020	Fall 2021
Fall Start Date (Monday)	7	N/A	8/17	8/15	8/14	8/13	8/19	8/17	8/16
Tennis (Girls) Championships	17	11 Wks.	10/31-11/2	10/29-10/31	10/28-10/30	10/27-10/29	11/2-11/4	10/31-11/2	10/30-11/1
Cross Country Championships	19	13 Wks.	11/14	11/12	11/11	11/10	11/16	11/14	11/13
Girls/ Boys Soccer Championships	19	13 Wks.	11/14-11/15	11/12-11/13	11/11-11/12	11/10-11/11	11/16-11/17	11/14-11/15	11/13-11/14
Field Hockey Championships	19	13 Wks.	11/14-11/15	11/12-11/13	11/11-11/12	11/10-11/11	11/16-11/17	11/14-11/15	11/13-11/14
Girls Swimming & Diving Championships	20	14 Wks.	11/20-11/21	11/18-11/19	11/17-11/18	11/16-11/17	11/22-11/23	11/20-11/21	11/19-11/20
Boys Volleyball Championships	20	14 Wks.	11/21	11/19	11/18	11/17	11/23	11/21	11/20
Girls Volleyball Championships	20	14 Wks.	11/21-11/22	11/19-11/20	11/18-11/19	11/17-11/18	11/23-11/24	11/21-11/22	11/20-11/21
Football Semifinals	20	14 Wks.	11/20-11/21	11/18-11/19	11/17-11/18	11/16-11/17	11/22-11/23	11/20-11/21	11/19-11/20
Football Championships	21	15 Wks.	11/27-11/29	11/25-11/27	11/24-11/26	11/23-11/25	11/29-12/1	11/27-11/29	11/26-11/28

	Wk #	# of Wks	Winter 2016	Winter 2017	Winter 2018	Winter 2019	Winter 2020	Winter 2021	Winter 2022
Winter Start Date (Monday)	19	N/A	11/9	11/7	11/6	11/5	11/11	11/9	11/8
Girls/ Boys Skiing Championships	34/35	16 Wks.	2/22-2/23	2/27-2/28	2/26-2/27	2/25-2/26	2/24-2/25	2/22-2/23	2/21-2/22
Wrestling Championships	34	16 Wks.	2/26-2/27	2/24-2/25	2/23-2/24	2/22-2/23	2/28-2/29	2/26-2/27	2/25-2/26
Girls Gymnastic Championships	34	16 Wks.	2/27	2/25	2/24	2/23	2/29	2/27	2/26
Boys Swimming & Diving Championships	35	17 Wks.	3/4-3/5	3/3-3/4	3/2-3/3	3/1-3/2	3/6-3/7	3/5-3/6	3/4-3/5
Girls/ Boys Bowling Championships	35	17 Wks.	3/5-3/6	3/4-3/5	3/3-3/4	3/2-3/3	3/7-3/8	3/6-3/7	3/5-3/6
Girls/ Boys Indoor Track Championships	35	17 Wks.	3/5	3/4	3/3	3/2	3/7	3/6	3/5
Competitive Cheer Championships	35	17 Wks.	3/5	3/4	3/3	3/2	3/7	3/6	3/5
Ice Hockey Championships	36	18 Wks.	3/12-3/13	3/11-3/12	3/10-3/11	3/9-3/10	3/14-3/15	3/13-3/14	3/12-3/13
Girls/ Boys Basketball Championships	37	19 Wks.	3/11-3/13 *	3/17-3/19	3/16-3/18	3/15-3/17	3/20-3/22	3/19-3/21	3/18-3/20
Girls/ Boys Federation Basketball	38	20 Wks.	3/18-3/20 #	3/24-3/26	3/23-3/25	3/22-3/24	3/27-3/29	3/26-3/28	3/25-3/27

\* Wk. 36 # Wk. 37 Because of Easter

	Week #	# of Weeks	Spring 2016	Spring 2017	Spring 2018	Spring 2019	Spring 2020	Spring 2021	Spring 2022
Spring Start Date (Monday)	36	N/A	3/7	3/6	3/5	3/4	3/9	3/8	3/7
Boys Tennis Championships	48	13 Wks.	6/2-6/4	6/1-6/3	5/31-6/2	5/30-6/1	6/4-6/6	6/3-6/5	6/2-6/4
Girls Golf Championships (REVISED DATES)	48	13 Wks.	6/3-6/5	6/2-6/4	6/1-6/3	5/31-6/2	6/5-6/7	6/4-6/6	6/3-6/5
Boys Golf Championships	48	13 Wks.	6/4-6/6	6/3-6/5	6/2-6/4	6/1-6/3	6/6-6/8	6/5-6/7	6/4-6/6
Girls Lacrosse Championships (REVISED DATES)	49	14 Wks.	6/10-6/11	6/9-6/10	6/8-6/9	6/7-6/8	6/12-6/13	6/11-6/12	6/10-6/11
Boys Lacrosse Championships (REVISED DATES)	49	14 Wks.	6/11	6/10	6/9	6/8	6/13	6/12	6/11
Girls/ Boys Outdoor Track Championships	49	14 Wks.	6/10-6/11	6/9-6/10	6/8-6/9	6/7-6/8	6/12-6/13	6/11-6/12	6/10-6/11
Softball Championships	49	14 Wks.	6/11	6/10	6/9	6/8	6/13	6/12	6/11
Baseball Championships (REVISED DATES)	49	14 Wks.	6/11	6/10-6/11	6/9-6/10	6/8-6/9	6/13-6/14	6/12-6/13	6/11-6/12
Memorial Day			30-May	29-May	28-May	27-May	25-May	31-May	30-May



For individual sports (with the exception of boys' & girls' tennis) requests for combining of teams will be supported by the *Combining of Teams Committee* if each of the schools applying does not have enough players to prevent that school from being mathematically eliminated from a potential win of the overall contest. These numbers are determined by the rules of the specific sport. Otherwise, schools falling below this number will be required to "shadow", with applicable Section IX dues waived (for the shadowing school or schools) for the 2016-17 school year.

In team sports, combining of teams applications will be supported by the *Combining of Teams Committee* if one team has an insufficient number of students-athletes to participate in a team contest. Absent extenuating circumstances, the Section IX Combining of Teams Committee has an expectation of a demonstration of progress toward the establishment of an independent team.

- **NYSPHSAA identifies Individual and Team sports as follows:**

**Team Sports:** Baseball, basketball, field hockey, football, ice hockey, lacrosse, soccer, softball and volleyball.

**S9 Individual Sports:** Bowling(?), cross-country (5), g.golf (3), b. golf (5), gymnastics (5), alpine skiing(?), nordic skiing(?), swimming (7), \*tennis, outdoor track(?), winter track(?) and wrestling (8).

\*Tennis is treated as a team sport for the purpose of committee recommendation, based on the fact that only one contest can be completed each day.





# Section IX Athletics

Gregory P. Ransom, Executive Director

March 15, 2016

## Request for Proposals – Legal Services

This request is for the purpose of selecting legal counsel for Section IX of the New York State Public High School Athletic Association. Section IX is one of eleven geographically organized sections which administers interscholastic athletics for its member school districts. The Section consists of 46 schools located in Dutchess, Ulster, Sullivan and Orange Counties. The Section is governed by the Athletic Council.

The selected attorney will provide legal services on an hourly basis, including but not limited to the following:

- Act as General Counsel to the Section Athletic Council
- Representation in all legal proceedings before the Commissioner of Education, PERB, state and federal courts and administrative agencies
- Written legal opinions upon request
- Initiate and/or defend legal actions at the direction of the Athletic Council
- Prepare all necessary legal documents
- Attend Athletic Council and/or Committee meetings upon request
- Provide legal guidance on NYSED, NYPHSAA and Sections rules and regulations

All proposals should be sent by April 19, 2016 to:

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

RFP's will be opened at 9:00 AM on April 19, 2016 at Orange-Ulster BOCES Carl Onken Conference Center, 53 Gibson Road, Goshen, New York 10924. Representatives from the Section IX Athletic Council will review all RFP's and conduct interviews before making a recommendation to the full Athletic Council.

February 22, 2016

Good morning Jim,

Would it be possible for you to address the following questions and concerns at the next Section IX meeting to be held on March 15<sup>th</sup>;

1. This year the NYS Girls Golf Championship will be held in Long Island at Bethpage State Park from June 3rd-5th. We will **NOT** be utilizing dorm rooms, so hotel rooms will need to be booked as soon as possible for June 3rd & 4th. My sources have mentioned that hotels are limited in that area. Would Section IX like the coordinator to book the necessary rooms, then bill the Section, who would then bill the schools for this expense? I have no problem doing this, and will provide an itemized list of the purchase for each school. My concern is that warmer weather may cause hotels to book quickly for that weekend.
2. A NYSPHSAA Girls Golf Team Championship is being considered for the near future (2017). I would like to know if we, as a Section, should begin considering how we would determine a Section IX Team Champion. My major concerns are cost, release time from school for student athletes, format, and location.

If you have any questions please regarding the above, feel free to give me a call at :

(w) (845) 460-7000 ext 7644

(c) (845) 863-4350

Thanks Jim

Billy



# SECTION IX CURRENT CLASSIFICATION OF SCHOOLS - BEDS NUMBERS FOR 2016-2017

SCHOOL	NYSPHSAA ENROLLMENT SED #	FB	VB	XC	FH	B LAX	G LAX	BASK SOC BB SB	Spr.Track Wrestling	SCHOOL	NYSPHSAA ENROLLMENT SED #	FB	VB	XC	FH	B LAX	G LAX	BASK SOC BB SB	Spr.Track Wrestling
John S. Burke	364	C	B	C		D	C	B	II	NFA	2474	AA	AA	A		A	A	AA	I
Chapel Field	53			D				D	II	James I. O'Neill	376	B	B	C		D	C	B	II
Chester	304	C	C					B	II	Onteora	317	C	C	C	C			B	II
John A. Coleman	126		D	D	C			D	II	Pine Bush	1300	AA	AA	A	A	A	A	AA	I
Cornwall	798	A	A	B		B	B	A	I	Pine Plains +(380)	247	B	C	D	C			C	II
Dover * (369)	315	B	C	C	C			B	II	Port Jervis	613	A	A	B				A	I
Eldred	142	D		D				D	II	Poughkeepsie	879	A	A	A	B			A	I
Ellenville ** (393)	390	B	B	C	C			B	II	Red Hook	493	B	B	B	B	C	C	A	II
Fallsburg	302	C	C	C				B	II	Rhinebeck	305		C	C	C	D		B	II
F.D.R.	967	AA	AA	A	A	B	B	AA	I	Rondout	430	B	B	C	C	D		B	II
Goshen	723	A	A	B		C	B	A	I	Roscoe *** (78 )	55	D		D				D	II
Highland	425	B	B	C		C	C	B	II	S.S. Seward	169		D	D				D	II
Kingston	1412	AA	AA	A	A	A	A	AA	I	Saugerties	697	A	A	B		C	B	A	I
Liberty	365	B	B	C				B	II	Spackenkill	393	B	B	C	C			B	II
Livingston Manor	103	D		D				D	II	Sullivan West	251	C	C	D				C	II
Marlboro	440	B	B	C				B	II	Tri-Valley	261	C		C				C	II
Middletown	1585	AA	AA	A		A	A	AA	I	Tuxedo	58		D	D				D	II
Millbrook	250	C	C	D	C	D	C	C	II	Valley Central	1088	AA	AA	A		A	A	AA	I
Minisink	1014	AA	AA	A		B	B	AA	I	Wallkill	743	A	A	B		C		A	I
Monroe-Woodbury	1750	AA	AA	A		A	A	AA	I	Warwick	1034	AA	AA	A		B	B	AA	I
Monticello	698	A	A	B				A	I	Washingtonville	997	AA	AA	A		B	B	AA	I
Mount Academy	152			C				D	II	Wawarsing Christian	13								
New Paltz	562	B	B	B		C	C	A	II	Webutuck	178		D	D	C			C	II

\*\* Includes Wawarsing Christian Academy (390+3= 393) +Pine Plains merged w/ Rhinebeck

\*\*\* Includes Downsville ( 66+12=78 ) \*Includes Webutuck (315 + 54 = 369)

## 2016-2017 Current Sport Exceptions Classifications

5 Classes				4 Classes		3 Classes			Individual Sports	Ice Hockey
Girls Volleyball	Football	Basketball-Soccer-Baseball-Softball	Cross Country			Field Hockey	Boys Lacrosse	Girls Lacrosse	Spring Track	Division I
AA 941 - Up	AA 930 - Up	AA 910 - up	A 850 - up			A 915 - Up	A 1055 - Up	A 1050 - Up	Wrestling	1100 & Above
A 587 - 940	A 570 - 929	A 480 - 909	B 445 - 849			B 450 - 914	B 750 - 1054	B 650 - 1049	Div. I	
B 345 - 586	B 365 - 569	B 280 - 479	C 261 - 444			C 449 - Below	C 435 - 749	C 0 - 649	600 - Up	Division II
C 203 - 344	C 240 - 364	C 170 - 279	D 0 - 260				D Up to 434		Div. II	1099 & Below
D 0 - 202	D 0 - 239	D 0 - 169							0 - 599	

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

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(845) 651-4098**

February 22, 2016

Gregory Ransom, Executive Director, Section IX  
c/o Chris Mayo  
53 Gibson Road  
Goshen, NY 10924

Mr. Ransom:

S.S. Seward is requesting approval to play above its D classification for the 2016-2017 school year in the following sports:

Boys' Soccer  
Girls' Soccer

We feel that the continued play at the Class C level will be beneficial to the long term health and growth of our soccer programs. Thank you in advance for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely.

Robert Gravelle  
Athletic Director  
S.S. Seward Institute



**Regional Track and Field Hall of Fame Committee**  
**Newburgh N.Y. 12550**

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February 2, 2016

Greg Ransom

Executive Director of Section IX Athletics

53 Gibson Road

Goshen, NY 10924

Dear Mr. Ransom:

As a former Section IX track and field athlete who has served as a track and field coach for the past 24 years in Section IX and abroad, it gives me great pleasure to announce that key coaches, officials, and track and field-related individuals have formed a committee and taken the initial steps in establishing a Track and Field Hall of Fame for our region. As the committee chairperson, I cannot adequately express what an absolute honor and privilege it is to present this information to you and your committee.

After evaluating area athletics, the committee has determined that the successful establishment of a Track and Field Hall of Fame would increase the physical activity level, competitiveness, sportsmanship, and awareness of the athletes, coaches, and officials in our region. As a result, we have designed a Track and Field Hall of Fame to assist the region in honoring and awarding outstanding individual athletes from our area. Our hope is that your committee will allow the prefix "Section IX" to be honorably attached to the name of the Track and Field Hall of Fame.

Thank you and your staff for allowing us the opportunity to expand our knowledge of the amazing competitors, coaches and officials that have worked within our region. The committee members and I look forward to working with the section coordinators in recognizing deserving individuals.

Respectfully,

Malcolm Burks

Newburgh Free Academy Head Boys Track and Field Coach

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