



Section IX Athletics

Gregory Ransom, Executive Director

**Section IX Athletic Council Meeting
Tuesday, May 24, 2016
Monroe-Woodbury Educational Center
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 April 19, 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 – Antonia Woody, Tim Bult
9. Section IX Non-Public School Classification Committee- Tom Cassata
10. Back from the Leagues
 - a. APHERD & COA dues
 - b. Girls Gymnastics Chairperson
 - c. Section IX Athletics start dates, meeting dates and sites (update)
11. 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
12. 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
13. New Business
14. Old Business
15. Adjournment of Section IX Meeting

Next Meeting Date:

Thursday, June 16, 2016 at Apple Greens at 8:00 a.m.



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NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Meeting Meeting Highlights May 6, 2016

1. Robert Zayas - Executive Director

Home School Legislation – A Bill passed the New York Senate unanimously in 2015. The Bill would allow home school students to participate in interscholastic sports programs. A memo in opposition is attached.

APP “Recommendation” – Medical Clearance (attached)

2. Joe Altieri – Assistant Director

NYSPHSAA Championships Fall 2016 through Spring 2020 (attached)

3. Todd Nelson – Assistant Director

Unified Sports – Schools from Sections 3 and 9 to be participating in Unified Basketball.

4. Kristin Jadin – Special Program Coordinator

Captains Club – registration is emailed to all Athletic Directors each month. Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC). A SAAC Google forum has been created for students to provide insight and feedback on various programs and topics. SAAC suggested NYSPHSAA develop a team unity/building program Student Athlete Development Committee (SADC). One of the first goals of the SADC was to provide the marathon student athletes involved in their Life of an Athlete program attend and present to Athletic Directors at the NYSA AAA Conference. (attached)

Scholar Athlete – Developing plans to revitalize the Scholar Athlete program (attached)

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Student Leadership – SADC will be recruiting students from their respective Sections to attend the New England Student Leadership Conference July 26-29. If you know a student athlete that would be interested, please contact the SADC Section Representative.

Participation Survey – Sent out to all Athletic Directors and Section Executive Directors – Deadline for survey was Friday, May 13, 2016

5. NYSED Physical Education, Health Education and Athletics Update - Darryl Daily (attached)

6. Championship Advisory Committee (CAC) - (Report attached)

7. Handbook Committee - (Report attached)

8. Safety Committee – Todd Nelson (Report attached)
9. Modified Committee – Todd Nelson - Report emailed to Athletic Council and Athletic Directors

Items discussed at the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Meeting

- A. Proposed changes in Modified Starting Weeks
- B. Acceptance of Two-Year Modified Football Pilot Program
- C. Soccer Editorial changes

Items sent to the Safety Committee

- A. Football Editorial changes
- B. Reduction in Required Practice Days
- C. 3 Point Shot in Modified Boys and Girls Basketball (Survey Monkey)

Information Items:

- A. USA Football “Heads Up Football Program” – Approved by NYSPHSAA Executive Committee

10. Section VII 1.5 Multiplier Proposal for (attached)
Non-Public and Charter School Members
11. Standard Calendar of Weeks (NYSPHSAA State Championships 7 year Calendar attached)
12. Girls Lacrosse 4 classification cut-off numbers – (Approved)
13. Boys Lacrosse 4 classification cut-off numbers – (July Vote)
14. Strategic Plan 2016-2017 to 2020-2021
15. Additional Language to the combining of Teams Standard (attached)
16. Girls Volleyball – Definition of a Match (attached)
17. Congratulations to F.D.R. High School – NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete for Gymnastics
18. Section IX needs a representative for a NYSPHSAA Committee on Non-Public Schools
19. Certification of Athletic Directors
20. Field Hockey New Regional Rotation (attached)
21. General Action/Discussion/Information Items (attached)

**NEW YORK STATE SENATE
INTRODUCER'S MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT
submitted in accordance with Senate Rule VI. Sec 1**

BILL NUMBER: S2175

SPONSOR: ROBACH

TITLE OF BILL:

An act to amend the education law, in relation to prohibiting school districts from disallowing home-schooled students from participating in district interscholastic sports

PURPOSE:

To allow home-schooled students to participate in interscholastic athletics.

SUMMARY OF SPECIFIC PROVISIONS:

Section 1 amends the education law by adding a new section 1501-d, which prohibits school districts from disallowing home-schooled students from participating in the district's interscholastic sports, and requires districts to make provision for such participation.

Section 2 provides that the act shall take effect immediately.

JUSTIFICATION:

Currently, home-schooled students may be prohibited from participating in interscholastic sports even though they are entitled to attend the schools that have the sport. It is fundamentally unfair to prohibit home-schooled students from participating in an important aspect of childhood development merely because their parents or guardians choose to home school them. The students have every right to attend the school, and there is no reduction in school taxes for parents or guardians who home-school their children, so there is no legitimate reason to prohibit home-schooled students from participating in interscholastic sports within the district. In fact, not all districts have such a prohibition, but this bill is necessary because some districts do have such a prohibition.

PRIOR LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

2013-2014 Referred to Education

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

None to the state.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

Immediately.

NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION



MEMORANDUM IN OPPOSITION S.2175 (Robach) / A.3678-A (Stirpe)

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to the provision of certain programs and services to home-instructed pupils.

The New York State Public High School Athletic Association, Inc. opposes this proposal, which would require school districts to provide home-schooled students the opportunity to participate in all interscholastic sports. The impact such proposal would have on interscholastic sports would be adverse if passed.

NYSPHSAA, in conjunction with the State Education Department, has gone to great lengths to establish a bona fide student eligibility standard that is fair and equitable. In order to participate, students must be on the official attendance register and meet all academic requirements and standards established by the State Education Department.

Families who make the decision not to enroll their child in the district bear full responsibility of knowing that the privilege of participating on a team sport is at-stake. If this bill were to pass, not only would the safeguard to ensure academic performance be eliminated, but students meeting these eligibility requirements would be in jeopardy of being displaced by students not held to the same academic standard. Subsequently, the precedent could be interpreted to provide nonpublic and other private school students access to interscholastic athletic programs, thus further perpetuating the imbalance.

Recently, New York's highest court addressed these concerns. In a challenge by parents of home-school students [Bradstreet v. Sobel, 1996], New York's Court of Appeals supported the Department of Education's policy that the educational interests of the state resides in the decision to allow only students attending the district to participate in interscholastic sports. Further, the court upheld the Commissioner's argument that the possibility of being on a high school sports team is one of the privileges of attending school.

For the above reasons, NYSPHSAA opposes S.2175 / A.3678-A.

The New York State Public High School Athletic Association Inc. is a non-profit, voluntary, educational service organization composed of public, parochial, and private schools dedicated to providing equitable and safe competition for the students of its member schools. Membership is open to secondary schools providing interschool athletic activities for boys and girls in grades 7-12.

APP "Recommendation":

As a result of an April 7th meeting with Darryl Daily and the new Deputy Commissioner of the NYSED (Joan Ebert) the NYSED is amending Step 4 of the APP to clarify the question of recommended tanner score vs. required tanner score. See shaded text below:

Step 4 Medical Clearance: (Must be completed BEFORE the physical fitness portion of the process) The district medical director will determine a student's physical maturity level, and compare the physical size of the student in relation to that of the students against whom the student wishes to compete. *If the student is determined to have attained the appropriate physical maturity level and comparable physical size for the desired sport and level (see Appendix C and H), the student may proceed with step 5. If the student is determined to not have attained an appropriate physical maturity level for the desired sport and level, the process stops.

*Please note: In the past Selection Classification Process, the Tanner scores were required scores, based exclusively on the Tanner staging of sexual development. The requirement meant the students must be at an identical level of development per the chart. This was not realistic as there is generally a range of ages playing at a high school competition level. Additionally, the Tanner scores were identical for both sexes. This did not accurately reflect the earlier age of development of adolescent females versus adolescent males, which made it more likely that a less physically mature female could be approved to play at a higher level against physically matured females, and therefore be at greater risk of injury. Therefore, the APP maturity assessment standards were revised as follows: The medical director is instructed to take into consideration the height, weight, muscle mass, and Tanner rating as compared to the other athletes he/she would compete with.

This allows for a medical director to use their professional judgment taking into account the totality of the student's overall physical development when determining whether or not the student is of a comparable or similar level of physical maturity in relation to those they wish to compete with. These changes to the Selection Classification Process were made to lessen, but not eliminate, the chances of injury for a younger student competing with older students who tend to be larger and more physically mature.

The Tanner scores on (chart H found in the APP document) are no longer required numbers, as was the case in the previous Selection Classification Process but, are now recommended numbers for the APP. Please note: The recommended Tanner scores are based on the average Tanner score of the average aged male or female that typically competes at those levels. Tanner scores are higher for females compared to males at the same levels, which more accurately reflects the earlier ages that females achieve physical maturity.

NYSPHSAA Championships Fall 2016 through Spring 2020

FALL (BID YEAR)		FALL 2016	FALL 2017	FALL 2018	FALL 2019
G. Tennis (2016)	Date	Oct. 29-31 or Oct 27-29			
	Site	Tri-City Tennis or USTA Nat Ten. Ctr			
B/G Cross Country (2018)	Date	Nov. 12	Nov. 11	Nov. 10	Nov 16
	Site	Chenango Valley HS (4)	Victor HS (5)	Sunken Meadow St. Park (11)	Plattsburgh (10)
B. Volleyball (2016)	Date	Nov. 19	Nov. 18	Nov.17	Nov 23
	Site	Suffolk County CC (8)	Suffolk County CC (8)		
G. Volleyball (2016)	Date	Nov. 19-20	Nov. 18-19	Nov. 17-18	Nov 23-24
	Site	Glens Falls CC (2)	Glens Falls CC (2)		
B. Soccer (2016)	Date	Nov. 12-13	Nov. 11-12	Nov. 10-11	Nov 16-17
	Site	Middletown HS (9)	Middletown HS (9)		
G. Soccer (2015)	Date	Nov. 12-13	Nov. 11-12	Nov. 10-11	Nov 16-17
	Site	Cortland (3)			
Field Hockey (2016)	Date	Nov. 12-13	Nov. 11-12	Nov. 10-11	Nov 16-17
	Site	Maine-Endwell HS (4)	Maine-Endwell HS (4)		
G. Swimming	Date	Nov. 18-19	Nov. 17-18	Nov. 16-17	Nov 22-23
	Site	Ithaca College (4)			
Football EAST (2015)	Date	Nov 18-19	Nov 17-18	Nov 16-17	Nov 22-23
	Site	Dietz Stadium (9)			
Football WEST (2015)	Date	Nov 18-19	Nov 17-18	Nov 16-17	Nov 22-23
	Site	Cicero North Syracuse HS (3)			
Football FINALS (2017)	Date	Nov. 25-27	Nov. 24-26	Nov. 23-25	Nov 29-Dec 1
	Site	Carrier Dome (3)	Carrier Dome (3)	Carrier Dome (3)	
WINTER		WINTER 2017	WINTER 2018	WINTER 2018-2019	WINTER 2019-2020
Skiiing (2017)	Date	Feb 27-28, 2017	Feb. 26-27	Feb. 25-26	Feb 24-25
	Site	Bristol Mountain (5)	Bristol Mountain (5)		
Rifle REGIONAL (2015)	Date	March 4, 2017			
	Site	West Point			
G. Gymnastics (2015)	Date	Feb. 25 TENTATIVE	Feb 24	Feb 23	Feb 22
	Site	Cold Spring Harbor (8)			
Wrestling (2017)	Date	Feb. 24-25, 2017	Feb 23-24	Feb 22-23	Feb 28-29
	Site	Times Union Center, Albany (2)	Times Union Center, Albany (2)		
B. Swimming & Diving (2017)	Date	March 3-4, 2017	March 2-3	March 1-2	March 6-7
	Site	Nassau Aquatics Center, Long Island			
B/G Bowling (2015)	Date	March 4-5, 2017	March 3-4	March 2-3	March 7-8
	Site		Possibly Syracuse in conj w/USBC		
B/G Indoor Track (2018)	Date	March 4, 2017	March 3	March 2	March 7
	Site	Ocean Breeze Athletic Complex	Ocean Breeze Athletic Complex	Ocean Breeze Athletic Complex	
Competitive Cheer (2017)	Date	March 4, 2017	March 3	March 2	March 7
	Site	SRC Arena, Syracuse (3)	SRC Arena, Syracuse (3)		
Ice Hockey (2017)	Date	March 11-12, 2017	March 10-11	March 9-10	March 14-15
	Site	HarborCenter, Buffalo (6)	HarborCenter, Buffalo (6)		
Girls Basketball (2018)	Date	March 17-19, 2017	March 16-18	March 15-17	March 20-22
	Site	HVCC, Troy (2)	HVCC, Troy (2)	HVCC, Troy (2)	
Boys Basketball (2018)	Date	March 17-19, 2017	March 16-18	March 15-17	March 20-22
	Site	Binghamton Floyd Maines Arena	Binghamton Floyd Maines Arena	Binghamton Floyd Maines Arena	
G. Basketball FED (2018)	Date	March 24-26, 2017	March 23-25	March 22-24	March 27-29
	Site	Glens Falls Civic Center	Glens Falls Civic Center	Glens Falls Civic Center	
B. Basketball FED (2018)	Date	March 24-26, 2017	March 23-25	March 22-24	March 27-29
	Site	Glens Falls Civic Center	Glens Falls Civic Center	Glens Falls Civic Center	
SPRING		SPRING 2017	SPRING 2018	SPRING 2019	SPRING 2020
Boys Tennis (2016)	Date	June 2-4, 2017	May 31-June 2, 2018	May 30-June 1, 2019	May 30-June 1
	Site	USTA Nat. Tennis Center-no contract			
Boys Golf (2016)	Date	June 1-3, 2017	June 2-4	June 1-3	June 6-8
	Site	Cornell University	Cornell University	Cornell University	
Girls Golf (2016)	Date	June 2-4, 2017	June 1-3	May 31-June 2	June 5-7
	Site	Bethpage State Park (8)	Bethpage State Park (8)		
B/G Outdoor Track (2019)	Date	June 9-10, 2017	June 8-9	June 7-8	June 12-13
	Site	Union Endicott HS	Cicero-North Syracuse (3)	Middletown HS	Cicero-North Syracuse (3)
G. Lacrosse (2015)	Date	June 9-10, 2017	June 8-9	June 7-8	June 12-13
	Site	SUNY Cortland	SUNY Cortland	SUNY Cortland	
B. Lacrosse EAST	Date	June 7, 2017	June 6	June 5	
	Site	Ualbany & Adelphi	Ualbany & Adelphi	Ualbany & Adelphi	
B. Lacrosse WEST	Date	June 7, 2017	June 6	June 5	
	Site	CNS & St. John Fisher	CNS & St. John Fisher	CNS & St. John Fisher	
B. Lacrosse FINALS (2015)	Date	June 10, 2017	June 9	June 8	June 13
	Site	St. John Fisher	St. John Fisher	St. John Fisher	
Baseball (2016)	Date	June 9-10, 2017	June 8-9	June 7-8	June 12-13
	Site	Binghamton (4)			
Softball (2016)	Date	June 10, 2017	June 9	June 8	June 13
	Site				
4/15/2016		Red indicates recommended by Sport Committee & NYSPHSAA, but not yet voted on by Executive Committee			

MEETING REPORT

Meeting: Student Athlete Advisory Committee

Date: Tuesday, February 23rd (Teleconference) @ 6:00 PM

Topics Discussed:

1. SAAC Mission Statement
2. NESLC
3. Scholar Athlete
4. NYSPHSAA Captains Club
5. Chat room/forum

Attendees:

Kaylee Tasber
Declan Graham
Devin McManus
Caileigh Travers
Kristin Gjelij
Kristen Jadin
Murphee Hayes

Not on call:

Elliot Hungerford
Danny Henry
Casey Frederick
Casey Michele
Nick Bearup
Liam Dollard

Items Discussion/ Action Taken:

1. Introductions
2. Mission Statement Discussion
 - a. The association and student athletes need to get the word out about leadership opportunities and programs offered at NYSPHSAA.
 - i. NYSPHSAA should look into sending more students to leadership conferences.
 - ii. Leadership discussions on accepting a challenge and risking failing to be successful.
 - b. All sections should be represented (Caileigh Travers).
3. NYSPHSAA Program Suggestions:
 - i. Motivational speakers offered to members schools
 - ii. NYS Leadership conference (Declan Graham)
 1. Leadership conferences allow student athletes to hear different people from different backgrounds speak on how they overcame adversity. It is encouraging and student athletes can learn from it.
 2. Include leadership discussions on accepting a challenge and risking failing to be successful.
 - iii. Interact with athletes at Special Olympics as community service through NYSPHSAA (Kaylee Tasber).
 - iv. Develop a program on how to bring diverse group of student athletes together on a team/school. Essentially, develop a program that focuses on team unity/building.
4. NESLC – Students would like to attend again, maybe in a leadership capacity because they have already been before. Kristen will contact MIAA to see if there is any opportunity for this.
5. Scholar Athlete
 - a. The students did not have much of an opinion on this matter. However, some did express the pins were not well liked. Murphee Hayes mentioned this may be due to the fact that letterman's jackets were no longer popular.
6. NYSPHSAA Captains Club and Twitter (@KristenJadin and @NYSPHSAA) Promoted as communication methods.
7. Forum would be a good place to start the discussion on our mission statement and other ideas/suggestions.
 - a. Kristen Jadin will create a forum and distribute to SAAC.
8. Parent information needs to be sent to Kristen Jadin.

Future Items:

- **Mission Statement**

Next Meetings: Will discuss items over forum and next teleconference is TBA.



**New York State Public High School Athletic Association
Executive Committee Meeting – May 6th, 2016**

SCHOLAR ATHLETE PROGRAM REVISIONS

☐ Action Item
☒ Discussion/ Information Item

Presenter:

Kristen Jadin, Special Programs Coordinator

Proposal:

Consideration of revisions to the NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete Team Award Program using the following criteria:

1. Modify criteria associated with being Scholar Athlete Team to include the entire roster.
2. Continue the practice of teams who qualify with a 90.00 or above Grade Point Average will receive a Scholar Athlete Team Award Certificate.
3. Every individual on the team with a 90.00 or above Grade Point Average will continue to receive a Scholar Athlete pin.
4. Sports recognized by their respective sections will be considered for the award (i.e. girls ice hockey, badminton, fencing, rifle, etc.)
5. Revise the submission process associated with recognizing Scholar Athlete Teams.
6. Continue the School of Distinction program by awarding schools with 100% of teams achieving a team average of 90.00 with a School of Distinction Award.
7. Eliminate the practice of awarding "Scholar Athlete Team State Champion" due to membership concerns with disparities between weighted and unweighted grades.

Rationale:

The membership has expressed concerns regarding the Scholar Athlete Team Award program. The current program is viewed as a competition, rather than a recognition program. Currently, it does not recognize the individual student athlete, but does recognize a small number of students on a team. Other concerns include the lack of recognition for sports without state championships (i.e. girls ice hockey, badminton, fencing, rifle, etc.) and discrepancies with grades (weighted vs. unweighted).

Proposal Originated:

After addressing concerns from the membership, NYSPHSAA President, Stephen Broadwell and Executive Director, Robert Zayas charged Kristen Jadin to evaluate the current Scholar Athlete program to revitalize the program in order to recognize more student athletes throughout New York.

Budget Impact:

Minimal impact based upon the number of student-athletes receiving the recognition.

Notes:

Attachments:

MEETING REPORT

Meeting: Student Athlete Development Committee

Date: Wednesday, February 10, 2016 (Teleconference) @ 10:15 AM

Topics Discussed:

1. Criteria/Application process for 2016-2017 SAAC members
2. NYSPHSAA Captains Club
3. NFHS NSLS
4. NYSAAA Conference – Marathon student athlete attendance & next SADC meeting
5. NYSPHSAA Special Program Coordinator's works in progress

Attendees:

Section I –
Section II –
Section III – Monica Wolfe
Section IV – Todd James,
Murphee Hayes
Section V –
Section VI – David Hack
Section VII – Michael Douglas
Section VIII – Carol Roseto
Section IX –
Section X –
Section XI –
NYSPHSAA – Kristen Jadin

Not on call: Mike Gulino (I), Annette Landry (II), Patti Murphy (IV), Marco Lanzoni (IX), Tim Hayes (X), Matt DeVincenzo (XI)

Need Rep from Section V

Items Discussion/ Action Taken:

1. Captains Club Feedback
 - a. Ten minutes is a good amount of time for student athlete attention span.
 - b. Provide more visuals.
2. NFHS National Student Leadership Summit (NSLS)
 - a. NYSAAA Essay Award Winners to attend.
 - b. Murphee suggested to increase the number of students attending for next summer (2017).
3. NYSAAA Conference
 - a. NYSPHSAA will be taking care of the Marathon student-athlete's hotel stay. Todd James will be the chaperone. These students will be presenting their Life of an Athlete program to the SADC and the Athletic Directors attending the conference.
4. New England Student Leadership Conference (NESLC)
 - a. Goal is for the SAAC students to attend (juniors only).
 - b. SADC Section Reps will help recruit students from their respective sections. The goal is to have 22 student athletes total. Would like to have 2 students from each section if possible.
 - c. Suggestion to think about adding transportation to costs for these students (potentially meet in one location and bus to the conference).
5. Criteria/Application process for SAAC members: Kristen will put together a draft application and email it to the committee. We will go over the application at the next meeting.
 - a. Incoming Juniors/Outgoing Seniors (2 year commitment) – 1 male, 1 female – if possible.
 - b. At least 4 commitments (NESLC, conference calls, etc).
 - c. Excellent academic standing
 - d. Active Member of Interscholastic Athletics
 - e. References from a coach and athletic director
 - f. Parent commitment letter
 - g. Interview Process
 - i. Selected then interviewed by Section Rep (at a neutral location)

Future Items:

- Mission Statement Student Athlete Development Committee
- SAAC Application
- Recruitment of Student-Athletes for NESLC
- Scholar Athlete revitalization
- Website reconstruction

Next Meetings: Thursday, March 17 @ 1PM (NYSAAA Conference)

MEETING REPORT

Meeting: Student Athlete Development Committee

Date: Thursday, March 17, 2016 (NYSAAA Conference) @ 1:30PM

Topics Discussed:

1. Life of an Athlete
2. NYSPHSAA Captains Club
3. NFHS NSLS
4. NYSAAC Conference – Marathon student athlete attendance & next SADC meeting
5. NYSPHSAA Special Program Coordinator's works in progress

Attendees:

Section I –
Section II –
Section III – **Monica Wolfe**
Section IV – **Todd James**
Section V –
Section VI – **David Hack**
Section VII – **Michael Douglas**
Section VIII – **Carol Roseto**
Section IX – **Marco Lanzoni**
Section X –
Section XI – **Matt DeVincenzo**
NYSPHSAA – **Kristen Jadin**

Not present: Annette Landry (II), Patti Murphy (IV), Murphee Hayes (IV), Tim Hayes (X)

Items Discussion/ Action Taken:

1. Life of an Athlete Presentation:
 - a. Todd James and his student-athletes from Marathon presented their Life of an Athlete program, also referred to as "Pure Olympian Performance" which address a variety of areas; such as alcohol and drugs, tobacco, nutrition, sleep, stress and exercise that can help educate individuals to make positive choices in an effort to improve student athletes' athletic performance and lifestyle choices.
 - b. Items presented included:
 - i. Code of Conduct
 - ii. Captains Training Program
 - iii. Zero Hour
 - iv. 6th Grade Mentoring Program
 - v. Sports Trading Cards
 - vi. Offer Seasonal Sports Festivals to Elementary School
2. Scholar Athlete: NYSPHSAA President Stephen Broadwell charged the SADC to discuss ideas to revitalize the Scholar Athlete Program. The SADC made the suggestions below:
 - a. No minimum # for a small team. If the team is recognized by the School District, then it is considered a team.
 - b. Only include student athletes that have a 90 or above average.
 - c. The members of SADC are indifferent towards the SA Team Champion Award. However, if people are unhappy with it, the committee suggested creating a SA Team Champion for the number of classifications the sport has.
 - d. Include sports with regional championships (Rifle, Girls Ice Hockey, Fencing).
3. New England Student Leadership Conference (NESLC)
 - a. Kristen Jadin spoke with Peter from the MIAA and the conference is similar each year. Therefore, it would not be worth it for the students who already attended, to attend again.
 - b. SADC Section Reps will help recruit students from their respective sections. The goal is to have 22 student athletes total. Would like to have 2 students from each section if possible.
4. Criteria/Application process for SAAC members: Kristen put together a DRAFT application and handed it out to the committee. Unfortunately, time was limited and we were unable to discuss this further. The application will be discussed at the next meeting. The hope is to have the application process completed by June in order to allow students to apply over the summer.

Future Items:

- **Mission Statement Student Athlete Development Committee**
- **SAAC Application**
- **Recruitment of Student-Athletes for NESLC**
- **Scholar Athlete**
- **Handbook**

Next Meetings: Friday, April 22nd @ 10am via teleconference

**NYSED PHYSICAL EDUCATION, HEALTH EDUCATION, and ATHLETICS UPDATE
May 2016**

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 15-17, 2017) in Saratoga Springs
<http://www.nysaaa.org/conference/program-information>
- New York State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (NYSAPERD) Conference (November 16-19, 2017) 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 16-19, 2017) 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 (March 14-18, 2017) in Boston, Mass.- 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."*

NYSED PHYSICAL EDUCATION, HEALTH EDUCATION, and ATHLETICS UPDATE May 2016

- *"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."*
- See: <http://www.regents.nysed.gov/meetings/2016/2016-02/meeting-board-regents>

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](#)

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- 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 throughout the school day can improve a student's health and academic outcomes.^[7] 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.^[8] 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: Beginning 2015-2016 school year
- See link:
[http://www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/pe/documents/AthleticPlacementProcesskh4-13-16FINALRevised\(3\).pdf](http://www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/pe/documents/AthleticPlacementProcesskh4-13-16FINALRevised(3).pdf)
- APP Frequently Asked Questions found at:
<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/pe/toolkitdocs/FAQ-AthleticPlacementProcessforInterschoolAthleticPrograms4-23-15.docx.pdf>
- **Amendment to language in APP concerning Medical Clearance in Step 4 to clarify process-See below:**
- **Step 4 Medical Clearance:** (Must be completed BEFORE the physical fitness portion of the process) The district medical director will determine a student's physical maturity level, and compare the physical size of the student in relation to that of the students against whom the student wishes to compete. *If the student is determined to have attained the appropriate physical maturity level and comparable physical size for the desired sport and level (see Appendix C and H), the student may proceed with step 5. If the student is determined to **not** have attained an appropriate physical maturity level for the desired sport and level, **the process stops.**
- ***Please note: In the past Selection Classification Process, the Tanner scores were required scores, based exclusively on the Tanner staging of sexual development. The requirement meant the students must be at an identical level of development per the chart. This was not realistic as there is generally a range of ages playing at a high**

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school competition level. Additionally, the Tanner scores were identical for both sexes. This did not accurately reflect the earlier age of development of adolescent females versus adolescent males, which made it more likely that a less physically mature female could be approved to play at a higher level against physically matured females, and therefore be at greater risk of injury. Therefore, the APP maturity assessment standards were revised as follows: The medical director is instructed to take into consideration the height, weight, muscle mass, and Tanner rating as compared to the other athletes he/she would compete with.

- *The Tanner scores on (chart H found in the APP document) are no longer required numbers, as was the case in the previous Selection Classification Process but, are now recommended numbers for the APP.* Please note: The recommended Tanner scores are based on the average Tanner score of the average aged male or female that typically competes at those levels. Tanner scores are higher for females compared to males at the same levels, which more accurately reflects the earlier ages that females achieve physical maturity.
- Note- Tanner scores and fitness score standards for Fall 2016 are being reviewed.

6. MIXED COMPETITION GUIDELINES REVISED

- Please see:
http://www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/pe/documents/Mixed_CompetitionFinalAug2015.pdf

7. COACHING COURSES

- **New-NFHS** (NYS Specific) Coaching course pathway (NYSED, NYSPHSAA and NYSAAA 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%20CourseNFHSSecond%20PathwayGuideline.%2007-01-DD.Finaldocx.pdf>

<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/pe/toolkitdocs/INTERNSHIP%20EVALUATION%20FINAL%20FORM%206-29-15.DD-%20NFHS1.pdf>
- 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)
- If interested in becoming a provider for traditional NYSED Coaching Courses please contact NYSED at (518) 474-5922.

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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
- 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. 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.

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
- 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.

11. IMPORTANT REMINDER TO ALL PHYSICAL EDUCATION DIRECTORS/ATHLETIC DIRECTORS

- Make sure all of your coaches are certified and/or are in the process of completing their certification. Re-check to make sure they have all their requirements completed and license in hand in order to coach.

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12. IMPORTANT HEALTH RELATED ITEMS

**i. 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
- 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

**ii. COMMISSIONER'S REGULATIONS TO REQUIRE INSTRUCTION
IN CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION ("Hands Only" CPR)
AND INSTRUCTION IN THE USE OF AUTOMATED EXTERNAL
DEFIBRILLATORS**

- 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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MEETING REPORT

Meeting: Championship Advisory Committee (CAC)

Date: Wednesday, April 6, 2016 @ 1 pm, NYSPHSAA Office

Topics Discussed:

- 1) Input on Championship Sites/Dates: Girls Tennis, Girls Lacrosse, Boys Lacrosse, Rifle, Boys Swimming
- 2) Informational Items: Softball Coin toss, Girls Gymnastics
- 3) Proposals for: Swim Qualifying Standards, Field Hockey Regional Rotation, Boys Soccer Officials Rotation, Classification for Boys & Girls Lacrosse, Ice Hockey Classification, Green to Tee Coaching, Rifle Rulebook, Rifle Discontinue Small Bore, Federation Girls Tennis

Attendees:

Chair: Ted Woods John Rathbun
Eileen Troy Greg Ransom
Mike McCarthy Mark Ward
Mike Andrew Oscar Jensen
Patricia Ryan-Curry Ed Cinelli

NYSPHSAA Liaison: Joe Altieri

Robert Zayas Peter Hugo
Todd Nelson Pat Ryan
Joe Agostinelli Cathy Allen
Kristen Jadin Jim Amen
Peter Fisher Jamie Harter

Chairman Ted Woods called the meeting to order at 12:57 pm. Topics/Discussion/ Action follow:

Joe welcomed everyone, made announcements regarding the meeting then reviewed the content of the folders provided. He noted there are some items that may be removed from the agenda or postponed until the June meeting. He noted that coordinators will be calling in and we may need to improvise and adjust the agenda.

Ted reiterated voting procedures. He stressed the importance of voting and representing the entire state and that discussion/feedback is critical in the CAC's work.

Girls & Boys Swimming Qualifying Standards – Joe introduced the proposal and Boys & Girls Assistant Coordinator Pat Ryan reviewed girls and boys swimming qualifying standards. Peter Hugo provided input on the proposal. Patricia asked how percentages were established. The response was they were established by Championship Philosophy in 2011 and help keep participation limited in the state tournament. MOTION by Greg to accept the proposed standards. SECOND by John. Carried 9-0.

Boys Swimming Site 2018, 2019, 2020 – Peter Hugo explained the current situation with the boys swimming state championship site for 2018 through 2020. Robert indicated the overcapacity situation at boys swimming this year and that we needed a venue that could hold enough fans in the stands and athletes/coaches on the deck. Despite an offer on the table from Nassau Aquatics Center (site for 2017) for 2018 and 2019, Robert felt we should properly implement the bid process for this event. This was an informational item and no input was provided by CAC at this time.

Section III Request to Move 2017 NYSPHSAA Cheerleading – John stated there was little support from the Executive Directors when he presented this to them in March. The proposal was due to a scheduling conflict for Section III basketball and NYSPHSAA Cheerleading. Due to lack of support, John withdrew it from the CAC agenda.

Gymnastics State Tournament Date 2017 – Robert explained the issue with girls gymnastics state tournament date for 2017. He noted the way the calendar falls, it does not allow gymnastics to stay on week #35 in 2017. Eileen indicated changes to the standard NYSPHSAA Calendar are welcome when they have merit. (CAC INPUT ONLY)

Field Hockey Regional Rotation - Joe explained the proposed nine-year regional rotation. Although sport committees have not been asked to submit proposed new regional rotations in recent years, he was certain regional rotations were a topic that should be discussed by CAC and voted for recommendation. CAC members confirmed since it's a change in NYSPHSAA tournament format, it should be brought to CAC. Therefore the

committee discussed and voted on field hockey's proposal. MOTION by Ed to accept the proposed rotation. SECOND by Mike Andrew. Carried 9-0.

Softball Coin Toss at Regionals – Joe introduced the proposal and Softball Coordinator Cathy Allen explained the rationale of the discussion item. Patricia asked why there was "travel equity" to support this concept. John and Greg felt other sports have the host team as the home team and we should follow that practice. Ed stated we should not change it since the committee has been doing it since 1984. The majority of CAC expressed support of the current process. (CAC INPUT ONLY)

Rifle Championship Site 2017 - Joe presented the bid comparison document for West Point Military Academy for 2017. The CAC was unanimously in favor of West Point hosting the event for 2017. (CAC INPUT ONLY)

Girls Tennis Site 2016 - Joe explained the current situation with the Tri-City Tennis Center and the significant cost increase being charged for year #2 of the bid which was not part of the initial bid to run our event there. Mark thinks we should secure the USTA National Tennis Center and convene the officers so immediate action can be taken. Greg, Ed, John, Patricia, Mike A, Mike M, Eileen and Oscar agreed to make plans to move it to USTA National Tennis Center. (CAC INPUT ONLY)

Boys & Girls Lacrosse Semifinals & Finals Sites 2017-2019 – Joe explained the bid proposals submitted for boys lacrosse 2017 through 2019. Boys Lacrosse Coordinator Jim Amen provided additional explanations on the recommendations made by the committee and staff for boys and girls state semifinals and finals. Rationale for the selections of site was due to the expansion of four classes, price, experience with previous NYSPHSAA events, and logistics at sites. CAC member Mark Ward stated he was pleased to see the bid process providing NYSPHSAA great options. Greg stated he was in support of the choice in facilities for these championships. Mike Andrew appreciates the solicitation of multiple bids to consider for lacrosse. The CAC supported the selections of the committee and staff for boys and girls lacrosse sites. (CAC INPUT ONLY)

Boys Lacrosse Classification Cutoff Numbers – Joe introduced the proposals and Boys Lacrosse Coordinator Jim Amen and explained the background and rationale of the cutoff #s. Mark asked how many lacrosse committee members represented a Class D school since it may not be fair for a D school to play one with an enrollment of 500. Ed stated he understood the numbers established by the committee. Patricia felt there was more competitive balance in the Regionals. John felt many D schools would be "killed" with the new cutoff numbers. Mike McCarthy said we should be striving for equity and felt the girls committee did well with their cutoff numbers. Patricia indicated if you have 25% across the board, Class C & D will have 83 schools and it would be more equitable. Jim Amen stated it was not and the boys committee numbers were best for boys lacrosse. Eileen said if we are going to allow variance sports to make proposals then there should be an equal # of schools in each class, not allow the committee to arbitrarily choose the numbers. Todd explained the rationale of the lacrosse committee numbers. The CAC was not in agreement with the philosophy of how the boys lacrosse committee established four class cutoff numbers. MOTION by Greg to approve boys lacrosse cutoff #'s. SECOND by Eileen. Unanimously defeated, 0-9. NEW MOTION by Patricia to have boys lacrosse reconsider classification cutoff numbers to provide a more equitable distribution for teams for four classes. Second by Mark. Carried 9-0.

Girls Golf Green to Tee Coaching – Joe introduced the proposal and Girls Golf Coordinator Jamie Harter explained the background and rationale for the proposal. Todd asked where it states girls golf can't coach green to tee (there's nothing in the rule book...it is being asked because coaches previously served as markers). Patricia commented that all they really need is markers then. Eileen asked if boys golf does it (they do not). Robert asked if it was on the honor system. Jamie indicated "yes". Greg suggested CAC should still recommend this rule even though its not stated they can't green to tee coach. Todd asked what would happen if there's a non-board

approved coach coaching green to tee. Jamie said there's a list of board certified coaches provided to cover that. MOTION by Greg to allow green to tee coaching. SECOND by Eileen. Carried 9-0.

Rifle-Discontinue Small Bore – Joe introduced and explained the proposal. MOTION by Mark to accept discontinuation of small bore at the Rifle Regionals starting in 2017. SECOND by Ed. Carried 9-0.

Rifle-Adopt New Rule Book – Joe introduced and explained the proposal. MOTION by Mike Andrew to accept adopting the NRA-Precision Air Rifle Position Rules rulebook. SECOND by Oscar. Carried 9-0.

Girls Tennis NYSPHSAA/Federation Tournament – Robert introduced and explained the proposal. John asked what happens if a NYSPHSAA athlete chooses not to participate in the Federation matches. Robert/Todd indicated boys and girls tennis athletes are required to sign an "Intent to Compete" letter to play out the entire tournament. This would apply for Federation teams starting in 2016-17. MOTION by Greg to accept the revisions to the NYSPHSAA/Federation Tennis State tournaments. SECOND by John. Carried 9-0.

Girls Lacrosse Classification Cutoff Numbers – Todd introduced and explained the proposal. MOTION by Patricia to accept the proposed cutoff numbers starting in 2017. SECOND by Mike Andrew. Carried 9-0.

Ice Hockey Classification Cutoff Numbers – Todd introduced and explained the proposal. MOTION by John to accept the proposed cutoff numbers starting in 2016-17 school year. SECOND by Oscar. Carried 9-0. John Rathbun added complimentary remarks to Section 6 for the outstanding job they did in the first year hosting the ice hockey state championships at the HarborCenter.

Boys Soccer Rotation of Officials – Boys Soccer Coordinator Mike Andrew introduced and explained the proposal. MOTION by Greg to accept the officials rotation. SECOND by Ed. Carried 8-0. (As a member of CAC and Boys Soccer Committee, Mike Andrew left the room for the vote).

Girls Ice Hockey/Boys Volleyball/Rifle – Joe presented a document regarding these sports and other non-recognized state tournament sports. The goal was to have CAC provide input on how to handle these sports, tournaments, administration and other responsibilities. All have different involvement, needs, and administration in their sports during the year and in their Regional Championships. Joe noted Girls Ice Hockey will be meeting as a committee in the NYSPHSAA office for the first time ever on June 6th. It is asked of each member to refer to the document and be prepared to provide thoughts at the next CAC meeting.

Other – John asked if girls soccer committee could discuss including Section 10 in the Regional Rotation.

Adjournment – MOTION by Oscar. SECOND by Mike McCarthy. The meeting adjourned at 4:14 pm

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, June 22, 2016 at 11 am at the NYSPHSAA Office

MEETING REPORT

Meeting: Handbook Committee

Date: April 6, 2016 @ 9:00 AM (Teleconference/ NYSPHSAA)

Topics Discussed:

- Combining of Teams
- Representation Standard
- Fencing contests
- Life of An Athlete
- Combining of Teams

Attendees:

Pat Pizzareli- Chair
Julie Bergman
Pete Bednarek
Mike Carboine
Darryl Daily- Absent
Robbie Greene
Renee James
Todd Nelson- Absent
Steve Broadwell- Absent
Robert Zayas

Action Items Approved/ Major Discussion:

NYSPHSAA Handbook: *"COMBINING OF TEAMS - The joining together of students from two or more member schools in the same district or close proximity to form a single team shall be permitted subject to the following conditions....."*

Request: Section IX's Athletic Council has requested a review of the above language as to why a school cannot merge (combine) to form "multiple" teams instead of a "single" team.

Committee: *There was no support from the Committee for any changes to the Combining of Teams Standard.* ** The Committee asked that Robert Zayas discuss this issue with the 11 Section Executive Directors to determine if it is an issue in other Sections.

- Representation Standard:

NYSPHSAA Handbook: *"NOTE: For the sports of golf and girls gymnastics, a waiver of the Representation Standard may be granted by the NYSPHSAA Executive Director when a student has qualified for participation in the current school year's NYSPHSAA Championship event and has subsequently transferred to a NYSPHSAA member school. The athlete must meet all other eligibility standards, including transfer, to receive the waiver."*

Question: Is there consideration for permitting the above waiver for "all individual sports" and not just golf and girls gymnastics?

Committee: The Committee felt that the standard should not be modified.

- Representation Standard:

NYSPHSAA Handbook: *"The request is to be submitted prior to the governing board meeting. School districts may submit a written request to the Section for adjustment of contests for individual participant based on medical documentation that confirms the individual was not able to participate in the required number of contests."*

Question: Does it have to only be "*medically*" related? NYSPHSAA has had three situations that were not "medically" related this school year, but could be perceived as valid reasons for a waiver of the representation standard.

Committee: The Committee felt that the standard should not be modified.

- Fencing:

NYSPPHSAA Handbook: Fencing student-athletes are required to have a minimum of six (6) contests in order to be eligible for the post season in accordance with the representation standard.

Question: Could the requirement be reduced to four contests in the sport of Fencing?

The rationale from Section VIII includes:

- In Fencing there are three fencers on the score card for each weapon (foil, sabre and epee) – Each compete three bouts in the match. For a total of nine(9) fencers in nine (9) bouts.
- In Section VIII they schedule 13 matches for the girls programs and 12 matches for the boys programs.
- Substitution can be made when the score differential permits but in some matches that becomes difficult due to the competitive nature of the sport – the matches are too close.
- In Nassau County, they find that toward the end of the season, the subs have not entered enough bouts and are ineligible for post season competition. They contest a team and individual tournament at the end of the season and have found that some of the substitutes have not met the six (6) required number of contests.

Committee: The Committee felt that a Section already has the ability to make this request annually. Any deviation from this standard would lead to other sports making a similar request.

- Life of An Athlete:

NYSPPHSAA Handbook:

The current NYSPPHSAA handbook states the following pertaining to the Chemical Health program mandate:

THE NYSPPHSAA, INC. CHEMICAL HEALTH MANDATE

Each section must hold at least one chemical health workshop during the school year emphasizing educational and preventative strategies, and attended by representation from each school in their section. The chemical health workshops were mandated in 1990-91.

Committee: ** Recommends that this be taken to the Student Athlete Development committee for their input pertaining to the "mandate."

- Combining of Teams:

** The Handbook Committee would like to review if Sections are using specific criteria for permitting teams to merge.

Future Items For Consideration:

- Future Handbook Committee Dates for the 2015-2016 School Year:

Wednesday, June 22, 2016 @ 9:00 AM

** To Do Items



NYSPHSAA Executive Committee

May 6, 2016

Todd Nelson
Safety Committee

Attendance:

Jim Rose (1), Rick Knizek (2), Nicole Halloran (3), Kim Henshaw (5), Jennifer Drucker (7), Jennifer Keane (8), Janet Carey (9), Erika Backus (10), Tim Mullins (11), Lou Rende (CAT), Dr. Donatelli, Dr. O'Bryan, Linda Khalil, Connie Griffin.

Extreme Temperature Situations/Heat Acclimatization:

The Safety Committee listened to presentations from Weather Bug and Accuweather regarding weather alert systems. The NYSPHSAA is interested in improving our current Heat Index and Wind Chill Procedure by securing a reliable and accurate source to obtain the reliable Heat Index or Wind Chill readings. Both companies offer a very good service that can be used by our member schools. The committee also discussed the recommendation from the NATA and the Korey Stringer Institute that states the gold standard is to take the reading on site. They also recommend using a WBGT reading within a policy. The committee discussed all of the options and has made a recommendation to the Executive Committee. The Safety Committee will continue to discuss and be involved with the Heat Acclimatization discussion within the association.

Concussion Management:

The NYSPHSAA has made a request to ImPact to revise the amount of baseline and post-injury tests purchased by the association. NYSIR has made a very commendable offer to their member schools to provide free baseline tests and post-injury tests. The NYSIR offer covers 12 sports at the Varsity and JV level. The tests are good for two years. Schools will be given separate login information for the NYSIR tests. Schools can still purchase tests from NYSPHSAA if they want to test the sports not covered by NYSIR or test non-athletes. ImPact and NYSPHSAA has one more year remaining on a three year contract.

Baseball Pitch Count vs. Innings Count:

More and more state associations are moving from innings count to pitch counts. Currently NYSPHSAA has a maximum number of innings a player can pitch during a day and week. There are many studies that have shown the effects of overuse injuries to pitchers around the country. The Safety Committee is requesting that the NYSPHSAA Baseball Committee consider recommending changing from maximum number of innings to maximum number of pitches allowed per player.

Discussion Items:

- Modified Recommendations – Football Pilot Program, Minimum Number of Practices, Game Schedules
- USA Football Heads Up Coaching Education Program – NYSPHSAA Endorsement
- “Tommy Tough” Football Standards
- NYSPHSAA Strategic Plan Health and Safety Initiatives
- Anyone Can Save a Life

April 2016

To: Modified Athletics Representatives
Section Athletic Council

From:

Re: Spring 2016 Meeting Report
NYSPHSAA Committee for Modified Athletics

The spring meeting of the NYSPHSAA Committee for Modified Athletics took place on April 1, 2016 in Latham, New York. A synopsis of the meeting is as follows:

I. Items that will go to the State Executive Committee in May 2016:

A. 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. (Aug. 22, 2016)

The starting week for the modified winter season will be Week 20. (Nov. 14, 2016)

The starting week for the modified spring season will be Week 37 (Mar.13,2017)"

The motion passed 19-0.

B. Acceptance of Two-Year Modified Football Pilot Program for Use

Motion:

"With section/league approval, the two-year modified football pilot program rule changes may be adopted for use."

The motion passed 19-0. This item will be a Discussion Item at the May Executive Committee meeting, and an Action Item at the summer meeting of the Executive Committee. If it passes, it will be put into effect in the Fall 2016 season.

C. Soccer Editorial Changes

The following soccer editorial changes were requested:

1. Deletion of Required Shin Guards

Motion:

"Modified Soccer Game Rule #4b (Equipment) 'Shin guards must be worn at all times by all players.' shall be edited out of the NYSPHSAA handbook."

The motion was passed 19-0. This rule is already a part of the National Federation soccer rulebook.

2. Extension of Waiver of Numbered Goalie Jersey

Motion:

"Modified Soccer Game Rule #12 'The NFHS regulation that the boys' and girls' soccer goalie uniform jersey shall be numbered shall be waived at the modified level until the 2017-2018 school year."

The motion was passed 19-0.

3. Exemption of All-White Home Jerseys for Modified Boys' and Girls' Soccer

Motion:

"The modified girls' and boys' soccer programs will be exempt from the National Federation rule requiring all-white home jerseys."

The motion was passed 19-0.

II. Items that will be Sent to the State Safety Committee

A. Football Editorial Change

Motion:

"The modified 11-Man and 8-Man Football Game Condition #2: 'These games shall be scheduled with no more than one game per week.' shall be edited to 'These games shall be scheduled with no more than three games in 14 days.'

The motion passed 19-0. If it passes, it will go to the Executive Committee as a Discussion Item in May and as an Action Item at its summer meeting. If approved there, it can be implemented in the Fall 2016 season.

B. Reduction in Required Practice Days

There is a need to study the established required number of practice days per sport prior to the start of scrimmages and games. There are issues across the state that currently make it difficult to start and complete modified seasons: different school starting days in September, modified students who do not take athletic physicals before the seasons start, the Jewish holidays that limit practices in the fall, the scheduling of modified transportation, and weather challenges.

The Committee decided to collectively draft a revised chart of practice day requirements. Members agreed that we absolutely do not want modified athletes playing a scrimmage or game on their first day of attendance. There should be slightly less practices required for individual athletes than the team in most sports. It is likely that an individual athlete might have to miss practices due to late qualification to play a sport or absences. Rationalizations on why we should consider changes included: our modified athletes are not playing HS game rules; we have already developed and modified our game rules and conditions to meet our modified athletics philosophy; we are the only state in the tri-state region with

established modified rules and game standards; we play fewer games, and every game is a training situation. We want to keep and enhance athletes' participation in our school programs, but we are losing many athletes to outside competition.

There was discussion about whether or not changes should be considered in the current number of nights' rest required between contests per sport. Committee members decided that we should table the nights' rest discussion until a future time, after the sections and the Safety Committee make recommendations on the following document.

DRAFT		
Modified Athletics Number of Practices Required Prior to Scrimmages/Games		
SPORT	Team/Individual Practices Prior to 1 st Scrimmage	Team/Individual Practices Prior to 1 st Game
Badminton	6/4	6/4
Baseball	10/8	12/10
Pitcher	10	12
Basketball	8/6	10/8
Bowling	3	3
Cheering	TBA once HS Standards Set	TBA Once HS Standards Set
Cross Country	8/6	8/6
Football	13/12	17/16
Golf	3	3
Gymnastics	10	15
Ice Hockey	10	15
Boys' Lacrosse	10/8	12/10
Girls' Lacrosse	10/8	10/8
Skiing	10/8	10/8
Soccer	8/6	10/8
Softball	8/6	10/8
Swimming/Diving	10/8	12/10
Tennis	6/4	6/4
Track - Indoor	10/8	10/8
Track - Outdoor	10/8	10/8
Volleyball	8/6	10/8
Wrestling	12/10	15/13

C. 3-Point Shot in Modified Boys' and Girls' Basketball

The use of the 3-Point Shot in modified boys' and girls' basketball has been discussed by this Committee for over six years. We must either gather data to support this rule, or drop it for the modified level. A draft survey was created by Modified Committee Co-Chairperson Judy Salerno, including input from Modified Committee members. This will be shared with the Safety and Executive Committees and turned into an online survey by the NYSPHSAA to generate and gather data from all interested parties. It will be sent to basketball coaches, building and district Athletic Directors, and physical educators at both the modified and high school levels. A deadline return of June 3, 2016 will be set. Expect to receive this document, and please fill it in and return it to the state.

NYSPHSAA – MODIFIED ATHLETICS SURVEY

DRAFT

9. What Section do you represent? Please place a check on the appropriate line.

Section 1	_____	Section 7	_____
Section 2	_____	Section 8	_____
Section 3	_____	Section 9	_____
Section 4	_____	Section 10	_____
Section 5	_____	Section 11	_____
Section 6	_____		

10. What description indicates your job? Please place a check on the appropriate line(s).

Modified Girls Basketball Coach_____	Modified Building Athletic Director_HS
JV Girls Basketball Coach_____Varsity	Building Athletic Director _____
Girls Basketball Coach _____	
Modified Boys Basketball Coach _____	District Athletic Director _____
JV Boys Basketball Coach _____	Physical Education Teacher _____
Varsity Boys Basketball Coach _____	

Assuming that the sections will have the option of using this rule "With section/league approval" for both genders:

11. Do you support the use of the 3 point shot in Modified Girls Basketball? Yes____No ____
Will you use the 3 point Shot if this rule is approved? Yes____No ____

12. Do you support the use of the 3 point shot in Modified Boys Basketball? Yes____No ____
Will you use the 3 Point Shot if this rule is approved? Yes____No ____

Please add any additional comments here if you wish

PLEASE RETURN THIS SURVEY BY FRIDAY, JUNE 2, 2016

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

- A. Recommendations to Safety Committee and Executive Committee on reduction of number of practice days required before modified level scrimmages and games.
- B. Efforts to secure modified sport coordinator for gymnastics.
- C. Collection of state-wide coaches', administrators' and Physical Educators' opinions of the use of the 3-point shot in modified boys' and girls' basketball
- D. Appropriate report presentations by spring sports coordinators. The following sports are scheduled for review: baseball, boys' and girls' lacrosse, softball, boys' and girls' tennis, boys' and girls' track and field

IV. Discussion Item for Next Meeting None at this time

V. Action Item for Next Meeting None at this time.

VI. Information Items

1. **USA Football "Heads Up Football Program.** The 2-year modified football pilot program rules have been made permanent. 2016 modified football injury reports indicated that injuries have not increased. Rather, they have decreased overall. This can be attributed in part to increased discussion regarding concussions in football, reduced contact in the sport, and an increased emphasis on safety. Todd Nelson noted that all involved in football are concerned about negative publicity in this sport. USA Football has supported a "Heads Up Football" coaching education program that has taken great strides towards improving safety in this sport. NYSPHSAA is aligning with the National Federation in support of program to send a strong message that **we minimize the risk of participating in interscholastic sport through rules, through the use of proper equipment, and through coaching education.** The USA Football "Heads Up Football" training will require every football coach on all levels (modified through high school) to take an annual 1½- 2 hour online class through the National Federation; the cost will be \$10 per coach. In addition, 1-2 coaches per district will be required to take a 4-hour in-person training course. The person(s) attending the in-person class will become the "turnkey trainers" for the rest of their district football staff. The NYSPHSAA Football Committee has presented a recommendation to endorse the USA Football "Heads-Up Football" program. This item will be a Discussion Item at the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee's May 2016 meeting, and an Action Item at their summer meeting. A \$16,000 grant has been submitted by Executive Director Robert Zayas to financially support the project, and to seek endorsement and financial support from NYS professional football teams as well. While the \$10 cost/coach is nominal, any costs to the

schools and coaches of NYS would be best eliminated. USA Football is also working with the Pop Warner and other youth levels of football to develop football safety curricula for all levels. A "Moms Program" is also in the works. Sections 4 and 6 have already endorsed and worked hard to support these programs. Schools that have already participated have been shown to statistically have fewer injuries and improved play. Several Committee members noted that if we do not do all we can to minimize the risks of football and to take proactive steps, we will not have football in the future. We must change the culture of this sport and must communicate to parents what we are doing to minimize risks. Section 1 spoke of the "Shadow Man" harness training tool that was purchased for some schools, a great product that gives athletes lots of repetitions in tackling, limiting concussions and risks. It has sizes for modified and HS players. The cost is approximately \$2,000, "money well spent." Section 11 spoke of a successful practice ("Tommy Tough") in their section that began after the death of one of their football players. If a football athlete receives a penalty for spearing or an illegal unsafe play, he is taken out of the game for a play, and must speak with their school team's safety coach to determine if/when he will be put back in.

2. Need for Modified Sport Coordinators. We continue to be in need of a NYSPHSAA modified sport coordinator for girls' gymnastics. If you have interest in filling this role, please let us know; your participation on the State Committee would be welcome!
3. NYSPHSAA Modified Committee Meetings for 2016-2017:

Fall:	Friday, September 23, 2016	9:30 AM
Spring:	Friday, March 31, 2017	9:30 AM

If you wish to have us bring items from our section to the State meetings for consideration, please speak up at our local meetings, or put your thoughts in writing for discussion. Contact your modified sectional representatives if you have suggestions, concerns or good ideas. Change starts at the local level; we encourage and welcome your input and participation.

Section IV Football - Modified Football Rules Proposal

Request:

A 2-year pilot study in the sport of football at the modified level to include:

- 1. Implementation of the revised modified football rules (see below) and*
- 2. All participating schools will take part in the 2 year required Health and safety study.*

All sections/schools approving the use of the modified football rules must take part in, complete and submit the following safety study:

Schools will be required to track and keep records of all injuries that occur to modified football athletes during the football season including game and practice sessions. The tracking of injuries and categorization of them will look to determine if athletes are at a greater risk of injury by participating using the new rules for modified football.

To establish a baseline of information, all schools participating will be asked to submit to their section Executive Director, Football Chairman and NYSPHSAA an injury report from the 2013 football season for modified players, as well as, track and report all injuries to players for the next two consecutive seasons 2014 and 2015. This information must be submitted no later than December 1st of each year. This information will be collected, analyzed, collated and released to all vested parties.

Rationale:

- Teaching and coaching similar systems of offense and defensive football schemes to all players in the program at the appropriate age and developmental level.
- Consistency between modified and varsity levels in teaching techniques of individual positions, team philosophies, and overall schemes and language.
- Safely close the gap between Jr. High, "modified" football rules and NFHS rules employed at the HS level
- Step-wise, natural progression for student athletes in the game of football in NYS beginning in modified and culminating at the varsity level.

Proposed Changes to current NYSPHSAA Modified Football Rules

1. Dead ball rule on all punts, no live punts or returns (optional for section wide use with approval of the section.)
2. The offense must employ three players on the line-of-scrimmage on both sides of the center, no unbalanced line (optional for section wide use with approval of the section.)
3. There is a maximum of 1 yard splits between line-man, tackle to tackle.
4. Defenses must employ a 4, 5 or 6 man front
5. 4 and 6 man fronts must be balanced and aligned head up tackle to tackle and cannot cover the center (no gap alignment.)
6. If a 5-man front is employed. The nose guard must line head up on the center and the tackles head up on the offensive guards or tackles, (no gap alignments.)
7. Defensive lineman, once aligned and in a stance cannot stem prior to the snap of the ball
8. No blitzing allowed. Linebackers must be stationary and at a 3 yard minimum depth at the snap of the ball.
9. Press coverage and contact at the line-of-scrimmage is not allowed against a receiver (Exception: you may press and contact is allowed with any eligible receiver within 5 yards of the offensive tackle.)

Pilot Study Baseline Information:

Section IV Football Injury Report for the 2013 season (44 total schools, 29 Reported at time of submission)

Total Injuries: 154

(See Attached for individual school breakdown)

Section IV Football - Modified Football Rules Proposal

This is the chart we plan to utilize in the pilot program to track and categorize injuries

Categories of Injury

	Catastrophic Paralysis/Death	Severe/Fracture	Sprains/Strains	Contusions/Abrasions	Head Injury/Concussion
Total Number 2014					
Total Number 2015					

Each injury should be further categorized by indicating when the injury occurred by the following:

Practice or Game (P or G)

Offense (O)

Defense (D)

Special Teams (ST)

For example:

	Catastrophic Paralysis/Death	Severe/Fracture	Sprains/Strains	Contusions/Abrasions/ Cut	Head Injury/ Concussion
Total Number 2014= 10	No Injuries	1 Broken leg (P)	1 sprain knee (G, ST) 1 sprain ankle (G, O)	1 Bruise hamstring (P) 1 Bruise foot (P) 1 Cut (G, D)	2 Concussion (G, ST) 1 Concussion (P) 1 Concussion G, D)

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USA FOOTBALL HEADS UP PROGRAM

☐ Action Item
☒ Discussion/ Information Item

Presenter:

Gary Vanderzee, NYSPHSAA Football Coordinator

Proposal:

Consider approval for NYSPHSAA to endorse the USA Football Heads Up Coaching Education Program.

Rationale:

NYSPHSAA is committed to reducing risk to student athletes through rules, equipment and coaching education. Studies have shown football teams who have coaches trained in the Heads Up program have fewer head injuries and fewer helmet to helmet contacts.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Football Committee.

Budget Impact:

The cost of the program is \$10 per coach.

Notes:

A school that agrees to use the Heads Up program will have each coach on the football coaching staff take an on-line training through the NFHS. After each coach completes the on-line training one or two coaches will attend a 4 hour in person training to become a player safety coach. The player safety coach will return to the coaching staff to complete the training for all the other coaches. Once the training is complete each coach will receive \$1 million dollar liability coverage from USA Football. The training is done on an annual basis. The NYSPHSAA Safety Committee supports this endorsement.

Attachments:

USA Football agreement for member schools
Heads Up Football- Making a Difference document



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Title of Proposal:

**Section VII 1.5 Multiplier Proposal for
NYSPHSAA Non-Public and Charter School Members**

Type of Proposal: Standard Classification Procedure for Non-Public and Charter School Members.
Request discussion at section level and vote at the July, 2016 Central Committee Meeting on the Section VII 1.5 Multiplier Proposal to be effective starting in the 2017-18 school year.

Presented by: Section VII

Presenter: Patricia Ryan-Curry

Proposal:

Sections will classify NYSPHSAA non-public and charter school members using a MINIMUM MULTIPLIER of 1.5 of their annual BED numbers to determine the classification of their sport specific athletic programs.

Sections continue to have the ability to classify the non-public and charter school athletic programs to a higher classification based on the procedures approved within their section. A school moved up in a class above the 1.5 multiplier for a particular sport must remain in that class throughout the entire sport season.

Rationale:

While maintaining the current review process of the classification of non-public and charter schools utilized within each section, the multiplier will provide a level of consistency among member schools that have geographical boundaries and those who do not.

The impact of competitive balance between NYSPHSAA non-public and charter schools and public schools may not occur at the section level but does take place at NYSPHSAA post season contests. Therefore, a statewide standardized policy should be utilized. The proposal will provide a minimal standard of competitive balance for all schools participating in NYSPHSAA Individual and Team Sport Championships.

Proposal Originated:

Section VII is concerned with the prevalence and success of non-public and charter school members in NYSPHSAA post season and championship contests, especially in Class D.

Sections reporting difficulties when determining appropriate classification for non-public and charter schools

Budget Impact:

No direct budget impact on NYSPHSAA, Sections or School Districts

Attachments: Information from Journal of Amateur Sport, 2015

Source: <http://www.jamsport.org/Johnsonetal2015%20JAS%20PDF.pdf>

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

5/7/2016

Wk #	# of Wks	Fall 2015	Fall 2016	Fall 2017	Fall 2018	Fall 2019	Fall 2020	Fall 2021
7	N/A	8/17	8/15	8/14	8/13	8/19	8/17	8/16
8	N/A	8/24	8/22	8/21	8/20	8/26	8/24	8/23
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
19	13 Wks.	11/14	11/12	11/11	11/10	11/16	11/14	11/13
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
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
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
20	14 Wks.	11/21	11/19	11/18	11/17	11/23	11/21	11/20
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
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
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
18	N/A	11/2	10/31	10/30	10/29	11/4	11/2	11/1
19	N/A	11/9	11/7	11/6	11/5	11/11	11/9	11/8
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
34/35	16 Wks.	2/27	3/4	3/3	3/2	2/29	2/27	2/26
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
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
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
35	17 Wks.	3/5	3/4	3/3	3/2	3/7	3/6	3/5
35	17 Wks.	3/5	3/4	3/3	3/2	3/7	3/6	3/5
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
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
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
35	N/A	2/29	2/27	2/26	2/25	3/2	2/29	2/28
36	N/A	3/7	3/6	3/5	3/4	3/9	3/8	3/7
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
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
48	13 Wks.	6/4-6/6	6/3-6/5	6/2-6/4	6/1-6/3	6/5-6/8	6/5-6/7	6/4-6/6
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
49	14 Wks.	6/11	6/10	6/9	6/8	6/13	6/12	6/11
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
49	14 Wks.	6/11	6/10	6/9	6/8	6/13	6/12	6/11
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



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GIRLS LACROSSE 4 CLASSIFICATION CUT-OFF NUMBERS

☒ Action Item
☐ Discussion/ Information Item

Presenter:

Jacquie Gow, NYSPHSAA Girls Lacrosse Coordinator

Proposal:

Consider approval of the 4 classification cut-off numbers for the NYSPHSAA Girls Lacrosse Championship (Class A, B, C, D). Effective for the 2017 season.

Rationale:

In January 2016, the Executive Committee approved Girls Lacrosse to offer 4 classes starting with the 2017 season. The Girls Lacrosse Committee has met and is making the recommendation below.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Girls Lacrosse Committee

Budget Impact:

None.

Notes:

Proposal:

Class A	1075 – Up	78 schools
Class B	790 – 1074	77 schools
Class C	475 – 789	78 schools
Class D	474 – down	78 schools

At the April 6, 2016 meeting, the CAC voted unanimously IN FAVOR of this proposal, 9-0.

Attachments:

None.



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BOYS LACROSSE 4 CLASSIFICATION CUT-OFF NUMBERS

 Action Item
 √ Discussion/ Information Item

Presenter:

Jim Amen, NYSPHSAA Boys Lacrosse Coordinator

Proposal:

Consider approval of the 4 classification cut-off numbers for the NYSPHSAA Boys Lacrosse Championship (Class A, B, C, D). Effective for the 2017 season.

Rationale:

In January 2016, the Executive Committee approved Boys Lacrosse to offer 4 classes starting with the 2017 season. The Boys Lacrosse Committee has met and is making the recommendation below. The recommendation is being made with the philosophy that each section have at least two teams in each class when possible.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Boys Lacrosse Committee

Budget Impact:

None.

Notes:

Proposal:

Class A	1050 – Up	87 schools
Class B	1049 – 750	84 schools
Class C	749 – 501	67 schools
Class D	500 – down	98 schools

At the April 6, 2016 meeting, the CAC unanimously defeated this proposal and approved a new motion for boys lacrosse to reconsider classification cutoff numbers with more equitable distribution for teams in four classes.

Attachments:

None.



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STRATEGIC PLAN 2016-2017 → 2020-2021

 Action Item
√ Discussion/ Information Item

Presenter:

Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director

Information:

The NYSPHSAA Strategic Planning Committee met in Albany on April 4-5, 2016. Ryan Sherman, Superintendent at Schuylerville served as the Chair of the Committee. Each Section had representation on the Committee, along with the NYSPHSAA Officers and Past Presidents, NYSAAA, individual sports coordinator and team sports coordinator.

The Committee was divided into four subcommittees, which focused on the following topics:

Operations (Steve Broadwell- Chair)

Staffing
Championships
Communication with membership
Legislative issues
NYSED
New sports

Health & Safety (Greg Ransom- Chair)

Athletic Trainers
Rules and regulations (safety)
Mixed Competition
Athletic Placement Process

Programs (Eileen Troy- Chair)

Rules and regulations (HS & modified)
Committees
Technology
Handbook

Finance (Paul Harrica- Chair)

NYSPHSAA Revenue Share program
Corporate Sponsorships/ Partners
Ticket prices
Membership dues

The Strategic Planning Committee analyzed data from a membership survey, which included responses from 264 athletic directors.

The Strategic Planning Committee is scheduled to review a draft of the strategic initiatives in May and a final draft will be provided to the Central Committee for approval at the July 26-28, 2016 Central Committee meeting.



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**ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE TO THE
COMBINING OF TEAMS STANDARD**

☒ Action Item
☐ Discussion/ Information Item

Presenter:

Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director

Proposal:

Consider for future approval the following to be added to the Combining of Teams Standard:

"5. If a merger is denied by the Section, schools have the ability to resubmit a merger request using 100% of all schools BEDS enrollment number."

Rationale:

Provides the Section and school with a "next step" if a merger is denied at the league/ Section level.

Proposal Originated:

Section Executive Directors January conference call.

Budget Impact:

None.

Notes:

None.

Attachments:

None.

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GIRLS VOLLEYBALL – DEFINITION OF A MATCH

☒ Action Item
☐ Discussion/ Information Item

Presenter:

Patti Perone, NYSPHSAA Girls Volleyball Coordinator

Proposal:

The committee seeks approval of the following definition of a match so there is clarification between a match and tournament: a match should consist of sets in a best 3 of 5 format, all 25 point games. Dual and tri matches are consistent with the definition of a match. A tournament is 4 or more teams that participate in a pool play and bracket format is not a match. A bracket can consist of best 2 of 3 or single set rounds. Scoring options are starting at 0-0 or 4-4 going until 25 points or a cap.

Rationale:

Clarification and time on tournament scoring

Proposal Originated:

Originated within the girls volleyball state committee, presented by Section 9 initially, at the April 7th meeting.

Budget Impact:

None.

Notes:

The girls volleyball state committee unanimously supported the proposed definition at their recent meeting. Due to the committee meeting taking place after the CAC last met, there was no feedback or voting by the CAC provided for this.

The committee also requests the definition be placed in the NYSPHSAA Handbook in the sports standards.

Attachments:

None



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FIELD HOCKEY – NEW REGIONAL ROTATION

☒ Action Item
☐ Discussion/ Information Item

Presenter:

Bev Hooper NYSPHSAA State Coordinator

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Field Hockey State Committee is proposing a new 9-year Regional rotation starting November 2016.

Rationale:

Due to the uneven number of sections who participate in field hockey, the regional rotation gives each section the opportunity to participate in the outbracket contest. The current rotation expired in 2015. Therefore, the necessity for a new 9-year regional rotation.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Field Hockey Committee on January 8, 2016 (date)

Budget Impact:

No additional impact. To help with the cost and travel time between two sections who are not next to each other, those sections will play at a neutral section. (example: 3 vs 6 @ 5).

Notes:

Field Hockey Committee supported this proposal 8 to 1.

At the April 6, 2016 meeting, the CAC voted unanimously IN FAVOR of this proposal, 9-0.

Attachments:

Yes



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Attachments:

Yes



Section IX Athletics

Gregory Ransom, Executive Director

A P P R O V E D

Section IX Athletics – Start Dates

All Fall Sports – Monday, August 15, 2016
All Winter Sports – Monday, November 7, 2016
All Spring Sports – Monday, March 6, 2017

Mandated NYSPHSAA Workshop

Tues., Sept 20, 2016	Wallkill High School	9:30 a.m.
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Section IX Meeting Dates and Sites

Tues., Sept. 13, 2016	Coleman Catholic High School	9:30 a.m.
Tues., October 18, 2016	Orange-Ulster BOCES	9:30 a.m.
Tues., Nov. 15, 2016	Coleman Catholic High School	9:30 a.m.
Thurs., Jan. 5, 2016	Orange-Ulster BOCES	9:30 a.m.
Tues., March 14, 2017	Coleman Catholic High School	9:30 a.m.
Tues., April 18, 2017	Orange-Ulster BOCES	9:30 a.m.
Tues., May 23, 2017	Monroe-Woodbury Ed. Ctr.	9:30 a.m.
Tues., June 20, 2017	TBA	



SECTION IX ATHLETICS

Gregory Ransom, Executive Director

TO: Section IX Athletic Directors, Coaches and Executive Committee

FROM: Mr. Christopher Mayo, OCIAA Interscholastic Athletic Coordinator

SUBJECT: Tee Times for Section IX Outing

DATE: May 9, 2016

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DATE: Thursday, June 16, 2016
SITE: Apple Greens Golf Club
TIME: After Section IX Meeting
COST: \$36. per person – 18 holes with cart

If you are interested in participating as a single player or if you have a foursome to play everyone needs to sign up.

LAST DATE FOR SIGN-UP – JUNE 6, 2016

NAMES: (1) _____

Foursome I'll be playing with that day:

(2) _____

(3) _____

(4) _____

Please fax by June 6, 2016 to: (845)291-7306

Make your check payable to: Section IX Athletics

Send your check to: Section IX Athletics
P.O. Box 656
Goshen, NY 10924

Tee Times for Section IX Outing