



# Section IX Athletics

Gregory Ransom, Executive Director

## Section IX Athletic Council Meeting

Tuesday, June 20, 2017

Monroe Woodbury Educational Center @ 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 May 23, 2017 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. Back from the Leagues: See attachment
  10. Spring Chair Report:
    - a. Baseball Jeremy Weber & James Ryan
    - b. Softball Tom Cassata & Steve Boucher
    - c. Boys Golf Tom Howe
    - d. Girls Golf Bill Earl
    - e. Boys Lacrosse Bob Slate
    - f. Girls Lacrosse Wendy Crandall
    - g. Boys Tennis Urvashi Gupta
    - h. Track & Field Matthew Hemmer & Brian Halling
  11. Fall Chair Report:
    - a. Cross Country James Glover & Joe Cahill
    - b. Football Dave Coates
    - c. Boys Soccer Pete Ferguson & Tony Martelli
    - d. Girls Soccer Diane Wanser
    - e. Field Hockey Debra Beam
    - f. Girls Tennis Selina DeCicco
    - g. Volleyball Antonia Woody
    - h. Girls Swimming Pat Ryan
  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 Adam Kless
    - g. Unified Sports Rich Silverstein
  13. New Business
  14. Old Business
  15. Adjournment of Section IX Meeting
- Next Meeting Date:  
Tuesday, September 12, 2017 @ 8:00 am @ Coleman Catholic High School

Mandated NYSPHSAA Athletic Director Workshop  
Tuesday, September 19, 2017 @ Wallkill High School

9. Back from Leagues (attachment)

1. Consideration to amend NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame voting procedures & application dead line.
2. Consideration of revisions to NYSPHSAA Transgender guidelines.
3. Consideration of approval for Boy Volleyball to abide by NCAA scoring at the varsity level.
4. Consideration of approval to revise the Girls Volleyball Classification cut off number for Fall 2018 season.
5. Consideration of approval of Girls Soccer Regional Rotations.
6. Consideration of approval to no longer require an end of year report including data on disqualification in Girls and Boys Soccer, to be sent to the NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Coordinator
7. Consideration of approval for the Ice Hockey Championships (Semi-Finals and Finals) to have 2 referees or 2 linesmen.
8. Consideration of approval for Ice Hockey to abide by the NFHS Ice Hockey Rule for time periods (17 minutes) and penalties (2/5 & 10 minutes) to begin with 2018-2019 Season.
9. Consideration of approval for a reduction in participation numbers from 14 to 12 for Eight Man Football.
10. Consideration of approval for Modified Sports in Section VIII to mirror the high school start date.
11. 5 Class Tournament with Proposed Adjusted cutoff numbers  
AA- 965 , A- 500-964 , B- 270-499 , C- 150-269 , D- 149
12. Wrestling
  - a. Hire a dermatologist for skin checks Division I & II
  - b. Section IX top pay for a Certified Athletic Trainer to attend the NYSPHSAA Wrestling Tournament
13. Ineligible students permission to practice during their period of ineligibility as per the Transfer Rule.

New York State Public High School Athletic Association  
Central Committee – July 25, 2017

**HALL OF FAME – ACCEPTING SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

☐ Action Item  
☒ Discussion/ Information Item

**Presenter:**

Joe Altieri, NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame Liaison

**Proposal:**

To allow for a minimum of any five supporting documents to be accompanied with an application for a candidate. The documents may include endorsement or recommendation letters, news articles and scorebooks.

**Effective Start Date:**

2017-18 school year

**Rationale:**

Currently, the HOF application states “letters of recommendation and support material are required” for nomination of an individual. Due to a quantity of those items not being identified, the HOF Committee felt a minimum of five would be sufficient to evaluate a nominee’s application. Per HOF Operating Procedures, any change to process must be approved by the Central Committee.

**Proposal Originated:**

HOF Committee

**Budget Impact:**

None

**Notes:**

The HOF Screening Committee unanimously voted to support this proposal.

**Attachments:**

None

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**HALL OF FAME – REVISE DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS**

☐ Action Item  
☒ Discussion/ Information Item

**Presenter:**

Joe Altieri, NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame Liaison

**Proposal:**

To move the application deadline to one week before the winter Executive Committee meeting.

**Effective Start Date:**

2017-18 school year

**Rationale:**

To provide individuals an extended period of time, following the holidays, to submit applications. The original deadline was December 15<sup>th</sup>. With a deadline one week prior to the Executive Committee meeting, it will also give the HOF Screening Committee the opportunity to review applications prior to the HOF Meeting which annually falls one day before the Executive Committee meeting. Per HOF Operating Procedures, any change to process must be approved by the Central Committee.

**Proposal Originated:**

HOF Committee

**Budget Impact:**

None

**Notes:**

The HOF Screening Committee unanimously voted to support this proposal.

**Attachments:**

None



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**HALL OF FAME – MATCH EVALUATION SCALES FOR SCREENING  
AND SELECTION COMMITTEES**

☐ Action Item  
☒ Discussion/ Information Item

**Presenter:**

Joe Altieri, NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame Liaison

**Proposal:**

To match the evaluation scales for both the Screening and Selection Committees to use 1 through 5; not 1, 3 and 5 as scoring values for applications.

**Effective Start Date:**

2017-18 school year

**Rationale:**

The HOF Screening Committee uses a 1, 3, and 5 point scale while the Selection Committee uses a 1 through 5 scale. The goal is to have both committees use the same 1 through 5 scale. Per HOF Operating Procedures, any change to process must be approved by the Central Committee.

**Proposal Originated:**

HOF Committee

**Budget Impact:**

None

**Notes:**

The HOF Screening Committee unanimously voted to support this proposal.

**Attachments:**

None



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**TRANSGENDER GUIDELINES**

☒ Action Item  
☐ Discussion/ Information Item

**Presenter:**

Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director

**Proposal:**

Consideration of approval to revise the NYSPHSAA Transgender Guidelines to the following:

1. The student ~~and~~ OR the parent(s)/guardian shall notify the Superintendent that the student would like the opportunity to participate in interscholastic athletics consistent with the gender he/she identifies as.
- ~~4. Once a member school has rendered a determination of eligibility to try out for an interscholastic sports team or teams which corresponds to the student's gender identity the eligibility is granted for the duration of the student's participation in interscholastic athletics.~~
4. On a seasonal basis the school will provide approval of eligibility to try out for an interscholastic sports team or teams which corresponds to the student's gender identity.

**Effective Start Date:**

Fall 2017.

**Rationale:**

The current NYSPHSAA guidelines require parents to approve their child's transgender identification with the school district. The Transgender Committee believes this is often difficult because the parents do not "approve" of the child transitioning. NYSPHSAA Legal Counsel, Renee James, informed the Transgender Committee that New York State guidelines do not require the parent to sign off. The Committee determined this is an area of the NYSPHSAA Guidelines that could be improved.

The current NYSPHSAA guidelines grants eligibility for a transgender student for the duration of the student's participation in interscholastic athletics. The Committee agreed that this is another area to be revised/ updated within the guidelines since students can progress dramatically during their high school career with hormone treatment.

**Proposal Originated:**

NYSPHSAA Transgender Committee meeting on April 13, 2017.

**Budget Impact:**

None.

**New York State Public High School Athletic Association  
Executive Committee Meeting – May 5, 2017**

**REQUEST TO USE THE NCAA RULE FOR THE SCORE OF THE 5TH SET  
(DECIDING SET) OF VARSITY BOYS VOLLEYBALL**

☐ Action Item  
☒ Discussion/ Information Item

**Presenter:**

Judy Hartmann, NYSPHSAA Boys Volleyball

**Proposal:**

Request by Boys Volleyball Committee to use the NCAA Volleyball Rule for the score of the 5th set for varsity matches. The varsity 5th set (deciding set) is won when a team scores 15 points and has at least a two point advantage over the opponent. Teams will switch sides at 8 points. Junior Varsity matches would remain modified at 25 points.

**Rationale:**

- \*\* There could be a 30 to 45 minute time saving if the deciding/5th set was changed from 25 to 15
- \*\* The shortened 5th set could add to the excitement of the finale of matches. Points would become more precious in a shortened 5th set. Excitement also rises as the 5th set becomes more difficult to win with a shortened point total. Athletes will have to concentrate more under the pressure to perform.
- \*\* Possible cost savings for schools for chaperones, bus drivers, etc if their pay was based on hourly compensation.
- \*\* Matches have become very long and bus rides home after matches puts athletes home late possibly compromising academic performance.
- \*\* More time for student athletes to share their family.
- \*\* Physical recovery time increased.
- \*\* Players play the decided set to 15 when they go to college.

**Proposal Originated:**

Boys Volleyball Committee as a result of the positive experiment by Section 6 Boys Volleyball coaches in 2016.

**Budget Impact:**

None or a slight savings.

**Effective Date:**

September 2017.

**Notes:**

Presently the 5th game is played to 25 points as a result of a rule modification of the deciding set. A set refers to a game. The Boys Volleyball Committee voted unanimously to support this.

**Attachments:**

None.

**New York State Public High School Athletic Association  
Central Committee Meeting – July 25-26, 2017**

**GIRLS VOLLEYBALL  
ADJUSTED CLASSIFICATION NUMBERS  
TO EVEN OUT CLASSES**

☒ Action Item  
☐ Discussion/ Information Item

**Presenter:**

Patti Perone, NYSPHSAA Girls Volleyball Coordinator

**Proposal:**

The NYSPHSAA Girls Volleyball Committee is seeking approval for the attached Classification numbers to even out numbers per class at 20% each.

**Proposed Classification numbers for 2018 to reach 20% per class:**

Classification	BEDS	# of schools	%
Class AA	950+	117	19.97%
Class A	598-949	117	19.97%
Class B	368-597	117	19.97%
Class C	221-367	119	20.31%
Class D	220-below	116	19.80%
Total		586	100.00%

**Effective Start Date:**

Fall 2018

**Rationale:**

To have as close to 20% in each Class as possible.

**Proposal Originated:**

NYSPHSAA Girls Volleyball Committee.

**Budget Impact:**

None.

**Notes:**

The Girls Volleyball Committee voted unanimously in favor of this proposal. The Championship Advisory Committee supports this proposal.



**New York State Public High School Athletic Association  
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**SOCCER END OF THE YEAR REPORT**

☒ Action Item  
☐ Discussion/ Information Item

**Presenter:**

Mike Andrew, NYSPHSAA Boys Soccer Coordinator

**Proposal:**

Consideration for approval:

That NYSPHSAA Soccer Committees no longer be required to provide an end of the year report, regarding disqualifications, in Girls & Boys Soccer. This report was previously provided annually to the NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Coordinator.

**Effective Start Date:**

Fall 2018.

**Rationale:**

In the most recent meeting of the Boys and Girls Soccer Committees it was determined that the data collected by each section and compiled by both committees was not being utilized by the state association. Collection of the data regarding Warnings and Disqualifications, Yellow Cards and Red Cards, is more pertinent to the individual sections. It is not necessary to develop a statewide report publishing this information.

**Proposal Originated:**

February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017 joint meeting of the Boys and Girls Soccer committees

**Budget Impact:**

None.

**Notes:**

In the years prior to 2007 there was great concern, across the state association, that the number of warnings and disqualifications in the sport of soccer appeared to be above what might be described as acceptable to the NYSPHSAA. After discussion and debate it was determined that each section would compile a annual total of yellow and red cards for each season and that this information, after being collected and compiled, would be provided to the association's Sportsmanship Committee. In the information attached are the charts for each of the last ten individual seasons; as well as, two charts comparing the eleven sections over those ten seasons.

**Attachments:**

The most recent Boys Soccer report, including totals for the ten-year period 2007-2016

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**ICE HOCKEY**  
**2 REFEREE & 2 LINESMAN OFFICIATING SYSTEM**

☒ Action Item  
☐ Discussion/ Information Item

**Presenter:**

Scott Stuart, NYSPHSAA Ice Hockey Committee Chairman

**Proposal:**

Consideration of approval to use the 2 referee & 2 linesmen system.

**Effective Start Date:**

2017-18 season

**Rationale:**

The 2 man officiating system is not used in higher level games anymore...the 2 and 2 system allows 2 officials to look for penalties and other infractions without having to worry about line coverage for off-sides and icing. This system improves game flow while increasing coverage on the ice to help maintain a fair and safe game for participants. The linesmen responsibilities include line coverage (off-sides, icing), player safety at stoppages as they will be positioned as players cross to their respective benches, and they also look for other infractions that they are permitted to call based on the rules. This is an approved system by the NFHS.

**Proposal Originated:**

Proposal originated with discussions between the NYSCNIHOA and Ice Hockey Committee

**Budget Impact:**

The officials organization for the first 2 years of adoption will pay the difference in game fee. After those 2 years...NYSPHSAA will need to pay in full. This will allow NYSPHSAA the time to properly budget for the increase in fees.

Cost implication: Current rates are \$91 (\$101 final) for Ice Hockey...that equates to \$182 per game...a back-up official makes ½ game fee that equates to \$45.50 (\$50.50) per game...so a total of \$227.50 (252.50) is paid out for the officials per game. We also have 2 penalty box openers that make \$25 each per game for a total of \$300.

On-ice current costs: 6 games - 2 man system: \$1132

Back-up cost: 6 games \$283

Penalty Box attendants: 6 games \$300

Total cost of officials: \$1715

Current proposal 2 Referee and 2 Linesmen:

On-ice: 4 games – 2 referee and 2 linesmen at \$91: \$1456

On-ice: 2 games – 2 referee and 2 linesmen at \$101: \$808

Total cost of officials: \$2264 (increase of \$549 total for the 6 games)

These additional officials will come from the same section as the referees come from...so no additional travel expense would be needed. For semi-finals and finals...additional rooms may be necessary.

**Notes:**

The 2 goal judges will remain and will be compensated at the current rate of \$32 for decision making off-ice official. We will no longer supply penalty box attendants and no back-up official is needed in this system.

**Attachments:**

None.

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**ICE HOCKEY TIME PERIODS**

☒ Action Item  
☐ Discussion/ Information Item

**Presenter:**

Scott Stuart, NYSPHSAA Ice Hockey Committee

**Proposal:**

Consideration of approval for Ice Hockey to abide by the NFHS Ice Hockey Rules for time periods (*17 minutes*) and penalties (*2/ 5 & 10 minutes*) to begin with the 2018-2019 season.

**Effective Start Date:**

Winter 2018.

**Rationale:**

This proposal would bring us into compliance with the NFHS rulebook, as previously stated. New York is one of the few States using the NFHS rulebook that does not currently comply with these rules. This would help to "streamline" our current Addendum and add 2 minutes to each period of the games. The extra time would translate to roughly six more "shifts" in each game allowing more participation. The additional penalty time would make penalty calls a bit more meaningful and would make coaches and players pay closer attention to this aspect of the game.

**Proposal Originated:**

Ice Hockey Committee.

**Budget Impact:**

The Committee fully realizes that ice time is very expensive, particularly in a few select Sections. This proposal adds an additional 6 minutes of time to our games and this could have an impact. Most schools rent a 2 hour block of time for games and very often the games are completed before the 2 hour block is up. Teams / Leagues / Sections could review protocols such as warm-up times, ice cuts and pre-game activities to become more efficient in their game management. The Committee believes that with more efficient game management and cooperation among Teams / Leagues this very positive step can be achieved and it will be a great benefit to our student-athletes at little to no cost. Section Official contracts may have to be adjusted due to the increase in the periods.

**Notes:**

Adoption of this proposal would serve to shorten our existing Addendum and fine tune the focus on player safety and sportsmanship. It would also allow N.Y. State eligibility for representation on the NFHS rules committee. (a position we lost due to our time / penalty differentials.)

**Attachments:**

None.



Proposed Cutoff #'s	965	964 - 500	499- 270	269 - 150	149-0	Section
	AA	A	B	C	D	Totals
Section 1	19	28	22	5	16	90
Section 2	10	12	26	25	22	95
Section 3	8	12	28	27	23	98
Section 4	4	6	12	26	31	79
Section 5	8	21	28	42	28	127
Section 6	8	20	35	22	15	100
Section 7	0	0	5	4	14	23
Section 8	19	38	7	1	2	67
Section 9	9	9	14	6	8	46
Section 10	0	2	5	5	12	24
Section 11	23	20	5	8	5	61

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**INELIGIBLE STUDENTS TO PRACTICE**

☒ Action Item  
☐ Discussion/ Information Item

**Presenter:**

Pat Pizzarelli, Handbook Committee Chair

**Proposal:**

Consideration of approval to permit students who are ineligible as per the NYSPHSAA Transfer Rule to practice during their period of ineligibility.

**Effective Start Date:**

August 1, 2017

**Rationale:**

Currently, students who are ineligible are not permitted to practice during their period of ineligibility. If students who were ineligible as per the NYSPHSAA Transfer Rule (i.e. transfer without a corresponding change of address) were allowed to practice, this would help the student integrate into the school setting and could reduce the number of appeals and lawsuits, while having no impact upon other schools.

**Proposal Originated:**

December 2016 Handbook Committee meeting.

**Budget Impact:**

None.

**Notes:**

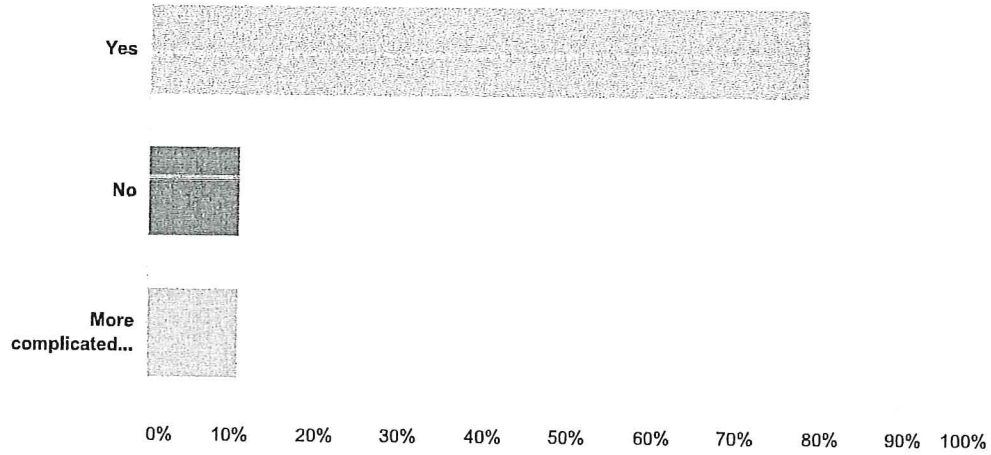
Discussed at the January 27, 2017 and May 5, 2017 Executive Committee meeting within the Handbook Committee meeting report. The NYSPHSAA Handbook Committee supports this proposal.

**Attachments:**

National Survey Data showing 36 other states allow ineligible students to practice. Texas and Arkansas allow ineligible students to also participate at the junior varsity level.

**Q2 Does your state association allow students to practice, who are deemed ineligible as per your transfer rule?**

Answered: 46 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	78.26%	36
No	10.87%	5
More complicated than yes or no	10.87%	5
Total		46



## Section IX Championship Shirt Team Order

Please complete all items on this form to order additional Section IX Championship shirts and submit, to Section IX Athletics, no later than 1 week following the Section IX Championship event.

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Person Placing Order: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Sport: \_\_\_\_\_

Girls: \_\_\_\_ or Boys: \_\_\_\_ (Check One)

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### SHIRT ORDER

Please specify the # of shirts in each size you want to purchase

#### Men's Shirt

XXXL: \_\_\_\_\_

XXL: \_\_\_\_\_

XL: \_\_\_\_\_

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M: \_\_\_\_\_

S: \_\_\_\_\_

**Total:** \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10.00 Per Shirt = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### Women's Shirt

XXL: \_\_\_\_\_

XL: \_\_\_\_\_

L: \_\_\_\_\_

M: \_\_\_\_\_

S: \_\_\_\_\_

**Total:** \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10.00 Per Shirt = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**GRAND TOTAL of ORDER: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

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