



Section IX Athletics

Gregory Ransom, Executive Director

Section IX Athletic Council Meeting

Tuesday, October 18, 2016

Orange-Ulster BOCES @ 9:30am

1. Call to Order: Greg Ransom
2. Pledge of Allegiance: Greg Ransom
3. Review of Meeting Materials – Jim Osborne
4. Approval of September 13, 2016 Minutes
5. Financial Report: Jim Osborne
6. Section IX NYSPHSAA Representatives – Roberta Greene and Jim Wolfe
7. NYSPHSAA Office Report – Robert Zayas and Kristen Jadin
8. Combining of Teams – Antonia Woody, Tim Bult
9. NYSPHSAA Membership Committee Report– Tom Cassata
10. Back from Leagues
 - a. Wrestling – 2 Division Dual Meet Championship
 - b. Girls Golf – Expand State Tournament to include teams
 - c. Girls and Boys Swimming – State Champion Title at NYSPHSAA meet
 - d. Girls and Boys Bowling – Create a school team, Division I and II
 - e. Indoor Track – 2nd Relay Team
 - f. Cheerleading – Rubrics and video replay safety / deduction
 - g. Girls and Boys Swimming – Replacement awards
 - h. Unified Sports - Chairperson
11. Fall Chair Reports:
 - a. Cross Country James Glover & Joe Cahill
 - b. Football David Coates & Glen Maisch
 - 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. 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
13. New Business
14. Old Business
15. Adjournment of Section IX Meeting

Next Meeting Date:

Tuesday November 15, 2016 @ John Coleman High School @ 9:30 am

General Action Items

- 1. (A)** Consider approval to prohibit the use of props as bases, in all Cheerleading competitions. *Cheerleading Committee*
- 2. (A)** Consider approval to request a minimum number of 4 panel judges and 1 safety judge in Cheerleading competitions. *Cheerleading Committee*
- 3. (A)** Consider approval of Cheerleading rubrics for 2016-2017 school year. *Cheerleading Committee*
- 4. (A)** Consider approval of the use of video replay for Safety and Deduction points only at the NYSPHSAA Cheerleading Championships. *Cheerleading Committee*
- 5. (A)** Consider approval to host a dual meet State Wrestling Championship, revising the Championship Philosophy for wrestling from an "individual" sport designation to a "team/ individual" sport designation. *Wrestling Committee*
- 6. (A)** Consider approval to include sectional high school champions at the Girls Golf Championship tournament to compete as a high school team revising the Championship Philosophy for Girls Golf from an "individual" sport designation to a "team/ individual" sport designation. *Girls Golf Committee*
- 7. (A)** Consider approval of two divisions in Girls & Boys Bowling. *Girls & Boys Bowling Committee*
- 8. (A)** Consider approval for Girls and Boys Swimming & Diving to recognize a State Team Champion. *Girls and Boys Swimming & Diving Committee*
- 9. (A)** Consider approval of Friends & Neighbors and new member schools. *Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director*

Discussion/ Information Items

1. **(D/I)** * Consideration to permit Sections to send a second relay to the Girls and Boys Indoor Track & Field Championships (4 x 200m Relay, 4 x 400m Relay, and 4 x 800m Relay). *Indoor Track & Field Committee*
2. **(D/I)** * Consideration of revising the manner by which the starting height in the Boys pole vault and high jump are determined to be based upon entries. *Indoor Track & Field Committee*
3. **(D/I)** * Consideration of a drone policy. *Renee James, NYSPHSAA Legal Counsel*
4. **(D/I)** * Consideration of Girls Volleyball to have a yellow card followed by a red card. *Girls Volleyball Committee*
5. **(D/I)** * Consideration of an Oversight Committee to oversee Sectional placement of non-public and charter schools. *Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director*
6. **(D/I)** * Consideration of a pitch count regulation in Baseball for the Spring 2017 season. *Baseball Committee*
7. **(D/I)** * Consideration of Swimming & Diving Officials uniform. *Girls and Boys Swimming & Diving Committee*
8. **(D/I)** * Consideration of OnCenter (III) as host of 2018 Girls/ Boys Bowling State Championships. *Girls and Boys Bowling Committee*
9. **(D/I)** * Consideration of permitting the Girls/ Boys Bowling State Championships to be held on Week #36 to accommodate the USBC Championship facility; Bowling Championships would return to Week #35 in 2019. *Girls and Boys Bowling Committee*
10. **(D/I)** * Consideration of adding Wet Bulb (*gold standard*) reading to heat index and wind chill procedures. *Todd Nelson, NYSPHSAA Assistant Director*
11. **(D/I)** Hazing Prevention Course to launch January 1, 2017. *Kristen Jadin, NYSPHSAA Special Programs Coordinator*
12. **(D/I)** NYSPHSAA 2015-2016 Participation Survey Report. *Kristen Jadin, NYSPHSAA Special Programs Coordinator*
13. **(D/I)** NYSPHSAA Digital Ticketing proposal. *Chris Joyce, NYSPHSAA Sales & Marketing Director*
14. **(D/I)** NYSPHSAA Champions t-shirts to begin Fall 2016 for all teams and individuals who win a NYSPHSAA State Championship. *Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director*
15. **(D/I)** Approved Senior All-Star Contests & Combining of Teams. *Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director*

*** Potential Action at January 27, 2017 Executive Committee meeting.**



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**WRESTLING – ESTABLISH A 2-DIVISION DUAL
MEET CHAMPIONSHIP**

Action Item
 Discussion/ Information Item

Presenter:

Marty Sherman, NYSPHSAA Coordinator

Proposal:

Establish a Dual Meet State Championship in two divisions for a one-day competition.

Effective Start Date:

Beginning January 2018, conduct the event on week #30 (mid to late January).

Rationale:

To recognize and bring together the best teams from each section and crown a Dual Meet Champion from both Division 1 and Division 2. **This would not include PSAL or CHSAA teams.** Presently we have an unofficial recognition based on one man's opinion. Each section will determine their representative. No school would be obligated if they so choose not to participate.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Wrestling Committee October 2015

Budget Impact:

It is our belief that admission revenue and sponsorship will offset all costs and generate a healthy revenue for NYSPHSAA.

Notes:

The Wrestling Committee unanimously supported this proposal. If approved, this tournament would be bid out immediately following the October 2016 Executive Committee meeting with the Wrestling Committee reviewing bids in January 2017, then passing their recommendation, along with the NYSPHSAA staff, to the Executive Committee at the end of January. The Wrestling Committee has had a subcommittee in place for nearly a year and has met to discuss all aspects of this tournament.

Discussed at the 2016 Central Committee meeting on July 26-27, 2016.

Supported by the NYSPHSAA Championship Philosophy Committee on Sept. 14, 2016.

Supported by the Championship Advisory Committee on Sept. 28, 2016.

Attachments:

Yes. See proposed tournament schedule and strategy.

Tournament Specifics:

A. Date for the tournament:

NYS Week #30 is the week selected to run the tournament. (With Snow date of Sunday).

B. Number of Divisions for the Tournament:

A separate bracket will be run for D1 and D2.

C. Number of teams:

Each Division will be of a 12-team event with 4 pools of 3 teams (with each team being guaranteed two duals in their pools), with the pool champs advancing to a Championship Semifinal & Final (possible 2 more duals)

D. Number of days for the tournament:

The tournament will be a one-day event. The one-day format should work best and will be easier and cheaper to run. (See format on Page 5)

E. Selection of the 12 Teams:

Each Section has the right to determine their team representative in whatever manner they deem acceptable. (Most will run Sectional Dual meet tournaments, while some will just select a team in each division to represent them). Sections do not have to enter a team if they choose not to.

The Federation will not be included in the NYS Dual Meet Tournament. This opens up 2-At-Large entries in D1 and 1-At-Large Entry in D2. Additional At-Large entries could be possible if a Section does not want to send a representative.

Division One: One entry per section: Sections 1,2,3,4,5,6,8,9,10,11, and 2 At-Large entries

Division Two: One entry per section: Sections 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11, and 1 At-Large entry

Deadline for entry:

-The Saturday of Week #29 is the last day that a Section can enter a team into the tournament.

At-Large's will be selected and seeding will be done the Sunday of Week #30.

The criteria for selecting At-Large teams:

-Only teams that place second in their Sectional Dual meet tournaments will be considered for At-Large berths. Sections that do not actually host a Sectional Dual meet tournament (and they just elect a team to represent them) will not be eligible to apply for an At-Large berth for a second team.

-Point system for ranking teams

-Teams enter the roster they used in the Sectional Dual Meet tournament.

-The wrestler listed at each weight is assigned a point value based on the following from the prior season:

6 points: Returning State Place winner (Top 8)

5 points: Returning Section Place winner (Top 3)

4 points: Returning Section Place winner (4th, 5th, or 6th)

1 point: Wrestler competed in their Sectional tournament but did not place and had a 20+ win season

0 points: Wrestler did not compete in their Sectional tournament

-Teams with the highest point values (as determined from the above criteria) will be the first ones selected if At-Large entries are needed.

NYSWC will use the above criteria in a trial run this year and apply to teams who place 2nd in their Sectional dual meet tournaments to see if it will yield the desired results. NYSWC has the option to modify the criteria if it does not yield acceptable results.

F. Possible sites for the tournament:

RFP (Request For Proposal) process would be used to determine who the site is awarded to. Finances, opportunity to compete in high-level venue, hotels, etc. are all considered.

G. Officials for the tournament:

Not having official representation from each Section would be a large cost saving (due to less travel expense). Having the officials all from the host Section would be much cheaper.

The host Section and neighboring Sections should supply the officials.

Mat assistants should be used for Semi's and Finals only.

30 Dual meets total will be wrestled.

CAC will have the final say on rate of pay.

H. Cost of running the tournament:

NYSWPHSAA will only reimburse attending schools for mileage.

Sections need to be aware that if their section earns an At-Large berth it is possible to have 4 teams from the same section competing (possibly two teams from D1 and two teams from D2). If a section or a school feels that they do not have the funding to send a representative or additional teams who may have earned At-Large bids, they should inform the NYSWC so that their teams are not included in the selection process

Admission revenue and sponsorship will offset all costs and generate a healthy revenue for NYSWPHSAA.

I. Seeding:

Four schools in each Division will be seeded with a random draw of the non-seeded schools into each pool. (see tournament format attached)

-The same point value formula used to determine the At-Large teams (previously listed) will be used to give each participating team an initial point value.

-Teams will be listed by point values (Highest to lowest)

-Seeding committee will follow same criteria used in seeding individual weight classes for the NYS tournament. Ex: a head to head win over a team with a higher point value will allow the team to jump the team seeded ahead of them etc.

-No two teams from the same section will be placed in the same pool.

NYSWC will use the above criteria in a trial run this year and apply to teams who win their Sectional dual meet tournaments to see if it will yield the desired results. NYSWC has the option to modify the criteria if it does not yield acceptable results

J. Individual Eligibility:

An individual must compete in at least one contest to be eligible for their sectional dual meet tournament. Wrestlers who were not eligible for the sectional dual meet tournament cannot wrestle in the state dual meet tournament. Individuals from Sections who select a team for the tournament that do not host a dual meet tournament, must have one contest completed by Week #30. Waivers from Sectional Athletic councils for medical reasons will be accepted.



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GIRLS GOLF – EXPAND STATE TOURNEY TO INCLUDE TEAMS

Action Item
 Discussion/ Information Item

Presenter:

Jamie Harter, NYSPHSAA Girls Golf Coordinator

Proposal:

To invite and include sectional high school champions to the NYSPHSSA Championship tourney to compete as a high school team.

Effective Start Date:

June 2018 state tournament.

Rationale:

Teams compete in all Sectional Tournaments for a team title but do not have the opportunity to win a team championship with their teammates at the State Tournament. Winning teams already send 3 individuals on average to States. There would be 1-2 more competitors for each section going to States to make a "team" which would result in 12-20 more athletes competing.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Girls Golf Committee in 2013.

Budget Impact:

12-20 more golfers in tournament would create a new cost for schools or sections. Cost of \$180 to \$600 for a Sectional winning team school depending on circumstance

Notes:

NYSPHSAA Girls Golf Committee unanimously supports this proposal.

Discussed at the 2016 Central Committee meeting on July 26-27, 2016.

Supported by the NYSPHSAA Championship Philosophy Committee on Sept. 14, 2016.

Supported by the Championship Advisory Committee on Sept. 28, 2016.



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**GIRLS' & BOY'S SWIMMING & DIVING TO ALLOW A SCHOOL TO
RECEIVE THE TITLE AS STATE CHAMPION AT THE STATE MEET**

Action Item
 Discussion/ Information Item

Presenter:

Diane Hicks-Hughes

Proposal: At the state meet the joint girls and boys swimming & diving committees would like to allow our coaches and schools the opportunity to crown a state champion at the state meet. This would then allow New York to participate in the David H. Robertson Excellence in Coaching Award presented by the National Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association each year.

Effective Start Date:

Go back as far as possible with the technology that we have been using each year.

Rationale:

To allow coaches from New York State the opportunity to be eligible for the David H. Robertson Excellence in Coaching Award presented from the National Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association. To be eligible for this award a coach MUST have won five or more state championships for swimming or water polo. This will add a new exciting dimension to the meet for coaches, athletes, and spectators.

Proposal Originated:

New York is one of the few states that does not allow us to have any coach apply for this award.

Budget Impact:

None. It is easy to tabulate using the high tech scoring options that are currently in use. We have the ability to go back in history and do this if permitted as well.

Notes:

The joint girls and boys swimming & diving committees both support this proposal. When the athletes compete they represent their school so why not allow them to also have points count toward a school point total.

Peter Hugo and Diane Hicks-Hughes have voiced New York's concern at the NISCA meetings many times about New York's concern that we currently do not allow any of our coaches to be eligible for this award. We are not given any option as an alternative and are one of the VERY FEW states that do NOT present one school with title of state champion.

Discussed at 2016 Central Committee meeting.

Not supported by Championship Advisory Committee on Sept. 14, 2016.



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BOYS & GIRLS BOWLING – EXPAND STATE TOURNAMENT

Action Item
 Discussion/ Information Item

Presenter:

Mike O'Connell, State Coordinator
Eileen Shultis, State Coordinator

Proposal:

Consider approval to expand the State Championships by splitting the existing School Team Division into Division 1 and Division 2. The initial Division 1 enrollment number will be 600 and above.

Effective Start Date:

2017-2018 school year.

Rationale:

Total participation in the State Tournament is presently less than 5% (B & G based on data provided in 2016 participation survey) and heavily skewed towards schools with enrollment greater than 600. Currently, 55% of all participating schools have enrollment less than 600, but approx. 75%-80% of all qualifying teams come from schools with enrollment greater than 600.

Expansion of the existing School Division championship into a Division 1 and Division 2 format will yield participation of 5% for the Boys and 6% for the girls. (see attached).

The resulting extra division and increased participation will not limit the venue choices available, nor represent a net cost to the association as the tournament has been profitable over its life.

Proposal Originated:

Section III.

Budget Impact:

The state tournament is profitable and should not negatively impact NYSPHSAA budget.

Notes:

The Bowling committee unanimously supported this proposal. The Proposed Expansion would produce a cumulative State Tournament participation rate of 6% (combined B/G).

Discussed at the 2016 Central Committee meeting on July 26-27, 2016.

Supported by the NYSPHSAA Championship Philosophy Committee on Sept. 14, 2016.

Supported by the Championship Advisory Committee on Sept. 28, 2016.

Attachments:

Participation survey analysis.

Current Participation

Proposed Expansion

	<u>Teams</u>		<u>Teams</u>	
BOYS	School Div (Boys)	10	School Div 1 (Boys)	9
			School Div 2 (Boys)	11
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	Total Participant Teams	10	Total Participant Teams	20
	Total Boys Varsity Teams in Sport	366	Total Boys Varsity Teams in Sport	366
	Participation Rate - Boy's	2.73%	Proposed Participation Rate - Boys	5.46%
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GIRLS		<u>Teams</u>	<u>Teams</u>	
	School Div (Girls)	10	School Div 1 (Girls)	9
			School Div 2 (Girls)	11
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	Total Participant Teams	10	Total Participant Teams	20
	Total Girls Varsity Teams in Sport	327	Total Girls Varsity Teams in Sport	327
Current Participation Rate- Girls	3.06%	Proposed Participation Rate- Girls	6.12%	

BOWLING CHAMPIONSHIP PARTICIPATION ANALYSIS

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INDOOR TRACK – ESTABLISH 2nd RELAY AT STATE MEET

 Action Item

 √ Discussion/ Information Item

Presenter:

Dave Hennessey – Girls NYSPHSAA Indoor Track Chairman

Oscar Jensen – Boys' NYSPHSAA Indoor Track Chairman

Proposal:

The Boys and Girls Indoor Track and Field Committees would like each section to be allowed to send a second relay to the NYSPHSAA Championships in the 4 x 200m Relay, the 4 x 400m Relay, and the 4 x 800m Relay. The standard would be based on the fourth place average of the years 2012 – 2016 at the NYSPHSAA/ Federation Championships. A relay team would be required to meet this standard and finish second in their state qualifier. The standards would be:

Event	Girls	Boys
4x200m Relay	1:47.54	1:34.94
4 x 400m Relay	4:06.64	3:32.44
4 x800m Relay	9:36.24	8:05.04

Effective Start Date:

March 2018.

Rationale:

This proposal has been around for years. In fact, the Championship Advisory Committee of several years ago recommended that this relay be added to the state meet program however a moratorium on expanding championships halted the proposal. There are several reasons why the committees unanimously supported this proposal:

1. New York State is a leader in track and field, especially in indoor track. Several sections have had relays which have qualified to run in national level meets yet they have been unable to run in our state meet if they are from one of our stronger sections.
2. With our state meet moving to the Ocean Breeze Indoor Track and Field Facility on Staten Island, the venue allows for additional athletes to compete in the meet. As of now, in the 4 x 200m and 4 x 400m relays, we will have three semifinals with the winner of each heat and the fastest times making it to the final. There should be no need for any additional sections. For the 4 x 800m Relay, it is one section, and that would not change.
3. Currently, we are the only individual sport with relays that do not allow a section the opportunity to send an additional relay.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPPHSAA Indoor Track & Field Committee.

Budget Impact:

For NYSPHSAA, no additional cost is anticipated. In fact, the 2nd relay should help pay for the meet costs due to additional admission revenues. For the sections, there is little impact, if any, since few sections will be able to continually send relay teams. Most of the sections that will be able to send additional teams are within a 50-mile radius of the state meet site.

Notes:

Supported by Championship Advisory Committee on Sept. 28, 2016.

Attachments:

None.



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NYSPHSAA CHEERLEADING RUBRICS

Action Item
 Discussion/ Information Item

Presenter:

Michele Ziegler, NYSPHSAA Cheerleading Coordinator
Todd Nelson, NYSPHSAA Assistant Director

Proposal:

Consider approval of the 2016-2017 Cheerleading Rubrics

Effective Start Date:

Fall 2016.

Rationale:

These rubrics are used by coaches and officials to award points to a cheerleading squad during a competition. The cheerleading committee has updated these rubrics from the 2015-2016 school year.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Cheerleading Committee.

Budget Impact:

None.

Notes:

The cheerleading committee has met on several occasions to update these rubrics.

Discussed at the 2016 Central Committee meeting on July 26-27.

Attachments:

Proposed Rubrics.



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CHEERLEADING VIDEO REPLAY – SAFETY/DEDUCTION

Action Item
 Discussion/ Information Item

Presenter:

Michele Ziegler, NYSPHSAA Cheerleading Coordinator
Todd Nelson, NYSPHSAA Assistant Director

Proposal:

Allow the use of the video replay at the NYSPHSAA Cheerleading Championship to review safety and deduction points during a routine.

Effective Start Date:

Winter 2017 Championships.

Rationale:

Point deductions and Safety deductions are an area in which presents coaches and judges a concern. With the use of Varsity Media we have the capability of allowing a judge to review a third party video to recheck all deductions including safety violations.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Cheerleading Committee.

Budget Impact:

None.

Notes:

Once a coach requests a review they open the entire routine to all deductions including all safety violations.

Discussed at the 2016 Central Committee meeting on July 26-27.

Attachments:

None.



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CHEERLEADING – PROHIBIT USE OF PROPS AS BASES

Action Item
 Discussion/ Information Item

Presenter:

Michele Ziegler, NYSPHSAA Cheerleading Coordinator
Todd Nelson, NYSPHSAA Assistant Director

Proposal:

Consider approval to prohibit Competitive Cheerleading Squads to use props as bases.

Effective Start Date:

Fall 2016.

Rationale:

The NFHS has taken a rule in the Dance section of the NFHS Spirit rulebook and added it to the Cheerleading section of the rulebook. The Cheerleading Committee feels the new rule to the Cheerleading section increases the risk to our student athletes. The prohibition of the new rule will not negatively affect any of your teams since they have never been allowed to use props as bases.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Cheerleading Committee.

Budget Impact:

None.

Notes:

Discussed at the 2016 Central Committee meeting on July 26-27.

Attachments:

None.



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NUMBER OF CHEER JUDGES REQUESTED

Action Item
 Discussion/ Information Item

Presenter:

Michele Ziegler, NYSPHSAA Cheerleading Coordinator
Todd Nelson, NYSPHSAA Assistant Director

Proposal:

Consider approval of a change to request a minimum number of 4 panel judges and 1 safety judge in Cheerleading competitions.

Effective Start Date:

Fall 2016.

Rationale:

With the current score sheets and categories it is very difficult for 3 panel judges to properly judge a team's routine and be fair to the athletes that are competing. Competitions can use less judges but only as a last resort to hold the competition.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Cheerleading Committee with support of the NYSCJA.

Budget Impact:

One additional judges fee plus mileage if applicable per competition.

Notes:

The Cheerleading Committee and the NYSCJA understands in some areas there is a shortage of judges. Competitions can be held with less judges however if there is enough judges to have 4 panel judges then they should be requested by the host school.

Discussed at the 2016 Central Committee meeting on July 26-27.

Attachments:

None.

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INDOOR TRACK – HAVING VARIABLE STARTING HEIGHTS
IN THE POLE VAULT AND HIGH JUMP

 Action Item

 √ Discussion/ Information Item

Presenter:

Dave Hennessey – Girls NYSPHSAA Indoor Track Chairman

Oscar Jensen – Boys' NYSPHSAA Indoor Track Chairman

Proposal:

The Boys' Indoor Track and Field Committee would like to join the girls committee in the way in which the starting heights of the pole vault and the high jump are determined. The boys committee would like to look at the qualifying marks of those athletes that have qualified for the state championship, and base the opening heights in the high jump and the pole vault based on the entries that year. The girls have been doing it this way for the past ten years.

Effective Start Date:

March 2017.

Rationale:

The boys have used a set standard since the start of the indoor championships. Those marks have been 12' 00 in the pole vault and 6' 00 in the high jump. As a result, many of the athletes, not used to opening at these heights fail to succeed at the opening height. Last year in the high jump, fourteen boys failed to clear the opening height out of a field of thirty.

Having athletes starting at heights they are not used to create an unsafe situation in both events.

Time is not a factor. Last year the high jump event for the boys was completed in two hours and ten minutes. By starting at a lower height, more athletes may be successful in their state meet competition, and the length of time to complete the event should be almost the same. To compensate for the lower starting heights, we may go up by different measurements (three inches instead of the traditional two inches in the high jump, or nine to twelve inches in the pole vault instead of the traditional six inches.)

Each section is allowed two entries in each event, and possibly a third if the individual has met a standard. This is not changing.

The girls have successfully used this over the past ten years – thus, the boys and girls committees will be in harmony with each other. The vote for this change was Sections 1,2,5,6,7,8,9,11, PSAL, and AIS in favor, opposed Section 3. Section 4, 10, and CHSAA were not in attendance.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPPHSAA Indoor Track & Field Committee.

Budget Impact:

None.

Notes:

Not supported by Championship Advisory Committee on Sept. 28, 2016.

Attachments:

None.

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New York State Public High School Athletic Association Drone Policy

The New York State Public High School Athletic Association prohibits the use or possession of unmanned aircraft or aerial systems (UAS), also known as drones, for any purpose by any person or entity at all regular season and post season events.

This prohibition applies to the area above and upon all spectator areas, fields of play, courts, arenas, stadiums, mats, gymnasiums, pools, practice facilities, parking areas and or other property being used at a NYSPHSAA event.

For purposes of this policy, a UAS is any unmanned airborne device or aircraft. The NYSPHSAA reserves the right to refuse admission to anyone operating or attempting to operate a UAS or to request the immediate removal of any person using or attempting to use a UAS in violation of this policy.

The NYSPHSAA Executive Director has the authority to grant an exception to this policy to law enforcement, public safety agencies, NYSPHSAA media partners, or other entities or individuals. Any request for an exception to the policy must be submitted to the Executive Director at least a week prior to the event. The exception is limited to the specific event requested and requires the consent of the host venue. Any use granted under this provision must comply with the applicable FAA regulations as well as any and all requirements set forth by NYSPHSAA. News media must have the necessary FAA authorization. Any individuals granted an exception would be required to sign a document acknowledging and agreeing to the terms of use and agreeing to hold the NYSPHSAA and its member schools harmless from damage to persons or property.

The NYSPHSAA does not regulate the use of UAS at member schools during the regular season.



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VOLLEYBALL YELLOW/ RED CARD

Action Item
 Discussion/ Information Item

Presenter:

Boys & Girls Volleyball Committee

Proposal:

To reverse the language in the NYSPHSAA Handbook to allow officials the ability to give a coach a yellow card before a red card which is the current rule in the NCAA Rulebook.

Effective Start Date:

For Fall 2017 season.

Rationale:

The Volleyball Committees recommended to not allow Officials the ability to hand out a yellow card before issuing a red card in 2012, which was in the NCAA rulebook. Both committees are in agreement to reverse the language and follow the rules in the NCAA rulebook. The officials are also in support of this and were not in favor of the recommendation in 2012.

Proposal Originated:

Boys and Girls Volleyball Committee.

Budget Impact:

None.

Notes:

None.

Attachments:

None.



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PITCH COUNTS

Action Item
 Discussion/ Information Item

Presenter:

Ed Dopp, Baseball Coordinator

Proposal:

Consideration of a pitch count regulation in the Baseball for the Spring 2017.

Effective Start Date:

Spring 2017 season.

Rationale:

The NFHS has mandated that each NFHS member state association will be required to develop its own pitching restriction policy based on the number of pitches thrown during a game to afford pitchers a required rest period between pitching appearances

Proposal Originated:

The NYSPHSAA Baseball has been discussing implementing a pitch count regulation for the last year.

Budget Impact:

None.

Notes:

The NYSPHSAA Safety Committee supports this proposal.

Attachments:

NFHS Article- July 12, 2016

Pitch Count Rules

Pitch Count Track Sheet



MAX# PITCHES			# NIGHTS REST		
VARSDITY	J/FR	MOD	VARSDITY	J/FR	MOD
105	85		4	4	
81-104	61-84	51-70	3	3	3
56-80	36-60	31-50	2	2	2
31-55	26-35	16-30	1	1	1
1-30	1-25	1-15	0	0	0

- 1 If a pitch is thrown and a balk is called the pitch will NOT count for the purposes of this rule
- 2 A pitcher at any level who reaches the pitch count limit in the middle of an at-bat will be allowed to finish that hitter.
- 3 Schools will have the responsibility to maintain every pitching chart and have available prior to each game to show that day's opponent each pitchers' availability.
- 4 During games each team will record pitch counts on the official NYSPHSAA pitch count form not including warm-ups or pick off attempts. After each half inning the pitch counts will be confirmed, any discrepancy will be resolved based on the records of the home team pitch count chart.
- 5 At games's conclusion, the NYSPHSAA pitch count form will be signed by both head coaches or designated representative.
- 6 **PENALTY:** a.) For the first offense the head coach will be suspended for one (1) game.
 b.) For the second offense the head coach will be suspended for two (2) games and the game is declared a forfeit.
 c.) For the third offense the head coach will be suspended for one (1) year and the game is declared a forfeit.



MAX # VARSITY	NIGHTS REST
105	4
81-104	3
56-80	2
31-55	1
1-30	0

MAX # JV & FR	NIGHTS REST
85	4
61-84	3
36-60	2
26-35	1
1-25	0

MAX # MOD	NIGHTS REST
51-70	3
31-50	2
16-30	1
0-15	0

SCHOOL _____ LEVEL _____ DATE _____

PITCHER NAME &#	Total pitches	Cross off a number for every pitch thrown excluding warm-ups & pick off attempts.																								Nights rest required
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
		26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
		51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75
		76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100
		101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110	111	112	113	114	115	116	117	118	119	120	121	122	123	124	125

		26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
		51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75
		76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100
		101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110	111	112	113	114	115	116	117	118	119	120	121	122	123	124	125

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		51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75
		76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100
		101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110	111	112	113	114	115	116	117	118	119	120	121	122	123	124	125

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		76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100
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		51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75
		76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100
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Home Team Coach Signature _____ Visiting Team Coach Signature _____ Pitch Counter Signature _____



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HEAT INDEX/WIND CHILL PROCEDURES

Action Item
 Discussion/ Information Item

Presenter:

Todd Nelson, NYSPHSAA Assistant Director

Proposal:

To add language in the Heat Index and Wind Chill procedures to allow schools to use a Wet Bulb indicator to determine the THI on site.

Effective Start Date:

February 1, 2017.

Rationale:

Using the Wet Bulb indicator on the field that is being used for practice or the game is the Gold Standard. This allows schools to more effectively determine the actual Heat Index or Wind Chill at the site.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Safety Committee.

Budget Impact:

Wet Bulb indicators cost about \$500 to \$600 per unit.

Notes:

The use of the Wet Bulb indicators is not required.

Attachments:

Heat Index and Wind Chill Procedures with proposed language additions.



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HAZING PREVENTION PROGRAM

Action Item
 Discussion/ Information Item

Presenter:

Kristen Jadin, Special Programs Coordinator

Proposal:

NYSPHSAA is entering into an agreement with AliveTek & HazingPrevention.Org to provide a service to the membership. Schools will be able to purchase this online curriculum for \$100 per year and will receive up to 40 licenses per school/per year.

Effective Start Date:

January 3, 2017

Rationale:

NYSPHSAA understands schools are being approached by many hazing and bullying speakers, presenters, and companies with a high cost. NYSPHSAA wanted to provide a service to the membership at a lower cost. The facilitator's kit allows for a guided discussion, in real-time, using the HazingPrevention.Org framework. It's a great tool to help guide students to make smart decisions and opens up a whole new avenue for conversations about the problem of hazing. The course will not take longer than 25 minutes and is tailored to fit the needs of NYSPHSAA and specifically focuses on the student-athlete. The curriculum teaches student-athletes how to prevent hazing before it occurs and provides alternative activities for team bonding. The program even goes a step further and teaches students how to handle a situation if prevention is too late. More information will be provided later this Fall. The online curriculum may also help schools fulfill DASA requirements.

Proposal Originated:

N/A

Budget Impact:

One-time payment of \$10,500 for customization and implementation. Schools will be able to sign in using their BEDS code.

Notes:

None.

Attachments:

None.



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MODIFIED 3-POINT SHOT

Action Item
 Discussion/ Information Item

Presenter:

Jim Rose

Proposal:

“With section league approval, the 3-Point Shot is permitted in modified boys’ and girls’ basketball. Modified Boys’ Basketball Game Rule #5 and Modified Girls’ Basketball Game Rule #4:’ The 3 point shot is not permitted.’ shall be deleted from the NYSPHSAA handbook.”

Effective Start Date:

Winter season 2016

Rationale:

This item has been recommended many times in the past by the Modified Committee and defeated by the Executive Committee. The Modified Committee conducted a survey this past Spring and feel they have the support from the majority of the 1,480 respondents. Each Section would still have the option to approve or deny their schools from using the 3-point shot.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Modified Committee

Budget Impact:

Minimal, if any.

Notes:

None.

Attachments:

Survey Results.



Section IX Athletics

Gregory Ransom, Executive Director

Section IX Athletic Council Meeting Tuesday, October 18, 2016 Orange-Ulster BOCES @ 9:30am

1. Call to Order: Greg Ransom
2. Pledge of Allegiance: Greg Ransom
3. Review of Meeting Materials – Jim Osborne
4. Approval of September 13, 2016 Minutes
5. Financial Report: Jim Osborne
6. Section IX NYSPHSAA Representatives – Roberta Greene and Jim Wolfe
7. NYSPHSAA Office Report – Robert Zayas and Kristen Jadin
8. Combining of Teams – Antonia Woody, Tim Bult
9. NYSPHSAA Membership Committee Report– Tom Cassata
10. Back from Leagues
 - a. Wrestling – 2 Division Dual Meet Championship
 - b. Girls Golf – Expand State Tournament to include teams
 - c. Girls and Boys Swimming – State Champion Title at NYSPHSAA meet
 - d. Girls and Boys Bowling – Create a school team, Division I and II
 - e. Indoor Track – 2nd Relay Team
 - f. Cheerleading – Rubrics and video replay safety / deduction
 - g. Girls and Boys Swimming – Replacement awards
 - h. Unified Sports - Chairperson
11. Fall Chair Reports:

a. Cross Country	James Glover & Joe Cahill
b. Football	David Coates & Glen Maisch
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. 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
13. New Business
14. Old Business
15. Adjournment of Section IX Meeting

Next Meeting Date:

Tuesday November 15, 2016 @ John Coleman High School @ 9:30 am