

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



COMBINING OF TEAMS

☐ Action Item
☒ Discussion/ Information Item

Presenter:

Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director

Proposal:

Consideration of revising the Combining of Teams graduated scale to:
AA-100%, A-100%, B-100%, C- 40%, D-30%

Consideration for the scale be used for mergers with up to 3 “teams” while “team” sport mergers with 4 or more “teams” would use 100% of their BEDS; team sports only.

Effective Start Date:

2018-2019 school year

Rationale:

The NYSPHSAA membership has expressed concern with the graduated scale have unintended consequences such as the creation of “super teams”, two class B or A schools combining and remaining a class B or A team, the drastic increase in merged teams, etc. The revision to the graduated scale will make it more challenging for schools to merge and remain in the same classification.

The graduated scale would only be used for mergers with up to 3 “teams” to ensure that stand alone schools are not at a disadvantage when playing a merged team with 4 or more contributing schools. Mergers with 4 or more teams, would use 100% of their BEDS; this would only impact “team” sports. Individual sport mergers could use the graduated scale for any and all mergers regardless of the number of schools contributing.

Proposal Originated:

Combining of Teams Committee.

Budget Impact:

None.

Notes:

Current graduate scale is:

AA- 50%, A- 40%, B- 30%, C- 30%, D- 20%

Attachments:

Combining of Teams survey

Combining of Teams Section responses



Section IX Athletics

Gregory Ransom, Executive Director

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Section IX Athletics – Start Dates

All Fall Sports – Monday, August 14, 2017
All Winter Sports – Monday, November 6, 2017
All Spring Sports – Monday, March 5, 2018

Mandated NYSPHSAA Workshop

Tues., Sept 19, 2017	Wallkill High School	9:30 a.m.
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Section IX Meeting Dates and Sites

Tues., Sept. 12, 2017	Coleman Catholic High School	9:30 a.m.
Tues., October 17, 2017	Orange-Ulster BOCES	9:30 a.m.
Tues., Nov. 14, 2017	Coleman Catholic High School	9:30 a.m.
Thurs., Jan. 4, 2017	Orange-Ulster BOCES	9:30 a.m.
Tues., March 13, 2018	Coleman Catholic High School	9:30 a.m.
Tues., April 17, 2018	Orange-Ulster BOCES	9:30 a.m.
Tues., May 22, 2018	Monroe-Woodbury Ed. Ctr.	9:30 a.m.
Wed., June 20, 2018	TBA	

(Draft)

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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 utilized for the purpose of the interscholastic activity.

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NEW YORK STATE
PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.
SENIOR ALL-STAR CONTEST
Application

2017 Senior Game

PLEASE NOTE: PARTICIPANTS MAY ONLY BE THOSE SENIORS WHO ARE NO LONGER INVOLVED IN SECTIONALS, REGIONALS OR STATE COMPETITION. ATHLETES PARTICIPATING IN THIS CONTEST ARE NO LONGER ELIGIBLE IN THIS SPORT.

- Sport or Activity SOCCER
- Name of Contest SENIOR RECOGNITION GAMES Date 11-5-17 CO-AY to 7pm
 - Site of Contest Newburgh Free Academy - Academy field
 - Co-sponsoring school, league or section SECTION IX
(for events sponsored with any outside organization, college or university)
 - School personnel responsible for contest supervision: Name Michael Kelly
Address Goshen High School, Goshen, NY Zip 10924 Phone 845-651-6174
 - School personnel responsible for screening and selection of contestants: Michael Kelly, Steve Sutton, Jason Pavlich, John Van Pelt
 - School personnel responsible for screening and selection of coaches: Michael Kelly, Steve Sutton, Jason Pavlich, John Van Pelt
 - Net profit to be donated to the following charitable or educational programs: Anthony Cavalieri Foundation
 - Contestants will be insured by: _____ Own School
Liability insurance supplied by sponsor: _____ Section ☒ Other (list)* _____
***Attach certificate of insurance**
 - Signature of host Athletic Administrator (if applicable): _____
 - Uniforms are to be supplied by: individual participants
 - Official's organization to assign contest officials: Section Nine - officials Assoc. Donated
 - Within two weeks of completion of the contest, all of the following must be mailed to **Secretary/Treasurer of the Section** sanctioning the contest:
 - Complete roster of participants
 - Complete financial report
 - Injury report
 - Complete awards report
- Completed application presented and approved by Section _____
- Date _____ Section Executive Director _____

NOTE: A list of Sr. All-Star Contests approved by the Section must be emailed for recording to:

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GIRLS GOLF – 3 MARKERS PER SECTION

☐ Action Item
☒ Discussion/ Information Item

Presenter:

Jamie Harter, NYSPHSAA Girls Golf Coordinator

Proposal:

The Girls Golf Committee is requesting approval for each Section who participates in the NYSPHSAA Girls Golf Championship provide three scoring markers at the State championship event to cover for course scoring.

Effective Start Date:

June 2017.

Rationale:

Scoring and score integrity is an important aspect of the championship. Some sections have not been able to provide three markers to cover their responsibility. Coaches have marked to cover this issue but this does not allow them to coach their athletes during the championship rounds. Markers from each section would allow coaches to coach.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Girls Golf Committee meeting in October 2016

Budget Impact:

1 new hotel room expenditure per Section or \$129 for 1 or 2 nights depending on distance from event
Sections 1,8,9,11 will see no hotel costs unless they choose to send them Friday night .

Notes:

The NYSPHSAA Girls Golf Committee unanimously agreed to recommend this proposal.

Attachments:

None.



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**GIRLS & BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING : RECOGNIZE A TEAM
CHAMPION AT THE STATE MEET**

 Action Item
 √ Discussion/ Information Item

Presenter:

Joe Altieri, NYSPHSAA Assistant Director
Diane Hicks-Hughes, NYSPHSAA Girls Swimming & Diving Coordinator
Peter Hugo, NYSPHSAA Boys Swimming & Diving Coordinator

***Proposal:** The NYSPHSAA girls and boys swimming & diving committees would like to recognize, based on scoring, a team/school champion at the State Meet. The champion would be recognized at the conclusion of the meet and be presented a NYSPHSAA Championship plaque.

***Effective Start Date:**

2017-18 school year

***Rationale:**

Recognizing a team champion would be a way to honor the top team at the State meet and also allow coaches from New York State to be eligible for the national David H. Robertson Excellence in Coaching Award. Please see notes below on the primary focus of this revised proposal.

***Proposal Originated:**

NYSPHSAA Swimming & Diving Committees in May 2016

***Budget Impact:**

\$100 to NYSPHSAA (\$50 girls, \$50 boys) for two plaques. Tabulating team results will have no financial impact since both meets already have the technology to do that. There will be no budget impact for schools.

***Notes:**

Both committees have revised this proposal to focus on team recognition for member schools more than a focus on recognizing coaches for a national award and the previous year's champions. If approved, Section Coordinators from both committees will actively only promote within their sections that a team champion will now be recognized at the state meet. Both committees were initially looking for recognition of a team champion retro-active as far back as they had results so that member school coaches could be eligible for the Robertson Coaching Award. This will now become a secondary benefit to the proposal.

Attachments:

None.



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SOFTBALL- INTERNATIONAL TIE BREAKER WAIVER

☐ Action Item
☒ Discussion/ Information Item

Presenter:

Cathy Allen, NYSPHSAA Softball Coordinator

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Softball Committee is seeking approval to continue the waiver to suspend the use of the International Tie-Breaker rule during the NYSPHSAA State Semifinals and Finals.

Effective Start Date:

2017 NYSPHSAA State Tournament.

Rationale:

In the 2015 and 2016 tournaments, we had a two-year pilot to allow games to be “played out” without placing a runner on second base at the start of the 10th inning as required by the International Tie-Breaker Rule. The committee feels the International Tie-Breaker Rule changes the flow, strategy and tone of the contest when the rule is in play. Seven of nine voting committee members feel the State semifinals and finals should continue to be played in the same manner as the first nine innings of a game especially since there is no time limit in determining the winner of the game.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Softball Committee.

Budget Impact:

None.

Notes:

The NYSPHSAA Softball Committee voted 7-2 in favor of this waiver.

Attachments:

None.

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ADDITIONAL SECTIONS CONCEPT

Sections are asked to discuss the “concept” of the addition of a 12th & 13th Section for non-public schools.

A sub-committee of the NYSPHSAA has met several times since July to discuss the feasibility of creating additional Sections for non-public schools. Before continuing with more meetings and discussion, the sub-committee needs to determine if there is interest amongst the current 11 Sections to proceed with exploration, examination and consideration of additional Sections for non-public schools.

THIS IS NOT A PROPOSAL

*** ILLUSTRATIVE ONLY FOR DISCUSSION ***

The concept for a 12th & 13th Section would be to place all non-public schools in their own Sections. For example, western New York non-public schools (Sections III, IV, V, VI and X) would be considered Section 12, while eastern New York non-public schools (Section I, 2, VII, VIII, IX, XI) would be considered Section 13.

Section 12 and 13 would:

- be recognized in a similar manner to the existing 11 Sections.
- have representation on the Executive and Central Committee.
- share in the NYSPHSAA revenue share program.
- have representation on sport committees.
- handle eligibility matters (i.e. transfer waivers, etc.).
- classify the schools in the Section by their own established criteria.
- determine their Section post-season structure.
- have the ability to participate in NYSPHSAA regionals and championships.

Unanswered questions at this time:

- Is there interest from the membership of NYSPHSAA for non-public schools to have their own Sections?
- Would non-public schools be interested in creating a separate 501 3c?
- Would the geography of New York make travel too great for Section 12 and 13?
- Is their potential for litigation if additional Sections were created?
- Would new concerns be created with the implementation of Section 12 and 13?
- How would a 12th and 13th Section impact the current NYSPHSAA playoff structure?
- Would additional Sections help the situation?
- Would the existing 11 Sections be impacted financially with the addition of Section 12 and 13?
- Would a 12th and 13th Section make it easier for a non-public school to make it to the State Championships?
- Has the NYSPHSAA given the October 2014 Transfer Rule revisions an opportunity to work?

Notes:

- The addition of new Sections would require approval by 2/3 majority, via referenda, since it would revise the NYSPHSAA Constitution.
- NYSPHSAA's legal counsel, insurance carrier and governmental relations liaison have expressed concerns with the addition of “non-public” school Sections.
- There are 71 non-public schools who are current members in good standing of the Association.

Data to consider:

NYSPHSAA Team Championships won by non-public schools between 2008-2016 in each Section:

Section 1- 3 championships (won by 2 non-public schools)
Section 2- 21 championships (won by 7 non-public schools)
Section 3- 16 championships (won by 4 non-public schools)
Section 4- 7 championships (won by 2 non-public schools)
Section 5- 25 championships (won by 9 non-public schools)
Section 6- 0 championships (Note: Section VI does not permit non-public participation)
Section 7- 3 championships (won by 1 non-public school)
Section 8- 9 championships (won by 1 non-public school)
Section 9- 8 championships (won by 4 non-public schools)
Section 10- 0 championships (Note: Section X has no non-public schools)
Section 11- 5 championships (won by 2 non-public schools)
Total championships = 97

NYSPHSAA Championships “by sport” won by non-public schools between 2008-2016:

Boys Swimming & Diving- 2
Girls Swimming & Diving- 2
Boys Cross Country-6
Wrestling- 2
Boys Basketball- 7
Girls Basketball- 6
Boys Indoor Track & Field- 1
Girls Indoor Track & Field- 4
Boys Outdoor Track & Field- 12
Girls Outdoor Track & Field-18
Baseball- 5
Boys Golf- 1
Girls Golf- 1
Boy Tennis- 3
Girls Tennis-2
Girls Soccer -2
Boys Soccer- 4
Football- 3
Boys Volleyball- 3
Girls Volleyball- 1
Girls Lacrosse- 3
Softball- 3
Ice Hockey- 2

Sections are asked to discuss the “concept” of a 12th and 13th Section and be prepared to make a determination at the May 5, 2017 Executive Committee meeting as to whether the sub-committee should continue to examine this topic.



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Sport or Activity GIRLS LACROSSE

1. Name of Contest Exceptional Senior Game Date TBA

2. Site of Contest Goshen

3. Co-sponsoring school, league or section Section 9
(for events sponsored with any outside organization, college or university)

4. School personnel responsible for contest supervision: Name Christina Smith / Greg Voloshin
Address 222 Scotchtown Ave Zip 10929 Phone 615-6761

5. School personnel responsible for screening and selection of contestants: Christina Smith / Greg Voloshin

6. School personnel responsible for screening and selection of coaches: Christina Smith / Greg Voloshin

7. Net profit to be donated to the following charitable or educational programs: None

8. Contestants will be insured by: Own School
Other (list) _____

Liability insurance supplied by sponsor: _____ Section _____ Other (list)* _____

***Attach certificate of insurance**

9. Signature of host Athletic Administrator (if applicable): [Signature]

10. Uniforms are to be supplied by: individual

11. Official's organization to assign contest officials: Section 9

12. Within two weeks of completion of the contest, all of the following must be mailed to
Secretary/Treasurer of the Section sanctioning the contest:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Complete roster of participants | 3. Injury report |
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Date _____ Section Executive Director _____

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ATHLETIC DIRECTORS ADMISSION TO NYSPHSAA CHAMPIONSHIPS

☐ **Action Item**
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Presenter:
Section IX Athletics

Proposal:
Section IX Athletic proposes that current New York State High School Athletic Directors would be Admitted, free of charge, to all NYSPHSAA Championships

Effective Start Date:
NYSPHSAA Championships beginning Fall of 2017

Rationale:
To have as many NYSPHSAA Athletic Directors attend as many NYSPHSAA Championships as possible.

Proposal Originated: Section IX Athletics

Budget Impact: Minimal but would be based on the number of Athletic Directors attending the NYSPHSAA Championships

Notes: Athletic Directors would complete an application distributed at the Athletic Directors Mandated Workshop. NYSPHSAA would mail an Admission Card to each Athletic Director. The Athletic Director would need to show the Admission Card and ID to be allowed entrance free of charge. The Athletic Director would go to the “Will Call” window at the NYSPHSAA Championship

Attachments: None