



# Section IX Athletics

Gregory Ransom, Executive Director

## Section IX Athletic Council Meeting

Tuesday, April 17, 2018

Orange Ulster Boces Conference Center – 9:30 am

1. Call to Order: Greg Ransom
2. Pledge of Allegiance: Greg Ransom
3. Approval of March 13, 2018 Minutes
4. Review of Meeting Materials: Jim Osborne
5. Financial Report: Jim Osborne
6. Section IX NYSPHSAA Representatives: Roberta Greene and Jim Wolfe
7. NYSPHSAA Office Report
8. Combining of Teams: Tim Bult and Kermit Moyer
9. Cheerleading
10. Back from the Leagues:
11. Spring Chair Reports:
  - a. Girls Golf Bill Earl
  - b. Boys Golf Tom Howe
  - c. Girls Lacrosse Wendy Crandall and Leslie Ahlborn
  - d. Boys Lacrosse Bob Slate
  - e. Softball Tom Cassata and Stephen Boucher
  - f. Baseball Michael Gillespie
  - g. Track and Field Matthew Hemmer and Brian Halling
  - h. Boys Tennis Urvashi Gupta
12. Chair Reports:
  - a. Girls & Boys Modified Sports Greg Warren and Michelle Henn
  - b. Safety Janet Carey
  - c. Chemical Health Kermit Moyer
  - 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:

**Thursday, May 24, 2018, 9:30 am at the Monroe Woodbury Educational Center**



**DRAFT**

**March 15, 2018**

## **Future of NYSPHSAA Cheer**

*Proposal submitted by  
Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director*

This proposal has been developed with ONE focus: the best interest of the student-athletes who compete in the sport of Cheerleading within the New York State Public High School Athletic Association. For the past 5 years, NYSPHSAA has tried to treat cheerleading like all other sports. Cheerleading is not like all other sports; it is unique and different. Once we recognize that it is different and focus on the positive aspects of cheerleading, the likelihood of success for student-athletes will be more easily achieved.

The largest change would be to move away from a rubric scoring system towards a scoresheet only system for competitive cheerleading, as well the incorporation of a Game Day Cheer Championship.

For competitive cheer, coaches and officials will utilize a teaching progression of skills, rather than a rubric to identify the skills needed to perform a certain score; this is the same system used by many State High School Athletic Associations throughout the country.

In Game Day, performances will consist of a Band Dance, Situational Sideline, Time Out Cheer and Fight Song - in that order; each performance consisting of 1-minute routines.

### **WHAT:**

Utilize a Varsity designed scoresheet instead of the NYSPHSAA rubric. Implement an established training program for New York Cheer Judges and an education program for NYSPHSAA Cheer Coaches. The training program will focus on safety, rules, technical training and overall program development strategies.

Incorporate a Game Day Championship to showcase what traditional cheerleading is really - all about! Teams will be evaluated on their ability to lead the crowd, proper game day skill incorporations, execution of skills, motion technique and overall routine.

Providing an opportunity for schools to participate in competitive cheerleading as well as Game Day will enhance the positive aspects of cheerleading in New York state.

NYSPHSAA will award 5 State Championships in Competitive Cheerleading (Division I small, Division I large, Division II small, Division II large and Co-ed), as well two Championships in Game Day (Small School and Large School).

### **Three Day Event**

#### **Friday:**

Open Invitation GameDay Competition (*Small School*)

#### **Saturday:**

Competitive Cheerleading State Championship Competition using Varsity Scoresheet

\* *"Option" for Sections to send the top two teams in each division*

#### **Sunday:**

Open Invitation GameDay Competition (*Large School*)

Teams will qualify through their Section qualifying event for the Competitive Cheerleading Championships, with the Section having the "option" to send the top two teams in each Division to the State Championships. We will no longer allow for 10% of the teams participating in the qualifying event to advance to the State Championships. The Game Day Competition will be an open invitation Championship, with teams simply registering for the event.

#### **RATIONALE:**

The NYSPHSAA has struggled to successfully blend the two distinct styles of cheerleading that exist in New York State today (*downstate & upstate*) in a rubric scoring system. This is similar to the challenges that other State Athletic Associations have experienced. Varsity has an established scoresheet that has been tested and successfully been used by several state high school athletic associations throughout the United States.

It is important that we do not lose sight of traditional cheerleading and the positive aspects it brings to a school's environment and culture; incorporating Game Day Cheer will accomplish these initiatives.

#### **HOW:**

Varsity Cheer would be involved in our training program of Judges and the education program for coaches. Varsity is comprised of the leading organizations and brands in the various cheerleading segments, including its educational camps and clinics, competitions, and uniforms. Since its founding in 1974 by Jeff Webb, Varsity has been the driving force in making cheerleading the dynamic, athletic, high profile activity it is today. A Varsity designed scoresheet will be used to accommodate the skill level of high school athletes.

A three-day competition will be utilized to promote the positive aspects of cheerleading in New York State. Two days will be dedicated to Game Day Cheerleading Championships (Small school and Large School), while one day will remain the Competitive Cheerleading Championships (Week #35 of NYSPHSAA calendar).

#### **TRAINING:**

Judges will be trained, and coaches will be educated during regional workshops offered throughout the state of New York in October and November. It is critical for Judges and coaches to be trained at the same time for consistency and transparency. The cost of travel for Varsity staff will be paid for by the Section or Sections hosting the training. Trainings will be conducted by expert personnel who have experience and expertise with the Varsity scoresheet.

#### **CONCLUSION:**

Obviously, there will be questions and concerns related to these proposed changes; this proposal is certainly not all inclusive and should only represent the basic framework for the change to a scoresheet scoring system and the incorporation of Game Day Cheer. Additional details and specifics will be developed and provided as discussion continues.



NYSPPHSAA CHAMPIONSHIP  
CHEER JUDGING SHEET



Team No.	Judge No.
Team Name	Division

CHEER PORTION - 30pts total		Points	Score
<b>Presentation of Material</b>			
Volume, pace, and clarity of words, Use of formations for crowd coverage, Correlation of words to school's name, mascot, colors.		5	
<b>Motions</b>			
Use of motions to either: 1)Lead the crowd response (including props) 2)Create visual interest		5	
<b>Skills</b>			
Use of skills to: 1)Enhance the cheer and response 2)Create visual interest that correlates to the words		5	
<b>Execution</b>			
How well the skills of the cheer are performed. Skills used are technically correct and strong, motions have correct placement and synch, words are easy to hear and understand		10	
<b>Overall</b>			
Encompasses energy, facial expressions (natural), synchronization, spacing and overall skill level shown with stunts, motions, jumps, etc		5	

MUSIC PORTION - 70pts total		Points	Score
<b>Partner Stunts - 20pts total</b>			
Execution		10	
Difficulty		10	
<b>Pyramids - 15pts total</b>			
Execution		10	
Difficulty		5	
<b>Standing/Running Tumbling - 10pts total</b>			
Execution		5	
Difficulty		5	
<b>Jumps - 10pts total</b>			
Execution		5	
Difficulty		5	
Dance		10	
Overall Effect <small>(flow, transitions, entertainment, correlation to music, performance of skills, etc)</small>		5	
<b>Total</b>		<b>Possible</b>	<b>Score</b>
		100	



**New York State Public High School Athletic Association  
Executive Committee Meeting – February 2, 2018**

**REPRESENTATION RULE**

☐ Action Item  
☒ Discussion/ Information Item

**Presenter:**

John Rathbun

**Proposal: Consider approval the following language change for the representation rule:**

**NOTE:** Teams organized for one sex may only practice and compete against teams of that same sex. Furthermore, once an individual competes on a team for one sex during a the regular season, he/she may not compete for or against a team organized for the other sex during that regular season. (Representation #26).

NOTE: for the sports of bowling, golf, rifle and skiing, when a school district doesn't have a team designated for each singular sex, the Section Executive Director may grant a waiver of the Representation Standard for Sectional Competition when a student has met the qualification for participation in the current school year's NYSPHSAA Championship event. The waiver request must be submitted to the Executive Director before the start of Sectional Competition. The athlete must meet all eligibility standards, to receive the waiver.

**Effective Start Date:**

2018-19 School year

**Rationale:**

Due to the lack of participation, expense or qualified coaches, many of our schools district only offer the opportunity for our students to participate on one team for the sports of bowling, golf, rifle and skiing.

When and if the Section offers separate sectional competition during the same sport season, a female who's only other option was to compete during the regular season on the school's boys team, if meeting all eligibility standards, that female student would be qualified to participate in the Sectional competition organized for females.

**Proposal Originated:**

Section III Athletics

**Budget Impact:**

None

**Notes:**

Discussed at the Executive Director's meeting

**New York State Public High School Athletic Association  
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**SED AGE AND DURATION OF COMPETITION – UNIFIED SPORTS**

☐ Action Item  
☒ Discussion/ Information Item

**Presenter:**

Todd Nelson, NYSPHSAA Assistant Director

**Proposal:**

To have NYSPHSAA Staff meet with SED to consider allowing a waiver of the Age and Duration of Competition based on the process listed below.

**Effective Start Date:**

2018-2019 school year.

**Rationale:**

With the expansion, popularity and benefits of Unified Sports many of our schools have raised a concern that a small group of students participating in the Unified Sports program are no longer eligible to participate due to the SED Age and Duration of Competition rule. The Unified Sports Committee formed a sub-committee to make a proposal to grant a waiver of the Age and Duration of Competition rule.

**Proposal Originated:**

Unified Sports Committee

**Budget Impact:**

None.

**Notes:**

The recommendation would follow the following parameters to grant a waiver.

1. Identification of the student with disability that would qualify for the waiver.
2. The data that would be collected for the review panel. APP fitness test would be given and the scores would be compared to the fitness levels in the Mixed Competition regulations
3. Review panel. School Medical Director, Athletic Director, Special Education Director, Physical Education Teacher, and a Unified Sport Coach.
4. Approval by the Review Panel.

**Attachments:**

Identification requirements for student's to receive the waiver.

## STUDENT IDENTIFICATION FOR AGE AND DURATION OF COMPETITION WAIVER

We are seeking a medical waiver for the age / duration of competition rule for a very specific student population that participates in Unified sports through the NYSPHAA.

These students are classified with an intellectual disability---a cognitive deficit requiring them to have more time to complete their education. This population is delayed both intellectually and developmentally, presenting much younger in all aspects of their development than their typical peers.

Under the New York State Commissioner's Part 200 Regulations, students with these disabilities may remain in high school until age 21, as they often require more time in order to gain a meaningful exit credential (Career Development and Occupational Studies Commencement Credential (CDOS) or Skills and Achievement Commencement Credential (SACC)).

The New York State Education Department has always recognized this population of students as requiring different supports and has put into place a variety of safety nets in order for them to successfully to complete their education.

We would urge similar recognition be given in the area of those students participating in Unified sports. The age and duration of their ability to play should be in line with their overall development and the overall timeline NYSED has already allowed them to complete their education.

We are not globally seeking this waiver for all students with disabilities, but only for those students with a significant intellectual disability, that has been deemed them eligible to participate in Unified sports.



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**COMMUNITY SERVICE CHALLENGE REVISIONS**

   Action Item  
√ Discussion/ Information Item

**Presenter:**

Kristen Jadin, Director of Special Programs

**Proposal:**

Consider the following revisions to the NYSPHSAA Community Service Challenge;

1. Utilize the TeamUp4Community Platform for submissions which provides:
  - a. Ability to add video and pictures
  - b. Data on the impact student-athletes and athletics are having on communities
  - c. Ability for schools to share information
  - d. A platform producing an analytical document on community service
2. Allow student-athletes, coaches, and athletic directors to apply
3. Add an option for specific teams to be recognized. Entire athletic departments will still be able to apply as well.
4. Sections will no longer need to determine a Section winner. The NYSPHSAA SAAC will determine the winner using the attached rubric.
5. A winner will be chosen each season (i.e. Fall, Winter, and Spring). Teams do not necessarily need to be in their championship season to apply.

**Rationale:**

When asked to evaluate the current Community Service Challenge program, the NYSPHSAA SAAC expressed concerns. The current program is geared toward only administration applying for the award. The SAAC requested student-athletes be able to apply for their individual teams. These ideas were supported by SAAC and the SADC. The SAAC also anticipated an increase in ownership of service when specific teams can apply. Their goal is for more applications/participation.

**Proposal Originated:**

As a part of the strategic plan, the Director of Special Programs was charged with evaluating all programs being offered by NYSPHSAA.

**Budget Impact:**

- Lodging at the Central Committee Meeting and additional awards totaling approximately \$600.00.
- TeamUp4Community will sponsor \$3,000 towards the program. Will have a presence in the program at the Central Committee Award Luncheon and provide a platform free of charge.

**Notes:**

- If Sections would like to see their applications, I can forward the information.
- A revised rubric will be used to reflect the potential changes to the program.

**Attachments:**

- Screen shots of the platform (DRAFT)



NEW YORK STATE BASEBALL TOURNAMENT  
TIE BREAKER SYSTEM

TO DETERMINE REGIONAL WINNERS AS OF MIDNIGHT THE THURSDAY PRIOR TO  
THE SCHEDULED START OF THE STATE SEMI-FINALS AND FINALS

Positive		Positive	Negative
"AA" SCHOOL WIN AGAINST		TIE	"AA" SCHOOL LOSS TO
AA	6	3	6
A	5	2.5	7
B	4	2	8
C	3	1.5	9
D	2	1	10
"A" SCHOOL WIN AGAINST		TIE	"A" SCHOOL LOSS TO
AA	7	3.5	5
A	6	3	6
B	5	2.5	7
C	4	2	8
D	3	1.5	9
"B" SCHOOL WIN AGAINST		TIE	"B" SCHOOL LOSS TO
AA	8	4	4
A	7	3.5	5
B	6	3	6
C	5	2.5	7
D	4	2	8
"C" SCHOOL WIN AGAINST		TIE	"C" SCHOOL LOSS TO
AA	9	4.5	3
A	8	4	4
B	7	3.5	5
C	6	3	6
D	5	2.5	7
"D" SCHOOL WIN AGAINST		TIE	"D" SCHOOL LOSS TO
AA	10	5	2
A	9	4.5	3
B	8	4	4
C	7	3.5	5
D	6	3	6

In using this tie breaker system, we will use the team's league record, add up the points and divide by the number of games. The team with the highest average of points per game will move on in the tournament.

If a regional game has not been completed by midnight the Thursday prior to the scheduled state tournament it will be the responsibility of the two sectional chairmen involved to calculate the totals and report to the state coordinator who will advance if the game is not legally completed by midnight the next day.

Submitted: 12/8/03 by Ed Dopp



**New York State Public High School Athletic Association  
Executive Committee Meeting – February 2, 2018**

**GIRLS VOLLEYBALL – APPROVE REGIONAL ROTATION FOR 2018**

☐ Action Item  
☒ Discussion/ Information Item

**Presenter:**

Patti Perrone, NYSPHSAA Coordinator / Peggy Seese, Assistant Coordinator

**Proposal:**

Approval is requested by the NYSPHSAA Girls Volleyball Committee

**Effective Start Date:** Fall 2018

**Rationale:**

Our current rotation ended in 2017. We follow a six-year rotation. The committee would like to only go with 2018 at this point to see how the new classification numbers will affect the Class D teams. This year in the Section 1,9,11 bracket, Section 9 received an automatic bid into the state tournament and we are trying to avoid automatic bid for any section. If the new classification numbers alleviate this, then we would go ahead and recommend this rotation for the next two years (2018 & 2019). If it does not, then we would propose a different rotation starting in 2019.

**Proposal Originated:**

NYSPHSAA Girls Volleyball Committee in 2017.

**Budget Impact:**

None.

**Notes:**

The Girls Volleyball Committee voted unanimously to approve this rotation.

**Attachments:**

Regional rotation.

**CAC Vote/Feedback:**

CAC supported this proposal at their Dec. 15, 2017 meeting.

**Class AA**

9 @4 winner@ 1

3@ 2

6 @5

11 @ 8

**Class A**

9 @4 winner @ 1

3 @ 2 winner @ 10

6 @ 5

11 @ 8

**Class B**

9 @ 4 winner @ 1

7 @ 2 winner @ 10

3 @ 6 winner @ 5

11 @ 8

**Class C**

9 @ 4 winner @ 1

7 @ 2 winner @ 10

3 @ 6 winner @ 5

11 @ 8

**Class D**

3 @ 4

7 @ 2 winner @ 10

6 winner @ 5

11 @ 9 winner @ 1



**2018-19**  
**GIRLS' SWIMMING & DIVING**  
**NYSPHSAA CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFYING STANDARDS**

<b>EVENT</b>	<b>PROPOSED STANDARD</b>
<b>200 Medley Relay</b>	<b>1:52.35</b>
<b>200 Freestyle</b>	<b>1:57.24</b>
<b>200 Individual Medley</b>	<b>2:12.84</b>
<b>50 Freestyle</b>	<b>24.84</b>
<b>Diving</b>	<b>440.00</b>
<b>100 Butterfly</b>	<b>1:00.02</b>
<b>100 Freestyle</b>	<b>54.36</b>
<b>500 Freestyle</b>	<b>5:14.65</b>
<b>200 Freestyle Relay</b>	<b>1:41.69</b>
<b>100 Backstroke</b>	<b>1:00.42</b>
<b>100 Breaststroke</b>	<b>1:08.60</b>
<b>400 Freestyle Relay</b>	<b>3:42.73</b>

Number of girls participating in Swimming & Diving – 7129.  
Number of girls participating in NYSPHSAA Championships - 530  
Participation total for 2017 - (7.4%).  
CAC standard is a 5-8% range.

NYSPHSAA Swimming & Diving Championship qualifying standards 2018 -19 Proposal

To: D. Hicks-Hughes

From: P. Ryan

Date: 1/3/18

**Proposed 2018-19  
BOYS' SWIMMING & DIVING  
NYSPHSAA CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFYING STANDARDS**

<b>EVENT</b>	<b>PROPOSED STANDARD</b>
<b>200 Medley Relay</b>	<b>1:40.67</b>
<b>200 Freestyle</b>	<b>1:47.60</b>
<b>200 Individual Medley</b>	<b>2:00.63</b>
<b>50 Freestyle</b>	<b>22.19</b>
<b>Diving</b>	<b>450</b>
<b>100 Butterfly</b>	<b>53.95</b>
<b>100 Freestyle</b>	<b>48.76</b>
<b>500 Freestyle</b>	<b>4:52.52</b>
<b>200 Freestyle Relay</b>	<b>1:30.12</b>
<b>100 Backstroke</b>	<b>54.82</b>
<b>100 Breaststroke</b>	<b>1:01.20</b>
<b>400 Freestyle Relay</b>	<b>3:18.87</b>

Number of boys participating in Swimming & Diving – 5668.

Number of boys participating in NYSPHSAA Championships - 372

Participation total for 2017-2018 = (7%).

CAC standard is a 5-8% range.

**REVISED** 2018-19 NYSPHSAA Swimming & Diving Championship proposed qualifying standards

To: P. Hugo

From: P. Ryan

Date: 4/4/18



# Section IX Athletics

**Gregory Ransom, Executive Director**

## MEETING DATES FOR 2018-2019

Tuesday, September 11, 2018	Coleman Catholic HS	9:30 AM
Tuesday, September 18, 2018	Mandated Workshop @ Wallkill HS	9:30 AM
Thursday, October 11, 2018	Orange-Ulster BOCES	9:30 AM
Tuesday, November 13, 2018	Coleman Catholic HS	9:30 AM
Thursday, January 3, 2019	Orange-Ulster BOCES	9:30 AM
Tuesday, March 12, 2019	Coleman Catholic HS	9:30 AM
Tuesday, April 9, 2019	Orange-Ulster BOCES	9:30 AM
Thursday, May 21, 2019	Monroe-Woodbury Education Center	9:30 AM
Tuesday, June 18, 2019	TBA	TBA



# **Section IX Spring Track and Field**

In the event that an issue arises and a decision comes into question, the following appeals process will be utilized for the Section IX Class Championships and State Qualifier meets. This process mirrors those suggested in the NFHS Track and Field Rule and Case Books.

Step 1: The Head Coach hands a written protest to the referee. The protest must include: competitor's name, school, event involved, specific rule in question, and a brief description of the situation or rule being appealed.

Step 2: If, after the referee's judgment on the appeal, the head coach still feels there was a misapplication or misinterpretation of the rules, he may ask for the Jury of Appeals to hear the protest. The "jury" will consist of the sectional coordinators and 3 additional coaches selected by the coordinators in advance of the competition. The full "jury" will be announced at the coaches meeting. Should a member of the "jury" need to file a protest, he/she will excuse himself/herself from the process and an emergency member will be asked to join the "jury" so the total number remains an odd number. The decision reached by the "jury" is final.

## **IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER:**

As per Rule 3, Section 5, Article 4 of the NFHS Track and Field Rules Book, the following situations are not subject to protest.

- Any judgment decision pertaining to violations or alleged violations of the rules.

- A decision made by the finish judges or timers that does not involve misapplication of a rule, or the terms and conditions of the competition

- Whether a start is fair and legal

A list of potential situations that are eligible to protest can be found on page 17 of The NFHS Track and Field Rules Book.



# Section IX Athletics

Gregory Ransom, Executive Director

REVISION to the Combining of Teams Process:

My suggestion is that the proposal should be adapted to read:

The proposal is to replace language in the handbook which currently reads: *"The percentage is dependent upon "5 sport classification cut off numbers:."* Section IX proposes changing the verbiage to read: *"The percentage is dependent upon the association's "specific sport classification cut - off numbers. Sports with Two Divisions, Division I will follow follow AA merger guidelines and division II will follow Class C Guidelines"*

Thoughts?

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**New York State Public High School Athletic Association  
To Championship Advisory (April 4, 2018) & Executive Committee (May 4, 2018)**

**BOWLING – ADJUST STATE TOURNAMENT WEEKEND FROM  
WEEK #35 TO #36 PERMANENTLY**

☒ Action Item  
☐ Discussion/ Information Item

**Presenter:**  
NYSPHSAA Bowling State Committee

**Proposal:**  
The NYSPHSAA Bowling State Committee proposes a change in the scheduling of the State Tournament from Week #35 to Week #36 permanently.

**Effective Start Date:**  
March 2019

**Rationale:**  
The change would allow bowling to conduct a three-day state tournament at available suitable sites a week later. In addition, it would allow for bowling to move off a weekend where five other NYSPHSAA events are conducted and provide for better media coverage, NYSPHSAA staffing and promotion of the sport on a weekend with just one other NYSPHSAA tournament.

**Proposal Originated:**  
This proposal originated at our State Bowling Coordinator meeting prior to the 2018 NYSPHSAA Bowling Championships.

**Budget Impact:**  
None

**Notes:**  
None

**Attachments:**  
None

**CAC Vote/Feedback:**  
(after next meeting)

3/28/18





**New York State Public High School Athletic Association  
To Championship Advisory (April 4, 2018) & Executive Committee (May 4, 2018)**

**BOWLING - CHANGE BOWLING STATE TOURNAMENT FROM A  
TWO-DAY TOURNAMENT TO A THREE-DAY TOURNAMENT**

☒ Action Item  
☐ Discussion/ Information Item

**Presenter:**

NYSPHSAA Bowling Sub-Committee: Pam Beard, Pete Girolamo, Dan Kaplan, Jeff Klatt, Mike O'Connell, Eileen Shultis, Ed Ventry

**Proposal:**

The NYSPHSAA Bowling State Committee proposes a change in the length of the state tournament from two days of competition to three. In order to accommodate for the third day, the official practice session on Friday would be eliminated. Division 2 boys and girls teams will compete on Friday afternoon. Composite Teams will compete on Saturday with the girls and boys being separate competitions with one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Division 1 will compete on Sunday morning. A rotation schedule will be established to prevent the same division from losing school time each year.

**Effective Start Date:**

March 2019

**Rationale:**

The addition of the Division 2 component to the tournament added another event to the NYSPHSAA Bowling Championships. In order to accommodate spectators so they are not denied access due to fire code, the composite event would be split into two separate competitions on the Saturday of the tournament with one group competing in the morning and another in the afternoon. In order to schedule all events for the tournament and accommodate the larger than capacity crowd for the composite event, we would need to eliminate the Friday practice session.

The spectator experience at the venue will be improved because there will be more space to view the athletes, shorter concession lines and bathroom lines during the composite team event.

Bowler and spectator safety will be improved because there will be less equipment laying around the settee area and more space for spectators to move around.

Competition will end earlier so that schools could depart back home after competition instead of staying another night in a hotel, saving school districts money.

Improved travel itineraries for sections furthest from event because of tournament end times. (i.e. If Section 11 is the host Section, Sections 5 and 6 would be most affected by length of travel.)

Student-athletes would lose less classroom instructional time because not all teams would need to travel during school hours on the Friday of the Championship weekend due to the elimination of the official Friday practice.

The potential for student-Athlete codes of conduct violations will be minimized because athletes competing will return home after competitions instead of staying in the hotel.

**Proposal Originated:**

This proposal originated at our State Bowling Coordinator meeting prior to the 2018 NYSPHSAA Bowling Championships.

**Budget Impact:**

This proposal does not have any negative impact on budget. Spectator numbers would remain the same for each event, resulting in no loss of revenue at the gate. There was no admission cost for the official practice session held on the Friday of the tournament, so eliminating it would not have any impact on revenue.

School districts would save money on hotel and meal costs for athletes and coaches since the tournament would end early enough to take a bus back home.

School districts would save money because bus drivers would not have to stay overnight or multiple nights in the hotel.

School districts would save money on cost of the Friday official practice session.

In the first year of the two division tournament, NYSPHSAA saw a spike in attendance that is expected to be maintained or grow with a three-day tournament. The three-day tournament will allow ticket sales to be spread out over three days, four sessions and allow fans plenty of seating and viewing.

**Notes:**

None

**Attachments:**

None

**CAC Vote/Feedback:**

(after next meeting)

3/27/18

## Proposed NYSPHSAA Procedure for Wheelchair Track and Field Athletes

1. **Special Accommodations:** Schools would be required to apply for a Special Accommodation for each student competing in a wheelchair. The request would have to include all necessary medical documentation which requires the accommodation. NYSPHSAA approval is required for the student to participate using a wheelchair. Accommodations will include the following:
  - a. If only one wheelchair athlete in the race, then they will race with the able-bodied athletes. If two or more wheel chair athletes, then they will race at the same time in a separate heat from the able-bodied athletes. All wheelchair athletes must wear a helmet.
  - b. In all laned events the wheelchair athlete will be given two lanes to compete in. In non-laned races the wheelchair athlete will start on the outside lane or behind the able body athletes and not be able to cut into lane 1 until the first 100 meters has passed.
  - c. In field events the wheelchair athlete will be able to use a throwing chair set up by an adult to compete in shot put and discus.
2. **Scoring:** Wheelchair athletes will either race against a clock or another Wheelchair athlete. Wheelchair Athletes and able body athletes will not compete against each other for points or place finishes.
  - a. If only one wheelchair athlete is competing in the race then they will be racing against the clock and if they meet or exceed the standard then they will receive 1 point for their team. If in post season they will receive the 1 point plus qualify for the next level of competition.
  - b. If two wheelchair athletes competing against each other the first place athlete will receive 2 points and the second place athlete will receive 1 point. If there are three wheelchair athletes the first place finisher will receive 5 points and the second place finisher will receive 3 points and the third place finisher will receive 1 point. In the post season the top finisher will advance to the next level of competition.
3. **Standards:** The following standards will be used to determine qualifying and earning points for the athlete's teams. The standards will be derived from the standards and results of the Adaptive Track and Field USA Database which has over 25 years of data.

Event	Gender	Standard
100M	Female	40.0
100M	Male	29.0
200M	Female	1:03.4



200M	Male	51.8
400M	Female	2:09.0
400M	Male	1:40.0
800M	Female	4:00.0
800M	Male	3:19.0
1500M	Female	6:00.0
1500M	Male	4:46.0
1600M	Female	7:00.0
1600M	Male	6:00.0
3000M	Female	13:20.0
3200M	Male	12:00.0
Shot	Female	7 feet
Shot	Male	9 feet
Discus	Female	22 feet
Discus	Male	23 feet