



Section IX Athletics

Gregory Ransom, Executive Director

Section IX Athletic Council Meeting

Tuesday, June 18, 2019

Apple Greens Restaurant 8:00 am

1. Call to Order: Greg Ransom
2. Pledge of Allegiance: Greg Ransom
3. Review of Meeting Materials:
4. Approval of May 23, 2019 Minutes:
5. Financial Report:
6. Section IX NYSPHSAA Representatives: Roberta Greene and Jim Wolfe
7. NYSPHSAA Office Report
8. Combining of Teams: Tim Bult and Kermit Moyer
9. Back from the leagues:
 - a. BSN Agreement- Section IX Online Provider
 - b. Diving Proposal
 - c. Girls Golf- Team Championship Format
10. Spring Chair Reports:
 - a. Baseball Michael Gillespie
 - b. Girls Golf William Earl
 - c. Boys Golf Tom Howe
 - d. Girls Lacrosse Wendy Crandall
 - e. Boys Lacrosse William Miller and Rich Saulino
 - f. Boys Tennis Urvashi Gupta
 - g. Softball Tom Cassata and Steve Boucher
 - h. Track & Field Matthew Hemmer and Brian Halling
11. Fall Chair Reports:
 - a. Cross Country Joe Cahill and James Glover
 - b. Field Hockey Debra Beam
 - c. Soccer Diane Wanser, Tony Martelli, Pete Ferguson
 - d. Swimming Pat Ryan
 - e. Tennis Gina Imperiale
 - f. Volleyball Steve Boucher
 - g. Football David Coates and Tom Cassata
12. Chair Reports:
 - a. Girls & Boys Modified Sports Greg Warren & Michelle Henn
 - b. Safety Janet Carey
 - c. Student Athlete Advisory Committee 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

September 9, 2019 –NYSPHSAA Mandated Athletic Directors Workshop at Wallkill High School Auditorium at 9:30 am

Next Meeting Date:

Tuesday, September 17 at 9:30 am, John A. Coleman Catholic High School



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**11 Dive Qualification for the New York State Championship Meet
(Clarification):**

For a diver to qualify for the NYSPHSAA Championships; in either a dual meet which is mutually agreed upon by both coaches prior to the meet and choose to do the 11 dive format for all divers; or at invitational 11 dive meet or invitational or championship meet the following must occur.

1. There must be at least 5 NFHS Swimming and Diving officials, (7 preferred)
2. The following NFHS Rule 9 Section 4 Article 1 MUST be followed.

NFHS Rule 9 Section 4 Article 1:

In championship meets, the competition shall consist of five voluntary dives and six optional dives.

- a. The five voluntary dives shall come from each of the five groups, with their assigned dd having a sum total of 9.0 or less. (9-3-6 PENALTY)
- b. The six optional dives shall include at least one chosen from each of the five groups. Only the optional dive from the same group is permitted through semifinals.
- c. All five groups must be represented through the semifinals (the first eight rounds).
- d. The dives to be performed during each round of championship competition shall be as follows:
Preliminary Round – 2 vol. & 3 opt.
Semifinals Round – 2 vol. & 1 opt.
Finals – 1 vol. & 2 opt.



BSN SPORTS REWARD PROGRAM

FOR

Section IX

BSN SPORTS ("BSN") is pleased to offer **Section IX** the following **Sponsorship and BSN SPORTS REWARDS PROGRAM** for My Team Shop (MTS) purchases (net revenue) made by the Section IX members.

BSN SPORTS Agrees to the following:

- Annual Sponsorship of 1200 BSN SPORTS Phenom SS Tee with section Championship logo each year of agreement.
- My Team Shop - School Incentive Reward – When school reaches \$20,000 in My Team Shop net revenue, School receives choice of one item from Team Player Pack (See final page for options) and two co-branded banners.
- Tiered Rebate Structure based on My Team Shop net revenue made by members of Section IX. Rebate calculated starting on July 1st – June 30th of each year of agreement. Payment to be made by August 1st of each year to Section office.
 - \$800,000 - \$1,249,999 in net revenue – 1% rebate
 - \$1,250,000 - \$1,999,999 in net revenue – 1.5% rebate
 - \$2,000,000+ in net revenue – 2% rebate
- My Team Shops products will be priced at current catalog/retail price.

Term: The duration of this agreement is three (3) years from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2022 ("Term").

Acknowledged and Agreed to:

Section IX

BSN SPORTS

Executive Director

Vice President



**New York State Public High School Athletic Association
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SCHOLAR-ATHLETE FOR UNIFIED SPORTS

 Action Item
 √ Discussion/ Information Item

Presenter:

Student-Athlete Development Committee

Proposal:

Consideration of approval to add Unified Basketball and Unified Bowling as sports to the NYSPHSAA Scholar-Athlete Program.

Effective Start Date:

2019 – 2020 school year

Rationale:

As an official high school program of NYSPHSAA, the Unified teams should be recognized in the Scholar-Athlete program if they meet the same criteria as other interscholastic programs in the school.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Student-Athlete Development Committee

Budgetary Impact:

There will be a slight increase in the number of pins purchased by NYSPHSAA. There will be no increased cost to the Sections or schools.

Notes:

Currently, there are 165 schools playing Unified Basketball and 46 teams playing Unified Bowling. A school's School of Distinction or School of Excellence applications will not be impacted.

Attachments:

None.



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SPORTSMANSHIP – OFFICIALS APPRECIATION DAY

 Action Item
 √ Discussion/ Information Item

Presenter:

Todd Nelson, NYSPHSAA Assistant Director
Kristen Jadin, NYSPHSAA Assistant Director

Proposal:

Consideration of approval to create a NYSPHSAA Officials Appreciation Day on the Wednesday of Week #13 each year.

Effective Start Date:

2019-2020 school year

Rationale:

Officials are an important component of the interscholastic program. They have a very difficult job and are sometimes the object of abuse and ridicule. The Sportsmanship Committee would like NYSPHSAA to recognize and thank them for their efforts and dedication to our student athletes. Our member schools acknowledge the difficulty of recruiting and retaining officials.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Committee

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

NYSPHSAA would use the same model as the NYSPHSAA Coaches Appreciation Day in May. Schools would be encouraged to also participate at the local level. NYSPHSAA will provide ideas schools can use at the local level.

Attachments:

None



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BOYS AND GIRLS MODIFIED SOCCER

 Action Item
√ Discussion/ Information Item

Presenter:

Jim Rose, NYSPHSAA Modified Co-Chairmen

Proposal:

To make the following changes/additions/deletions to Boys and Girls Modified Soccer in the Handbook:

1. Under Game Rules, eliminate #2 and follow the NFHS rule and play two 40-minute halves.
2. Edit Game Rule #5 to allow one timeout per half.
3. Remove the prohibition of slide tackles, overhead scissor kicks, and flip throw-ins.
4. Modify Game Rule #12 to state “exemption from the uniform requirements of a numbered goalie jersey and white home uniforms.”

Effective Start Date:

Fall 2019

Rationale:

These recommendations are intended to play the game of soccer that is closer to the High School level.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Modified Committee

Budgetary Impact:

The uniform exemption will not force schools to number goalie jerseys or buy new home uniforms. The time increase could affect official’s contracts at the Section level.

Notes:

Sections can be more restrictive and continue to play quarters. The 4-quarter extended time period for soccer is currently 18 minute quarters which equates to 36 minute halves.

Attachments:

None



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MODIFIED FOOTBALL

 Action Item
√ Discussion/ Information Item

Presenter:

Jim Rose, NYSPHSAA Modified Co-Chair

Proposal:

To make the following changes/additions to Modified Football:

1. Remove the Administration and test sections of the modified handbook.
2. Game rule #2 to allow gap alignment in 4-5-6 man fronts.
3. Change the early season practice requirements to 2 days of helmets, 3 days of helmet and shoulder pads and 5 days of full equipment and full contact.
4. Remove game condition #2 under 8 man football regarding the field size.

Effective Start Date:

Fall 2019

Rationale:

(1) These sections of the handbook are only in the football and boys lacrosse sections of the handbook and are not needed. (2) current rule requires players to be head up alignment. Gap alignment would move closer to what is allowed at the HS level. (3) with the change in the minimum number of practices required to 10 the current practices are broken down to 3-5-2. The Modified Committee feels that the proposed change will better prepare the players for full contact. The proposed change mirrors the HS requirement. (4) the current language follows the NFHS rule book for the size of the field. The HS rule allows the Sections/leagues to waive the NFHS rules so that schools can play on a regulation 11-man field.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Modified Committee

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

(2) the HS Football committee recommended “shade” alignment but the modified committee felt that Sections could be more restrictive. These changes move closer to the HS level.

Attachments:

None



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MODIFIED BOYS LACROSSE

 Action Item
√ Discussion/ Information Item

Presenter:

Jim Rose, NYSPHSAA Modified Co-Chairmen

Proposal:

The following changes/additions/deletions will be made to the Boys Lacrosse Section of the Modified Handbook:

1. Remove the administration section.
2. All of the bullet points under “Equipment” will be removed except the uniform and helmet regulation.
3. Change the length of quarters from 9 minutes to 10 minutes per quarter including overtime.
4. Under Game Conditions eliminate #3, #6, #7, and number #8.
5. Replace #10 with “substitutes are permitted whenever the ball goes out of bounds. Substitution during live play shall be on the fly.”
6. Edit #11, “When a goalie gets a penalty, the in-home player *may* serve the penalty.”
7. Add, “A goal will be disallowed after the horn sounds to indicate the end of the period.”

Effective Start Date:

Spring 2020

Rationale:

Many of these rules are already covered in the NFHS rulebook and will move Boys Modified Lacrosse closer to the High School level.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Modified Committee

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

For the change in period lengths the Sections can be more restrictive and the recommendations is less that the 4 quarter extended play of 11 minutes per quarter.

Attachments:

None



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MODIFIED CROSS COUNTRY

 Action Item
 √ Discussion/ Information Item

Presenter:

Jim Rose, NYSPHSAA Modified Co-Chairmen

Proposal:

To consider the following changes to Modified Cross Country:

1. Decrease the nights rest from 3 nights to 2 nights.
2. Add “It is **recommended** that there be a minimum standard of 6 meets scheduled for Modified Cross Country”.

Effective Date:

Fall 2019

Rationale:

(1) We are seeing an increase in the number of teams and competitions for Modified Cross Country. In many cases the Modified team is impacted by availability of courses and or the availability of the coaching staff, which are often shared by the upper level programs. Due to the availability issues Thursday is becoming the best date for Modified XC meets. At the same time, we are seeing an increase in the opportunities for Modified Invitationals, which are usually held on Saturday's. The current three (3) night's rest rule will not allow a runner to compete on Thursday and then again on Saturday. (2) The Modified Committee feels that this recommendation will help ensure students will get an adequate number of meets during the season. It was reported that some schools were scheduling less than six meets during the season.

Proposal Originated:

Section 2 Cross Country Committee and NYSPHSAA Modified Committee

Budget Impact:

None

Notes:

The Safety Committee had no issue with reducing the nights rest from 3 night to 2 nights.

Attachments:

None



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MODIFIED SOFTBALL

 Action Item
 √ Discussion/ Information Item

Presenter:
Jim Rose, NYSPHSAA Modified Co-Chairmen

Proposal:
To increase the amount of doubleheaders allowed in modified softball from two to three.

Effective Start Date:
Spring 2020

Rationale:
This would allow more flexibility for rescheduled games during the Spring season.

Proposal Originated:
NYSPHSAA Modified Committee

Budgetary Impact:
Will save some schools an extra trip.

Notes:
None

Attachments:
None



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MODIFIED TRACK AND FIELD

 Action Item
 √ Discussion/ Information Item

Presenter:

Jim Rose, NYSPHSAA Modified Co-Chairmen

Proposal:

To add to the handbook "It is recommended that there be a minimum of six meets scheduled for modified track and field."

Effective Start Date:

Spring 2020

Rationale:

To encourage schools to schedule a minimum of 6 meets for modified track ad field. It was reported that some schools have less than 6 meets during the season.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Modified Committee

Budgetary Impact:

If schools chose to schedule more meets there could be an increase in cost.

Notes:

None

Attachments:

None



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MODIFIED BOYS AND GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

 Action Item
 √ Discussion/ Information Item

Presenter:

Jim Rose, NYSPHSAA Modified Co-Chairmen

Proposal:

To reduce the minimum nights rest in boys and girls volleyball from 2 nights to 1 night.

Effective Start Date:

Fall 2019

Rationale:

Since Volleyball is not as strenuous as other sports the need for 2 nights rest is not necessary.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Modified Committee

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

None

Attachments:

None



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MODIFIED WRESTLING

 Action Item
 √ Discussion/ Information Item

Presenter:

Jim Rose, NYSPHSAA Modified Co-Chairmen

Proposal:

To increase the maximum number of points a student can wrestle during the week from 3 to 4.

Effective Start Date:

Winter 2019

Rationale:

This will allow students to wrestle more times during the week.

Proposal Originated:

Section 3 and the NYSPHSAA Modified Committee

Budgetary Impact:

A student could attend two multi school meets during the week or an invitational and wrestle multiple times at each event.

Notes:

None

Attachments:

None



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MODIFIED GYMNASTICS

 Action Item
 √ Discussion/ Information Item

Presenter:

Jim Rose, NYSPHSAA Modified Co-Chairmen

Proposal:

To allow more than two all-around competitors compete in a meet.

Effective Start Date:

Fall 2019

Rationale:

This will increase participation and follow the high school rules.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Modified Committee

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

None

Attachments:

None



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APPEAL PROCEDURES & FEES

Action Item
 Discussion/ Information Item

Presenter:

Jim Osborne, Past President, Current Chair of NYSPHSAA Appeal Panel

Proposal:

Consideration of approval to amend the NYSPHSAA appeal procedures to an increased filing fee of \$500 and require a unanimous decision by the panel to overturn a Section's decision.

Proposed **Handbook changes reflected below:**

c. An appeal from the decision of the athletic Council may be taken to the Appeal Panel of the NYSPHSAA, Inc., which shall review the evidence, may hear arguments, and shall have the power to affirm, reverse, or modify the decision of the Athletic Council. Such decisions shall not be reversed or modified unless the Appeal Panel **has unanimous agreement and** finds that:

d. An aggrieved party shall be one or more-member schools of the NYSPHSAA, Inc., and the notice of appeal shall be signed by the chief school officer of the schools involved. The aggrieved party must notify the Executive Director of the NYSPHSAA, Inc., of its intention to appeal to the Appeal Panel not later than fifteen (15) calendar days from the date the aggrieved party received written decision of the Athletic Council and submit a statement indicating whether the aggrieved party desires to submit its appeal in writing only or whether they desire to make oral argument by either telephone conference call or in person. A filing fee of **\$500.00** must be received from the aggrieved party prior to the appeal hearing. The Executive Director of the NYSPHSAA, Inc., shall notify the parties of the date by which written presentation must be submitted and the date, place and time for any oral arguments.

f. Expenses incurred **for an in-person appeal** by the Appeal Panel members shall be shared in the following manner: One-fourth from the NYSPHSAA, Inc., one-fourth from the section involved and one-half from the appellant. Expenses include all necessary and customary travel expenses, including, but not limited to mileage, lodging and meals. ~~When telephone conference calls are requested a fee of \$300 will be paid in full by the appellant (Jan. 2012).~~

Effective Start Date:

September 1, 2019

Rationale:

The fee was last updated in January 2012.



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REINSTATEMENT OF GAMES/ CONTESTS

Action Item
 Discussion/ Information Item

Presenter:

Jeffrey Rabey Ph.D., NYSCOSS

Proposal:

Consideration of approval to increase the maximum number of games/contests by one, with increased restrictions on the current number of scrimmages allowed.

Effective Start Date:

2020-2021 School Year

Rationale:

In 2009 and as a result of the national financial crisis, the New York State Public High School Athletic Association attempted to assist school districts across the state in reducing their expenditures by way of decreasing the amount of contests for each sport.

"The Executive Committee has taken action to assist schools, leagues, conferences, sections and NYSPHSAA to reduce costs related to the interscholastic athletic program," NYSPHSAA Executive Director Nina Van Erk said in a press release. "The rationale supporting these incremental reductions will have a significant impact for our member schools. For example, the savings realized by schools may act to protect lower level programs such as modified from being eliminated."

Subsequently, the NYSPHAA Executive Committee supported the reduction of the maximum number of contests permitted during the regular season. Sports with 24 contests (baseball, softball, volleyball, bowling, ice hockey) were reduced to 20, sports with 20 contests (tennis, basketball, golf) were reduced to 16 and sports with 18 contests (cross country, soccer, field hockey, swimming, gymnastics, indoor track and field, skiing, lacrosse, track and field) were reduced to 16. Wrestling was reduced to 20 points. Football was reduced from 10 to 9. The 9th game was permitted, with section approval, for teams who did not qualify for sectional play. For the teams involved in the sectional tournament the maximum number of contests was 10. For the sections involved in the state championship three additional games were permitted for a total of 13 games for the season: 1 game for regionals, 1 game for semifinals, and 1 game for championships. Originally, this was to be effective for just the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 school years, however this practice has continued, other than for basketball, which had their games reinstated to 20 contests. In essence, a senior-three-sport student athlete, who has attended high school since a freshman and throughout these reductions, could have *lost between 16 and 48 contests*, depending on their sports of choice, during their high school athletic career.



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PENALTY FOR EXCEEDING MAXIMUM NUMBER OF CONTESTS

 Action Item
 √ Discussion/ Information Item

Presenter:

Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director

Proposal:

Consider approval to add “**Option b**” to the prescribed penalty for exceeding the maximum number of contests to the following:

“c. If an individual or team exceeds the maximum number of contests permitted, the penalty is team ineligibility from the date of violation for the rest of the season. In the sports of wrestling, cross country, indoor track & outdoor track, swimming & diving, and bowling, when an individual exceeds the maximum number of contests, only the individual would no longer be eligible for that season. When an athlete exceeds the maximum number of contests the level in which the student-athlete participated as an ineligible competitor will be affected.

Any member school that has exceeded the maximum number of contests has the option to utilize the existing penalty outlined above (c) or may elect to suspend the head coach from the date of the violation for the remainder of the season, forfeiture of additional contests and also accept a fine in the amount of \$1000 to be paid from the school district to the NYSPHSAA office prior to participation in the post season. Money will be allocated to the Student-Athlete Advisory Council.”

Effective Start Date:

Fall 2019.

Rationale:

The restrictive nature of the NYSPHSAA rule to declare the entire team or the individual athlete ineligible for the remainder of the season penalizes the student-athletes and not the individual most responsible for the rule (i.e. the head coach).

Proposal Originated:

Discussion amongst Section Executive Directors and membership.

Budgetary Impact:

None.

Notes:

Handbook Committee discussed concerns at the April 3rd Handbook Committee meeting.

Attachments:

National Survey results associated with exceeding maximum number of contests.



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**INELIGIBLE STUDENTS TO PRACTICE/ PARTICIPATE
AT SUB-VARSITY**

Action Item
 Discussion/ Information Item

Presenter:

Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director

Proposal:

Consideration of approval to permit students (grades 7, 8, 9, & 10) who are ineligible as per the NYSPHSAA Transfer Rule to practice & participate at the sub-varsity level during their period of ineligibility; noncorresponding transferring students in grades 11th and 12th who are ineligible as per the Transfer Rule, would be limited to practice only.

Effective Start Date:

August 1, 2019.

Rationale:

Currently, students who are ineligible are not permitted to practice nor participate at the sub-varsity level 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 and/or participate at the sub-varsity level, 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 school's opportunity to compete for a Section or State title.

Proposal Originated:

December 2016 Handbook Committee meeting.

Budget Impact:

None.

Notes:

The NYSPHSAA Transfer Committee supported this proposal on April 1, 2019; Section 8 and 11 oppose.

The NYSPHSAA Handbook committee supported discussion on this proposal at the April 3, 2019 Handbook Committee meeting.

A proposal for "practice only" was discussed at the May 2017 Executive Committee and ultimately not approved at the July 2017 Central Committee meeting.

Attachments:

Fall 2018 National Survey data related to transfer rule.



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Action Item
 Discussion/ Information Item

Presenter:

Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director

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, 2019

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 school's opportunity to compete for a Section or State title.

Proposal Originated:

December 2016 Handbook Committee meeting.

Budget Impact:

None.

Notes:

The NYSPHSAA Transfer Committee unanimously supported this proposal on April 1, 2019.

The NYSPHSAA Handbook committee supported discussion on this proposal at the April 3, 2019 Handbook Committee meeting.

A proposal for "practice only" was discussed at the May 2017 Executive Committee and ultimately not approved at the July 2017 Central Committee meeting.

Attachments:

National Survey Data showing 34 other states allow ineligible students to practice.



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CREATION OF A NYSPHSAA FOUNDATION

Action Item
 Discussion/ Information Item

Presenter:

Chris Joyce, NYSPHSAA Director of Sales & Marketing

Proposal:

Consider approval to start a NYSPHSAA Foundation. A committee will be created by presidential appointment to discuss the formation, structure, and operation of the NYSPHSAA Foundation.

Effective Start Date:

Establish the foundation in the 2020-2021 school year and begin awarding grants in the following year.

Rationale:

Creation of a NYSPHSAA Foundation would provide our membership with additional funding opportunities.

Proposal Originated:

Exploration of a foundation or endowment fund was outlined in the 2017-2021 Strategic Plan.

Budget Impact:

NYSPHSAA would contribute one lump sum to establish the foundation fund. If managed properly, no further contributions would be required but would be permitted if deemed appropriate. Sponsors and community partners would also be leveraged for contributions. Additional spending may be done at discretion of the foundation committee.

Notes:

36 state associations responded to our survey, 15 of states currently have a foundation.

Attachments:

Survey results



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**GIRLS TENNIS– PENALTY FOR VIOLATING PRACTICE RULE AT
STATE TOURNAMENT**

 Action Item
 √ Discussion/ Information Item

Presenter:

Chris Horgan, NYSPHSAA Girls Tennis State Coordinator

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Girls Tennis Committee is seeking approval to apply the sanction of disqualification from the state tournament to any competitor who violates the "no practice rule" at the tournament venue on any day of the state tournament competition.

Effective Start Date:

Fall 2019

Rationale:

This would allow for a fair level of competition for all competitors since indoor venues do not have enough courts to accommodate practice time for all of the tournament players prior to match starting times. This would hold any violators accountable through the sanction of disqualification from the tournament, and all players will know that there is a definite consequence for violating the tournament "no practice" rule. Previously, schools were on a first come, first served basis in scheduling and paying for court time at the host venue. When the courts were all booked, it left many athletes without practice time.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Girls Tennis State Committee meeting on January 14, 2019

Budget Impact:

None.

Notes:

The Committee voted unanimously in favor of this proposal at their January meeting.

Attachments:

None.



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**FOOTBALL – NYSPHSAA SPORTSMANSHIP RULE, SERVING 4
CONSECUTIVE QUARTERS**

 Action Item
 √ Discussion/ Information Item

Presenter:

Gary Vanderzee, NYSPHSAA Football State Coordinator

Proposal:

Consideration of approval for Football players to serve the suspension for violating the NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Rule by being ineligible to participate for 4 full consecutive quarters (players only).

Effective Start Date:

Fall 2019

Rationale:

The current penalty of the next regularly scheduled game for violation of the NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Rule is the same for all athletes regardless of the sport and the maximum number of games allowed during the season. Football plays 7 or 8 games during the regular season. The committee feels that a 1 game suspension for a football player is more punitive as compared to all other sports.

Sports playing 20 games – 1 game suspension = 5% of max number of games allowed

Sports playing 16 games – 1 game suspension = 6 % of max number of games allowed

Sports playing 7 or 8 games (excluding Sectionals) = 12-14% of max number of games

Example:

Football player is disqualified in the 2nd quarter of game #2. The athlete would be ineligible to participate in the 3rd and 4th quarters of game #2. The athlete will also be ineligible to participate in the 1st and 2nd quarters of game #3. The athlete would be eligible for the 3rd and 4th quarter of game #3. Under the current rule the athlete would not be eligible to participate until game #4.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Football Committee

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

The NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Committee voted 7-2 to support the proposal with the understanding that Sections can be more restrictive in terms of the type of penalties that will be allowed to fall under this proposal and that Sections can always increase the amount of the penalty for the player depending on the situation. The penalty for a 2nd and 3rd disqualification would remain as currently written in the handbook.



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FOOTBALL – COMBINED PRACTICE

 Action Item
 √ Discussion/ Information Item

Presenter:

Gary Vanderzee, NYSPHSAA Football State Coordinator

Proposal:

Consideration of approval to establish combined practice requirements for all NYSPHSAA member schools. These requirements will include:

1. Coaches will instruct their own players.
2. “Live Contact” is permitted but not required.
3. Athletes/Teams may not participate in a combined practice until the first 5 days of practice have been completed.
4. Drills may not exceed more than seven (7) players from each team.

Effective Start Date:

Fall 2019

Rationale:

Many schools have moved away from scrimmaging other teams and are using combined practices to have their first team drill against another school’s first team and the same for the second team. Schools with low number of participants can also benefit from using a combined practice with another school. NYSPHSAA has allowed these combined practices along as they have followed the scrimmage restrictions and practice regulations. This proposal better defines the combined practice.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Football Committee

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

All NYSPHSAA “contact limitation” regulation will be followed starting with Day 13 of the season.

Attachments:

None



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GIRLS VOLLEYBALL– REGIONAL ROTATION FOR 2019 AND 2020

 Action Item
√ Discussion/ Information Item

Presenter:

Patty Perone, NYSPHSAA Girls Volleyball State Coordinator

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Girls Volleyball Committee is seeking approval to establish a regional rotation for Girls Volleyball for the 2019 and 2020 postseasons.

Effective Start Date:

Fall 2019. The rotation would be for a 2-year period.

Rationale:

The Committee is attempting to even out the regions as best they can and to ensure a more equitable distribution of teams competing for the semi finals and finals of the NYSPHSAA Tournament.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Girls Volleyball Committee on March 19, 2019

Budget Impact:

With the change in regions some Sections and Schools could see an increase in travel costs.

Notes:

The committee voted unanimously in favor of this proposal during their meeting.

Attachments:

1. Current breakdown of schools by Section/Class, Current regional rotation, proposed regional rotation.
2. Regional rotation games.



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ICE HOCKEY TIME PERIODS

Action Item
 Discussion/ Information Item

Presenter:

Scott Stuart, NYSPHSAA Boys Ice Hockey State Coordinator

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 2019-2020 season with a recalculation of post-season (Regionals, Semifinals and Finals) fees for Ice Hockey officials on November 1, 2019.

Note: A recalculation of post-season fees for ALL officials is scheduled to occur prior to the 2020-2021 school year.

Effective Start Date:

Winter 2019.

Rationale:

In July 2017, the NYSPHSAA Central Committee approved an increase from 15-minute periods to 17-minute periods to begin with the 2018-2019 season. The proposal included the following: *“Section Official contracts may have to be adjusted due to the increase in the periods.”*

During the Fall 2018, the Ice Hockey Officials Association sought an increase in post-season fees as a result of the increased time. The NYSPHSAA Championship Advisory Committee (CAC) did not recommend any increase in post season fees, since fees are recalculated every three years. The Officials grieved the NYSPHSAA and received a favorable decision from Fact Finding for a 13% increase in post-season fees. In an effort to resolve this matter, Dr. Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director, attempted to have the post season fees recalculated in January 2019; unfortunately, the Ice Hockey Officials Association were not supportive of this proposal. As a result, the Executive Committee approved a return to 15-minute periods for the 2019 post season with the support of Dr. Zayas.

This proposal clearly states the recalculation of post-season fees for Ice Hockey prior to the 2020 post-season in recognition of the increased time from 15-minute periods to 17-minutes.

Proposal Originated:

Ice Hockey Committee in March 2017.

Budget Impact:

Section Official contracts “may” have to be adjusted as a result of the increased time (15-minutes to 17-minutes); some Sections have already adjusted their fees as a result of the increased time.



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**FOOTBALL – NEW CLASSIFICATION CUT-OFF NUMBERS
FOR THE 2020 AND 2021**

- Action Item
- Discussion/ Information Item

Presenter:
Gary VanDerzee, NYSPHSAA Football State Coordinator

Proposal:
The NYSPHSAA Football Committee is seeking approval to change the Football Classification Cut-off numbers to the following:

Class AA	1025 and up	68 schools	17.26%
Class A	630 – 1024	86 schools	21.83%
Class B	397 – 629	87 schools	22.08%
Class C	261 – 396	86 schools	21.83%
Class D	260 and below	67 schools	17.01%

Effective Start Date:
Fall 2020 for a two-year period

Rationale:
With more and more schools opting to play 8 man football the number of schools playing 11-man Class D football is shrinking. In order to balance out the remaining 11-man football schools this proposal is necessary.

Proposal Originated:
NYSPHSAA Football Committee in March 2019

Budget Impact:
None

Notes:
The Football Committee voted 11-0 in favor of the proposal.
The CAC did not support the proposal, 9-2.

Current Classification Cut-offs:

Class AA	1025 and above
Class A	585 – 1024
Class B	355 – 584
Class C	230 – 354
Class D	229 and below

Attachments:
None