



Section IX Athletics

Gregory Ransom, Executive Director

Section IX Athletic Council Meeting

Thursday, October 11, 2018

Orange-Ulster BOCES Conference Center – 9:30 am

1. Call to Order: Greg Ransom
2. Pledge of Allegiance: Greg Ransom
3. Review of Meeting Materials: Jim Osborne
4. Approval of September 11, 2018 Minutes
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. Back from the Leagues:
 - a. Boys Lacrosse Chair Person
 - b. NYSPHSAA Items for October Meeting
10. Fall Chair Reports:

a. Cross Country	James Glover & Joe Cahill
b. Football	David Coates
c. Boys Soccer	Pete Ferguson & Tony Martelli
d. Girls Soccer	Diane Wanser
e. Field Hockey -Senior All Star Contest	Debra Beam
f. Girls Tennis	Selina DeCicco
g. Volleyball	Stephen Boucher
h. Swimming	Pat Ryan
11. 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
12. New Business – Section IX Investment Committee
13. Old Business
14. Adjournment of Section IX Meeting

Next Meeting Date:

Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at 9:30 am at John A. Coleman Catholic High School

Standing Committee Reports

1. Budget/Audit Committee – Julie Bergman
(A) Consider approval of membership dues for 2019-2020.
2. Championship Advisory Committee (CAC) – Greg Ransom
3. Handbook Committee – Pat Pizzarelli
(D) Consideration to revise the NYSPHSAA Amateur Rule for clarity.
(D) Consideration to revise the NYSPHSAA Transfer by adding:
 “Note: a student’s Eligibility is determined by the situation/ facts that exists at the time of registration.”
4. Student-Athlete Development Committee (SADC) – Kristen Jadin
5. Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) – Kristen Jadin
6. Sportsmanship Committee – Todd Nelson & Kristen Jadin
7. Safety Committee – Todd Nelson
(A) Consider approval to recommend the NYSPHSAA Handbook
Recommendations include every member High School has a Certified Athletic Trainer providing full-time coverage to the athletic program.
8. Modified Committee – Jim Rose
9. Officials Coordinating Federation (OCF) – Dennis Burkett

General Action/ Discussion Items

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| 1. (A) Consider approval of 2019-2020 classification numbers. | <i>Todd Nelson, NYSPHSAA
Assistant Director</i> |
| 2. (A) Consideration to support revised age requirement within NYSED Regulations for Unified Sports. | <i>Todd Nelson, NYSPHSAA
Assistant Director</i> |
| 3. (A) Consideration of endorsing a NYSAAA Resolution related to LTC course 631 Administration: Emergency Management of Interscholastic Athletic Events. | <i>Section VIII & XI</i> |
| 4. (A) Consider approval of waivers of the representation rule for various Sections. | <i>Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA
Executive Director</i> |
| 5. (A) Consider approval of Friends & Neighbors and new member schools. | <i>Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA
Executive Director</i> |
| 6. (A) Consider approval of Championship Advisory Committee members. | <i>Joe Altieri, NYSPHSAA
Assistant Director</i> |
| 7. (D) Consideration of revision to the classifications to allow six classifications for sports with more than 500 schools participating at the NYSPHSAA Championships. | <i>Section V – May 4
Executive Committee
Sectional Concern</i> |
| 8. (D) Consideration of a proposal to address receivership situations when a school has an influx or reduction in enrollment. | <i>Section VII – May 4
Executive Committee
Sectional Concern</i> |
| 9. (D) Consideration of a proposal to address an influx or decrease in enrollment numbers. | <i>Section VII – May 4
Executive Committee
Sectional Concern</i> |
| 10. (D) Consideration to use NFHS Playing Rules when available. | <i>Championship Philosophy
Committee</i> |
| 11. (D) Consideration to revise the Practice Requirements for all sports. | <i>Sport Seasons Ad Hoc
Committee</i> |

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| 12. (D) Consideration to revise the Fall, Winter & Spring Sport Season lengths. | <i>Sport Seasons Ad Hoc Committee</i> |
| 13. (D) Consideration of the future implementation/ exploration of e-sports. | <i>Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director</i> |

Sports Action/ Discussion Items

FALL

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| 14. (A) Consider approval to revise football nights rest & maximum contest rules. | <i>Football Committee</i> |
| 15. (A) Consider approval of Vernon-Verona-Sherrill for 2020 & 2022, and Chenango Valley State Park in 2021 to host the State Cross Country Championships. | <i>Cross Country Committee</i> |
| 16. (A) Consider approval of Girls Volleyball Regular Season Standard Operating Procedures. | <i>Girls Volleyball Committee</i> |

WINTER

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| 17. (A) Consideration of requiring wrestling teams to finalize their schedule no later than the Saturday of Week #28. | <i>Wrestling Committee</i> |
| 18. (A) Consideration to permit a pound allowance for all wrestlers competing in a Sectional tournament when schools are closed due to a weather emergency. | <i>Wrestling Committee</i> |
| 19. (A) Consideration when a school is closed due to a weather emergency on the 3rd day of the appeal timeline the wrestler will be given one extra day to appeal their original weight assessment. | <i>Wrestling Committee</i> |
| 20. (A) Consider approval of Ocean Breeze for 2020, 2021, & 2022 to host the State Indoor Track & Field Championships. | <i>Indoor Track & Field Committee</i> |
| 21. (D) Consideration of Section IX Girls Wrestling Proposal regarding the NYSPHSAA Representation Rule. | <i>Section IX</i> |
| 22. (D) Consider approval to adopt a video replay protocol. | <i>Boys Ice Hockey Committee</i> |

SPRING

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| 23. (A) Consideration of requiring Softball regionals to be scheduled Thursday through Monday only, prior to the State Tournament. | <i>Softball Committee</i> |
| 24. (A) Consideration to revise the NYSPHSAA Boys Tennis Championship format for a separate NYS Federation Championship. | <i>Boys Tennis Committee</i> |
| 25. (A) Consideration of approval of Track & Field Wheelchair procedures. | <i>Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director</i> |
| 26. (D) Consider approval to adopt a Pitcher/Designated Hitter Rule. | <i>Baseball Committee</i> |



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MEMBERSHIP DUES

✓ Action Item
 Discussion/ Information Item

Presenter:

Julie Bergman, Budget/Audit Chair

Proposal:

Consider approval to freeze membership dues for 2019-2020, by using the formula of \$810 per school and \$0.86 per student above 300, based upon the 2014-2015 school enrollment numbers.

Rationale:

Annual approval required.

Proposal Originated:

Annual approval required.

Budget Impact:

None.

Notes:

None.

Attachments:

None.



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BEST PRACTICES FOR ATHLETIC TRAINING SERVICES

✓ Action Item
 Discussion/ Information Item

Presenter:

Todd Nelson, NYSPHSAA Assistant Director

Proposal:

To add the following language to the NYSPHSAA recommendations in the NYSPHSAA Handbook.

"NYSPHSAA recommends and supports the 'Best Practice' that every member High School has a Certified Athletic Trainer providing full-time coverage to the athletic program."

Effective Start Date:

Fall 2018.

Rationale:

The NYSPHSAA Strategic Plan contained a goal of increasing athletic training services to all member schools. The NYSPHSAA Safety Committee formed a sub-committee to look at three areas, (1) benefits of athletic training services, (2) obstacles of providing athletic training services, and (3) ways to provide athletic training services. We all share the goal to minimize risk to student athletes participating in our athletic programs and Certified Athletic Trainers are imperative to meeting this goal.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Safety Committee.

Budget Impact:

None directly to NYSPHSAA but a school district will have a budgetary impact in trying to meet this recommendation.

Notes:

The attached document would be linked to this recommendation in the handbook.

Attachments:

Supporting document for this recommendation.



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2019-2020 SCHOOL ENROLLMENT NUMBERS

☒ Action Item
☐ Discussion/ Information Item

Presenter:

Todd Nelson, NYSPHSAA Assistant Director

Proposal:

To approve the school enrollment numbers for the 2019-2020 school year using grades 9, 10 and an average of 9/10. Once these numbers are approved by the Executive Committee they are final unless a clerical error was made.

Effective Start Date:

2019-2020 school year.

Rationale:

The NYSPHSAA Executive Committee approves the School Enrollment Numbers every October for the following school year so the number approved for the school can be used to help classify schools in particular sports for post season competition.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Staff.

Budget Impact:

None.

Notes:

Final Report will be sent once verified by Section Executive Directors.

Attachments:

None.



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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 students that have participated 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 subcommittee to make a proposal to grant a waiver of the Age and Duration of Competition rule. Please see the details below.

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 a classification as **alternately assessed students**.
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 students to get the waiver.



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NYSAAA RESOLUTION

☒ Action Item
☐ Discussion/ Information Item

Presenter:

Section VIII & Section XI Representatives

Proposal:

Consider approval to support for the attached NYSAAA resolution.

Effective Start Date:

Immediately.

Rationale:

The leadership of NYSAAA have requested the support of NYSPHSAA.

Proposal Originated:

NYSAAA.

Budget Impact:

None.

Notes:

None.

Attachments:

None.

SCHOOL SAFETY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

WHEREAS, the NYSAAA, as the professional organization representing Athletic Administrators, chooses to honor the memory of Chris Hixon, Athletic Director at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, whose life was senselessly cut short February 14, 2018.

WHEREAS, the NYSAAA in response to this event, including those recent tragedies involving school shootings, recognizes the extraordinary responsibility of Athletic Administrators to maintain and provide a safe environment during after school athletic events and practices.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the NYSAAA seeks to work collaboratively by offering access for all New York State Athletic Administrators to **LTC 631, ATHLETIC ADMINISTRATION: EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OF INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC EVENTS**. This course is a part of the nationally regarded professional development program created specifically for Athletic Administrators and offered by the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that **LTC 631 ATHLETIC ADMINISTRATION: EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OF INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC EVENTS** will provide an overview of how to mitigate/prevent, prepare for and manage emergencies during interscholastic athletic events. The course will highlight venue and event safety, security and emergency management issues. The course will provide guidelines for creating an emergency team, assessing the venues for risks and needs, developing and implementing emergency management plans and debriefing after an incident.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NYSAAA stands united as the gatekeeper in their commitment to provide a safe, and healthy environment for their student-athletes. This task does not end on the playing field, but should be carried into the normal operation of a school. It is through these types of professional development experiences that an Athletic Administrator can make more of an impact the NYSAAA has and will continue to be the organization that provides direction and guidance to administrators and student-athletes.

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WAIVER OF REPRESENTATION RULE

☒ Action Item
☐ Discussion/ Information Item

Presenter:

Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director

Proposal:

Consider approval of waivers of the representation rule for the Sections and sports below:

<i>Section II</i>	<i>6 to 4</i>	<i>Skiing</i>
	<i>6 to 4</i>	<i>Indoor Track & Field</i>
<i>Section VI</i>	<i>6 to 3</i>	<i>Dual Meet Wrestling</i>

Rationale:

Executive Committee approval required for waivers of the Representation Rule.



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FOOTBALL – MODIFICATION TO THE PARTICIPATION STANDARD

☒ Action Item
☐ Discussion/ Information Item

Presenter:

Gary Vanderzee, NYSPHSAA Football State Coordinator

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Football Committee is seeking approval for a football player to be allowed to participate in both the junior varsity and varsity contests within the same week. The stipulation is that during one of the contests, the athlete would have a ten (10) play limit. During the other contest, the athlete would be free of any restriction on plays.

Effective Start Date:

2018-19 season

Rationale:

In many areas, schools are facing declining roster sizes in their football programs due to decreasing enrollments and safety concerns surrounding the game of football. This has led to postponements and/or forfeits at either level. This proposal could possibly eliminate those concerns while at the same time protect our athletes. If a team has only 16-20 players dressed for a game, it is likely that some of those players never come off the field. This proposal could increase the roster size at any given game allowing players to receive a much needed rest during the contest providing a safer environment for all.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Football Committee March 2018.

Budgetary Impact:

None.

Notes:

Both junior varsity and varsity teams are normally required to submit rosters. The varsity roster could include junior varsity players that may or may not be dressed for the varsity game. These players could be denoted on the roster with an asterisk for those watching and/or tracking. The same could be done for the junior varsity roster if they were allowing varsity players to participate at the junior varsity level. The NYSPHSAA Football Committee unanimously supports this proposal.

Attachments:

None.



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**GIRLS VOLLEYBALL – ADOPT S.O.P. FORMAT FOR ALL
REGULAR SEASON GAMES – **REVISED 9/21/2018****

☒ Action Item
☐ Discussion/ Information Item

Presenter:

Patti Perone, NYSPHSAA Girls Volleyball State Coordinator

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Girls Volleyball Committee is seeking approval of the attached Standard Operating Procedure for all regular season matches. The same SOP was adopted for Regional and State Tournament matches in 2017. **Please see revised language in attached SOP document.**

Effective Start Date:

Fall 2019

Rationale:

The goal is to have consistency and familiarity for players in all matches during the regular season.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Girls Volleyball Committee on March 28, 2018

Budget Impact:

None

Notes:

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

Attachments:

Standard Operating Procedures terms

CAC Vote/Feedback:

Provided after meeting.

PROPOSED Standard Operating Procedure - REGULAR SEASON
Girls Volleyball (for adoption Fall 2019) – revised 9/21/2018

The official pre-match protocol for ALL REGULAR SEASON MATCHES for Varsity and Junior Varsity only is shown below. The NYSPHSAA Girls Volleyball Committee unanimously supports this required protocol.

- Home team should use appropriate music during warm ups at all sites. For example: songs with negative lyrics or tone geared toward visiting team shall not be permitted in addition to songs with questionable/explicit lyrics.
- Adults must be the official book scorekeeper.
- A team will not be allowed on the court with volleyballs until both teams are present, if arrival occurs more than 30 minutes prior to the contest.

<u>Time Remaining</u>	<u>Protocol</u>
Pre :22	Captains meeting/coin toss
:22	Official warm up begins
:10	Teams on court together
:06	Visiting team has full court
:06	Home team has full court

Introductions, National Anthem, team huddle (OPTIONAL)
(Page 88-NCAA rules-Option 3)

NOTE: Official warm up starts 22 minutes prior to contest (10 minutes each on court together, followed by 6 minutes visiting team, 6 minutes home team) after captains are called.



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WRESTLING - SCHEDULING OF NEW MATCHES AFTER WEEK #28

☒ Action Item
☐ Discussion/ Information Item

Presenter:

Marty Sherman, NYSPHSAA Wrestling State Coordinator

Proposal:

No new matches may be scheduled after week #28 unless they are a make-up for a cancelled match.

Effective Start Date:

2018-19 Season

Rationale:

Schools were scheduling matches at the end of the year to get wrestlers weigh-ins but not actually wrestling. This does not follow the spirit of the 50% rule.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Wrestling Committee

Budgetary Impact:

None.

Notes:

A majority of the Committee voted in favor of this proposal.

Attachments:

None.



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**WRESTLING – POUND ALLOWANCE FOR SECTIONAL
TOURNAMENTS DUE TO SCHOOL CLOSINGS**

☒ Action Item
☐ Discussion/ Information Item

Presenter:

Marty Sherman, NYSPHSAA Wrestling State Coordinator

Proposal:

To allow a pound allowance for all wrestlers competing in a Sectional tournament when schools are closed due to a weather emergency.

Effective Start Date:

2018-19 Season.

Rationale:

We currently use this procedure throughout the entire regular season and the Wrestling Committee feels that we should continue with the procedure for Sectional tournaments.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Wrestling Committee.

Budgetary Impact:

None.

Notes:

The Wrestling Advisory Committee fully supports this recommendation.

Attachments:

None.



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WRESTLING – EXTENTION OF THE APPEAL TIMELINE

☒ Action Item
☐ Discussion/ Information Item

Presenter:

Marty Sherman, NYSPHSAA Wrestling State Coordinator

Proposal:

When a school is closed due to a weather emergency on the 3rd day of the appeal timeline the wrestler will be given one extra day to appeal their original weight assessment.

Effective Start Date:

2018-19 Season

Rationale:

Currently the 3-day appeal timeline is strictly enforced and does not allow any deviation for school closing due to weather emergencies.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Wrestling Committee.

Budgetary Impact:

None.

Notes:

The Wrestling Advisory Committee is in full support of this proposal. The Safety Committee will discuss at their Fall meeting.

Attachments:

None.



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**SOFTBALL – STANDARDIZE REGIONAL PLAY TO ONLY THURSDAY
TO MONDAY PRIOR TO STATE TOURNAMENT**

☒ Action Item
☐ Discussion/ Information Item

Presenter:

Cathy Allen, NYSPHSAA Softball State Coordinator

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Softball State Committee is requesting approval for Regional play to be scheduled Thursday through Monday only, prior to the State Tournament.

Effective Start Date:

2019 season

Rationale:

Setting a schedule of certain days for regional contests to be completed would help maintain a fair and equitable schedule. This would allow for the same play and rest periods for teams heading to Regionals and coming out of Regionals across the state and additionally keep Sections accountable in maintaining similar schedules (to other Sections). This has been a discussion for some time. The committee voted 10-1 in favor of this proposal.

Proposal Originated:

Proposal originated at the NYSPHSAA State Softball Committee meeting June 8, 2018

Budgetary Impact:

None

Notes:

None

Attachments:

None



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FEDERATION BOYS TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

√ Action Item
 Discussion/ Information Item

Presenter:

Selina DeCicco, NYSPHSAA Boys Tennis State Coordinator

Proposal:

Consider approval to revise the format of the NYSPHSAA/ NYS Federation Boys Tennis Championships.

Effective Start Date:

Spring 2019.

Rationale:

The rationale for this proposal is to offer an equitable, healthy and safe NYSPHSAA Boys Tennis Federation State Championship for all participating associations to include NYSPHSAA, PSAL, NYSAISAA, and CHSAA.

This opportunity would allow for all four association champions in both singles and doubles to commit to compete in an organized championship event that which is not scheduled concurrently with any of the named associations' championships.

It is suggested that the Boys Tennis Federation Championship be scheduled for week #49 of the scholastic calendar, as the NYSPHSAA Boys Tennis State Championship and other association championships are scheduled on or before week #48. This schedule adheres to the USTA Regulations for tournament participation of sanctioned events and would also allow all competitors appropriate rest periods between championship events.

This proposal must provide each of the four associations the opportunity to appoint an association coordinator to participate in tournament responsibilities, such as to complete a tournament draw or round robin format based on the number of participating associations to give all competitors equal contests, to structure the rules and guidelines of competition not limited to scoring, coaching, officiating, etc., keep and report results, secure a venue, athletic trainers, provide first aid/AED and awareness of emergency procedures for the benefit of all in attendance.

Proposal Originated:

This proposal originated from the 2017 NYSPHSAA Boys Tennis Committee and the 2018 Boys Tennis Committees after many concerns were raised of the current format and schedule.

Budgetary Impact:

Wednesday, July 11, 2018

The budgetary impact of this proposal would include additional travel and food expenses to those athletes and coaches traveling to the Federation Championship on the scheduled day of competition. In past Federation Championships, the budgetary impact of tennis balls, court time, awards, officials and athletic trainers are consistent per hour and would not impose additional costs than what is currently projected. The Federation Championship does not impose a lodging expense to competitors traveling great distances, as competition can be completed in one day with indoor courts available in case of inclement weather.

Notes:

The NYSPHSAA Boys Tennis Committee unanimously agreed to the rationale of this proposal on 5/30/18, as well as 5/18/18 email to Robert Zayas which indicate the concerns of the NYSPHSAA Boys Tennis Committee in regards to the Federation Championship for Boys Tennis.

Attachments:

None.



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WHEELCHAIR TRACK & FIELD ATHLETES

☒ Action Item
☐ Discussion/ Information Item

Presenter:

Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director

Proposal:

To have a standard scoring procedure for all wheelchair athletes participating in NYSPHSAA regular season and post season competition in the sport of Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field.

Effective Start Date:

2018-19 school year

Rationale:

Over the past three seasons we have had two wheelchair track and field athletes participate in track and field at the modified and high school level. Now that they are entering the HS level of competition we need to establish a uniformed and consistent procedure for scoring and competing during the regular season and post season.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA member schools and Sections

Budget Impact:

None

Notes:

We formed a committee to develop the proposal. The committee consisted of the Boys and Girls track and Field State Coordinators, the NYSPHSAA office staff, the athletic directors and coaches from the two schools and the families of the two athletes. The NYSPHSA office staff surveyed all the state associations to inquire on any current procedures and practices utilized within their state. PA has had a procedure in place that has worked well for them for over 10 years. The committee had a lengthy discussion on all the possible options and agreed to model this proposal after the PIAA procedure. The committee feels that this will be fair to all students and teams competing in the sport of Track and Field.

Attachments:

Please see the proposed procedure.



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NYSPHSAA AMATEUR RULE

 Action Item
 √ Discussion/ Information Item

Presenter:

Pat Pizzarelli, Handbook Committee Chair

Proposal:

Consider revising the NYSPHSAA Amateur Rule to accurately reflect the intention of the rule and clarify gift cards and gift certificates are considered compensation.

Revisions to Amateur Rule:

1. ~~Competing~~ **Accepting** for money or other compensation **(including gift cards & gift certificates)** is prohibited. Allowable entry fees, travel, meals, and lodging expenses ~~may be accepted~~ is permitted.

Effective Start Date:

Immediately.

Rationale:

To provide clarity to the NYSPHSAA Amateur Rule.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Handbook Committee.

Budgetary Impact:

None.

Notes:

None.

Attachments:

None.



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NYSPHSAA TRANSFER RULE

 Action Item
 √ Discussion/ Information Item

Presenter:

Pat Pizzarelli, Handbook Committee Chair

Proposal:

Consideration to revise the NYSPHSAA Transfer by adding:

“Note: a student’s Eligibility is determined by the situation/ facts that exists at the time of registration.”

Effective Start Date:

Immediately.

Rationale:

To provide clarity to the NYSPHSAA Transfer Rule. Adding the “Note” will ensure schools and parents are aware that a student’s eligibility status cannot be changed by an action after the date of registration (i.e. purchasing of a home, moving the entire family into a district or legal separation).

Proposal Originated:

Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director.

Budgetary Impact:

None.

Notes:

None.

Attachments:

None.



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**REVISION OF CHAMPIONSHIP PHILOSOPHY
TO ALLOW SIX CLASSES**

 Action Item
√ Discussion/ Information Item

Presenter:

Representative from Section V

Proposal:

If requested by a sport committee, consideration of revision to the classifications to allow six classifications for sports with more than 500 schools participating at the NYSPHSAA Championships.

Effective Start Date:

2019-2020 School Year

Rationale:

Based on the current NYSPHSAA Championship Philosophy the following formulas are used:

CHAMPIONSHIP FORMULAS

TEAM SPORTS: Currently applies to: Volleyball, Basketball, Soccer, Lacrosse, Field Hockey, Softball, Football, Baseball, Ice Hockey and Cheerleading.

Number of Varsity Programs	Number of Allowable Championship Classes or Divisions
24 -100	1
101 - 200	2
201 - 300	3
301 - 400	4
401 - above	5

Add: 501 – above

COMBINATION TEAM/INDIVIDUAL SPORTS: Currently applies to: Cross Country, Skiing, Bowling, Wrestling (Oct. 2016), Girls Golf (Oct. 2016) and Rifle.

Number of Varsity Programs	Number of Allowable Championship Classes or Divisions
24 -200	1
201 - 425	2
426 - 500	3
501 - above	4

Proposal Originated:

Section V and it has also been discussed by state level sport committees.

Budgetary Impact:

Cost associated with increasing some state championships by one class (officials, awards, etc.)

Notes:

This was a discussion item on the March 27th, 2018 Football Committee Meeting Report.

This proposal was not supported by the Championship Philosophy Committee at their September 24th meeting.

Attachments:

None.



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CLASSIFICATION ADJUSTMENT – RECEIVERSHIP

☐ Action Item
☒ Discussion/ Information Item

Presenter:

Matt Walentuk, Section VII Executive Director

Proposal:

If a school is placed on NYSED Receivership or other similar NYSED situation where a school is restructuring, then the NYSPHSAA office will place a school in the appropriate classification based on their current enrollment in August of the upcoming school year.

Note: If two or more schools are located within the same physical building, 100% of their BEDS will be used if they are following the Combining of Teams process.

Effective Start Date:

Summer 2019

Rationale:

To allow for statewide equity to attempt to have as many schools playing in their appropriate classification. With the change in when BEDS classifications projecting two years out, this allows a way for schools to play in their appropriate classification.

Proposal Originated:

Several times schools have competed in and/or won NYSPHSAA championships in classifications that did not match their current class size.

Budget Impact:

None

Notes:

The BEDS number is designed to project students that currently in 10th, 11th, and 12th grade. NYSPHSAA can gather the current enrollment of students in grades 10, 11, & 12 from the school's student information management system in this situation and place the school in the appropriate classifications. A section will notify the NYSPHSAA office for a classification adjustment.



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CLASSIFICATION ADJUSTMENT – INFLUX/REDUCTION

☐ Action Item
☒ Discussion/ Information Item

Presenter:

Matt Walentuk, Section VII Executive Director

Proposal:

If there is a 20% change in BEDS numbers between two consecutive school years for any school, NYSPHSAA will place the school in the appropriate classifications based on their current enrollment in August of the upcoming school year.

Effective Start Date:

Summer 2019

Rationale:

To allow for statewide equity to attempt to have as many schools playing in their appropriate classification. With the change in when BEDS classifications projecting two years out, this allows a way for schools to play in their appropriate classification.

Proposal Originated:

Several times schools have competed in and/or won NYSPHSAA championships in classifications that did not match their current class size.

Budget Impact:

None

Notes:

The BEDS number is designed to project students that currently in 10th, 11th, and 12th grade. NYSPHSAA can gather the current enrollment of students in grades 10, 11, & 12 from the school's student information management system in this situation and place the school in the appropriate classifications. A section will notify the NYSPHSAA office for a classification adjustment.



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NFHS PLAYING RULES WHEN AVAILABLE

 Action Item
 √ Discussion/ Information Item

Presenter:

NYSPHSAA Championship Philosophy Committee

Proposal:

Consideration to use NFHS playing rules in all sports when available.

Effective Start Date:

To Be Determined.

Rationale:

The Championship Philosophy Committee reviewed data from a survey administered to coaches, officials and administrators in the Spring. The data showed coaches and officials are not in support of using NFHS playing rules in the sports of Girls Basketball, Girls & Boys Volleyball, nor Softball, however administrators asked for more information related to the use of NFHS rules.

The Championship Philosophy Committee voted 6-4 in support of using NFHS Rules when available at the September 24th Championship Philosophy Committee meeting.

Vote in support of the use of NFHS Playing Rules when available:

Section I- *No*
Section 2- *No*
Section III- *Yes*
Section IV- *Absent with notification*
Section V- *No*
Section VI- *No*
Section VII- *Yes*
Section VIII- *Yes*
Section IX- *Yes*
Section X- *Yes*
Section 11- *Yes*

Proposal Originated:

October 2017 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Meeting.

Budgetary Impact:

Minimal, if any.

Notes:

The Championship Philosophy Committee includes representation from all 11 Sections.

This rule change would currently impact the sports of Girls Basketball (*currently use NCAA rules*), Girls & Boys Volleyball (*currently use NCAA rules*) and Softball (*currently use USA Softball Rules*).

The NYSPHSAA is the only state in the United States using NCAA Basketball rules for girls basketball and only one of two states using NCAA Volleyball rules (Massachusetts uses NCAA Volleyball Rules as well).

Attachments:

None.



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PRACTICE REQUIREMENTS

 Action Item
√ Discussion/ Information Item

Presenter:

Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director

Proposal:

Consider standardizing the practice requirement, by revising rule to: *“A student must practice 6 times before representing his/ her school in a scrimmage or contest in all sports except football, gymnastics, wrestling, baseball and fencing which require 10 practices.”*

Effective Start Date:

2019-2020 school year.

Rationale:

Standardizing the practice requirements will create consistency for all sports and students in regard to the amount of practice time required before a student is permitted to represent his/ her school. This revision will eliminate varying practice requirements for the team and individual for scrimmages and games/ contests.

The reduction of practice requirements will also offer additional time to make adjustments in sport schedules including starting dates, length of the season, regular season games, scrimmages etc.

Proposal Originated:

Ad Hoc Sport Season Committee meeting.

Budgetary Impact:

None.

Notes:

None.

Attachments:

None.



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SPORT SEASON LENGTH

 Action Item
 √ Discussion/ Information Item

Presenter:

Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director

Proposal:

Consider the following revisions to the sport season start dates and championship dates:

FALL

Start Fall sports the Monday of Week #8. Keep all Fall Championships on current week; reducing season of all sports except football by one week. Move Football Championships to Week #22, with Football Semifinals on Week #21 (Thanksgiving).

WINTER

Start Winter sports the Monday of Week #20. Keep all Winter Championship dates the same; reducing season of all sports by one week.

SPRING

Start Spring sports the Monday of Week #37. Keep all Championship dates the same except for baseball & softball; reducing season for all other sports by one week. Host the baseball & softball regional finals and semifinals on Friday/ Saturday of Week #49 and host baseball & softball championships on Saturday of Week #50.

Effective Start Date:

2019-2020 pending signed venue contracts for Championship sites.

Rationale:

The membership has expressed concern the Fall season started too early, the Winter season was too long, and the Spring season start date was too early with baseball and softball seasons being negatively impacted by inclement weather.

Proposal Originated:

An Ad Hoc Committee was created at the May 4th Executive Committee meeting to examine the sport season start dates and championship dates.

Budgetary Impact:

None.

Notes:

None.

Attachments:

None.



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GIRLS WRESTLING- REPRESENTATION RULE

 Action Item
 √ Discussion/ Information Item

Presenter:

Section IX

Proposal:

Consider approval of the following language *addition* to the NYSPHSAA representation rule:

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

NOTE: for individual, individual/ team sports, when a school district does not have a team designated for each singular gender, 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 Section Executive Director before the start of Sectional Competition. The athlete must meet all eligibility standards, to receive the waiver.

NOTE: *for the sport of girls wrestling, a girl may wrestle during the regular season as a member of the boys team via mixed competition and also compete in tournaments organized specifically for girls, as long as she does not exceed the maximum number of points (20) during the regular season.*

Effective Start Date:

Winter 2019-2020 season.

Rationale:

This proposal would permit a female wrestler to wrestle as a member of the boys team via mixed competition, while also permitting the female wrestler to wrestle only against girls. The goal would be to increase participation in girls wrestling and eventually remove this “NOTE” from the representation rule.

Proposal Originated:

Section IX Athletic Council.

Budgetary Impact:

Optional impact upon a school who chooses to send girls to wrestling tournament specifically for girls.

Notes:

Section IX will begin recognizing girls wrestling during the 2019-2020 season.

Handbook Committee supported this proposal at the September 21st Handbook Committee meeting.

Wrestling Committee supported this proposal at the September 24th Wrestling Committee meeting.

Attachments:

None.



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BOYS ICE HOCKEY – VIDEO REPLAY PROTOCOL

 Action Item
 √ Discussion/ Information Item

Presenter:

Scott Stuart, NYSPHSAA Boys Ice Hockey State Coordinator

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Ice Hockey State Committee is seeking to adopt a video replay protocol for Sectionals, Regionals and State Tournament games. The protocol is necessary due to adopting use of video replay, **Video Replay Rule 9-13** in the NFHS Rulebook in May 2018.

The proposed protocol is below:

1. **Video Replay** -Per adoption in May 2018, video replay is permissible in any postseason game (where available) for the purposes of determining goals, undetected goals and for determining correct time on the game clock. In order to reverse an on-ice ruling, the replay must include conclusive video evidence.
2. **On-Ice Officials Procedure** -The referee must use a video monitor located at ice level to review any of the criteria. An On-Ice Official makes the final decision.
3. **Video Replay Criteria** - The following criteria are subject to the use of video replay and may be reviewed through either referee's discretion or by a coach's challenge:
 1. A puck crossing the goal line
 2. A puck entering the net before the goal frame is dislodged
 3. A puck entering the net before or after expiration of time at the end of a period, a whistle, or referee's determination that play has stopped
 4. A puck directed into the net by a hand or a distinct kicking motion
 5. A puck deflected into the net by an official
 6. To establish the correct time on the game clock
 7. To determine if an attacking player prevented the goalkeeper from defending the goal in accordance of **Rule 7-13.5**
 8. To determine if a puck is directed or deflected into the net by a high stick
4. **Non-Detected Goal** -In situations where a non-detected goal is awarded, officials will reset the game clock accordingly. If penalties occur prior to or after the undetected goal, these penalties will be enforced regardless of team.
5. **Allowable Time for Review** -Any potential goal requiring video review must be reviewed prior to or during the next stoppage of play. No goal may be awarded (or

disallowed) as a result of video review once the puck has been dropped and play has resumed.

6. Team Timeout Request/Coach's Challenge - A team may use its timeout for the purpose of reviewing situations that are in the video replay criteria or a potentially non-detected goal. If the challenge is successful, the team retains its timeout. If the challenge is unsuccessful, a timeout is charged to the challenging team. This timeout policy applies to any video replay procedure used. An on-ice official makes the final decision. For a time out to be granted, a coach must:

- Declare, from the onset of the request, that the time out is for purpose of video review. A coach may not request a video review if the time out is taken for another purpose. A coach may not stall in any manner prior to requesting the review.
 - Identify the specific video replay criteria requested to be reviewed
- When any aspect of the video replay criteria is challenged, it allows the referee to utilize all aspects of the review criteria to be judged (e.g., high stick challenged, but video shows the puck was kicked into the goal).
 - When a video review, due to technical issues with the video replay system, is unable to provide an adequate review, a team time out will not be charged.
 - If a team does not have a timeout remaining, they may not make a challenge.

Effective Start Date:

Winter 2018 - 2019 Season. The committee is proposing this as a one-year pilot and would like to review the protocol after one year of use. At this time, the committee will revise the policy and seek approval for changes or keep the protocol indefinitely.

Rationale:

The use of Video Replay has been approved for use starting with the 2018 - 2019 season in accordance with the NFHS Rulebook. The criteria and protocol for the use of video replay is determined by the individual State Association adopting its use. The protocol being proposed blends current NCAA protocol and criteria that the NYSPHSAA State Committee and NYS Ice Hockey Officials Association feels is necessary for high school hockey in NYS. The Committee also believes this protocol will provide a simplistic and consistent approach to use of video replay in postseason across the state.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Boys Ice Hockey Committee meeting on September 28, 2018

Budget Impact:

None

Notes:

The Committee voted unanimously in favor of this proposal at their September 28th meeting.

Attachments:

None



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BASEBALL – ADOPT P/DH RULE

☐ Action Item
☒ Discussion/ Information Item

Presenter:

Al Roy, NYSPHSAA Baseball State Coordinator

Proposal:

The NYSPHSAA Baseball Committee seeks approval to adopt the following Pitcher (P)/Designated Hitter (DH) Rule. *The designated hitter and the pitcher may be the same person. If the pitcher bats for himself, he is treated as two separate positions – a pitcher and a designated hitter (abbreviated P/DH on the lineup card) – and may be substituted for as such (i.e. if a player who starts the game as the P/DH is relieved as the starting pitcher, he may not return to the mound even if he remains in the game as the DH, and he may not play any other defensive position after being relieved as pitcher.)* This rule will be provided as another option for coaches to utilize.

Effective Start Date:

March 2019

Rationale:

This proposal will further support the NYSPHSAA Pitch Count Rule and limit the throwing, and wear and tear on the starting pitcher's arm when they are placed in the field after pitching. Additionally, it gives the coach flexibility with his lineup card. For further clarification, if a coach lists his starting pitcher as just "P" on the lineup card then the pitcher can go to a position after he pitches; if a pitcher is listed as "P/DH" he can only pitch or DH in the game (or be removed from the game). Currently, the NFHS Rule is the only Designated Hitter Rule in place at this time.

Proposal Originated:

NYSPHSAA Baseball Committee on June 8, 2018. The proposal was initially presented by Section 1.

Budget Impact:

None

Notes:

The NYSPHSAA Baseball Committee unanimously agreed to this proposal at its committee meeting on June 8th. On the September 21, 2018 conference call the NYSPHSAA Baseball Committee voted 10-1 in favor of this proposal.

Attachments:

None

CAC Vote/Feedback:

Not presented to CAC

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BASEBALL – P/DH Other Information

Current NFHS Rule 3-1-4:

A hitter may be (not mandatory) designated for any one starting player (not just pitchers) and all subsequent substitutes for that player in the game. A starting defensive player cannot be listed as the designated hitter in the starting lineup. A designated hitter for said player shall be selected prior to the start of the game, and his name shall be included on the lineup cards presented to the umpire-in-chief and to the local official scorer. Failure to declare a designated hitter prior to the game precludes the use of a designated hitter in that game. If a pinch hitter or pinch runner for the designated hitter is used, that player becomes the new designated hitter. The player who was the designated hitter may re-enter as the designate hitter under the re-entry rule. No multiple substitutions may be made that will alter the batting rotation. The role of the designated hitter is terminated for the remainder of the game when:

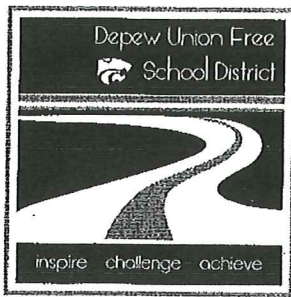
1. The defensive player, or any previous defensive player for whom the designated hitter batted, subsequently bats, pinch hits or pinch runs for the designated hitter; or
2. The designated hitter or any previous designated hitter assumes a defensive position.

Proposed P/DH Rule:

The designated hitter and the pitcher may be the same person. If the pitcher opts to bat for himself, he is treated as two separate positions – a pitcher and a designated hitter (abbreviated P/DH on the lineup card) – and may be substituted for as such (i.e. if a player who starts the game as the P/DH is relieved as the starting pitcher, he may not return to the mound even if he remains in the game as the DH, and he may not play any other defensive position after being relieved as the pitcher. This rule will be provided as another option for coaches to utilize.

Cases:

1. The starting pitcher is listed as the P/DH on the lineup card. His team gets a 12-run lead after one inning. Can the coach replace the pitcher and put him in left field?
Answer: No, the P/DH rule prohibits the starting pitcher from playing any other position in the field once he is removed from pitching.
2. A coach must list the starting pitcher as the P/DH?
Answer: No, it's the coaches' option to list the starting pitcher as the P/DH.
3. A starting pitcher is listed on the lineup card as P (or 1). Can the coach replace him as pitcher and have him play second base?
Answer: Yes, because the pitcher was not listed as the P/DH on the lineup card.
4. The coach neglects to list the starting pitcher as the P/DH when the lineup cards are turned into the umpire-in-chief. Can he make a correction after the first inning?
Answer: No, all lineups are final after they are turned into the umpire-in-chief.
5. A coach can still have a designated hitter (another player) for the starting pitcher?
Answer: Yes, the P/DH rule does not change this option.



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September 28, 2018

Dear Dr. Zayas,

As you are aware, 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) were reduced to 20, sports with 20 contests (basketball) were reduced to 18 and sports with 18 contests (soccer) 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 up to ***thirty-two (32) contests*** during their high school athletic career.

In contrast, since 2010 NYSPHAA has added, Unified Sports, Wrestling Dual Meet Championships and Competitive Cheerleading, along with the additional classifications for lacrosse (3 to 4 classes), bowling (1 to 2 divisions) and golf (additional team championship). Furthermore, NYSPHAA has allowed for more participants at the championships in both outdoor and indoor track and field, wrestling and boys and girls swimming and diving.

After almost nine years of the contest reductions, schools simply have not realized the amount of savings that was originally advertised. Although the original concept of assisting schools was noble and served as an opportunity for districts to promote and preserve other programs, at the

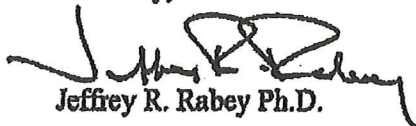
same time schools have added more scrimmages and tournaments, which cost as much, if not more for teams to participate.

Furthermore, and most recently, the NYSPHAA Modified Committee is close to recommending changes to the Modified program, which could include an increase in the maximum number of games for Modified sports, but not yet return the contests lost for both junior varsity and varsity levels.

As you are aware, at a recent meeting of the NYSCOSS Athletic Committee held on Monday, September 24, 2018, the agenda item of *"Increased Contest Opportunities"* was discussed by the superintendent representatives in attendance, along with you. As a result of the discussions, it was clearly articulated that the NYSCOSS Athletic Committee supports the conversations and processes to begin by NYSPHAA, in order to bring the contests back to the pre 2009-2010 school year levels.

It is important for you and NYSPHAA to know that you have a supportive resource in NYSCOSS and we are always more than willing, as committee chairpersons to assist in any way that we can to promote and support these critical conversations that will ultimately support our student athletes. If you should have any further questions or comments, please feel free to contact us at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey R. Rabey Ph.D.

Superintendent of Schools
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NYSCOSS Athletic Committee Co-Chair



Dr. Lori Caplan

Superintendent of Schools
Watervliet City School District
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To: Section 9 Athletic Council

From: Greg Warren & Michelle Henn

Re: Fall 2018 Meeting Report
NYSPHSAA Committee for Modified Athletics

The fall meeting of the NYSPHSAA Committee for Modified Athletics took place on Thursday, September 20, 2018 in Latham, New York. A synopsis of the meeting is as follows:

I. Items that went to the State Executive Committee:
None at this time.

II. Items that went to the State Safety Committee

Baseball

Motion: *"Should modified baseball players be allowed to use shoes with metal cleats?"*

Approved by the Modified Committee 14-3. If passed by the Safety Committee, it will become an Action Item at the Spring 2019 Modified Committee meeting.

Boys' and Girls' Soccer

Motion: *"Should there be a change to two 40-minute halves for boys' and girls' soccer?"*

Approved by the Modified Committee 9-8. If passed by the Safety Committee, it will become an Action Item at the Spring 2019 Modified Committee meeting.

Motion: *Should the sliding tackle, overhead scissors kick, and flip throw-in be allowed in modified boys' and girls' soccer?*

Approved by the Modified Committee 10 YES -7 NO. If passed by the Safety Committee, it will become an Action Item at the Spring 2019 Modified Committee meeting.

III Items which will occur before the Spring 2019 Modified Committee meeting:

- A. Distribution of "Survey Monkey" for Modified Cheerleading by NYSPHSAA office, and reporting of survey results to modified sport coordinator Alisa Pacheco. Schools in our section with modified cheering teams will receive this survey and are requested to participate. The modified cheerleading standards will be written after the modified cheerleading sport coordinator receives the survey results.
- B. Modified Sport coordinators' continued examination of modified game conditions and standards for their sports, and development of sectional recommendations for the Modified Committee. This is a year-long evaluation prior to submission of a Modified Athletics document of all recommended changes to NYSPHSAA this summer.

C. Appropriate report preparations by fall and winter sports coordinators. The following sports are scheduled for review: boys' and girls' basketball, cheerleading, cross-country, field hockey, gymnastics, ice hockey, boys' and girls' soccer, boys' and girls' swimming, boys' and girls' volleyball, and wrestling

IV Discussion Items

Continuation of the Spring 2018 meeting discussion of current modified philosophy and modified sport regulations focused on the discussion items presented to you at our last meeting. Each section presented input, and a Committee vote was taken. Several of those discussion items involved sports modifications that already exist in the NYSPHSAA handbook, and did not require a vote.

The Action Items listed in the next section were approved discussion items at this meeting and advanced to further discussion as Action Items in the Spring 2019 meeting of the NYSPHSAA Committee for Modified Athletics.

The following discussion items were defeated at the fall meeting:

- Rebranding the name of "Modified Athletics"
- Boys' and Girls' Soccer: allowing one time-out per half for girls and none for boys
- Boys' and Girls' Soccer: Withdrawn motion. Disallowing overtime in boys' soccer and allowing two 5-minute overtimes in girls' soccer
- Softball: Changing the maximum number of games

V. Action Items for Next Meeting

A. Baseball

Action Item may be added if passed by Safety Committee (See "Items that went to the State Safety Committee on page 1)

B. Cross-Country:

Motion: *"It is recommended that there be a minimum standard of six meets scheduled for modified cross country."*

Approved by the Modified Committee 15-2.

C. Football:

Motion: *"Should 11-Man Football Game Rule #2 be edited to allow gap alignment in the 4-man, 5-man, and 6-man front?"*

Approved by the Modified Committee 15-2.

D. Gymnastics:

Motion:

"Should modified gymnasts be permitted to enter more than 3 slots per meet?"

"Should modified gymnastics allow more than two All-Around gymnasts?"

Approved by the Modified Committee 13-2-2.

E. Boys' Lacrosse:

Motion: *"The following game rules will be added to modified boys' lacrosse:*

The length of quarters, including a fifth quarter, shall be 10 minutes.

In the event of a tie, there shall be one 4-minute sudden victory overtime.

A goal will be disallowed after the horn sounds to indicate the end of the period."

Approved by the Modified Committee 14-1-2.

F. Boys' and Girls' Soccer:

Action Items may be added if passed by Safety Committee (See "Items that were sent to Safety Committee on page 1)

G. Softball:

Motion: *"Allow more scrimmages in modified softball."*

Approved by the Modified Committee 11-6.

Motion: *"Increase the number of doubleheaders permitted from two to three."*

Approved by the Modified Committee 15-2.

H. Track and Field:

Motion: *"It is recommended that there be a minimum standard of six meets scheduled for modified track and field."*

Approved by the Modified Committee 17-0

I. Boys' & Girls' Volleyball

Motion: *"Should the minimum time between contests of two nights' rest for modified volleyball be reduced to one night?"*

Approved by the Modified Committee 17-0

VI Information Items

1. The following language was removed from the handbook by the Executive Committee at their summer meeting: *"Only sneakers and shoes with molded soles or molded cleats are permitted in the Modified Program."* Therefore, it was clarified

- that the use of metal posts and spikes is permitted, except in those sports that specifically restrict their use within their sport 'Equipment' rules in the handbook.
2. The 2018-2019 NYSPHSAA State Sport Committee Meetings list was distributed. The list does not impact the modified program, except for potentially changing the modified sport season starting dates for those sections who use three seasons or start early in the fall.
 3. Individual and team minimum number of practices prior to the start of scrimmage/game play are being discussed. It is possible that six practices will be required for the individual and most team sports, and ten will be required for the sports of football, gymnastics, baseball, wrestling and fencing. The rationale is that it is sound to have students have at least a week of preparation prior to participating in a scrimmage/game. This is a proposal-only for 2020; more information will follow.
 1. A memo was received from modified gymnastics coordinator Janice Trudeau. The NYS Technical Handbook for Gymnastics is now going to include modified rules. The gymnastics handbook is in the process of being printed, and will be a combination of rules being used by current teams in Sections 7, 8, and 11, where gymnastics is being offered. Janice shared the information that she brought to the Modified Committee in the spring with the person writing the new gymnastics handbook. In addition, Janice suggested that the current Girls' Gymnastics "Game Rules: USAGJO/NYS Technical Handbook" be edited as the high school rules to simply "Game Rules: NYS technical Handbook." She will report to the State Modified Committee again at their Spring 2019 meeting. If you have any questions, contact Janice at her cellphone: 518-420-5797 or via trudeau.janice@bcsdk12.org.
 4. Girls' modified lacrosse sport coordinator Beth Staropoli shared that new girls' lacrosse rules are being implemented at the high school level for the first time. They include real changes (the self-start, the new penalty zone--the clearing of a greater space for 8-meter free position and the placement of the defender on an 8-meter shot.) Beth believes these rules will have a great impact on the flow and safety of the game. These changes will need to be discussed, and we will either accept or reject them for the modified level for next spring. The impact they have at the high school level will have to be examined first.
 5. We are in need of a new modified girls' basketball sport coordinator and a new boys' and girls' tennis sport coordinator for the NYSPHSAA Modified Committee. If you would consider taking on this role, please let us know. Your participation would be appreciated.

VII. NYSPHSAA Modified Committee Spring 2019 Meeting Date

Thursday, April 11, 2019

9:30 AM

NYSPHSAA Office

If you wish to have us bring items from our section to the NYSPHSAA meetings for consideration, please speak up at our local meetings, or put your thoughts in writing for discussion. Contact your modified state and local sectional representatives and sport coordinators if you have suggestions, concerns or good ideas. Change starts at the local level; we encourage and welcome your input and participation.